



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BUTTE COUNTY

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Greetings, League Members ~

With this New Year bulletin comes relief in the form of showers! This much-needed rain won't be dampening *our* spirits, we're sure you will agree!

Also with the new year comes an opportunity and a need to discuss what's new on the nation's Public Education front. *Please join us to learn more at our*

January Potluck & Program:

"What is Common

in the Common Core Curriculum?"

Thursday, Jan. 23rd @ 6 pm

First Baptist Church, 850 Palmetto Ave.

Interested community and League members are encouraged to bring your *favorite potluck dish* to share. Come to hear our local panel of experts who will describe their implementation plans for the **nationwide Common Core State Standards Initiative**. These new standards have been adopted by 45 of the 50 states, including California.

Special guest speakers will include administrator **Michael Morris**, Director of Assessment for Chico Unified School District, teacher **John Klein**, chair of the English Department at Chico High School, and **Christi Bangsund**, special assignment teacher at Chapman Elementary School. The panelists will present the background, funding and intended goals of the initiative, as well as how the program will be implemented through teacher training, curriculum changes, and student learning assessments. Our aim is to gain a better understanding of **what the Common Core roll-out may mean to families, educators, and employers** in the near and distant future, particularly in California.

For LWV background on this topic, go to:

<http://www.lwv.org> and search the words
"Common Core Standards"

and also go to: **[www.lwvwa.org/pdfs/issues/
CommonCoreStandards&Assessments.pdf](http://www.lwvwa.org/pdfs/issues/CommonCoreStandards&Assessments.pdf)**

Committees & plans are forming for

The 41st Annual Wine Tasting!

Sunday, APRIL 27, 2014

@ Manzanita Place

If you have a special interest in Local Food, Wine, or Decorations, please do ATTEND our Annual Wine Tasting committee development meeting FRIDAY, Jan. 17 @ 2 pm at Wild Oak Café (formerly Grilla Bites), 196 Cohasset Rd.

The Wine Tasting committee particularly needs members who are **passionate about good local food**, and who would like to help streamline and update our recipe list and food plans. Let's work to make the Wine Tasting easy on our members! **Advance planning**, beginning now, will allow us to pull-off an elegant Wine Tasting.

We hope to see some of you THIS Friday!

Other Upcoming League Events

February 24th, 12-1:30 pm, Lunch & Learn
"Deregulation of Campaign Finance in the U.S."
with CSUC Political Science Prof. Diana Dwyre
Chico Branch Library, 1108 Sherman Ave.

March 12th, 11:45-1:15 pm, Lunch & Learn
Joint meeting with Chico branch of AAUW
"California Civil Grand Jury" with John Welton
and Joe Putyrae (former Grand Jurors)
Chico Branch Library, 1108 Sherman Ave.

February-March, LWVUS - Agriculture STUDY
Ag Update—Member Consensus meetings
Meeting location and dates — TBD

March — Reports from League Observer Corps
for League members only @ LWV office, dates TBD

May 22nd, LWV Butte County Annual Meeting
6—8:30 pm, Chico First Baptist Church