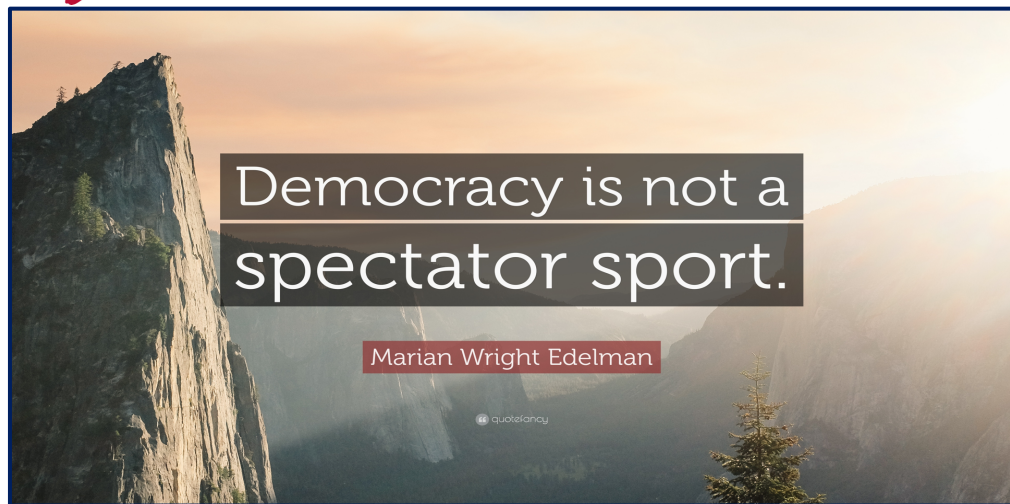
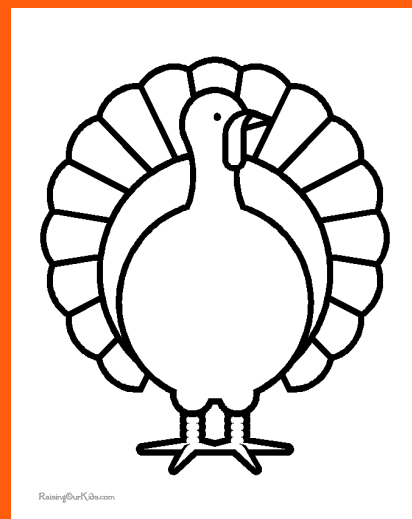


# LWW LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF THE BEACH CITIES



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE BEACH CITIES: EL SEGUNDO, HAWTHORNE, HERMOSA BEACH, INGLEWOOD, MANHATTAN BEACH & REDONDO BEACH



November 2020  
Happy Thanksgiving!

EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

## From Our President

THE ELECTION IS OVER!!!!

Now where to start? There have been so many in our League working incredibly hard to be sure that all elections in our local cities, state and country continue to be fair and honest.

Our members have:

- moderated 5 candidate forums in Inglewood, Hawthorne, and Manhattan Beach (*thanks to Barbara Arlow and Diane Wallace*);
- held education forums on the propositions for 9 different organizations including El Camino college (*thanks to Barbara Arlow, Renay Campbell Labriola, Roslyn*

*Fanello, Teri Neustaedter, Jeanne Hamilton, Susan Grebe, Ruth Hart, Grace Peng;*)

-- contacted more than 100 candidates to encourage them to put their information on the Votersedge.org website so voters could find information about all the candidates in an easy online format (*thanks to Karen Ford Cull, Mary Dillon, Jennifer Agliozzo, Roz Fanello*);

-- prepared and distributed three separate voter education flyers on-line and actual paper to all our local schools, PTAs, to local seniors and food distribution centers (*thanks to Jeanne Hamilton, Karen Ford Cull, Mary Dillon, Harriet Chase, and Debra Estroff*);

-- held our annual Membership meeting discussing the 12

**Thursday Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8pm**

Join us for **Third Thursday Mixer** on ZOOM! We are going to discuss the election and make some predictions on what's to come.

**Thursday Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>**

Eat lots of good food all day long! Connect with your tribe. Be thankful for all we have.

**Wednesday Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> 7-8:30pm**

LWVBC Book Club on ZOOM: A novel: **Dark Town** by Thomas Mullen. The next Book Club meeting will be Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> – bring a **favorite poem** to read for the group as well as a little bit about the author – nothing to labor intensive! (And for those who like to read ahead: **A History of the Supreme Court** by Bernard Schwartz will be discussed on Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>.)

**Monday Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm**

LWVBC Board Meeting on ZOOM.

**Saturday Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> 10am -12 pm**

Don't miss our Annual Meeting to discuss positions and program planning for 2021. More information will be sent to you in December. On ZOOM

propositions, and an advocacy meeting **“Vote with the League”** (thanks to Barbara Arlow and Dale Petrulis);

-- written letters to the editor that were published in local papers (thanks to Dale Petrulis);

-- taken out ads in the local papers (thanks to Susan Grebe);

-- many, many sent out tons of emails to remind people how to register, and when and where to vote!

-- and encouraged many to sign up as new members of our league! (thanks to Arnette Travis)

-- and held our book club discussion on *Your House Will Pay* (thanks to Grace Peng and Debra Estroff)

**Our country is a better place because of all these incredible volunteers – THANK YOU ALL!!!!**

*What's next?* Our Third Thursday ZOOM Mixer, and Book Club on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mark your calendar for our Annual Meeting on Saturday 1/16!

You are appreciated!

Looking forward to a wonderful

2021...

Joan  
LeSage



#### VOTER SERVICE APPRECIATION DAY

It was a day of celebration for those who had worked so hard for the League during election season: the election was over! Everyone deserved a sweet treat! The weather cooperated beautifully as we met safely social distanced at Bruce's Beach. Even though we were masked up it was nice to see so many familiar faces in person, as well as welcome some new ones to our League – they jumped right in!!





## Committee Updates

*We're all getting pretty good at meeting on ZOOM - a "normal" meeting, above!*

### Elections/Voter Service

Our Beach Cities chapter was very involved in the current election. For starters, we were interviewed by two El Camino journalism classes, as to why elections are important.

We held a candidates' forum for the four Manhattan Beach School Board candidates vying for the two available seats. We also co-sponsored a forum with the Inglewood Teachers Association; and co-sponsored three forums in Hawthorne: Holly Glen Homeowners Association, Holly Park Neighborhood Association, and the Parkside Village and San Marco Homeowners Associations.

As always, these organizations wanted unbiased information pertaining to the 12 state propositions and the one county measure. Uniquely, we met virtually with a total of nine groups. In addition, the Alliance for Absolute Justice invited us to join them on their weekly

radio broadcast, where we participated as panelists in a discussion of the issues.

We also held a virtual advocacy membership meeting. Many thanks to the following members for their work to prepare and present: Renay Campbell-Labriola, Roslyn Fanello, Susan Grebe, Jeanne Hamilton, Ruth Hart, Teri Neustaedter, Grace Peng, Dale Petrulis and Diane Wallace. - Barbara Arlow, Voter Service Chair.

We prepared digital flyers to be distributed to several local high schools to inform students and parents of current information about voter registration and procedures. We also prepared printed flyers to go to senior centers and community centers. Thanks to Karen Cull who turned the written information into attractive flyers!

### Education

The Education Committee worked on elections during the fall and will reconvene in the new year.

## Health & Wellness

Our Committee focused on working with the Westside Pacific Village Cares Program (WPV CARES) that serves seniors who experience social isolation brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. We provided voting information to the seniors via their Friday Friendly Visitor program that included the Easy Voter Guide. Also, we explored and offered topics and possible local speakers to add to their existing zoom electronic sessions.

WPV CARES hopes to sign up more older adults in the South Bay to participate in this no-cost program supported by donors, volunteers and grants. The Health & Wellness committee continues to assist with activities to support physical and mental health wellness of these at-risk senior clients.

Some committee members attended the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) Senior Services Group to gather information that would be of interest to our committee. That is where we get updates on AARP's Age-Friendly Cities program.

Melen McBride, Health & Wellness co-chair, gave a talk on "Self-Advocacy for Health and Wellness" based on her recent experience getting an expensive prescribed medication that took 49 days and almost lost her insurance drug coverage! She concluded that healthcare consumers need more education and

communication skills to navigate and negotiate health care services. These are especially important as the pandemic is leaving COVID-19 survivors with major chronic health problems that may require complex treatment over time. Reports on “self-advocacy” are available at NARIC ([National Rehabilitation Information Center, www.naric.com](http://www.naric.com)), the library for the National Institute on Disability, Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR).

All LWVBC members are welcome to attend our next Zoom monthly meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1-2:30 pm. Our agenda will include an open discussion on suggestions for 2021 activities and the year 02 of COVID-19 pandemic!

Please contact Harriet ([hzechase@roadrunner.com](mailto:hzechase@roadrunner.com)) for the agenda and link to the meeting.

### **Housing & Homelessness**

Ever wonder how residential zoning gets decided, or how new housing developments are planned? There’s a broad system in place that uses an 8-year cycle – and it starts with each city, rolling information in to counties, rolling up into CA regions. Los Angeles is one of 6 counties (with 191 cities total) in the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG).

Within SCAG, several subgroups feed into the

strategic regional plan that goes to the state, including areas such as transportation, funding, and commerce.

SCAG’s counties and cities participate in a Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), which helps determine how much housing growth each city is responsible for – reflected in individual city zoning and development plans.

### **“QUOTE OF THE MONTH”**



...Said CA’s US Senator and Candidate for VP Kamala Harris to Vice President Mike Pence during their debate this fall.

Planning is underway now as 2021 starts a new cycle. To learn more, check out this simplified [explanation](#). The city of LA is in the same process as our Beach Cities, on a much bigger scale, of course! Check out how they are planning [here](#).

In addition to these two groups, the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) plays a role regarding housing in the South Bay. This joint powers

authority of 16 cities and the County of Los Angeles (for unincorporated sections) shares the goal of maximizing the quality of life and productivity in our region. This organization helps to coordinate many areas, including climate actions, senior services, transportation and public health. SBCCOG also has a relationship with RHNA when it comes to housing. You can find out more about SBCCOG’s perspective on RHNA decisions [here](#); find out more about SBCCOG in general [here](#).

### ***THREE CHEERS FOR RB!***

Redondo has made huge strides recently in support of getting the homeless, especially chronically homeless individuals, into housing. A very committed group of players, from outreach workers, to the city attorney and his staff, to city council members, have enabled homeless court to continue during C19, as well as garnered enough support to build temporary pallet homes as there is currently no available housing for the unhoused to move into.

Click [here](#) for a terrific story on RB’s outdoor homeless court. For the latest update about the temporary housing being constructed, click [here](#).

### **Natural Resources**

The League has long been a thought leader in promoting evidence-based, progressive policies. Today, many Americans are discovering the

undemocratic nature of the electoral college. In 1970, the League publicly called for abolition of the electoral college. In the same year, the League supported [spending less on federal and state highway construction and redirecting the funding to transit](#) and [active/less polluting modes of transportation](#).

100 years ago, LWV founders rode bicycles to their meetings. Cycles (cycles, tricycles, and more) are still the most efficient (energy per kilometer) form of land transportation around. Electric bicycles and tricycles have transformed mobility in cities

around the world with much worse weather and hillier terrain than Los Angeles.

Active mobility coupled with transit can be the most cost-effective and fastest way to move people around urban environments. As I explained in [Data-Driven Climate Action](#), we need to work locally to build political pressure for these proven solutions.

Today, Los Angeles County is the first in the nation to plan for corridor pricing (not just facility charges for some roads) and directing the money to the neighborhoods negatively impacted by traffic and

pollution in a process called environmental reparations

Would you like to get involved? We need volunteers to attend public meetings (via Zoom), take notes, and write letters of support. We also need help running education events to help the public understand these complex issues. Contact me at [gspeng.lwv@gmail.com](mailto:gspeng.lwv@gmail.com).

Don't miss this *Easy Reader* News article by Grace Peng: [Sand Box: Better Bike Paths, Safer Streets, Fewer Cars.](#)

## New Member Orientation



# WELCOME!

**Dessert With the League**, our new member orientation, was held on October 7th. Thanks to the 7 new members who attended, as well as existing members who shared their League expertise and experience. Special thanks to Grace Peng who hooked us up with delicious desserts! (For those new members who couldn't make it, look for our next scheduled orientation first quarter 2021.)

**Welcome** to the new members who have joined us this past month: **Beata Stylianos** and **Kathy Logan**. We are so happy they decided to join us on our journey with democracy.

### October was Domestic Violence Awareness month.

Because of Covid-19, instead of the usual candlelight vigil to honor victims of domestic violence, the Redondo Beach Police Department produced a video.

Check it out here:

<https://vimeo.com/user89161928/download/470866549/c58aa897d2>





# HELP NEEDED!

*Do you like to edit content? What about making something look attractive? Or maybe you've always wanted to learn how to do a newsletter...*

***We are in urgent need of a member to produce our monthly newsletter email. This includes the collection of articles and information, reports and events that are submitted by other members.***

Please contact [Joan LeSage](mailto:sage.joan@gmail.com) at [sage.joan@gmail.com](mailto:sage.joan@gmail.com)

## Thanksgiving Fact Feast

*Pass the Data, Please!*

[From USAFACTS.org](http://USAFACTS.org)

In October, employment was down by 6.6%, or **10.1 million jobs**, compared to February.

The **median household income was \$68,703** in 2019, an inflation-adjusted increase of 6.8% from 2018.

In 2018, the average family in the middle 20% of income earners **paid \$15,748 in taxes**.

In 2019, before the pandemic began, **6.6 million American families were in poverty**.

As of 2019, white Americans made up 60% of the population but collectively **owned 86% of the wealth** in the country.

The 2020 US federal **deficit is a record \$3.1 trillion**—nearly twice as large as the deficit in 2009.

As of March 2020, the **average age of all DACA recipients was 26 years old**.

Of the 4.4 million people who left the labor force between February and September, **60% were women**.

During the 2018-19 flu season, **49.2%** of people aged six months or older **got vaccinated** for the flu.

Approximately **8% of the US population**, or 6.1 million people, **did not have health insurance** at any point in 2019.

In October, the US recorded **1.86 million new cases** of COVID-19.

During October, Florida, Texas, California, Illinois and Georgia recorded the most new COVID-19 deaths, **together accounting for 32.7%** of all October C19 deaths.

The US population grew by 1.5 million people between 7/1/18 and 6/30/19, with **almost 40% of the growth from immigration**.

## Indulge Your Interests! Get involved!

Our members join the League for many of reasons and contribute their talents in a variety of ways.

Listed below are the active committees within our Beach Cities Chapter, along with the contact person for that committee. Consider how you want to participate in 2021 – one thing is for certain – *Our cities, states, country need you* – now, more than ever!

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**OBSERVER CORPS** – New for 2021, we'd like to have two people assigned to each city in our chapter so we can stay on top of what's happening and advocate where appropriate. Two people means there's someone to switch off with, as well as someone you can compare your notes and ideas with. Nothing elaborate required: it can be as simple as reading the local papers and staying on top of the city council meeting minutes. When there's a "hot topic" (e.g. RB's outdoor homeless court), Dale Petrulis, our Advocacy Chair, will get the information to the right person.

We anticipate this will make our chapter more robust in the coming years!

**The more active you are in the League, the more rewarding you will find it!**

You may also want to investigate our LA County Inter-League Organization (ILO) (email Grace Peng). And right now there is a movement around [Health Care](#) and [Criminal Justice](#) on a state level – if these are areas you're passionate about, don't hold back! Participating on a task force beyond our local chapter can be an incredibly rewarding experience – and can really can help your chapter become more active in that area (email Teri Neustaedter for more information).

*Together We Succeed!*  
I O B S E R V E R S A R E N E C E S S A R Y

## Celebrate Westside Pacific Village's 10 Year Anniversary!

What is Westside Pacific Villages (WPV) and why is it in our LWVBC newsletter? During the past year, the Health and Wellness Committee has been working with WPV, discovering ways we can join together to assist seniors in our service area. Just recently we distributed voting information to their clients (more than 200!) in a safe and secure fashion.

For the last 10 years, WPV has helped older adults remain active and independent as they age in the comfort and security of their own homes and



neighborhoods. It provides services and programs that promote healthy and engaged living, and addresses unmet needs compassionately & respectfully.

WPV is one of 200 national Villages. It's a grass roots, membership-based and volunteer-driven non-profit that

organizes a variety of connections, support and events -- empowering people to better navigate the changes and opportunities that come with living longer.

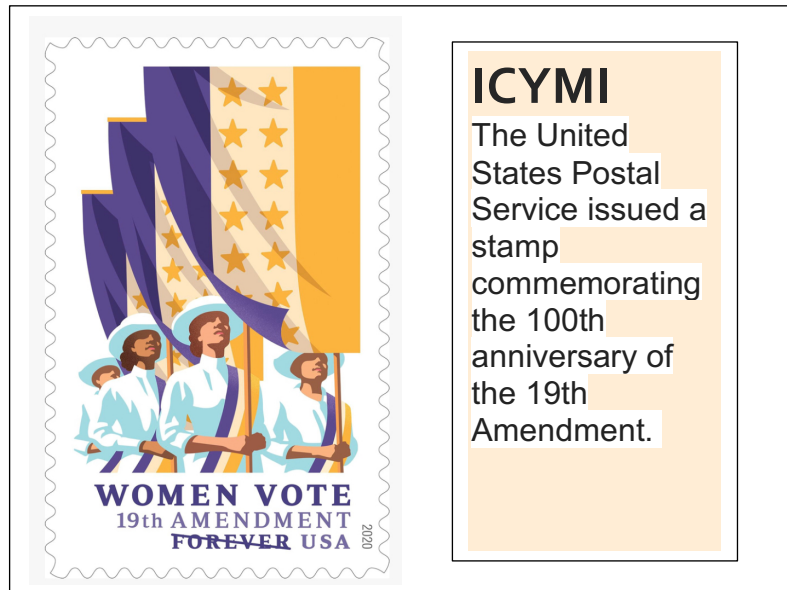
**Celebrate Virtually with WPV**  
On 12/1 6:30pm  
To register for the party, or find out more, go to: [www.thewpv.org](http://www.thewpv.org) or call: 310 695 7030  
To discuss joint volunteer opportunities, contact [Harriet Chase](#).

# The Nineteenth Amendment

Our 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment reads:

*The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State on account of sex. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.*

Enjoy a look back through the “early years” when the fight for Women’s Suffrage was at its peak – via the window of [The Woman Citizen](#) magazine. Thank you, Berkeley Library!



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