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President's Message

I am suffering from jet lag from a very long flight from India, so this letter will be short and probably incoherent. I am just realizing that this year is swiftly coming to a close with some important issues still to be finished or be determined. Still to be completed are the next budget, final rewriting of a portion of the by-laws, a completed slate of new officers and board members, the annual report and probably several things that my fuzzy brain cannot remember. The annual meeting is set and should be a great one with Kristen Olsen as our speaker. Please put it on your calendar for 6 PM on May 10 at Marsha Waggoner's home.

The California State League is conducting a study on water issues and I am starting to become involved in the study. There was a proposal to support increased water flow from the San Joaquin River and its tributaries but was scrapped. I will be attending meetings in Sacramento to participate in the water discussions. The Central Valley's viewpoint needs to be included in this discussion. The first one is on March 7th and I will try to keep our League informed.

I again encourage you to become a member of the board as many of the current members have maxed out their terms. Please contact Ann Kraback or any board member if you can and are willing to serve in this vital capacity.

Seena Rhine, President LWVSC

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING



Wednesday, May 10th 6:00pm

County Supervisor Kristin Olsen is the keynote speaker.

Potluck event, hosted by Marsha Waggoner

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***LWVSC Lunch & Learn, February 23rd
10 Reasons to Love Your Library***

Pat Portwood, Stanislaus County Library Foundation President and Co-Chair of the Save Stanislaus Libraries campaign committee, spoke at the February Lunch and Learn about the many services available at our libraries. Recognizing she was “speaking to the choir,” Pat noted that many in our communities are unaware of the variety of resources and programs the libraries offer. There is something for everyone. They are free and easily accessible.

The county library system, established more than 100 years ago, has 13 branch libraries with more than 2 million visitors each year. On any trip to the library, visitors enjoy the welcoming atmosphere and notice the hub of activity. In addition to 16 million books available for checkout, the libraries offers digital training and computer access, citizenship preparation, literacy tutoring, informational workshops, home delivery, e-books, Book Club in a Box, veterans’ outreach, a multitude of children’s programs and much more.

Assistance is always available from the knowledgeable and passionate employees. One example of that passion is the library program at the juvenile detention center. Olga, the outreach coordinator who introduces the library to underserved neighborhoods and more recently the juvenile detention center, received a \$5,000 award for her work. Her award was matched by Toyota, and with contributions from other businesses it grew to \$20,000 to establish a library at the juvenile detention center and to train the young people to operate it. This innovative program is made possible through a community partnership.

Since 1994 the library system has been supported by a 1/8th cent sales tax designated specifically for libraries. The tax provides 86% of the library’s revenue. Voters have shown their support for our libraries by renewing the tax by a generous margin each time it has been on the ballot. In November, the voters of Stanislaus County will again be asked to renew the library tax. In addition to voting, there are opportunities to promote the ballot measure to assure its success and guarantee the future of our library system.

For information go to www.SaveStanislausLibraries.org.

Marie Bairey, Secretary



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

[\(Check Website for Updates\)](#)

Thursday, March 23rd 12:00-1:30pm	Lunch & Learn: Wood Colony & Modesto Ridgeways, Chef's Choice \$13
Thursday, April 23rd, 12:00-1:30pm	Lunch & Learn: Solange Altman, Immigration Issues in the Valley Ridgeways, Chef's Choice \$13
Wednesday, April 12th, 6:30pm	Board Meeting Hosted by Seena Rhine. Call for directions.

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