



Powerful Women (and a Few Good Men)

You've probably had this experience in dozens of places: You're sitting at a gathering of neighbors, friends or colleagues, talking about what's wrong in this country. Suddenly, someone brings an end to the discussion by saying, "It doesn't matter what we think. We don't have any power."

That may be commonplace in many settings, but when I heard it the other day at an informal luncheon among members of the League of Women Voters, I almost fell out of my chair. How can anyone who has been involved in the League ever believe he or she is powerless?

For 14 years I worked as a lawyer and director of a non-profit serving women in deep poverty. A big part of our mission was making the voices of low-income families heard in places where public policy is made. So much bad public policy toward the poor comes from the fact that they are absent from discussions that precede official action, leaving elected and administrative officials to craft laws, regulations, policies and practices from false assumptions about the target population. For example, welfare reform policies are based in great part on false assumptions about low-income women. In areas where provisions of law are generated by those assumptions, the effects are very unfair to these women. But everyone suffers in some way from policies that have been adopted without concern for the way they affect us.

Enter the League of Women Voters.

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January Luncheon and Units

When Sara saw her good friend Kathy in the market not long ago, she was so delighted to see her out and about. Since Kathy had become a caregiver for her terminally ill parent, she rarely has a chance to get out. As the two met again they hugged and spoke in low voices about the challenges that Kathy has been dealing with for over a year now.

Sara was almost afraid to mention the League to her, but Kathy brought it up first. **What is the League doing about this issue of "Death with Dignity," she questioned? Sara said she knew it was a very delicate subject, especially with all that Kathy's family has been handling for so long. It was so hard to watch her father slipping away and in a condition he found so unable to control.**

What would you say to your friend if you were in Sara's place? Come to the January Unit meetings and luncheon to learn where the California League stands, what "DWD" means and discuss what could be done about this important issue.

See you there at the January Unit Meetings (check the schedule in this Voter) and luncheon on flyer. Also see the article on page 11.

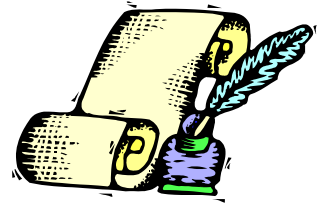
Jody Tadder, Director, Finance



Heads up for our Annual Program Planning Meeting on February 7! See more information on page 7.

Kick off your shoes, sit back, and spend some time with this very informative newsletter.

President's Message



In order to have the Voter out and available to members by the first of January we need to get the copy ready in mid-December. I am then writing this before the December holidays. Even though there is less League activity this month, there is still much work going on in preparation for January and following months of the New Year.

The Public Policy Committee continues its work in assessing and comparing climate action plans in cities throughout the county. The committee has also been asked to support the latest plans for the Balboa Park Bridge. There has also been a request to weigh in on the proposed senior complex near the Polo Fields.

The Program Committee has little down time as evidenced by the luncheon programs in January and February along with the annual Program Planning Meeting on February 7. Check out the program plans in other sections of this issue of the Voter.

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The Nominating Committee, chaired by Nancy Witt, has begun their search for Board members. Whether you are a long term member or a new Leaguer, it is the right time to step up and take a more active role. Along with the work there are several rewards like making new friends, enhancing existing relationships, working on issues that are important to you and good feelings that come with making a difference.

You know that I would not close this message without reminding everyone that the California State Convention is only five months away. I want to thank each of you who have volunteered to work one or more days May 14 through May 17, 2015. It is not too late to volunteer. Please get in touch with Volunteer Coordinator Cris Hagaman; she will let you know the many ways you can be involved.

Let's make it the best year in LWV San Diego history!

Kay Ragan kragand@cox.net 619-233-8133



**League of Women Voters of California
 Convention 2015**

San Diego. May 15-17

January Units ~ Death with Dignity (see pages 1 & 11)

Sat, Jan 10 10 am-noon	Southeastern	Malcolm X Library, Multi-media Room 5138 Market Street, San Diego 92105	Sue Rogers.....619-233-1744
Mon, Jan 12 9:30-11:30 am	Rancho Bernardo & Scripps Ranch	The Gateway – TV Room 858-487-1197 12751 Gateway Park Road, Poway 92064	Claire Weiner.....858-679-7350 Betsy Stevens.....858-451-5653
Mon, Jan 12 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
Mon, Jan 12 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
Mon, Jan 12 1:30-3:30 pm	College/Rolando	College Rolando Library 6600 Montezuma Road, San Diego 92115	Ann McDonald....619-464-1937 Pearline Hayes....619 582-2296
Tues, Jan 13 9:30-11:30 am	La Jolla	La Jolla Community Center 6811 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla 92037	Terri Prevost.....619-384-3062 Alice McCauley....858-642-1856
Wed, Jan 14 1-3 pm	Tierrasanta	Tierrasanta Library 4985 La Cuenta Drive, San Diego 92124	Carole Porter.....858-279-5474
Wed, Jan 14 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
Fri, Jan 16 9:30-11:30 am	East County	El Cajon Library, Seminar Room 201 East Douglas Avenue, El Cajon 92020	Marietta Lassaline.619-448-6270

LWVSD Board/Committee Meetings ~ January

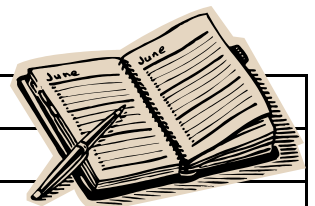
Fri	Jan 2	10 am	LWVSDC ILO Board Meeting, Scripps Ranch Library
Mon	Jan 5	10 am	Membership Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave, Ste. 224A, SD 92111
Tues	Jan 6	5 pm	LWVSD Board Meeting, Board Room, 7710 Balboa Ave, SD 92111
Wed	Jan 7	10 am	Tours Committee. League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave, Ste. 224A, SD 92111
Thurs	Jan 8	9:30 am	Unit Council, 3rd Floor Board Room, 7710 Balboa Ave, SD 92111
Fri	Jan 9	9:30 am	Public Policy Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave, Ste. 224A, SD 92111
Fri	Jan 16	10 am	Program Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave, Ste. 224A, SD 92111
Wed	Jan 21	9:30 am	Education Committee, SD County Office of Ed., 6401 Linda Vista Rd, SD 92111, 305

LWVSD Activities ~ January

Thurs, Jan 15	Lunch with League, “Death with Dignity,” see flyer.
Thurs, Jan 22	Planned Parenthood 42nd Anniversary Roe v Wade Dinner, see page 8.

Save the Dates ~ Mark Your Calendars

Sat, Feb 7	Annual Program Planning Meeting, see page 6.
Thurs, Feb 19	Lunch with League ~ “The Rising Costs of Higher Education”
Thurs, Apr 16	Lunch with League ~ “Schools and Infrastructure Issues”
May 15-17, 2015	LWVC Convention in San Diego! You can help. See page 4.



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

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(continued from front page) What other organization has had such a brilliant history of insisting on access to the democratic process for all Americans, particularly women and minorities? What other organization has led the effort to inform the American public about the **importance of every person's vote?** What other organization has such credibility as a fair-minded source of information on issues facing our communities, states and nation? There are thousands of entities, public and private, that spend millions attempting to create a public image with the respect and credibility enjoyed by the League of Women Voters. This image is built on real accomplishments over a long and distinguished history. It is not the illusion of power, but the substance, and it can be used to lend weight to people who need to be listened to by government.

Many Americans, particularly in affluent communities, have participated in an organized response to ill-conceived public policy when it has hit them squarely in their person, property or pocketbook. They might complain to their elected officials, and sometimes, they might organize neighbors and community members to challenge policymakers. When this happens, people in power weigh the consequences of ignoring the call for change. Will they lose campaign money or the support of kingmakers? Will their personal advantages or position be diminished? Will the damage to their careers outweigh the benefit? How great is the risk?

This is where the League becomes so important. It has been around for a long time. Its members are intelligent, well-spoken, involved individuals in the community -- thinking people with independent opinions, not easily misled by hype or false attentions. They have a history of seeking accurate and intimate knowledge of what is happening in their community, state and nation. They have wisdom gained from a host of personal life challenges. They are not afraid to

take a stand because they are not dependent on government money or the support of political parties. The power such an organization lends to any call for change is immense, and the risk increases for any policymaker who ignores the call.

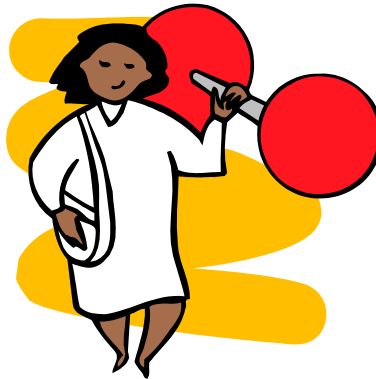
I have been in meetings in which the presence of even one member of the League of Women Voters has forced policymakers to listen to constituencies they have long avoided on subjects to which they have long been hostile. When the low-income women I served met with policymakers without a League representative, they often were treated disrespectfully, and their requests for further efforts to address the subject were ignored. The watchful interest of the League of Women Voters acted as a warning against such conduct. In my work, our campaigns for change often took three to five years before we saw concrete results. This was no deterrent for the League. They were just as willing to see things through as we were.

These are some of the reasons why it seems so anomalous to hear members

of the League say they have no power. It's like saying the League doesn't matter. That happens to be the most common thing people say when they decide not to vote -- "My vote doesn't matter." But throughout its history, the League has stood for the principle that every vote is a singularly powerful action made more potent when it is informed. So it is ironic that the very organization that breathes life into the smallest official act of a citizen can conclude that its members, individually or organizationally, are powerless. It is simply not true.

Yet if we are blind to our own power, we cannot use it thoughtfully, rendering it inaccessible in our effort to influence outcomes. Perhaps it is time for the League to look inward and rediscover itself.

Joni Halpern, Member and Invited Commentator



Let the Sun Shine In at the 2015 State Convention

The Convention Committee has been hard at work along with the State League planning the 2015 Convention here in our beautiful city at the downtown Westin. There is a lot of buzz up and down the state about attending this convention, especially because of its location and the plans we have made to make this a great convention.

The plan so far is to have a border tour focusing on deportation of Mexicans on May 14 before the convention begins. The committee working on this tour has some great visits planned in Tijuana but you must have a passport that expires more than six months after May 14, 2015. Friday, the convention begins and that evening is our League fund raising dinner at Bucca di Beppo. Watch for the speaker, soon to be named, and mark your calendar.

There will be no luncheons on Friday or Saturday; attendees will be given two hours to do their own thing. Anne Hoiberg will offer Gaslamp tours talking about the women of the Gaslamp on those days. All of these events are available only to people who are registered for one or more days of the convention. There will be many interesting workshops and caucuses as usual at convention so attendees will be busy all day Friday and Saturday. The convention will wrap up on Sunday with the voting on program, the budget, resolutions and the election of officers and directors. The League hosting the 2017 Convention will be announced also.

The convention attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a silent auction and purchase items in the marketplace like previous conventions. We also need more volunteers to work each of the days. If you have any ideas for items for the auction or marketplace, please contact Donna Bartlett-May

(dbartlettmay@gmail.com). If you would like to volunteer, please contact Cris Hagaman (cristinhagaman@gmail.com).

The LWVSD is entitled to seven voting delegates for this convention. Those positions will be offered first to Board members, then to Unit chairs and committee members, then to general membership. Delegates must be well informed on the issues that will be discussed and voted upon. This is an opportunity for all LWVSD members to attend a state conference without traveling. Even non-members can attend and get to know League.

Donna Bartlett-May, Convention Co-chair



**League of Women Voters of California
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Cris Hagaman is chairing the convention volunteer committee. Please let her know how you would like to help.
cristinhagaman@gmail.com



Information will be available at registration, but if you want to make plans early, visit www.gaslamp.org/visitor-guide

Pure Water Working Group

The City of San Diego created the Pure Water Working Group to provide diverse opinions on the **City's Pure Water Program to help ensure a successful water future for the San Diego region.** The League of Women Voters of San Diego was asked to send a representative. Others in the group included the Building Industry Association, San Diego Surfrider, the Coastal Environmental Rights Foundation, the Urban League of San Diego County, the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, the San Diego County Taxpayers Association, and the Audubon Society.

The group was asked to provide feedback on elements and strategy of the Pure Water Program. Over the course of eight meetings, the group became knowledgeable about the Pure Water Project, the Point Loma Water Treatment Plant and its permit history, reviewed the consultant findings associated with the program costs and impacts on rates, and provided feedback to city staff.

In a nutshell, the Pure Water Project will take wastewater that would have otherwise gone to the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant, been treated, and then dumped into the ocean. The Point Loma Plant has been operating under a waiver from the Federal Clean Water Act standards which require secondary treatment. The plant currently treats to advanced primary level. It is estimated that the cost to upgrade the plant would be approximately \$2 billion. Investing in the Pure Water Project and seeking federal

legislation to allow San Diego to meet modified secondary standards could eliminate the need for the upgrade.

The Pure Water Project is a phased multi-year program that would treat the wastewater through multi-barrier steps including membrane filtration, reverse osmosis, UV/Advanced oxidation, and then store it in the San Vicente Reservoir. The water would be drawn from the reservoir, treated again at a water treatment plant, then distributed into the water system. San Diego has conducted a pilot project to determine the quality of water processed in this manner. This is a process already successfully used in Orange County for many years.

The cost to the consumer for this water is hard to determine at this point but if all goes well, it is estimated to be between \$1700 and \$1900 per acre foot. The cost the city paid for untreated imported water in 1996 was approximately \$400 per acre foot. It is now \$1200 per acre foot and projected to reach \$6,000 per acre foot by 2050. Desalinated water from the Carlsbad plant is estimated at \$2250 to \$2350 per acre foot. The project would provide about **one-third the city's water (83 million gallons per day)** by 2035.

The San Diego City Council on November 18, 2014 approved submitting a modified permit application to avoid costly upgrades in return for achieving secondary equivalency and implementing potable reuse of wastewater. I read a statement to the council on behalf of the League supporting the project using the LWVC water position.

Donna Bartlett-May, Secretary



Program Planning is Right Around the Corner!

Do you care about voting? Never miss an election? That tells me that you care about what our government **is doing**. Then you need to come to the League's program planning meeting on Saturday, February 7 at the Mission Valley Library from 10 am to 1 pm. Any time we are reviewing our positions it becomes a challenge for members to choose which topic is of the most interest to you. At this meeting we will vote to reaffirm local and state positions, recommend updates and recommend new studies.



If you have special interest in more than one topic, prepare your notes on your recommendations so they can be shared on February 7.

The League sets its agenda through the Program Planning process. You voted in November because you care

about who will be setting our political future; you need to make your voice heard about what you want the **League's future to be**. This is the grassroots of the League making decisions to be sent to the local and state Boards.

We'll be discussing League policy and positions at the state and local levels, including where the League should focus its energy over the next two years. Do we think there should be a new study? Should we focus on Money in Politics, Death with Dignity, Higher Education? What are the areas of concern to us here in San Diego? This is when the decisions are made for the next year.

A light lunch will be provided. Donations appreciated.

Please rsvp at lwvsandiego@gmail.com so that we know how many to plan for.

Kay Ragan, President, and Jeanne Brown, Vice-president

ILO Update



There are many activities going on in each of our local cities but none more important than the recent action by the San Diego County Board of Supervisors to launch the research drive to find a cure **for Alzheimer's**. Chairwoman Diane Jacobs and Supervisor Dave Roberts seem to be taking the major leadership roles in this effort. I **don't know how the League can support this effort, but** it is certainly a most wonderful goal. I am reminded that both these supervisors have been responsible for our no-cost use of the County Operations Center for annual ILO meetings.

As we begin the New Year we must give serious thought to the ILO vacancies on the Board. I am encouraged by the cooperation of our two Leagues in the ongoing Behavioral (Mental) Health Position Update and the County Agriculture Study Committees. Members from both Leagues are on the Convention and Fund Development for the Convention Committees. Both Leagues have made significant donations to the convention fund. The spirit of cooperation abounds

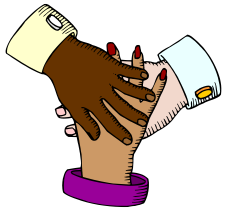
which makes it all worthwhile.

I hope I have sold you on the merits of the ILO. Maybe you are a person that has served on your local Board and would like a new challenge; if so, please let your **interest be known or say "Yes" when approached** by a Nominating Committee member.

I am looking forward to a great year in League. I hope **one of your New Year's resolutions is to become more active...there are so many ways: serving on the Nominating Committee, serving on the Board, participating on the Climate Action Plans Committee, serving on the committee to plan the Annual Meeting, serving as an Observer of the Board of Supervisors, or an Observer of the County Board of Action.** Better still, you name the issue that is of most importance to you and see how it fits our issues of emphasis for the year.

Happy New Year

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Membership

It is finally happening! Younger gals are joining the League and getting involved. Please welcome several new and reinstated members in the last two months:

- Joni Halpern....**92106** Louise Klinke....**92104** Ann and Don Cottrell....**92115**
- Joan Ames...**92064** Alice Yee...**92037** Betty Bixby....**92064** Nancy Phung....**92116**
- Jane Susskind....**92116** Amanda Berg....**92103** Steve and Susan Davis....**92116**
- David Harris....**92014** Deanne George....**92130** Tony and Paula Hurst...**92124**

Two husbands of long-time members of LWVSD died recently. Amazingly, both couples were married over 70 years!

Myron Joseph, husband of Florence (Flo) Joseph, was a renowned arbitrator and professor of economics and labor relations at Carnegie Mellon University. He served on the Council of Economic Advisors under Presidents John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson. In 1980 he became the Secretary of Labor and Industry for the state of Pennsylvania. They retired in La Jolla where he continued to work until he was 91 years old, played tennis, and was active at Osher Institute of Continued Learning at UCSD including acting in their plays. Flo continues to live in her apartment in La Jolla Shores.


Kenneth (Ken) Venn was a past member of LWVSD and was married to Fran Venn who is a 50 year member and was a leader in Education for LWVSD and LWVC. Both were education administrators. As a counselor, Ken helped to found the Head Start program and developed many programs in special education and in educating children from minority families. After retirement he traveled to most of the Pacific Islands working for Harcourt Brace Test Publishers, teaching school districts how to correctly administer tests. Ken valued his marriage and family dearly and shared his philosophy with them all. Fran continues to live at the VI Retirement Home in UTC.

Beryl Flom, Director, Membership, 858-459-4406, edflom@sbcglobal.net

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SAN DIEGO							
Profit and Loss July 2013- June 2014							
	INCOME			% of Budget	EXPENSES		
	PROPOSED	ACTUAL			PROPOSED	ACTUAL	% of Budget
MEMBERSHIP ¹	\$ 22,450	\$ 24,386	109%	\$ 17,869	\$ 17,358	97%	
DEVELOPMENT	13,300	13,134	99%	2,600	2,768	106%	
PROGRAM ²	3,500	18,738	535%	3,850	3,639	95%	
VOTER SERVICE	350	155	98%	200	267	134%	
NEWSLETTER	-	-		1,636	1,548	95%	
LWVSD BOARD ³	800	330	41%	850	1,866	220%	
ADMINISTRATION	525	328	62%	13,920	11,515	83%	
	\$ 40,925	\$ 57,071	139%	\$ 40,925	\$ 38,961	95%	

Prepared by Kathleen MacCloud, Outgoing Treasurer
Mary Hanson, Treasurer

**Planned Parenthood
Annual Dinner**



Planned Parenthood is celebrating its 42nd Anniversary Roe v Wade Dinner on Thursday, January 22, 2015, 6-9 pm, 404 Euclid Avenue, San Diego 92114. The cost is \$60 if purchased before Jan. 15; after, it is \$70. You may make your reservations at www.roesandiego.org.

INCOME MINUS EXPENSES⁴ is \$42,197 - \$38,961 = \$3,236

¹ Includes dues of \$17,665 minus \$16,616 spent on Per Member Payments (PMP) = \$1,049 net income divided by 323 members = \$3.25 local dues income per member
² Includes \$14,874 in unanticipated income from the East County league dissolution
³ Includes \$1,654 in unbudgeted Delegate Expenses
⁴ Excludes \$14,874 in income (see item ²) that was transferred to Savings

Jeanne Brown Named to National Study on Money and Politics

Our own Jeanne Brown has been named to the national study committee on Money and Politics. This study was approved at the last National Contention. The committee is comprised of members across the nation. Brown and one other member from California were appointed. There are ten members on the committee, so this is a real honor for our local League.



Our current position is “The LWV of the US believes that the methods of financing political campaigns should ensure the public’s right to know, combat corruption and undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office and allow maximum citizen participation in the political process.”

The scope of the committee is “to consider the rights of individuals and organizations, under the First Amendment, to express their political views through independent expenditures and the finance of election campaign activities and how those right, if any, should be protected and reconciled with the interests set out in the current position.”

The committee is holding two hour conference calls every two weeks. **Brown’s first assignment, with a partner is to begin a short paper on “Dark Money.”**

The immediate goal of the committee is to get materials to local Leagues as soon as possible, so they may begin the reading and establish local study groups.

Kay Ragan, President

Prop Talks

The mid-term election of November 4, 2014 was a low attendance year for Prop Talks; because there were only six propositions on the ballot, there was not much attention paid in the media, and the voters were not as interested in the midyear election.



So the speakers did not have oodles of calls – 39 groups, including the Units - about 789 people. Groups included churches and religious organizations, community and neighborhood groups, seniors, women, young adult and university groups, and one yacht club. This time we did speak to a great group of young professionals, which was fun.

The issues, as usual, were very interesting and important. Our speakers, as always, were well prepared and interesting. Many thanks to Debbie Blum, Jeanne Brown,

Amie Garapich, Mary Hanson, Anne Hoiberg, Mariette Kobrak, Anita Reith, Betty Schulman, and Margaret Stevenson. Five of these gals do Prop Talks in addition to

their Board jobs, which is amazing! What a super group to work with!

The election in 2016 is shaping up to be huge! Perhaps you would like to join our merry band. This work is a win-win-win-win situation – LWV wins; the voters win; **you win; and all your friends and relatives win! That’s hard to beat!** Give Margaret a call or email if you want to ask about it.

Margaret Stevenson, Director, Speakers Bureau
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Amazon Smile is a program that gives a small amount of your purchases to the charity of your choice. A few of us have been trying it out. I signed up at <http://smile.amazon.com/> and was asked which charity I wanted to support. I chose our League from a pretty-long list. When I was ready to make an Amazon purchase, I went back to that site; the page looks like a regular page except it says at the top, **“Supporting: League Of Women Voters of San Diego County.”** I made my purchases and paid as I always have.



Dolores Nelson, Voter Editor, prncpl@cox.net

Voter Registration and Participation

November Units discussed voter registration and participation. They used a short quiz to stimulate discussion. The goal was to gather ideas for the League to increase voter registration and participation.

The first part of the quiz asked about participation by these groups: unmarried women, Latinos, African-Americans, and young voters. Then Leaguers were asked to give reasons why it is important for each of these groups to vote. Here are responses:

- Self-interest
- **Don't let rich guys (those with \$ to influence) win**
- U.S. needs informed voters
- Voting breaks down injustice
- These groups care about minimum wage, equal pay, ACA, birth control, choice, issues of immigration, small business needs, inequality
- Representation at all levels of government
- College tuition, student loans, housing, image issues
- Your future is being determined
- Every privilege requires an obligation
- Voting gives a voice: not voting helps the other side

Here are some specific ideas to increase voter registration/participation:

- Sponsor candidate meetings
- Use Smart Voter publicity
- Increase LWV membership
- Get into schools* (comments about schools marked with *)
- Go house to house to register voters
- Civics class starting in elementary school to encourage sense of citizen responsibility*
- Make information on candidates and issues easier to find
- Target unmarried women to register/vote
- Work toward voting by mail
- Target groups that already meet together and have a history of not voting (like college campus clubs)

- Use social media more
- Use public service announcements on stations that attract these groups
- Address the attitude of **“What’s in it for me?”** and **“Why should I care?”**



- **One on one “story telling” is powerful, but slow**
- Charge people for not voting as in Australia!
- Remind people how it was before blacks and women could vote
- Concentrate on why to vote
- Register people in high school, college, senior housing*
- Encourage churches to register voters and tell why, not how, to vote
- Have presence at Naturalization Ceremonies
- Focus on narrow topics that get people out to vote
- Have get-out-the-vote a higher priority
- Public service announcements to register on line
- Engage political science students with specific projects (college and high school level)*
- Encourage family discussions at the dinner table
- Continue registration on night before election
- Precinct walking
- Have high school teachers hand out registration forms*
- Have mock elections in elementary through high school*
- Encourage candidates to stick to issues not personalities
- Coordinate with other organizations that may have this as a focus
- Ask for grants (from Price Foundation) to reach out to underserved communities
- Check with the Registrar of Voters for statistics on our latest election.

Carole Porter, Unit Coordinator

One in Seven Children in the U.S. is Food Insecure

The United States has less child poverty than Romania but is worse than 28 other developed nations, according to UNICEF.



I head a committee on poverty, child abuse and neglect that will be developing a program in April for our Units. Please collect articles and join our committee. In January I plan to have a meeting at my home in Mission Hills.

Please let me know of your interest by e-mailing me at larrison3717@gmail.com or by phone 619-296-1473.

Marjie Larson, ILO, Director, Social Policy

January Unit Meetings: Death with Dignity

During the LWV San Diego program planning process there was strong interest in looking at the issue of death with dignity. Bev Wilson formed a committee and found that the LWV of Arizona did a study and published a report last year. The issue has gained more attention in California recently and we may find it on the state ballot again. The LWV of CA has no position on end of life policies and therefore is unable to speak to it at this time. The committee wants to bring a proposal to the May 2015 LWVC Convention in San Diego to do a study or consider adopting another state position like LWV of Arizona in time to take action in California. The committee will present the program at the January Unit Meetings.

Link to the Arizona study report: <http://www.lwvaz.org/files/EndOfLifeChoices-LWVAZwhitepaper.pdf>

For information or to join the committee contact Bev Wilson at bjwilson@san.rr.com

Tutoring Opportunities

Oasis is an organization for seniors which offers many opportunities for education and service to the community, with similar goals as the League. We believe our **two organizations can support each other's programs** and that it would be helpful to share information in our newsletters.

San Diego OASIS is a nonprofit organization serving people 50+ throughout the San Diego region. Its community service programs benefit all ages and communities. The mission is to promote successful aging through a three-fold approach: lifelong learning, healthy living and community service. Current membership is 37,000 and membership is free. OASIS offers almost 2,000 classes each year at more than 22 locations throughout the San Diego County. Class cost ranges from free to \$14 per class. Intergenerational Tutoring: OASIS trains and

places volunteer literacy tutors in local elementary schools to help children in grades K-4 build reading and writing skills. No teaching experience **is needed.** **San Diego OASIS' staff will provide all the books, teaching materials, and journals to use in tutoring sessions.** The typical commitment is to volunteer approximately 45 minutes, one day a week, working one-on-one with a child. The next two-day Tutor Training is on Tuesday, Jan. 13-Wed. Jan 14 12:00-3:00 **p.m. at the San Diego OASIS location at Macy's in Mission Valley.** RSVP if interested to Kathryn Gray, Tutoring Coordinator, kgray@oasisnet.org (619) 269-8014 to reserve your spot.

Penny Adler, Director, Education

<http://www.oasisnet.org/SanDiegoCA/Tutoring.aspx>





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