



## New Board gets to work

Here we go! We have a new board with a new year to look forward to and, believe it or not, a presidential election that will be here before you know it.



But first things first. Say hello to your new board:

- Ariel Lovett rejoins the Board this year as chair of Voter Services, the signature community service of our League that includes organization and presentation of candidate forums and pros and cons before primaries and elections.
- JoAnn Castori grabs the reins of the Education Committee. She will revive the speakers series and is already working with the high school district to create a scholarship, the first time the League has sponsored a scholarship in many years.
- David Jones continues as our Financial chair, keeping all those numbers organized.
- Joey Jordan returns to the Board as the head of our revived Outreach Committee. You will see members of the League of Women Voters of Nevada County out and about prominently in our community.
- JoAnn Marie takes on Membership, making sure that new members feel welcome and have the information they need to get the most out of all the League has to offer. Oh, she will also be encouraging new members to volunteer to help us keep democracy front and center in Nevada County.



- Anna Frizzell continues as our secretary. Believe us, she keeps us in line.
- Julie Hubbard takes on another year as the driver of Voter's Edge, the most valuable ballot tool we offer the residents of Nevada County.
- New to our Board is Shauneen Deschaine, who joins us as a member at large. Shauneen is no stranger to our local non-profits and community work.

Although our bylaws do not allow for co-presidents, and two people were required to run for president (Lynn Forbes, above left) and vice president (Jan Bedayn, above right), Lynn and Jan serve functionally as co-presidents.

Jan, [jbedayn@lwnvnevadacounty.org](mailto:jbedayn@lwnvnevadacounty.org), was League president from 2017-2021, so she knows what she's doing. Jan will also be helping with Voter Services.

Lynn, [presdient@lwnvnevadacounty.org](mailto:presdient@lwnvnevadacounty.org), has been on the Board for several years as Communications chair and will continue to lead the charge in that role.

We are excited about the year ahead, to say the least. All committees are working hard to finalize plans and events. There are a couple of committees that are in need of members, so please contact Lynn or Jan with your interest.

Yours in democracy,  
Lynn and Jan

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## Upcoming June meetings and events



[Grass Valley City Council](#) meetings, June 13 and 27, 7 p.m.

[Nevada City Council](#) meetings, June 14 and 24, 6:30 p.m.

[Town of Truckee Council](#) meetings, June 13 and 27, 5 p.m.

[Nevada County Board of Supervisors](#) regular meetings, June 13 and 27, 9 a.m.; budget meeting June 20, 9 a.m.

[Nevada County Board of Education](#) meetings, June 7, June 21, 3 p.m.

[Free Green Waste Disposal](#), June 11, 12, 25, 26, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

[Nevada County Recognizes Firewise Together Fundraiser: A Benefit for Firewise Communities](#), this Saturday, June 3, 1 - 4:30 p.m., lawn games; 5 - 9 p.m., happy hour, silent auction, bbq dinner and live music, at Lake Wildwood's Commodore Park.

[Sammie's Friends](#) honors founders Cheryl Wickes and Curt Romander for their 22 years of commitment and service to this awesome animal organization. The tribute and benefit for Sammie's animals takes place this Saturday, June 3, at the Fairgrounds. Purchase tickets [here](#), at Sammie's Friends Shelter and at Sammie's Nifty Thrift store.

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## Welcome new and renewing members!



A big LWVNC welcome to our newest members, Lisa Macrina and Shauneen Deschaine. Thank you to members who have so far renewed this year: Marsha Burch, JoAnn Castori, Rob Katzenstein, Ariel Lovett, Stephen Munkelt and Risa Roseman. The strength of our League comes from our members and our

commitment to the community. If you have joined the League or renewed in recent months and have not heard from us, please reach out to Membership chair JoAnn Marie at [wizewmn@yahoo.com](mailto:wizewmn@yahoo.com). We have had some technical difficulties that we are trying to iron out.

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## LWVNC attends state convention

Delegates from Leagues all over the state gathered in San Francisco recently to attend the League of Women Voters of California's 2023 convention. Board members JoAnn Castori and Lynn Forbes represented the Nevada County League at the convention.



Lynn and JoAnn came away with great ideas to bring home, met inspiring League leaders and

attended many workshops and caucuses, including Community Outreach for Get Out the Vote Success, The Power of Words: Creating a Culture of Belonging, Social Justice; Innovative Approaches, Why is Everyone Talking About Ranked Choice Voting? and Educate, Register, Participate! Engaging Young Voters.

*Lynn, left, and JoAnn, right, flank outgoing state president Carol Moon Goldberg.*

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## Passion in Action Volunteer & Job Fair

**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER & JOB FAIR**

**Passion in Action**  
**FIND YOUR CALLING!** Explore both Employment & Volunteer Opportunities at over 40 Community Impact organizations



**Saturday  
June 3**  
**11 am–3 pm**  
Main Street Center  
Building & Lawn @ Nevada County  
Fairgrounds

**FREE  
to the  
public!**

Look for our table at the Passion in Action community volunteer and job fair this Saturday, June 3rd, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., at the Nevada County Fairgrounds, Main Street Center Building. Chat with fellow members about what's going on at the League and grab an I ♥ Democracy sticker. There will be chocolate. 🍫 Admission is free.

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## County commissions and committee openings



Nevada County residents interested in applying for a position on a Board of Supervisor's committee or commission are well needed. There are many, wide-ranging opportunities available. Openings include the Adult and Family Services Commission, Agricultural Advisor Commission, Citizens Oversight Committee of the Nevada County Library, Solid and Hazardous Waste Commission, and many more. For more information and to apply, [click here](#).

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Grass Valley School District

## Grass Valley school board position open

The Grass Valley School District has a provisional opening on the GVSD Board of Trustees due to the resignation of member Thomas Pettitt.

Applicants for this vacancy will be considered at the June 27, 2023 board meeting.

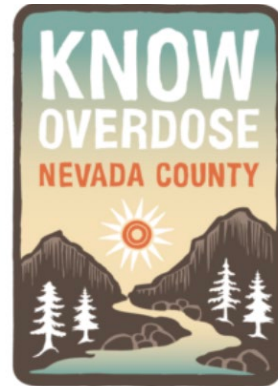
More information is available [here](#).; click [here](#) for the application.

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## Know Overdose Nevada County

Like many other communities, Nevada County has seen an increase in overdose deaths in the past few years, largely due to synthetic opioids, particularly fentanyl, entering the local drug supply.

[Know Overdose Nevada County](#) is a local campaign to increase knowledge and awareness about drug overdose risks. The campaign employs [harm reduction strategies](#) to help prevent overdoses and deaths. The campaign goals are:



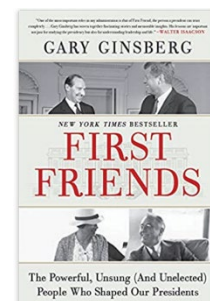
1. Prevent deaths from drug overdoses
2. Keep people safer when using drugs
3. Connect people who use drugs and their support networks to resources and information

Call 9-1-1 for physical health and safety emergencies, including overdoses.  
Call 530-265-5811 or 9-8-8 for mental health or emotional emergencies.

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## A book worth reading

“First Friends: The Powerful, Unsung (and Unelected) People Who Shaped Our Presidents”, by Gary Ginsberg, is a fascinating look at U.S. presidents through the lens of their close friendships and how these relationships impacted administrations and our country.



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