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Lunch with the League March 23
The Future of San Diego Beaches:
Planning for Sea-Level Rise and Coastal Erosion.

There is growing public awareness that our region’s beaches are at risk. With each storm we notice the eroding bluffs and wonder if intensifying storms and sea-level rise will damage our shoreline faster than we can adapt.

We have enormous investments in public infrastructure along the coast, and incredibly valuable private property. Beach recreation defines the San Diego lifestyle and drives our tourist economy. San Diego shores and lagoons are critical habitat for vital flora and fauna. How can communities protect their beaches, wetlands, developments, and residents from sea-level rise?

Gabriel Buhr is a Coastal Program Manager for the

California Coastal Commission’s San Diego District. He will help us understand the scope of the threats in our region and issues that these present.

Serge Dedina, Mayor of Imperial Beach and Chair of SANDAG’s Shoreline Preservation Committee, will update us on how civic leaders are planning for sea-level rise and coastal erosion – assessing the threats, protecting assets, and balancing competing interests.

We are pleased to welcome as co-sponsors San Diego Coastkeeper, Stay Cool for Grandkids, and the San Diego Chapters of the Audubon Society and the Sierra Club. Please see the flyer on page 7 ... and share it with a friend!

Peg Engel, Natural Resources Chair

“See the Sea” - Tour of the Salton Sea

Description: A full day tour of the Salton Sea and renewable energy production in Imperial County. Stops are being scheduled at the Red Hill Bay Restoration Project which is developing a wetland for migrating birds, the mud pots (boiling mud), a geothermal plant, Sun Peak Solar, and Pattern Energy wind farm. Participants will learn about the Salton Sea Restoration and Renewable Energy Initiative which is the latest effort to save the Salton Sea.

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 8:00 am to 6:30 pm. We will travel by van from the east end of the parking lot at 7710 Balboa Avenue (where the LWVSD office is located).

Lunch: A catered picnic lunch will be provided along with drinks and snacks.

Clothing: Please do not wear shorts or open-toed shoes.

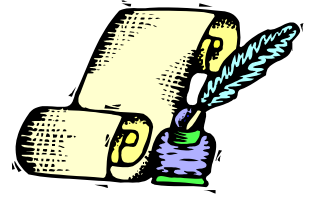
Walking: Moderate walking including going up a small hill.

Cost: \$35

Reservations: Because visitors’ names must be submitted prior to the tour, reservations are due in the LWVSD office by 5 pm on Wednesday, March 29. Friends and relatives are welcome. Those who paid for this tour in January which had to be cancelled due to weather will still be going unless they notify Beryl Flom. Refunds will be given to those who have to cancel due to the change of date. For reservation signup, see page 3 and/or contact *Beryl Flom*, edflom@sbcglobal.net or 858-459-4406.



President's Message



“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair.” These were the words of Charles Dickens, as he began his book, A Tale of Two Cities, as he described the years around the French Revolution.

For those of us who remember the 1960's, we think of them similarly. They were exciting times; times when our democracy was alive and we were active participants. It made us aware of what it means to be citizens who treasure our democracy. Yet there was the Vietnam war and the draft; there were assassinations, there were civil rights marches and our cities burning. But it was a time when the American people realized that they had to wake up and demand a change. That was when we knew how important it is to be an American and how we had to fight to support our democracy.

Today we are in going through another challenging time. When forces are trying to ignore the rules of law or trying to divide us rather than unite us, we need to speak up. This is not partisan; this is being a citizen of a democracy. When participating in the Women's March, I heard the chant, “This is what democracy looks like,” and it brought back memories of other marches, other resistances to power grabs. We need to be watchful and ready for action. We need to be aware of our League positions and stand up for them.

Need to review them again? Click here to see all of them:
<http://www.lwvsandiego.org/Positions.html>

Yours in League,

Jeanne

Volunteers Needed for EarthFair 2017

The 28th Annual EarthFair in Balboa Park will be held on Sunday, April 23. The theme this year is “Be A Solution.” LWVSD will host a booth to educate about Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) -- an opportunity to learn more about this energy-sourcing alternative that is suggested in San Diego's Climate Action Plan and is being considered and discussed by civic leaders throughout our region. We'll need volunteers to staff our booth in 2-3 hours shifts, and I also welcome help with exhibit design and game development. Please contact me at pegengel@roadrunner.com to join the team. Thank you!

Peg Engel, Natural Resources Chair



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LWVSD Board/Committee Meetings ~ March



Mon	Mar 6	10 am	Membership Committee, League Office
Tue	Mar 7	5:30 pm	LWVSD Board, Board Room
Fri	Mar 10	9:30 am	Public Policy Committee, League Office
Mon	Mar 13	10 am	Ambulance Study Committee, League Office
Wed	Mar 15	9:30 am	Education Committee, San Diego County Office of Education, rm 307
Fri	Mar 17	10 am	Program Committee, League Office
Sat	Mar 25	12 noon	Voter Service Committee, home of Vickie Riggs, 8646 Anrol Ave, San Diego 92123
Fri	Mar 30	9:30 am	Voter Assembly, League Office

LWVSD Activities ~ Mark your Calendars

Thu	Mar 16	10 am	Scripps Ranch Unit Meeting, 11104 Gatemoore Way, 92131. Bob Ilko, President, SRCA, will discuss the State of Scripps Ranch. For more information, contact scrippslwv@gmail.com .
Thu	Mar 23	11:30 am-1:30 pm	Lunch with the League, Beach Erosion, Tom Ham's, see flyer p 7
Wed	Apr 5	All day	"See the Sea," tour of the Salton Sea, see p 1, p 3, and January 2017 Voter
Sun	Apr 23	8 am-5 pm	EarthFair, Balboa Park, http://www.earthdayweb.org/EarthFair.html . p 2

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

The League office is 7710 Balboa Avenue, just east of the Balboa Ave/I-805 intersection. Meetings are held either in the League office in room 224A or in the board room on the third floor.

"See the Sea" - Tour of the Salton Sea

For more information about the Salton Sea and the tour, please see your January Voter. Past issues of the Voter are on the League website: www.lwvsandiego.org



"See the Sea" Tour ~ Wednesday, April 5, 2017

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Address _____ E-Mail _____

Guest(s) _____

Amount enclosed (\$35 per person) _____ by Mar 29. Make checks payable to LWVSD and mail to 7710 Balboa Ave. 224A, San Diego CA 92117, 858-459-4406, or register on our website with PayPal www.lwvsandiego.org Click on 'donate' button, 'amount' \$35, 'purpose' Tour.

Effective Advocacy Starts with a Focused Message

In October, the New York Times reported that fewer than half of Americans were confident their vote for president would be counted correctly. Free and fair elections are the cornerstone of our country. How can we have a healthy democracy if we do not trust the legitimacy of our elections?



but it is at the root of nearly every political issue this country faces, local and national, and it is the foundation of our democracy. And, importantly, it is the founding principle of the League of Women Voters. Now more than ever, the League's message should always track back to voter empowerment.

The League has a proud and established history of voter empowerment, and there is no better time to spotlight that message than now. Voter empowerment encompasses more than the basic right to vote. It includes the universe of issues that make voting possible and meaningful, such as gerrymandering, voter disenfranchisement, voter registration, and poll logistics, as well as education on voter fraud and the philosophy of one person, one vote.

Voter empowerment may not seem as topical and sexy as an international scandal or national security,

There are dozens of other groups that advocate on current topical issues, but the League supports the voter. Successful organizations focus their message with laser accuracy and reinforce it. This works for corporate advertising (think Nike) as well as political movements (think Tea Party). Narrowly focusing our message on voter empowerment can engender radical, fundamental change and help hone our advocacy. For every action we advocate we should ask: Does this activity empower the voter? If the answer is a resounding "Yes!" we know we are true to ourselves and our mission.

Lori Thiel, Action Director



Nominating Committee Search

Leadership is the key to the League's effectiveness in a community. Finding and selecting those leaders is the responsibility of the Nominating Committee.

Our League is seeking qualified individuals for positions this year as committee and board members. Do you want to join an interesting and interested people? Do you want to participate in doing interesting work? Having interesting dialog?

This is an experience to remember: demanding, rewarding, challenging, satisfying... join the LWV San Diego to be part of a dynamic, fun group of people.

Positions to fill:

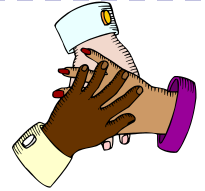
- ♦ president
- ♦ director of administration
- ♦ director of social policy

If this sounds like an opportunity you or someone you know might want to pursue, please contact

Rachel McDonald, Chair, Nominating Committee at: rachelmcdonald1985@hotmail.com



Membership



Have you thanked Donald Trump yet? People are flocking to the League and want to be more active in good government. Membership continues to escalate with each tweet.

Please welcome:

Lisa Anderson , 92104	Barbara Burgamy , Santee	Nicole Castillo , 92103
Dora Crouch , 92124	Linda Drevno , 92130	Janie Griswold , 92107
David Harris , Del Mar	John Hartley , 92117	Mei Kei , 92107
Suzanne Landa , 92109	Vicki Markey , 92107	Judy McCord , 92103
Griselda Ramirez , La Mesa	Jane Rand , 92101	Marian Sedio , Valley Center
		Carol Treglio , 92131

We have had two deaths in January:

Bernice Stephens lived a very productive 99 years, mainly in Manhattan working on early childhood education and human rights. She had a lifelong commitment to equality for all and especially equality for women. Bernice spent part of the year in San Diego for many years and finally moved to Pacific Beach in 2006.

Lucy Killea, a long-time League member, died in January at age 94. She started her political career on Eleanor Roosevelt's staff at the first United Nations General Assembly in 1946. Lucy worked overseas in intelligence for the U.S. government for several years until 1958 when her first child was born and her husband was named consul general in Monterey, Mexico by President Eisenhower. John was subsequently named consul general in Tijuana, and Lucy remained interested in U. S.-Mexico relations, helping to found, in San Diego, Fronteras de las Californias and the International Community Foundation, both of which sought to help people south of the border through grants and charitable giving. She received a master of arts degree in history from USD in 1966, and a doctorate in history from UCSD in 1975. Killea was elected to the San Diego City Council from 1978 to 1982 and also served as deputy mayor. She was an early supporter of San Diego's trolley and downtown redevelopment. She represented District 78 in the California State Assembly from 1982-96 and switched from the Democratic party to an Independent mid-term. Lucy was a strong supporter of women's rights and pro-choice; she was even prohibited from taking communion by the Catholic bishop. Lucy was ahead of her time and forged her own path in a political world largely dominated by men.

Lucy has been a member of the League of Women Voters for decades. She was honored and spoke at the LWVSD's "Women of Vision" dinner, offered her home for League meetings, and carried legislation in Sacramento that was of interest to the League. Her memorial service is going to be held in March.

Beryl Flom, Membership Chair

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Observers Needed

The League of Women Voters wants to expand the number of boards and commissions which we monitor and observe. Currently, Cathy O'Leary-Carey observes the San Diego Unified School District, Peg Engel observes the Environmental Committee and Smart Growth & Land Use Committee of the San Diego City Council, and I observe the San Diego Planning Commission.



However, we still need observers for the following boards and commissions:

- San Diego City Council
- San Diego Port District and CA. Coastal Commission
- County of San Diego Board of Supervisors
- SANDAG (Nan Valerio monitors the agendas now but does not currently do written reports)
- Metropolitan Transit System

An Observer is a member of the League who attends a governmental meeting, takes notes on what happens and submits a written report back to the League Public Policy Committee. The Observer does not testify or comment on items being considered, unless specifically designated as a League spokesperson. Before a League member can formally monitor a board or commission, she (or he) should read an article on what being a League Observer involves. A link to this article is at <http://lwv.org/content/36-observer-corps>

Some meetings are available for viewing online at any time. This is true for the San Diego City Council and Council Committees, the County Board of Supervisors and the Coastal Commission. Meetings of the Port District and Metropolitan Transit System are not available by video online. Port District and SANDAG meeting archives have audio only, no video. All websites also include agendas and minutes.

These boards and commissions meet at the following regular times and locations:

San Diego City Council – Monday 2 pm, Tuesday, 10 am. 202 C Street, Council Chambers, 12th Floor.

San Diego Port District – generally meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month although there is some variation. The meeting schedule is available online at

<https://www.portofsandiego.org/read-board-agendas.html>. All meetings begin at 1 pm and are held at the Port headquarters at 3165 Pacific Highway.

California Coastal Commission meetings are monthly and occur at various locations throughout the State of California. Agendas and minutes can be found at <https://www.coastal.ca.gov/meetings/mtgdates.html>.

County of San Diego Board of Supervisors – Meetings are held on Tuesday and Wednesday at 9 am. But they do not meet every week. Consult the Board of Supervisors calendar which can be found at <http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/bos/docs/BOS%202017%20Calendar.pdf>. The Wednesday meeting addresses land use matters. Agendas and minutes can be found on the County website at <http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/cob/bosa.html>.

SANDAG – 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month, 9 am. Meetings are held at the SANDAG offices, 401 B Street, Board Room, 7th Floor

Metropolitan Transit System - The meeting schedule for 2017 is available at http://www.sdmts.com/MTS/MTS_board.asp. Meetings are held at the Metropolitan Transit System Headquarters, 1255 Imperial Avenue, 10th Floor.

If you are interested in serving as an Observer, please email me at mpomeroy@san.rr.com and let me know which board or commission you are interested in.

Myles Pomeroy

Chair, Public Policy Committee



Lunch with the League

**The Future of San Diego
Beaches: Planning for Sea-
Level Rise and Coastal Erosion**



Thursday, March 23, 2017

11:30-1:30

**Tom Ham's Lighthouse Restaurant
2150 Harbor Island Drive**

Speakers



Gabe Buhr

*Coastal Program Manager,
California Coastal Commission
San Diego Coast District*

Serge Dedina

*Mayor, Imperial Beach; and
Chair, SANDAG Shoreline
Preservation Working Group*



Moderator: David Engel, *Founder, Stay Cool for Grandkids*



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LWVSD Diversity Policy

The LWVSD, in both its values and practices, affirms its belief and commitment to diversity and pluralism, which means there should be no barriers to participation in any activity of the League of Women Voters on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability. LWVSD recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision making. LWVSD subscribes to the belief that diversity and pluralism are fundamental to the values it upholds and that this inclusiveness enhances the organization's ability to respond more effectively to changing conditions and needs. LWVSD affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of Americans in its Board, staff, and programs.

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