

# The Voter

April 2016



## Midwinter Food for Thought Is California's Higher Education Working?

Quick summary– the answer is yes! The public education panelists Shanthi Srinivasan, Associate Vice President for Academic Planning of Cal Poly Pomona, Paul D'Anieri, Provost & Executive Vice Chancellor of UC Riverside, and Dr. Geraldine M. Perri, Superintendent/President of Citrus College answered many questions from moderator Sue Keith and the curious crowd that listened and participated in a candid conversation. Thank you to the volunteers for bringing this discussion to our members and the community.

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## Voter Services Update

What an exciting election season. Your Voter Service Committee has been hard at work trying to encourage our local high schools to allow the LWV to conduct voter registration and engagement events on their campuses.

We are scheduled for events at Citrus College, Bonita High School, Chaffey High School and Claremont High School. Most will take place during the designated "High School Voter Weeks" which occur during the last two weeks of April (see AB1817). We are waiting to hear back from Upland High School, San Dimas High School, Diamond Bar High School and Chaffey Unified High School social study chairs.

We will be helping our senior citizens to register at Sunrise Assisted Living in Rancho Cucamonga. Our league member Liz Davis is handling registrations at the Gardens.

As your Vice President of Voter Services, I have been trying to attend as many events, webinars and seminars as possible. I recently joined the LWV Orange County Chapter in a full day Voter Engagement seminar conducted by Mony Flores-Bauer, an Oakland League member and former California State League Voter Services chair. It was intense and great ideas were shared by the League members in attendance.

I also attended the 2-day "Future of California Elections" (FoCE) in Los Angeles. Secretary of State Alex Padilla spoke about the new CalVote electronic registration system. I will write about that exciting new system in the next newsletter and cover the event in more detail. I promise you, it will be worth the wait if you are a "political junkie" like I am.

If you want to help us in our quest to register as many people as possible, please contact me at 909 946-6290 or [cynthiacreul@gmail.com](mailto:cynthiacreul@gmail.com)  
~~Cindy Reul, VP Voter Services

## President's Message

### The Power of Democracy

*"Democracy is the key to perpetual freedom. In order to secure the rights to that future, we have to be civically engaged."* Chief Justice Cantil-Sakauye

I am very excited that our League is sponsoring a luncheon featuring California Supreme Court Justice Tani Gore Cantil-Sakauye. I served on a task force with the Chief Justice when she was an Associate Justice on the Court of Appeals. She is an inspiring speaker. The topic "The Power of Democracy" initiative coincides with the LWV-US focus for the upcoming year also called "The Power of Democracy."

The Chief Justice is committed to a broad effort to improve civic awareness, learning and engagement in California. The Power of Democracy initiative is supported statewide in partnership with the judicial branch to revitalize democracy in California. The partnership includes Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Secretary of State. The focus is civic learning and engagement. Joining the Chief Justice are Marsha G. Slough, Associate justice of the 4<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals and League President Tressa Kentner. Don't miss this opportunity to hear the Chief Justice speak on a topic that is so important to the League.

Tickets are available through eventbrite.com under The Power of Democracy; or remit checks to LWV of the Claremont Area, PO Box 1532, Claremont, CA 91711, including names of attendees.

Since we are serving lunch, advance reservations required by April 15, 2016.

Tickets: \$45 thru April 1, 2016, \$50 April 2-15, 2016

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#### Eventbrite

You may wonder why we are using Eventbrite. There are several reasons. The first being the cost and time involved in sending several hundred invitations to our events. For the Chief Justice luncheon, we have sent over 500 invitations via Eventbrite and email. Secondly, Eventbrite can track and manage reservations: you get reminders! We can easily send out additional invitations if desired. Finally, many people prefer to use credit cards to purchase tickets; Eventbrite makes this very easy. Try it, I think you will like it.

#### Higher Education Food for Thought

I hope that many of you were able to attend the February Food for Thought "Is California's Higher Education Working?" It was a resounding success. This was the first event for which we used Constant Contact (our email communications program), Eventbrite, Facebook and newspaper articles as publicity. We sent paper invitations only to those who receive paper copies of the Voter. Attendance was the highest we have had at a recent Food for Thought. Thank you and congratulations to the Higher Education Study Committee and the Development Committee.

~~Tressa Kentner, President

Join us for lunch and a conversation with California's Supreme Court Chief Justice, Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, and learn about the "Power of Democracy" Initiative, which is supported statewide in partnership with the judicial branch to help revitalize democracy in California. She will be joined by Court of Appeals Associate Justice Marsha Slough and our League President Tressa Kentner.

**April 21, 2016**  
11:30am-2:00 pm  
Double Tree Claremont  
555 W. Foothill Blvd  
Claremont CA 91711



Chief Justice,  
Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye



For more details visit:

[www.LWVDemocracy.eventbrite.com](http://www.LWVDemocracy.eventbrite.com)

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### **2016-2018 League Directory and Yearbook**

Every member should have received the new League Directory and Yearbook in the mail. We hope you find the information useful. This book is more than a listing of contact information for League members. It is a wealth of information about the League's history and accomplishments, a summary of the positions we have adopted at every level of League plus contact information for county, state and national elected officials.

Please update your book by making the following corrections:

Page 8: Jenkins, Dorothy email: dpiiru9@gmail.com

Page 6: Brownell, Ellen New address: 3607 Baycourt Lane Spokane, WA 99223

Page 11: Rosenthal, Karen correct phone # 909-576-7230

Page 13: Treser Osgood, Nancy email: nancyo@pitzer.edu

Page 36: REDEVELOPMENT Adopted 1998: Made inactive 2015

Page 32: CUSD Observer Judith Tanenbaum's number is (909) 621-0156

If you did not receive a book or note an error, please contact

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### **Observer Presentations in New Location**

On **Thursday, May 19, 9:30-11:20**, our 19 observers for our League will present their reports at Mt. San Antonio Gardens, in the **Social Building, Gallery Room**, which is near the dining room. Observers will report on the state of 8 City Councils, 3 School Boards, 2 special districts, and the 5 Claremont Commissions plus one Claremont Committee. It is an opportunity to learn about our surrounding communities from our Observer Corps, the "eyes and ears of the League." The address is 900 E Harrison Ave, Pomona, CA 91767.

### **We remember:**

**Claralou LaBarge**, League Member, who died in March 2016 at the home of her daughter in Oakland. She was 83 years old. Clarelou was Voter Service Chair for our League from 2005 through 2008. She brought her experience as a lawyer and educator to Voter Service tasks and to her other interest, affordable housing. Memorial contributions can be made to the City of Hope; cityofhope.org



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LWV Claremont Area Spring 2016 Program/Events

| <b>Date/Time</b>                                       | <b>Location</b>  | <b>Topic/Theme</b>                  | <b>Other</b>  |
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| Thurs., April 14<br>9:30-11 a.m.<br>and<br>6:30-8 p.m. | Mt San Antonio Gardens<br>875 E. Bonita Ave., Pomona<br><u>Building D, 4<sup>th</sup> floor lounge</u><br>Garner House<br>840 N. Indian Hill Blvd.,<br>Claremont | <i>Higher Education II</i><br>Study |   |
| Thurs., April 21<br>11:30 a.-2:00 p.                   | DoubleTree Hotel<br>555 W Foothill Blvd.<br>Claremont  | Food for Thought                    | Hear California's Supreme Court Chief Justice, Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye and learn about the "Power of Democracy" Initiative, which is supported statewide in partnership with the judicial branch to help revitalize democracy in CA. |
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| Sat., June 11<br>10 a.m.-noon                          | Padua Room, Hughes Center<br>1700 Danbury Rd., Claremont   | Annual Meeting                      |   |