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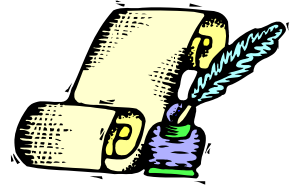
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## LWVSD Co-President's Message



One could say that I am in this position for the second time because Jody Tadder is a very persuasive person or because I like challenges or because I needed something to fill my time or because I am trying to get it right or a combination of all these reasons. The ultimate benefit to me is I will have the opportunity to work with Donna and a very responsible Board and participate in new learning experiences.

At the annual meeting in early June, I spoke briefly about my goals and it seems appropriate that I share them with those of you that were unavailable to attend. My personal goal is to improve my technical skills in order to do a more effective and efficient job. I have come into the 21st century late in life and I still prefer verbal or written communication directed to me personally and my communication with another person in the same manner. I think that means I am going to have to fully embrace texting, tweeting, Facebook, and the list goes on. This is my first and biggest challenge.

Organizational goals do not mean anything if they are only held by the presidents and the Board, so my organizational goals have yet to be embraced. They include:

- Retain and recruit additional members to reflect our communities in age, diversity, and gender;
- Consider raising our dues (The local League retains less than \$8 out of the \$65 that each of us pays) and do less fundraising;
- Involve more members in Unit programs, committees, participation in events, attendance at meetings and work on special projects;
- Increase the number of partnerships with other organizations in sponsoring programs;
- Support monthly educational luncheons in an accessible, technically equipped, consistent and affordable location (a tall order);
- Begin planning the best ever LWVC Convention to be held in May 2015.

I have always encouraged work groups to limit their goals to no more than three per year and I have violated my own planning principle. Please let us hear from you regarding each of these issues as the Board lays out a strategic plan for the year.

**Let's work together,**

Kay Ragan

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## LWVSD Board/Committee Meetings — August

|       |    |         |  |
|-------|----|---------|--|
| Fri   | 2  | 9:30 am | Public Policy Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave., Ste. 224A, San Diego 92111                           |
| Mon   | 5  | 10 am   | Membership Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave., Ste. 224A, San Diego 92111                              |
| Tues  | 6  | 4 pm    | LWVSD Board, 3rd floor conference room, 7710 Balboa Avenue, San Diego 92111                                    |
| Thurs | 8  | 9:30 am | Unit Chairs, League Office, 7710 Balboa Avenue, Ste 224A, San Diego 92111                                      |
| Fri   | 16 | 10 am   | Program Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave., Ste. 224A, San Diego 92111                                 |
| Mon   | 19 | 2 pm    | <b>Tech Workshop, Jeanne Brown's home ~ <a href="mailto:jhistenbrown@gmail.com">jhistenbrown@gmail.com</a></b> |
| Tues  | 20 | 9:30 am | FDA Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave., Ste. 224A, San Diego 92111                                     |
| Wed   | 21 | 9:30 am | Education Committee, SD County Office of Ed., 6401 Linda Vista Rd., SD 92111, 309                              |

## Special Events — August

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| Fri, Aug 9    | 9 am-2:30 pm; County League Day (see green flyer)                |
| Fri, Aug 23   | <b>Women's Equality Day</b>                                      |
| Thurs, Aug 29 | <b>Balboa Park Women's Equality Day Events, 5 pm, (see p 10)</b> |



## Mark Your Calendars

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Wed, Sep 25     | <b>LWVSD Luncheon on Gun Policies ~ Tom Ham's (11:30 am) (see p 13)</b> |
| May 15-17, 2015 | LWVC Convention in San Diego??  |

Changes in bold type. Also see <http://lwvsandiego.org/calendar.html>

## LWVC 2015 CONVENTION IN SAN DIEGO??

When LWVC President Jenny Waggoner came to visit San Diego several months ago, she mentioned that they were looking for a location for the 2015 Convention. That planted the seed and Jeanne Brown and I contacted the San Jose League members who chaired their Convention Committee to become informed about what hosting a convention might entail. They were very helpful and encouraging. While attending the convention in San Jose, Jeanne and I thought it would be a good idea to mention we were considering hosting. The feedback we received was very positive. Many attendees came up to us and begged us to hold the convention in San Diego. Our Board approved hosting; we have filed the application with the State Board and are now forming a Convention Committee.

Hosting a convention is a lot easier these days than it used to be. The State League does a lot of the work now including negotiating with the hotel and taking care of the workshops. The hosting League gets the oppor-

tunity to raise funds and showcase their League.

We are looking for League members who would like to serve on the Convention Committee to come up with ideas and make the necessary decisions. We will be looking for volunteers from our League and other local Leagues to serve during the convention. The convention is tentatively scheduled for May 15 -17, 2015.

Please contact Donna Bartlett-May at [dbartlettmay@aol.com](mailto:dbartlettmay@aol.com) or Jeanne Brown at [jhistenbrown@gmail.com](mailto:jhistenbrown@gmail.com) if you would like to

serve on the committee or serve as a volunteer. The State League has a volunteer handbook which describes what each volunteer's duties would be. If you don't wish to do either but have an idea for an item to sell at the Market Place or a tour to raise funds, please let us know.

This is going to be a great opportunity to showcase our fine city and our League.

— Donna Bartlett-May, Co-President



## 2013 Convention of the League of Women Voters of California



The 2013 Convention of the League of Women Voters of California was held from May 15-17 in San Jose, California, at the lovely Hayes Mansion, just outside downtown San Jose. Our League was represented by six Board members:

Penny Adler, Donna Bartlett-May, Jeanne Brown, Beryl Flom, Adrienne Schere and Nancy Witt. The League paid for their registrations and they paid for their hotel, transportation and other expenses.

Because our League has shown leadership with Early Childhood Education, the LWVSD hosted a caucus on this topic. Details of that caucus are covered in a separate article in this issue.

Donna Bartlett-May also spoke at a caucus on water issues entitled, **“Water: Myths and Misperceptions on the Bay Delta: Are We on Track to Achieve the Co-equal Goals of a Reliable Water Supply and Restoration of Fisheries?”** It was well attended, even though it was held Saturday at 8:30 pm. State water committee members discussed groundwater in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys, fracking and its effect on groundwater, and the Bay-Delta. Our own Donna Bartlett-May spoke about the Colorado River and the supply issues caused by drought and over commitment. If anyone would like to see the presentations, they're on the LWVC Water Committee's list serve. You can also check at <http://ca.lwv.org/position/california-water-resources>.

Other topics covered by workshops and caucuses were Healthcare, Websites, Carbon Emissions, CEQA, **Civic Engagement, SmartVoter's “New Generation,” Social Media, Gun Control, “Smart Communities,” and why we can't vote on-line.** Having six of us there allowed us to attend most of them and share the information.

The approved program voted on for LWVC 2013-14 is:

- 1) Retain all existing positions.
- 2) New study for 2013-2015 on higher education. The scope for this study is tentatively the financial and governance decisions for community colleges, California state universities and the University of California system.
- 3) No position to adopt by concurrence.
- 4) Issues for Education and Advocacy for 2013-2015:
  1. Money in Politics: Continue the current focus on action in the California Legislature. Provide opportunities for local Leagues to participate in both advocacy and community education projects.
  2. Education: Financing of education, from early childhood through high school; importance of maintaining the educational content and quality of all early childhood programs. Provide opportunities for local Leagues to participate in both advocacy and community education projects.
  3. In addition, as a second tier of focus: Health Care and Water. These will be acted on as opportunities arise, if they do not interfere with activities on the higher priority issues, and if it appears that the LWVC can make an impact.

As you can see, our League has been emphasizing many of these topics over the last two years so our Program Committee will be using this along with the program that we approved at our June 1st Annual Meeting. All of these issues were brought forward and voted on at Program Planning in January. This is a wonderful example of the grassroots nature of the League. These ideas all emerged from local League members who have their voice at the yearly program planning events. Having a solid group of members attending these conventions amplifies our excitement and presence at these important League events. This excitement helped create the move to host one of our own in 2015. More will be said about that in another article in this *Voter*.

—Donna Bartlett-May, Co-President

## Education Caucus and Floor Action at the LWVC Convention 2013

Prior to Program Planning, Joanne Leavitt, the past co-chair of the LWVC Education Committee, emailed all the Leagues in California to say she was recommending an Issue for Emphasis on Early Childhood Education (ECE) and School Finance plus the reinstatement of the LWVC Education Committee. Several Leagues supported this effort and the LWVC Board recommended it as a Program Item along with three other Issues for Emphasis (Money in Politics, Water, and Healthcare). The issues were all presented at the Friday and Saturday plenary sessions by the State Board and required a simple majority vote to be adopted.

Since the LWVSD's Education Committee is so knowledgeable about ECE, they decided to present a workshop which was turned down, but they did hold a caucus and covered much of the material on Friday night starting at 8:30 p.m. With the help of Vickie Ramos Harris, Director of School and Community Engagement for Early Edge California, and Patty Chavez, Community Outreach Consultant for the San Diego County of Education, we developed a PowerPoint presentation about birth to 3rd grade and titled our caucus "Early Years Are Learning Years." Members of the LWVSD delegation helped hand out flyers and ribbons for people to wear to support the issue. About 30 people attended; each got a copy of the PowerPoint presentation and a folder of information which was also given to every League in the state. Support and enthusiasm were good. The main presentation was made by Vickie and Laura McLean, Quality Preschool Initiative Coordinators for the San Diego County Office of Education (colleagues of Patty's). Penny Adler moderated the presentation. Part of the PowerPoint addressed the work of LWVSD's Education Committee and its coalition. Leagues were provided with ten steps to putting LWV voices into action, following the lead of LWVSD. Barbara Inatsugu, past president of LWVC and past co-chair of the LWVC Education Committee, led the discussion on re-forming the Education Committee and particularly following legislation.

The PowerPoint for the presentation included a quiz followed by discussion of each question. Vickie pointed out

that the organization "Preschool California" has now **changed to "Birth to 3rd Grade" because children's early experiences** profoundly shape their potential to succeed in school and life. The reading ability of a 3rd grader usually determines their achievement in school and beyond.

Currently, 52% of California's third graders test below proficient in English/language arts and more than 30% are not proficient in mathematics. Language enrichment is vital in the early years. High-income three-year-old children have a vocabulary of more than 1,110 words compared to low-income three

-year-olds who average 500 words. Supporting children's home language in the early years is critical to later academic achievement; they learn better than children who only know one language. In the pre-kindergarten years, children learn to pay attention, manage emotions and complete tasks.

California has the largest population of low income children from birth to five in the U.S. Every dollar invested in high-quality learning programs can save \$7 later on. By age four, the average low-income child faces significant barriers and is 18 months behind more affluent peers. Thousands of young children are on the waiting list for quality preschool education in San Diego County and in the State; funding is largely the issue. Prop. 30 did not add any funding for Early Childhood Education (ECE), and the governor has cut monies and "slots" over the last few years. Since 2008, preschool and child care represent 17% of total state budget cuts.

Laura talked about the Quality Preschool Initiative in San Diego County, a leader in ECE. It is funded with tobacco tax money and serves 10,000 children throughout the County. It provides evaluation of existing programs, customized coaching for each teacher, assessment of children for special needs, and parent education. Transitional Kindergarten (TK) is a state-funded pre-K class for children with Fall birthdays and was created when the cut-off age was changed from December 2 to September 1. Classes are held in the public schools. After TK, these youngsters go into kindergarten with many ready-to-learn skills ingrained into them. It is being offered at no

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## League Committees

Please take a look at the list of League Committees on the following page. What do they do? Would you like to be part of this creative and rewarding work?

2015 Convention Committee - After participating at the LWVC Convention in San Jose this year, the six of us who attended thought that we can do this. The State League now has professionals to help with many of the details but need us for the local expertise. Help us create a convention in 2015 that will show off our city and our League.

Agriculture Study Committee - members will prepare us for the LWVUS Agricultural Position Update which will investigate genetic modification, consolidation in the food industry, money in the **regulatory process, and the consumer's** right to accurate and comprehensive food labeling. Consensus for this study will be taken in January and February of 2014.

Education Committee - members keep abreast of local, county, state and federal education issues and often plan events to share this information. While the primary focus has been on Pre-K education for the past few years, this year we will have a second focus under the leadership of Jacque Nevels that will look at grades three through twelve.

FDA Future Study Committee - Our local League is considering proposing a study of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) at the national convention in

2014. Their study is limited to prescription drugs and medical devices. The October Units will present information on the FDA and ask for member input as to whether we want to recommend a study to the LWVUS.

Finance Committee - this committee works to keep our expenses smaller than our income. It makes decisions on how to best manage our money.

Membership Committee - members work to increase our membership and aid in collecting our dues.

Program Committee - members plan the Unit meetings, luncheons and tours. They also oversee studies along with workshops.

Public Policy Committee - members act as a **watchdog on our government's activities, working to ensure** that they are working in the public interest. Our focus has been on the City of San Diego but we need people from outside the City to look at the other cities in our jurisdiction.

Holiday Party Committee - members plan the Holiday Party and its Silent Auction each winter, but the work usually begins in the summer.

If any of these interest you, call the League Office at (858) 483-8696 or contact the chair or a member of the committee. The meetings are on the calendar on our website at <http://www.lwvsandiego.org/>



*(continued from previous page)* immediate additional cost to the state because funding that would have been used to support young five-year-olds in kindergarten is being redirected to support them in TK.

There was really no discussion of this issue on the floor of the convention and plenty of support, so it passed easily. Penny and others from LWVC will continue to communicate with caucus attendees online monthly. The committee will develop resource materials for local Leagues to educate their members, and Barbara will form a subcommittee to follow state legislation. LWVC's support of specific budget concerns is most welcome and efforts will be made to highlight outside sources for funding education, especially ECE.



— Beryl Flom, Member, Education Committee

# LWVSD Committees for 2013-2014

## Program

Jeanne Brown\*

**Cathy O'Leary Carey**

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## 2015 LWVC Convention

Donna Bartlett-May

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Beryl Flom\*

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## FDA Future Study

Penny Adler

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Jean Willson



*Which chair  
should we hold  
for YOU?*

## Education

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Sue Braun

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Shelli Kurth

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Jaqueline Nevels\*

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Anita Reith

Adrienne Schere

Fran Venn

## Agriculture Study

Debbie Blum

Peggy Dornish

**Cathy O'Leary Carey**

Shirley Walkoe

Jean Willson

## Finance

Jeanne Brown

Beryl Flom

Kathleen MacLeod\*

Jody Tadder

Kay Ragan

## Public Policy

Jeanne Brown

**Cathy O'Leary Carey**

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Beryl Flom

Mike Jenkins

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Shirley Larson

Myles Pomeroy\*

Judy Radke

Sue Rogers

Virginia Silverman

Tom Reeve

Nan Valerio

Nancy Witt

*See the previous  
page for  
descriptions of  
committee functions.*

## Holiday Party

Jeanne Brown

Shirley Larson

Nancy Witt

## Meet Your Board Members — Donna Bartlett-May, Co-President

I was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to a middle-class family. Neither of my parents were involved in politics. My family moved to Cumberland, Maryland when I was eight where my father owned restaurants. The family moved to San Diego when I was 16 **because my father's health was failing** and my only brother was in the Navy. I have lived here ever since except for a brief time of insanity when I moved to Flint, Michigan for six months.

I became interested in political issues, particularly discrimination, when I was in junior high in Maryland and coordinating a school picnic at the local public pool. I was told they would be happy to have the class except **for the black kids. That wasn't how it was phrased but** I became righteously indignant and took the picnic elsewhere. I championed every cause I ran across



where discrimination was an issue.

I have been involved in the League of Women Voters since joining the East San Diego County League in 2000. I initially joined because I wanted my resume to look better but I soon learned what a pleasure it was to work with intelligent, savvy women who cared about issues. I served as the Natural Resources Director, Co-President, President and Voter editor. I was also Voter editor for the ILO.

Since the merger of the East County League and the San Diego League, I have served as Co-President.

My husband Richard and I have been married for 25 years. He had a son who went to pre-school with my son. We met in June, he proposed in July and we were married in October. I also have a stepdaughter. All three children stayed in San Diego which makes me very happy. So far I have one beautiful grandchild.

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## EarthFair 2013 Reflections

What a maze of diverse people at the Earth Fair Celebration in Balboa Park on Sunday, April 21, 2013!! It was huge! I had no idea so many entrepreneurs, groups and **individuals were this passionate about the earth's products and protection that they would come to this event, set up a booth, and hand out free 'stuff' to the public. And, of course, our League of Women Voters also fits** into this category of motivated folks, as we also have a vested interest in the solutions for earth preservation and its products.

The LWV North County San Diego joined forces with LWV San Diego City to set up a highly-attended booth designed to entice both young and older participants to take part in two activities related to water. One side of the table asked people to vote for an alternate name for **the 'toilet-to-tap' project, a popular discussion item especially among young adults and SD Mayor Bob Filner when he stopped by. He cast his vote for 'Showers to**

**Flowers'** – his personal write-in choice. The other side of the table appealed to families who would spin a wheel that landed on a question about water. Though the questions were challenging, the smiles and laughter were apparent when each child or adult was awarded with a potted home-grown succulent plant. The plants were a huge draw to the table, so when the young people and families stopped to look and spin the wheel, it kept them engaged enough to pick up some information about the League.

We Leaguers had a blast – not only in growing our succulent cuttings for the last two months, but handing out plants to happy people and answering questions! I expect we also got the message out that the League cares about environmental issues. If you missed out on this **event, keep it in mind for EarthFair 2014. It's an event you won't want to miss.**

— Tina Schmidt, LWV North County SD member



## Retreat a Success

A successful Board retreat was held at Co-President **Kay Ragan's** condo on **June 29**. **All Bboard members** and some off-Board and Unit chairs were present. The agenda was ambitious and the discussions were lively, focused and productive. The Board is excited about the year and what is to be done. Member input and HELP is critical to the success of the League.

One of the projects currently underway is the development of a grant under the leadership of Jody Tadder, Chair of the Finance Committee.

The grant would help finance contacts with each of the high school districts, community colleges, and universities in our service area for the purpose of asking and assisting them to include both Voter Registration and Smart Voter access on the home pages of each of these institutions. We will meet first with administrators and later with the faculty chairs of the government/political science departments encouraging them to use these resources in their respective classes. If the proposal is approved and we are funded, there will be a need for many volunteers and some paid interns to accomplish such an ambitious project.

Other exciting projects for the year include increased efforts to reach ethnic communities, younger people, and men as a part of our membership drive. These are groups that we are not reaching with current programs. One of the best ways to realize this goal is for members to provide the names and contact information of community leaders that can help us make the best approaches.

Our League has applied to host the 2015 LWVC Convention. If chosen, we will need volunteers to serve on a committee that will begin work in the immediate future. Jeanne Brown and Co-President Donna Bartlett-May have agreed to serve as co-chairs. The convention will provide us the opportunity to make a statewide impact. We know the city and all its attractions will be

inviting to convention attendees and their families. **GET YOUR NAME ON THE COMMITTEE LIST EARLY.**

Each of the standing committees, Membership, Program Planning, Education and Public Policy, has chosen goals for the year. In every case there is interest in having new members join these committees. New involvement is critical to continued success. We are especially pleased that Jacque Nevels, an educator, has agreed to serve as co-director for education and focus attention on grades four through twelve. If this segment of education is your passion, you will want to contact Jacque.

Our Unit meetings could be much more significant if we can come up with new ideas for involving members. Unit programs are the core of the League, so if you are not attending a Unit meeting in

your neighborhood, you are missed. Carole Porter, Unit Coordinator, is open to your suggestions. This is one more important goal for the year.

This does not include all of our goals for the year. Please feel free to contact any of the Board members for additional information or attend monthly Board meetings scheduled for the first Tuesday of the month at 4 pm at the League Office in the Building Conference Room.

— Kay Ragan, Co-President



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## LWV Position on Gun Control and Bills Currently Being Considered in the California Legislature

The LWVSD will be having its first luncheon of the year on September 25. The topic will be “How Can We Be Smart About Gun Policies?” To help us with background for this luncheon, let’s look at the League’s Position first and then at some of the bills in Sacramento that the State League is following.

Statement of Position on Gun Control, as adopted by 1990 Convention and amended by the 1994 and 1998 Conventions:

**“The League of Women Voters** of the United States believes that the proliferation of handguns and semi-automatic assault weapons in the United States is a major health and safety threat to its citizens. The League supports strong federal measures to limit the accessibility and regulate the ownership of these weapons by private citizens. The League supports regulating firearms for consumer safety.

**“The League supports licensing procedures for gun** ownership by private citizens to include a waiting period for background check, personal identity verification, gun safety education and annual license renewal. The license fee should be adequate to bear the cost of education and verification.

**“The League supports a ban on “Saturday night specials,” enforcement of strict penalties for the improper** possession of and crimes committed with handguns and assault weapons, and allocation of resources to **better regulate and monitor gun dealers.”**

The State League is currently following over 20 gun control bills in the Legislature. It has analyzed and supported eight Senate bills. These are:

SB 47 (Yee) closes the loophole in the definition of

**assault weapons. It expands the definition of “assault weapon” to include rifles that have magazines which can be removed without disassembly of the “action.”**

SB 53 (De Leon) extends current handgun ammunition laws to all ammunition, requires ammunition vendors to submit purchase information to the Department of **Justice and extends the DOJ’s Armed Prohibited Persons System (APPS) to am-**

munition. Requires assistance from vendor staff in order to view/handle any ammunition for purchase.

SB 108 (Yee) requires firearms owners to keep their functional firearms in a locked container when they are not home. Gun owners may be imprisoned if they leave an unlocked firearm in

their home when they are away.

SB 140 (Leno and Steinberg) augments the funding of **the APPS using Dealers’ Record of Sale funds. This bill** has become law. It allocates \$24 million to identify and seize assault weapons owned by convicted criminals and individuals with serious mental illnesses.

SB 374 (Steinberg) expands the definition of assault weapons and requires all firearms owners to submit ownership information to the DOJ.

SB 396 (Hancock) closes a loophole in the definition of high-capacity magazines and prohibits the possession of high-capacity magazines. It criminalizes the possession of high capacity magazines regardless of the date the magazine was acquired – a full retroactive ban.

SB 567 (Jackson) closes a loophole in the definition of shotguns and extends the assault weapons ban to any shotguns classified as assault weapons. Removes from



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## Good Things Are Happening in LWVSD Units!

A new Unit in Ocean Beach/Point Loma had great attendance for their first meeting in May, followed by a review of the May health care video shared in a local newspaper.

Evening meetings are still held in a convenient location **in Mission Valley...the Mission Valley Library near Costco and IKEA.**

**Other neighborhoods are represented...Tierrasanta, Southeastern San Diego, La Jolla, University City, Rancho Bernardo/Scripps Ranch, East County (El Cajon), and College Rolando (formerly called East San Diego).**

We have meetings in so many neighborhoods to enable participation. And we are eager for more Units to

form! Recently the 4S Ranch neighborhood expressed interest in joining the League.

**Each Unit's monthly topic presentation** is the same as every other.



We encourage more men to join the League. Our programs are pertinent and meaningful for all persons who choose to be informed.

Read the *Voter* for more information on our **monthly topics of focus...Unit meetings as well as luncheons** with knowledgeable presenters.

— Carole Porter, Unit Coordinator

## The Annual Suffrage Rally and March

is scheduled for Thursday, August 29, 5 pm, Balboa Park at 6th and Laurel. Please don your suffrage costume (primarily a large hat!), carry a banner or sign, and meet at the statue of Kate Sessions for a few comments from LWVSD and other community leaders -- and suffragist impersonators. Following these brief speeches, the march begins at 5:45 and ends at the Organ Pavilion in time for the final free

concert of the summer at 6:15. Light refreshments will be served in the lawn area across from the Organ Pavilion. Join the group at the statue and/or the picnic area, where a few chairs will be available or you may bring your own folding version.

Questions:

Anne at 858.245.1677 or [ahoiberg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ahoiberg@sbcglobal.net).

*We demand  
fair treatment  
ORGANIZE*



(continued from previous page) the Penal Code definition of shotgun the requirement that it be fired from the shoulder.

SB 683 (Block) prohibits anyone from acquiring a firearm without a Firearm Safety Certificate and prohibits anyone from selling a firearm to anyone without a Firearm Safety Certificate. This expands the requirement of having a FSC from just handguns to all firearms.



So if we are going to be smart about our gun policies, we will need to know the advantages and disadvantages of each of these bills and if they will make us safer.

For more information on these bills, check our website or any of these sites.

League Position on Gun Control: <http://www.lwv.org/content/gun-control>

Current Legislation: <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/bilinfo.html>

California Chapter of Brady Campaign: <http://bradycampaign.org/?q=california-chapter>

Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence: <http://smartgunlaws.org/tracking-state-gun-laws-2013-california-firearms-legislation/>

Department of Justice: <http://oag.ca.gov/firearms>

— Jeanne Brown, Co-Chair, Program Committee

# Membership

We are in the process of membership renewal. If you did not receive a letter to that regard around July 1, please contact Beryl Flom. LWVSD is totally run by volunteers, so your cooperation in being timely for dues renewal saves us both time and money. Thanks to Jody Tadder, a member of the Membership Committee, for logging all the renewals into our database. Now that the Membership Committee has a chair, we will be more active in recruiting and contacting new members. LWVSD has many who have joined since new members were last listed in the *Voter*:

- |                        |                           |                      |                             |
|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cathy Burciaga - 92131 | Stephen Jesionka - 91977  | Jan Rich - 92124     | Gloryanna Post - 92106      |
| Judith Radke - 92101   | Elizabeth Nichols - 92139 | Lynn Plummer - 92124 | Karen Larsen Gordon - 92075 |

— Beryl Flom, 858-459-4406, [edflom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:edflom@sbcglobal.net)

Nancy Witt, Stewart Witt, Mariette Kobrak, Donna Bartlett-May, Shirley Walkoe, Jeanne Brown, Margrit Spear, Amie Garapich, Carole Porter, Betsy Stevens, Barbara Evje, Joan Dahlin, Alice McCauley, Ann McDonald, Alex Brown





# Lunch with League

Wednesday, September 25, 2013

11:30 am-1:30 pm

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- ≈ William Lansdowne, San Diego Chief of Police
- ≈ Ron Marcus, San Diego Representative of the Brady Campaign
- ≈ Amy Lepine, Lepine Law and Constitutional Law Expert: *Balancing our Constitutional Rights and Promoting Personal Responsibility*

Moderator: Donna Bartlett-May, Co-President, LWVSD

\*"Non-Violence" (also known as "The Knotted Gun") is a pro-peace sculpture by Swedish artist Carl Fredrik Reuterswärd, designed in late 1980 and inspired by the shooting death of his pal, John Lennon. It was given to the UN by the government of Luxembourg in 1988.

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