

NEWS & VIEWS

CHAPTER 044



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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (LWV), MT. BALDY AREA

(All presentations by the LWV, Mt. Baldy Area concerning propositions on the CA general election ballot will be via Zoom or Zoom Webinar only. See Page 2 for information.)

President, Barbara Nicoll--The *League of Women Voters*, a non-partisan organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.



The *League of Woman Voters* is a peoples' organization that has fought since 1920 to improve our government and engage all Americans in the decisions that impact their lives. We operate at national, state, and local levels through more than 800 state and local Leagues, in all 50 states as well as DC, the Virgin Islands, and Hong Kong. We never endorse or oppose political parties or candidates, but we are political.

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Past-President's Report—Hi everyone. Well, the news keeps on happening while we stay quarantined. Sandie and I have continued to do what we have been advised to do since March. I continue to combine my volunteer work with staying home and Sandie continues her *RPEA GA Committee Zoom* meetings. As usual, our hearts go out to all who are suffering from the ongoing multiple disasters and we continue to wish that those who are not ill or in danger remain as such. In the midst of the pandemic, fires, protests, etc., government keeps going. The CA Supreme Ct. ruled on #S247095.



CalPERS Fund Market Value, 07/21/20, 405.12 Billion; 09/16/20, 413.99 Billion

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President's Report –Shirley Wofford



Hello friends—For those who have suffered illness, loss of loved ones and/or property in the midst of the many disasters that are occurring, I am truly sorry. I hope that those affected have family and friends close by and other agencies to help.

We are still waiting to learn whether or not Covid-19 restrictions enacted by the *State of CA* will be adjusted down from the purple tier to the red tier, allowing *Golden Corral* to reopen. The decision will be based on the data used to determine whether the rates of infection are increasing or declining. If you have attended a chapter meeting during the previous year, and if there is e-mail or phone information for you on our reports, we will contact you to inform you whether or not we will meet. (Chapter 044 members are welcome to e-mail or phone me any time.)

Representatives of the *League of Women Voters* will be doing only virtual presentations during this pandemic situation. If you want to view their presentation on the pros and cons of the CA ballot initiatives for the upcoming general election, please e-mail the *League* at the address listed in the right-hand column and ask for the link to that meeting on Oct. 04. (I have registered myself.) If you don't have a device to use for e-mail, you may also ask for information regarding access by phone.

I spent portions of three days, Sept. 14-16, watching the *CalPERS* Board meetings. The Board was rocked recently by the abrupt, resignation of the *CalPERS CIO* Ben Meng. The recruiting process for finding a new *CIO* is underway. Dan Bienvenue, *CalPERS Deputy CIO*, is currently serving as the *Interim CIO*. It was announced during the meeting Wednesday that *CalPERS* has not lost a step in its operations—business is being conducted as usual and the pension payments are still on schedule.



If everyone is thinking alike,
then no one is thinking.
—Benjamin Franklin



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Formed from the movement that secured the right-to-vote for women, the centerpiece of the *League's* efforts remains to expand participation and give a voice to all Americans. We do that at all three levels of government, engaging in both broad educational efforts as well as advocacy. Our issues are grounded in our respected history of making democracy work for all Americans.

Currently, we are holding all of our meetings by *Zoom* or *Zoom Webinar*. Most of our meetings are public and you can see our website for a calendar. We post links to register for our meetings a few days before a meeting. You can add yourself to our mailing lists, and thus get all of our notices by e-mailing us at info@lwvmtbaldyarea.org.

Pros and Cons online Zoom unit meeting Event Date: Oct 04, 2020 - 2:00 pm



Pros & Cons online Webinar
Explanation of the Propositions

Hosted by Barbara Nicoll &
members

"We do not have government by the majority—we have government by the majority who participate."
—Thomas Jefferson

"Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting." —Franklin D. Roosevelt

"Too many people fought too hard to make sure all citizens of all colors, races, ethnicities, genders, and abilities can vote, to think that not voting somehow sends a message." —Luis Gutierrez

"The ignorance of one voter in a democracy impairs the security of all." —John F. Kennedy

"If you don't vote, you lose the right to complain."
—George Carlin

BE AWARE! STAY VIGILANT!



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TREASURER'S REPORT--

Chapter 044's funding balance on August 31, 2020, is **\$14,131.84**



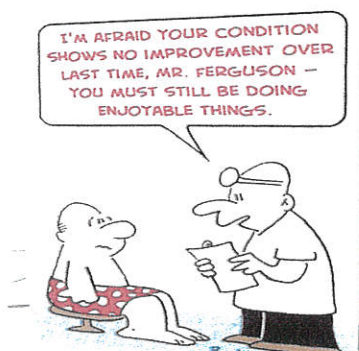
IN MEMORIAM

Joyce Womack
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Those we hold most dear never truly leave us--they live on in the kindnesses they showed, the comfort they shared and the love they brought into our lives.

--Isabel Norton



Chapter 044 Meetings

2nd Wed. of Even Months - 12 noon

GOLDEN CORRAL (Tentative)

1640 E. 4th St. #A, Ontario

(The Chapter 044 meeting scheduled for October 14, 2020 is still tentative. We will contact regular attendees.)

Lunch-Fee Schedule for Chapter 044 meetings, 2020:

*Member of Chapter #044	Free
RPEA Member	\$4.00
Non-member of RPEA	\$8.00
Prospective Member of RPEA (maximum two times)	\$4.00
Chapter Guest	Free

It would be appreciated if all luncheon attendees wait after registration and after the meeting has been called to order, before going to the dining room.

*Chapter 044 members will receive complimentary meals at all Chapter meetings in 2020.



Meeting Dates and Guest Speakers

October 14, 2020 - (Meeting is tentative-regular attendees will be notified) *Mt Baldy Area League of Women Voters* Zoom Webinar Oct. 04, 2:00 p.m.(election issues-pros & cons)

December 09, 2020 (Holiday Meeting/Party--no speaker)

February 10, 2021- David Patterson, Tax Counselor for AARP Tax-Aide Program.

April 14, 2021 - TBD.

A WARM WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS OF CHAPTER 044



Thomas Burch	Ontario
Robert Martinez	Ontario
Kathleen Olivas	Chino
Sarah Chavez	Fontana



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That ruling affirmed the amendments to *PEPRA 2013*—pension spiking, which occurs mainly in the 37 Act County systems, was outlawed. The good news from that decision was that the Court did not address the *CA Rule*—it is still sacrosanct.

The RPEA election for the office of *Public Relations Director*, participated in by delegates to *GA 2018*, is in the process of being redone due to technicalities with the first election. The contest is between incumbent Lorenzo Rios and *Chapter 90 President* Scott McGookin. The results of that election are to be announced on October 02, 2020.

We do not know at the time of this writing, whether or not there will be a regular *Chapter 044* meeting at *Golden Corral*. (Regular attendees will be hearing from the Board.) In the meantime, stay well & safe,

--Bob Seigler

RPEA CHAPTER 044 MEETING (tentative)

Wed., October 14, 2020, 12 noon

GOLDEN CORRAL
1640 E. 4TH St. #A
Ontario, CA
(909)395-0500



If you need a ride to a Chapter meeting and you do not have family/friend support for help with arranging transportation, please call (909)986-3160 at least two days in advance.



Chapter 044 and other members of RPEA, family members, friends, and anyone else who supports RPEA are all welcome at our meetings.

