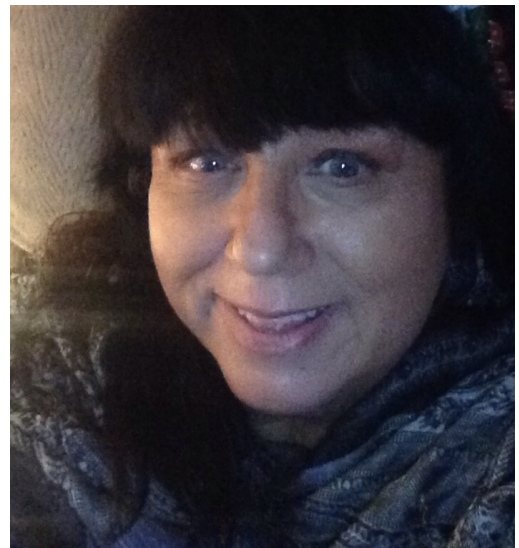


The Port Hueneme Historical Society Museum Distinguished Speaker Series
Author, Journalist, and Historian, Dr. Beverly Kelley
will be speaking on the topic
“Women’s Right to Vote in California”
at the Port Hueneme Historical Society Museum **220 Market Street**
on **May 20, 2017** at **11:00 AM**.



If it were up to the voters of Ventura County (but not Hueneme), California women would not have gotten the right to vote in 1911. Yet the state constitutional amendment did carry (125,037 to 121,450), largely due to the efforts of grassroots community organizations, creative fundraising efforts, the employment of new technology, and inspired leadership by such remarkable women as Ventura’s own Adelaide Binns Comstock.

Because of her expertise, Dr. Beverly Kelley was invited to deliver the keynote address celebrating the Centennial of the Women’s Vote to the California League of Women Voters in May of 2011. As Kelley concluded, it was California that provided the critical mass leading to the eventual passage of the 29th Amendment named after Susan B. Anthony.



Kelley, a professor who retired in August of 2012 from California Lutheran University after 35 years of teaching, has always been interested in history and politics. She served as an opinion page columnist for the *Ventura County Star* for 18 years, and has published three scholarly books on cinema and politics as well as two historically-based cozy mysteries. She spends her time writing and researching for the Port Hueneme Historical Society Museum, serving as a board member of the Friends of the Port Hueneme Library, and providing assistance to Chloe, the Therapy Dog at the local adult care center.