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January Unit Meetings: Hot Topic ~ Talking Trash

At the Natural Resources and Culture Committee meeting on November 7, 2013, the committee unanimously supported a resolution to go to the City Council in December supporting the objective of zero waste in the City of San Diego. No finances were discussed and the Environmental Services Department would develop a plan to achieve 75% diversion by 2020 (a goal for the State of California) and zero waste going to the landfill by 2040. Some cities do more resource management than is done in San Diego, partly because the Peoples' Ordinance prevents the City from charging single family homeowners anything for hauling trash. The diversion rates per person (in pounds per day) in 2011 for some cities in San Diego are:

Chula Vista - 15.8	Imperial Beach - 29.4
Coronado - 34.0	La Mesa - 7.9
Del Mar - 12.8	Lemon Grove - 20.2
El Cajon - 13.3	National City - 14.5
Unincorporated San Diego County - 29.0	

The higher the number, the more reduction and recycling is being done.

A fact sheet on this topic will be available at the Unit meetings, but you might try to learn more about your own trash: Where does it go? What do you pay for hauling? Are greens and recyclables picked up from your home regularly? What is your city doing to reach 75% diversion rate by 2020? General questions regarding Zero Waste that will be discussed are: Is Zero Waste achievable? How would it be done? Would it be costly? How would we change our lifestyle to achieve it?

~ Beryl Flom, Member, Citizens Advisory Committee
on Resource Management

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

Program Planning Meeting

This opportunity comes only once a year. Please join us:

Saturday
February 1, 2014

Sierra Mesa Library
9005 Aero Drive
San Diego 92123

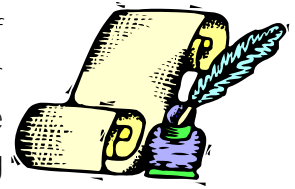
Meeting begins 10 am sharp
LUNCH 12-12:30 pm
Meeting resumes 12:30-2 pm

As a valued member of this grassroots organization, you have the opportunity and responsibility to indicate issues you believe should be the focus at the national and local levels. Which issues do you want prioritized in the United States and San Diego? Which positions need updating, if any? Let's use this opportunity to think strategically about the work of the League.

See page 4 for details.



Co-president's Message



This column is designed to share with you some of the current issues that are going on with our League, what is being done, and what needs to be done. My message this month is about an exciting event that is currently being planned for May 2015.

Yes, our League has the lead responsibility for much of the work in the planning and ultimate implementation of the convention with support from the North County League, four Leagues in Orange County and the Riverside League. The planning committee chairs are Donna Bartlett May and Jeanne Brown.

This all happens when the State League sends an invitation for Leagues to volunteer to host the convention in their city. We were fortunate in being selected as a host city in 2015. In the meantime we have another unique opportunity, when the State Board meets in San Diego on January 11 and 12, 2014. We are planning a reception for potential sponsors of the convention while the state leaders are present. We need your help in identifying potential sponsors that you personally know in local companies/businesses. We want to invite them to the reception. Please send the contact information to me at kragand@cox.net ASAP.

The convention in 2015 will be held in the Westin Hotel in Horton Plaza. This is where the board will meet on January 11 & 12. If you would like to observe the meeting on Sunday, January 12 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. you are welcome.

The Holiday Party/Silent Auction was a success. I hope you were available to attend. We are especially appreciative to the planning committee. With every function of the League there are those behind the scenes people that make it all happen. We need more of you to volunteer. If you would like to get involved please let us know. There are many jobs for which we do not have members assigned.

I wish for you the best year of your life.

~ Kay Ragan, Co-president

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Mark Your Calendars



Mar 15, 2014	Agriculture Study Consensus Meeting, University Community Library, Governor Drive, 10 am-2 pm — see page 5
May 17-18, 2014	LWVC State Council in San Jose
Jun 6-10, 2014	LWVUS National Convention in Dallas
May 15-17, 2015	LWVC Convention in San Diego!

January Units ~ Hot Topic - Talking Trash

Sat, Jan 11 10 am-noon	Southeastern	Malcolm X Library, Multi-media Room 5138 Market Street, San Diego 92105	Sue Rogers.....619-233-1744
Mon, Jan 13 9:30-11:30 am	Rancho Bernardo & Scripps Ranch	The Gateway – TV Room 858-487-1197 12751 Gateway Park Rd., Poway 92064	Claire Weiner.....858-679-7350 Betsy Stevens.....858-451-5653
Mon, Jan 13 1:30-3:30 pm	University City	North University City Community Library 8820 Judicial Drive, San Diego 92122	Mariette Kobrak...858 450-1521 Catherine Stoll....858-755-4119
Tues, Jan 14 9:30-11:30 am	La Jolla	La Jolla Community Center 6811 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla 92037	Joan Dahlin.....858-454-5019
Wed, Jan 15 1-3 pm	Tierrasanta	Tierrasanta Library 4985 La Cuenta Drive, San Diego 92124	Carole Porter.....858-279-5474
Wed, Jan 15 5:30-7:30 pm	Mission Valley	Mission Valley Library, Meeting Room A Fenton Pkwy, near Ikea, San Diego 92108	Debra Blum.....619-225-0353
Thurs, Jan 16 10 am-noon	College Rolando	College Rolando Library 6600 Montezuma Road, San Diego 92115	Barbara Evje.....619-463-0673 Pearline Hayes....619 582-2296
Thurs, Jan 16 10 am-noon	Ocean Beach/ Point Loma	Point Loma Library 3701 Voltaire St, Point Loma (SD) 92107	Nancy Witt.....619-222-7230 Shirley Walkoe....619-223-6314
Fri, Jan 17 10 am-noon	East County	El Cajon Library, Seminar Room 201 East Douglas Avenue, El Cajon 92020	Marietta Lassaline.619-448-6270

LWVSD Board/Committee Meetings ~ January

Fri	Jan 3	10 am	LWVSDC ILO Board, Scripps Ranch Library, 10301 Scripps Lake Dr, SD 92131
Mon	Jan 6	10 am	Membership Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave., Ste. 224A, SD 92111
Tues	Jan 7	4 pm	LWVSD Board, 3rd floor Conference Room, 7710 Balboa Avenue, SD 92111
Thurs	Jan 9	9:30 am	Unit Chairs Meeting, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave., Ste. 224A, SD 92111
Fri	Jan 10	9:30 am	Public Policy Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave., Ste. 224A, SD 92111
Wed	Jan 15	9:30 am	Education Committee, SD County Off. of Ed., 6401 Linda Vista Rd., SD 92111, 305
Fri	Jan 17	10 am	Program Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave., Ste. 224A, SD 92111
Tues	Jan 20	10 am	Natural Resources Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa, Ste. 224A, SD 92111

Special Events ~ January/February

Jan 11-12	LWVC Board Meeting, Westin Hotel, Horton Plaza. League Members welcome to observe Sunday, January 12, 9 am-3 pm, see page 2.
Feb 1	Program Planning for 2014-2015, 10 am-2 pm, see front page and page 4.

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

Program Planning Meeting ~ the Process (continued from front page)

We will meet, break into groups, and review the positions that have been established in the past. We will determine whether to retain, update, or delete each position.

After lunch we will determine **which should be the “issues for emphasis“ for next year’s program** and if we will need to do a study locally or to recommend one to the National or County League.

This year we will be looking at national, county and local positions. We will prioritize and evaluate and make recommendations for submission to the LWVSDC and LWVUS.

In order to do that we will all need to be comfortable with the following terms:

Study: When an issue is identified that cannot be acted upon for lack of an applicable League position, members may submit a recommendation for a new study. It should be accompanied by a scope or summary statement.

Concurrence: When a study has been completed and a position is held in another League, a vote of the delegates at the Convention or Annual Meeting can recommend that it be adopted verbatim. It also can be studied and adopted by individual local Leagues. Background material would be available.

Update: When there is reason to believe that an existing position is either outdated, no longer valid, or in demonstrable need of additional analysis and information, members may recommend an update. An update should also have a scope.

Issue for Emphasis: When a combination of member and citizen education is



needed based on an existing position; it may also include investigation or action.

Action: When a local issue is identified for advocacy through letters, speeches, coalitions, or other types of action, we may take such action if the issue corresponds to or ties in with a League position.

Investigation/Information Gathering: When an issue arises that merits action and is already covered by an existing position, a committee may be formed or an individual may volunteer to gather and report on additional information that can be used to strengthen a course of action (advocacy, publication, public meeting, etc.). The provision of informational reports, reference pieces, new data, and background papers can often take the place of unneeded new studies.

Our recommendations will be submitted to LWVUS by March 1. These issues will be reviewed by the LWVUS Board of Directors prior to the National Convention in May. This year the convention will be in Dallas. At the convention, delegates will discuss and vote on the issues for emphasis along with possible studies.

At the LWVSD Annual Meeting in June, our conclusions will be voted on by the attendees. These results **are the basis for next year’s programs, as the Program Committee plans Unit meetings, luncheons, tours, etc,**

Summaries of the LWVUS, LWVSDC and LWVSD positions will be available at the January Unit Meetings for you to review. However, positions in detail are available on the LWVUS and LWVSD websites. Get going!

~ Adrienne Schere and Jeanne Brown,
Program Planning Directors



The Year of “Enough Is Enough”!



At the United Nations in March, Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon reminded attendees at the annual session of the Commission on the Status of Women that in 1995 all 189

U.N. member states promised to end all forms of violence against women and girls. Other speakers, including UN Women Executive Director Michelle Bachelet, **concurred and added, “Enough is enough.” She also emphasized, “There can be no peace, no progress, as long as there is discrimination and violence against women.”**

Since March, the LWVSD has co-sponsored programs that are raising awareness about human trafficking, **men’s role in ending violence, and sexual harassment. The November Luncheon, “Ending Violence against Women and Girls,” centered on violence occurring in university settings, the military, workplaces, and in intimate relationships. Four panelists described their work in addressing this pervasive human rights violation.**

Dr. Lee Mintz, Director of SDSU’s Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities, outlined the steps students are to take in the event of a sexual assault on or near the campus. She commented that alcohol is involved in 95% of incidents of sexual assault; fraternities are **counseled against abusing alcohol at “House” events.**



Alexandra Seldin, Senior Staff Counsel, California Department of Fair Employment and Housing upholds California and federal legislation on sexual harassment and sexual assault in the workplace. Her PowerPoint slides showed the number of complaints filed has remained relatively stable during the past three years, but the settlement costs have more than doubled since 2009, increasing from \$7 million to \$15 million in 2012.

Attorney Gretchen Means, Highly Qualified Expert for the U.S. Marine Corps, Western Division, serves as Prosecution Consultant and monitors all reported sex crimes in this Marine Corps region.

Tyler Osterhaus, Men’s Leadership Forum of the San Diego Domestic Violence Council, described the importance of training men in leadership roles as a means of ending violence against women. Anne Hoiberg served as the Moderator.

Luncheon attendees agreed that “enough is enough” and “a promise is a promise.” We must end all forms of violence against women and girls.

~ Anne Hoiberg, Chair,
International Relations Committee

Year-End Drive ~ Partial Listing

Joan Eisenhower	Cynthia Garn	Penny Adler	Virginia Silverman	Danah Fayman
Linn Hairston	Wendy Wildey	Joan Cudhea	John O’Leary Carey	Cristin Hagaman
Allan McAllister	Jeanne Kintzele	Anonymous	Margaret Kattleman	Carole Lasher
Donna Frye	Janet Dixon	Ann Clark	Maryanne House	Dorothy Joy
Stuart and Linda Robinson		Es Gaunt	Diane Barlow-Coombs	Jean Persons

Thanks to our Donors!

We have received many donations since this list was compiled and apologize if you do not see your name this month! The February *Voter* will have many more people listed.



Membership



We are saddened by two deaths in our League family lately.

Margaret Treiger lived in Encinitis and was active in the League in both LA and San Diego.

Evelyn Kleber lived in Tierrasanta during her active years in the San Diego League, but she was also involved with League in Illinois. In 1976-77, she was president of the Geneva-St. Charles League and worked as a full-time member of the professional staff of the LWWIL. Here in San Diego, she served on the City's Solid Waste Citizens Advisory Committee and was a Unit chair, but most of all, Evelyn was always ready to help, especially for the Holiday Party. Her broad smile and kindness won lots of friends. In 2008, she was diagnosed with mild cognitive impairment which developed into Alzheimer's. Donations to LWVSD in Evelyn's memory would be a fitting tribute to her.

We continue to have many guests at Unit meetings and luncheons. Bringing friends is a great way to introduce them to the many opportunities open to members. Our latest new or reinstated members are Gwen Pamplin, 92114, and Joan Ames, 92064.

~ Beryl Flom, Membership Chair, 858-459-4406 or edflom@sbcglobal.net

Agriculture Study Update: Updated

The LWWUS Study Committee is still dragging its collective feet, but fortunately our Committee is not. And Mary Hanson, former ILO Natural Resources Director, has joined the team. Each member is researching a particular facet of the study which we have divided into these seven categories:

- ◆ Jeanne Brown ~ **GMO's**;
- ◆ Roni Seay ~ Accurate Food Labeling;
- ◆ Peggy Dornish ~ Herbicides and Pesticides;
- ◆ Liz Kruidenier ~ Antibiotics and Hormones in Livestock;
- ◆ Mary Hanson ~ Agricultural Water Pollution and Aquifer Depletion;
- ◆ Nan Valerio ~ 2013 Farm Bill, Federal Regulatory Process, and Consolidation in Agricultural Industries;
- ◆ Anne Omsted ~ Crop Subsidies.

Once reports, glossaries, and recommended Internet resources are prepared, they will be posted on our local League websites. Although these many materials may at first appear daunting, individual members can access them selectively and according to their particular interests and concerns.

February Unit Meetings in both Leagues will be devoted to the presentation and discussion of Study materials



and issues, led by the various Unit Chairs in both the San Diego League and the North County League. Committee members will be on hand as well.

We have scheduled a single Consensus Meeting for our two Leagues meeting together in the University Community Library on Governor Drive on Saturday, March 15, 2014, from 10 am until 2 pm.

In the morning session, Committee members will be set up around a conference room to present their materials visually and in print to members **who will be circulating among their "information posts."** We will break briefly for a catered lunch. The afternoon session will then be for the Consensus itself and will be moderated by Roni Seay, ILO President.

Considerable interest in this Study has been expressed by many members in both our Leagues. The Study Committee is now at work -- researching, sifting, summarizing, and preparing balanced, non-biased presentations for Units, for our websites, our VOTERs, and for the March 15 Joint Meeting morning session. Some members may **wish to read right away "Challenges and Opportunities in U. S. Agriculture" on the LWWUS website. See Members Only: Agricultural Update.**

~ Margaret H. Dornish, Chair, Agriculture Study

What are LCFF and LCAP?

In 2013 California adopted a new formula for deciding how much money each school district receives, called the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). In previous years districts used to receive money through categorical funds that could only be spent on specific programs such as the gifted and talented programs. There were over 40 of these programs, the majority of which have been eliminated under LCFF. The rest of the money, called the revenue limit, was given out using a complicated and outdated formula and did not take into account the needs of the students in each district. The LCFF establishes uniform per-student base grants, with different rates for different grade spans, recognizing the higher costs of education at higher grade levels. K-3 will get \$6,845 while 9-12 will get \$8,289/student. These are target figures that will be reached gradually over time. It will take eight years for the LCFF to reach full implementation. The LCFF recognizes that English learners, low-income and foster youth students have greater needs that require more resources. For each student in these categories, districts will receive an additional 20% of the adjusted base rate per student. On top of this supplemental grant, districts that have a high proportion (over 55%) of these students, receive an additional 50% of the adjusted base rate per student for each student above 55% of enrollment. This applies to San Diego Unified.

The LCAP, Local Control and Accountability Plan, is a critical part of the new LCFF. Each school district must engage parents, educators, employees and the community to establish these plans. The plans will describe the school



district's overall vision for students, annual goals and specific actions the district will take to achieve the vision and goals. It will specify how the additional funds over the base grants will be used specifically to enhance the educational programs of the three designated groups: English learners, low-income and foster youth. The LCAPs must focus on eight areas identified as state priorities. The plans will also **demonstrate how the district's budget will help achieve the goals**, and assess yearly how well the strategies in the plan were able to improve outcomes.

The LWVSD Education Committee is monitoring the LCFF and LCAP development in the district closely and is part of coalition groups that will be participating in the development and monitoring of these plans. You are welcome to join us in this endeavor. Please stay tuned!

**Information drawn from literature of the California State PTA and ACLU.*

~ Penny Adler, Chair, Education Committee

Legislative Interview Time ~ You are Invited!

Members are invited to participate in the annual Legislative Interviews with our state Assembly and Senate members during the months of January and early February. The state provides us with the questions and background information. The topics this year are Money in Politics, CEQA, and Education.

We are looking for three or four members to serve on the interview committee. Please contact Kay Ragan kragand@cox.net or Donna Bartlett-May dbartlettmay@aol.com by January 5, if you would like to participate.



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