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## Drones: the Good, the Bad, and the Amazing!



October 16, 2014 is the date of our next “Lunch with the League” at Tom Ham’s Restaurant. The registration flyer is included in this *Voter*. The Sep-

tember luncheon was such a success with over eighty people in attendance. The topic for this month is “Drones: The Good, the Bad, and the Amazing!” so we are expecting another great attendance.

The term “Drones,” which more accurately refers to military drones, is not the preferred term by the industry for unmanned aerial vehicles, but it seems like the one that perseveres. Perhaps because it is only one syllable rather than the three syllables of “UAS,” it is the term most of us recognize and continue to use. We have heard about them on “60 Minutes” delivering products from Amazon and providing intelligence and situational awareness from and to the battlefield. As with many tools, they can be used for good or bad and they can be amazing. Join us to learn more about these new innovations and how they may change our lives and our perceptions of our world.

Our speakers will be Gretchen West, Executive Vice-President of the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI), Michael D. Curran, Esq./ATP, CFII/MEI of Curran & Curran Law, Ted Batkin, SME for Agriculture Systems, and Dave Patterson, Past President, San Diego Veterans for Peace, with 25 years experience on aircraft and shipboard weapons systems including special operations aircraft.

Gretchen will speak about what AUVSI is doing to accelerate rule-making by the FAA to allow for airspace access for drones and to influence decision-makers on Capitol Hill. She will also discuss what they are doing at

the industry level to support the growth of the unmanned systems industry across the globe.

Ted Batkin will talk about the #1 application — precision agriculture — that has the majority of certificates of authorizations from the FAA. It is the fastest growing market for unmanned systems.

Michael Curran, an aviation attorney and professional pilot/flight instructor, will talk about the current legal cases/regulations that concern UAV/Drones and where there is likely to be regulation in the future.

Dave Patterson will speak on the problems he sees with our use of drones by the military and the CIA.

Be a part of this informative and controversial discussion. Send your reservation today!

~ *Jeanne Brown*, Vice President, Program



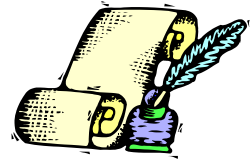
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San Diego

May 15-17

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# President's Message



Election time is upon us. This means pro and con presentations of ballot measure issues and candidate forums. We have requests for each of these educational programs.

Margaret Stevenson coordinates the pro and con presentations. Her team includes Mary Hanson, Debbie Blum, Jeanne Brown, Amie Garapich, Mariette Kobrak, Anita Reith, Betty Schulman, Donna Bartlett-May, and Bev Wilson. These members have spoken with many groups over the years. We can depend on them to give fair and balanced information on ballot measures. However, we are in need of additional members to participate in the training relative to ballot measures and then shadow an experienced presenter to increase our pool of speakers.

Vicki Riggs, a new member of the League, has taken on the big job of facilitating and staffing candidate forums requested by organizations in the various cities within our service area. To date we have requests for forums in Poway, Imperial Beach and El Cajon. A minimum number of five League members are needed for each event. Tasks include communicating and **coordinating with the sponsoring organization's chairperson, a moderator**, one or two timekeepers and two members to screen questions.

By the time some of you read this issue of the VOTER, our candidate reception/forum will have passed. Candidates for the following offices were invited to participate in the event we sponsored at the Hall of Champions in Balboa Park on October 1. Candidates were invited who are running for senate and assembly seats, San Diego City Council, the San Diego Community College District, Superior Court Judge and the SDUSD Board.

**The Membership Committee's work to recruit new voters and new members for League is ongoing.** Beryl Flom and new student member Rachel McDonald spent four plus hours at Mesa College recently offering to register new voters and provide information about the League.

**My theme continues, "We have many worker bees, but need many more bees."**

Thank you for your membership and your continued dedication to League.

~ *Kay Ragan*, [kragand@cox.net](mailto:kragand@cox.net)

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*Climate Change Luncheon Panel*

*Nicola Hedge*

*Kayla Race*

*Timu Gallien*

*Moderator:*

*Cary D. Lowe*

## October Units ~ Ballot Measures and the San Diego Port District

See page 5 for information about the meeting and the SD Port District

Wed, Oct 8 1-3 pm	Tierrasanta	Tierrasanta Library 4985 La Cuenta Drive, San Diego 92124	<b>Carole Porter.....858-279-5474</b>
Wed, Oct 8 5:30-7:30 pm	Mission Valley	Mission Valley Library, Meeting Room A Fenton Pkwy, near Ikea, San Diego 92108	<b>Debra Blum.....619-225-0353</b>
Fri, Oct 10 10 am-noon	East County	El Cajon Library, Seminar Room 201 East Douglas Avenue, El Cajon 92020	Marietta Lassaline.619-448-6270
Sat, Oct 11 10 am-noon	Southeastern	Malcolm X Library, Multi-media Room 5138 Market Street, San Diego 92105	<b>Sue Rogers.....619-233-1744</b>
Mon, Oct 13 9:30-11:30 am	Rancho Bernardo & Scripps Ranch	The Gateway – TV Room 858-487-1197 12751 Gateway Park Rd., Poway 92064	<b>Claire Weiner.....858-679-7350</b> <b>Betsy Stevens.....858-451-5653</b>
Mon, Oct 13 10 am-noon	Ocean Beach/ Point Loma	Point Loma Library 3701 Voltaire St, Point Loma (SD) 92107	<b>Nancy Witt.....619-222-7230</b> <b>Shirley Walkoe....619-223-6314</b>
Mon, Oct 13 1:30-3:30 pm	University City	North University City Community Library 8820 Judicial Drive, San Diego 92122	Mariette Kobrak...858 450-1521 <b>Catherine Stoll...858-755-4119</b>
Tues, Oct 14 9:30-11:30 am	La Jolla	La Jolla Community Center 6811 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla 92037	<b>Terri Prevost.....619-384-3062</b> Alice McCauley....858-642-1856
Tues, Oct 14 1:30-3:30 pm	College/Rolando	College Rolando Library 6600 Montezuma Road, San Diego 92115	<b>Ann McDonald....619-464-1937</b> <b>Pearline Hayes....619 582-2296</b>

### LWVSD Board/Committee Meetings ~ October

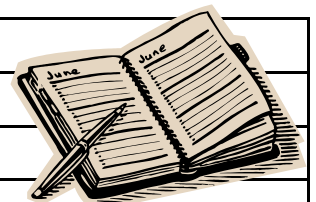
Thurs	Oct 2	9:30 am	Unit Council, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave., Ste. 224A, SD 92111
Fri	Oct 3	1 pm	LWVSD Board Meeting, Board Room, 7710 Balboa Ave., SD 92111
Fri	Oct 10	9:30 am	Public Policy Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave., Ste. 224A, SD 92111
Wed	Oct 15	9:30 am	Education Committee, SD County Office of Ed., 6401 Linda Vista Rd., SD 92111, 301
Fri	Oct 17	10 am	Program Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave., Ste. 224A, SD 92111

### LWVSD Activities ~ October

Wed, Oct 1, 6-8 pm	Meet the Candidates ~ see September Voter or online Google Calendar
Wed, Oct 15, 4:30 pm	<b>SEEE ~"Demystifying the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics" ~ see flyer</b>
Thurs, Oct 16, 11:30 am	<b>Lunch with League ~ "Drones: The Good, the Bad and the Amazing" ~ pages 1 &amp; 7</b>
Wed, Oct 22, 5 pm	<b>Education Committee Film Premier ~ "The Raising of America...." see flyer</b>

### Save the Dates ~ Mark Your Calendars

Sun, Nov 9, 2 pm	<b>"This We'll Defend," play and fundraiser, see page 4</b>
Thurs, Feb 19	<b>Lunch with League ~ "The Rising Costs of Higher Education"</b>
Thurs, Mar 19	<b>Lunch with League ~ "Campaign Finance Reform"</b>
Thurs, April 16	<b>Lunch with League ~ "Schools and Infrastructure Issues"</b>
May 15-17, 2015	LWVC Convention in San Diego! Watch for more information. You can help. See front page



Also see <http://lwvsandiego.org/calendar.html>

## The Raising of America – Early Childhood and the Future of Our Nation

Please join the League of Women Voters San Diego on Wednesday, October 22 from 5 to 8 pm for an engaging evening of learning and conversation with community members, educators, advocates, business colleagues and San Diego leaders. We will be getting a sneak preview of the signature episode of a docu-



mentary series and public engagement campaign which seeks to reframe the way we look at early child health **and development.** **“The Raising of America – Early Childhood and the Future of Our Nation”** illustrates how a strong start for all our kids leads not only to better individual life course outcomes, learning, earning, and physical and mental health, but also to a healthier, safer, better educated, more prosperous and equitable nation. This hour long episode moves back and forth between the science of human development and the stories of families and communities struggling to provide the rich and responsive environments all children need to thrive.

This evening is one of over 30 similar events happening across the United States and the first in California. The event will take place in the auditorium of the new downtown central library and will begin at 5 pm with appetizers provided by the International Culinary School of San Diego. This will be followed by the viewing of the documentary and then a moderated panel discussion with participants from the early learning, medical and business

communities. They will reflect on the documentary and share examples of how their business or organization has supported children and their families with established policies and programs.

Confirmed panelists include Praadeep Gidwani, MD, MPH, American Academy of Pediatrics; Suzanne

Flint, Library Programs Consultant, California State Library; and Dr. Ilene Klein, Director Global Employee Health Services for Qualcomm. After questions and discussion, the audience will be invited to continue the conversation over coffee and dessert. We hope the **evening’s events will lead to identifying possible strategies and opportunities for action in support of healthy families and a healthy economy in the San Diego region.**

Thanks to the generous support of First 5 San Diego and the Child Care and Development Planning Council, San Diego County, each audience member will receive a **copy of “For Our Babies: Ending the Invisible Neglect of America’s Infants” by J. Ronald Lally. The event is free with a \$5 charge for parking at the library. Space is limited and to attend you must RSVP. Don’t miss out on being a part of this special community event. Please see enclosed flyer for more detailed information.**

~ *Penny Adler*, Director, Education



Save-the-Date: Sunday, November 9, 2 pm

"This We'll Defend," a reading by local Playwright Anita Rodriguez Simons, is a politically relevant drama based on a compilation of actual stories about sexual assault in the U.S. military. Fundraiser in support of the LWV-SD, local actors, local playwright, arts, and Women's Museum of California Museum Exhibit for Domestic Violence Awareness Month: "Exposing Scars," photos by Jennifer George

Women's Museum of California, 2730 Historic Decatur Road, Barracks 16, Liberty Station

Discussion and Reception \$25





## Membership

We often have several guests at the Unit meetings when Pros and Cons of Ballot Measures are presented. Two of them joined at the Rancho Bernardo/Scripps Ranch Unit:

John Dannan 92064

Madonna Newburg 92064

The Yearbook is being printed now and will be distributed at the October Unit meetings to those who want it. It contains a roster of members, calendar, and a list of Board members.

Be sure you watch your email for updates on events and look at the website, [www.lwvsandiego.org](http://www.lwvsandiego.org). There is an up-to-date calendar, flyers for upcoming events, and much background information on the LWVSD, studies, elected officials, public policy, etc.

~ *Beryl Flom*, Director, Membership, 858-459-4406, [edflom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:edflom@sbcglobal.net)

## October Unit Meetings

The San Diego Unified Port District Board of Commissioners: What do you know about them? What should you know about them? What do they do, how are they chosen and how long do they serve?

Did you know that the LWVSD has two observers for the port commission who attend their meetings and report back on the actions and decisions made? These and other questions will be answered at the October Unit meetings.

Because the meetings will be just before the November election, we will offer a summary of the ballot measures discussed at the September meetings, but our focus will be on the wonderful information that **Sue Rogers and Cathy O'Leary Carey bring back to** the Public Policy Committee on a monthly basis. It will begin with a short quiz where we will discuss the questions and answers as a group and then, as usually happens, discuss the importance of this information to San Diegans.

If there is time we hope to bring up the valuable work of observers and why we need more of them. Some of you may have served as an observer and would like to share some of your experiences.

Check to see which Unit meeting fits best on your calendar. **You don't want to miss this one.**

~ *Sue Rogers* and *Cathy O'Leary Carey*

## LWV October Unit Discussion Port of San Diego an Overview

1. In what year was the Port of San Diego established?
2. What is the jurisdiction of the Port of San Diego?
3. Who governs the port?
4. To whom do the tidelands belong?
5. What is the dollar output (approximately) of all of the business activity within the port jurisdiction?
6. What shipping terminals and maritime business is important to the port?
7. What are some of the major commercial properties over whom the port serves as landlord?
8. Discuss how you think port commissioners should balance their roles as landlord – regulator – trustee of the tidelands.
9. What actions is the port commission taking for the stewardship of the environment?
10. What recreation and public access does the port provide?
11. Does the port make a contribution to the public safety and our security?
12. Do you know how the Board of Port Commissioners is different from some other governing bodies?



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