



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BUTTE COUNTY

# e-Bulletin

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Greetings, League Members ~

A month ago we asked you not to mind the showers. Now, bring 'em on! Our Board has gotten word to the state League Water Committee not to forget the needs of the North State as water policy recommendations are made to our Governor. Meanwhile, keep conserving wherever possible, and do more of those rain dances!

As the election season starts to heat up (CA Primary is June 3rd) we need to "follow the money" more now than ever. Since "corporations are people" and with the Voting Rights Act not yet repaired, Leaguers should learn what to watch for, and be ready to respond with personal comment when appropriate. *Please join us to learn more at our*

## **February Lunch & Learn:**

### **Deregulation of Campaign Finance in the US**

**Monday, February 24th @ 12-1:30 PM**  
Chico Branch, Butte County Library  
1108 Sherman Ave., Chico, CA

Our guest speaker Diana Dwyre, professor of Political Science at CSUC, will address how recent decisions in the courts and the executive branch have resulted in a swift move toward deregulation of campaign finance activities in the U.S. There is much controversy about the resulting changes, and little agreement among elected officials about how to respond to the changed campaign finance landscape, which is characterized by an increase in outside spending and a decrease in both transparency and disclosure. Professor Dwyre will discuss how we got to where we are, including what effect the 2010 Citizens United decision has had on elections, and where we may be headed with current legislation and litigation.

**STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE LEAGUE!!**

Please follow our local, state and national Leagues on their websites. So much good information may be found there!

<http://www.lwv.org> LWV of US  
<http://www.lwvc.org> LWV of California  
<http://www.lwvbuttecounty.org> LWV Butte County  
<http://archive.lwvc.org/lwvonly/> LWVC Members Only

## **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**The 41st Annual Wine Tasting**  
**Sunday, APRIL 27, 2014**  
@ Manzanita Place

**Tickets, Work & Food SIGN-UPS, and updated Recipes will be arriving soon in your mail!**

And please do ask your doctor, lawyer, indian chief; butcher, baker, and candlestick maker... **to place an ad in our beautiful Wine Tasting program! More on this to come soon, too.**

**If you have a special interest in Great Food or Festive Decorations**, we are still looking for members to help out on these committees.

Contact **Keitha Corbit**, [keithacorbit@comcast.net](mailto:keithacorbit@comcast.net) for more details and to begin helping. Thank You!

## **Other Upcoming League Events**

### **Wed. 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.

### **League Observer Reports**

*For League-members Only*

**Friday, March 14th, 4:30-6:30 PM**

**Saturday March 15th, 10 AM-1 PM**

League Office, 635 Flume St, Chico

### **Sat. March 22 & 29, LWVUS - Ag Update Study**

**Member CONSENSUS Meetings**

*9:30-1:00 PM— location TBD*

**Thursday, May 22nd**

**LWV Annual Business Meeting**

6—8:30 pm, Chico First Baptist Church

**Factoid: 91% of our LWV members have email!!**