



San Diego VOTER

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The topic for January Units: “ENERGY!”

- How much energy is available in California?
- How is it regulated and priced?
- Who are the big consumers of energy?
- Can we conserve more?
- How practical are renewable sources of energy?

Hopefully, you have energy left after the holidays to tackle some of these issues. The LWV of California has completed a major update/study of energy which is now ready for presentation and **consensus**.

The background information and consensus questions are in the Collage part of the *Voter*. **Please read it before the meeting and bring it along.** Additional reading packets were handed out at the November Unit meetings and are available in the LWVSD office. You may also have saved information from the Energy units last spring – mostly on Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG).

Before the Unit meeting, please rank the options in Questions 1 and 2 and bring that along. We will not be able to discuss and answer all the questions asked by LWVC and will concentrate on #6 and 8.

Beryl Flom

Sign up now to go on the bus tour of the Port of San Diego on January 19th. Reservations are limited and due by January 13th. Details are on the flyer in this *Voter*. You will find this trip both fascinating and eye-opening. You will also enjoy a short walk at the Chula Vista Nature Center. Contact: Beryl Flom, 858-459-4406 or edflom@sbcglobal.net

SPRING CALENDAR

- January:** Energy consensus for the LWV of California position update
February: Program Planning for local, county, and national levels
March: Strong Mayor – How Is It Working?
April: An International Relations topic
May: Pros and Cons (before June’s Primary Election)

Don’t forget **Earth Day** on April 23rd.

Another bus tour is being planned, **a trip to Tijuana** in March.

The **Gloria Penner Civic Service Award Dinner** is set for Wednesday, April 19th, at the Hilton Hotel in Mission Valley.

Our **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for June 10th.

Your participation in these program offerings is a two-way street – the knowledge you gain you can share with your friends and family.

One of our missions is to develop a more educated electorate – we need you to help in this process, to grow, and to keep learning!

Beryl Flom

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KAY'S KOMMENTS

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You will not read this before January, so I am thinking about the holiday season and the Holiday party and Silent Auction, which are now behind us. We had a wonderful response from the Units and their many donations to the baskets. I hope that you have enjoyed a happy and healthy holiday season.

The New Year brings new beginnings and more opportunities to be involved with the League. Beryl Flom has put together a wonderful Port tour. You will want to make your reservations before you set aside the Voter and forget about it.

Suzanne Michael has worked with Sarah Brown and Unit chairs in planning for the Energy meetings. The consensus questions are included in this issue. I know that Suzanne is concerned about how to maximize the time at Unit meetings in reaching a consensus. The more homework you are able to do before the meeting will help facilitate the discussion. We want to have a part in the consensus since the outcomes will form our new Energy Position.

Kay Maxwell, LWVUS President, urged us to oppose the conference report on H.R. 3199, the re-authorization of the USA PATRIOT ACT. At this writing, the version reported by the House and Senate conference committee provides for more government secrecy in the name of homeland security and anti- terrorism without the checks and balances needed to protect civil liberties.

Board members meet the first Tuesday night of each month at the League Office. Meetings are scheduled from 6-8 P.M. and members are always welcome. We would love to have you join us if your schedule is free.

I wish you a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Kay Ragan

Unit Meetings for January “ENERGY”

Monday, Jan. 9 9:30 - 11:30 AM	Rancho Bernardo and Scripps Ranch	San Diego National Bank Community Room, 2 nd Floor 16789 Bernardo Ctr. Dr. San Diego, CA 92128	Irene Dunny (858) 613-0335 Peg Bates (858) 484-6069
Monday, Jan 9 6:00 – 8:00 PM	Mission Valley	First United Methodist Church 2111 Camino del Rio South Linder Hall Rm 2 San Diego, CA	Nancy McCleary (619) 222-9719 Debra Blum (619) 225-0353
Tuesday, Jan 10 9:30 – 11:30 AM	La Jolla	La Jolla Public Library 7555 Draper Avenue La Jolla, CA 92037	Alice McCauley (858) 642-1856
Tuesday, Jan 10 1:30 – 3:30 PM	University City	Home of Margaret Treiger 2808 Bayside Walk San Diego, CA 92109	LaRu DeKock (858) 455-1990 Laura Stevenson (858) 573-9734
Wed., Jan 11 9:30 – 11:30 AM	North Shores/ Point Loma	LWVSD Office 4901 Morena Blvd., Bldg. 100 Suite 104 San Diego, CA 92109	Dee Sacks (619) 226-2252 Nancy Witt (619) 222-7230
Wed. Jan 11 1:00 – 3:00 PM	Tierrasanta	Villa Monterey Clubhouse 5275 Rimpark/Apple Tree Dr. San Diego, CA 92124	Paula Hurst (858) 292-8214
Thurs. Jan 12 9:30 – 11:30	East San Diego	Home of Barbara Evje 8767 Blue Lake Drive San Diego, CA 92112	Barbara Evje (619) 462-4772

LWVSD Calendar — January

January			
1		Sun	<i>New Years Day</i>
3	6:00 PM	Tues	Board Meeting, League Office
5	9:30 AM	Thur	Unit Council Meeting, League Office
5	11:00 AM		Unit Training, League Office
6	11:00 AM	Fri	ILO Board Meeting, League Office
1/9 to 12			Units - LWVC Energy Update/Consensus
13	9:30 AM	Fri	Nominating Committee, League Office
14	9:00 AM	Sat	Development Committee, League Office
16		Mon	<i>Martin Luther King Day</i>
18	10:00 AM	Wed	Membership Committee, League Office
19	9:30 AM	Thur	Tour of Port District , Port Office parking lot
20	9:30 AM	Fri	Public Policy Committee, League Office
27	9:30 AM	Fri	Nominating Committee, League Office
28	9:00 AM	Sat	Development Committee, League Office



We are delighted to welcome the following new members.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ZIP</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ZIP</u>
Jeanne Brown	92107	Carol Hill	91902
Vickie L. Church	92105	Robert Katzman	92037
Christine Curley	92154	Gregory E. Knoll & Jo Ann SawyerKnoll	92025
Danah H. Fayman	92101	Rebecca Motlagh	92020
Peggy Finch	92129	Jeanette Olliver	92104
Paul J. Friedman	92037	Jocelyn Schultz	92037
Edith Gordon	92129	Dr. Bill Treiger*	92109
John T. Hartley	92176	Katherine F. Williams	92122
Kathleen Hughart	92109	Leila Wopschall	92122

*Second household members

The membership committee had an "Intro to the League" on November 12th at Sarah Brown's home. We had five new members and two prospective, plus many members of the committee. Questions were asked and League was explained. The smaller, more frequent "Intros" seem to work well.

If you know of interest in the League by a person or persons, please let me know and I will call and invite them to our next one. Thank you,

Betty Weinberger

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2006-7 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Nominating Committee is now seeking nominations and names of people interested in serving on the LWVSD's Board of Directors next year. We are also seeking people to serve in off-board positions, such as Unit Chairs.

The success of the League is largely dependent on its leadership – we need you to volunteer to help out with voters service, program, administration, development, membership growth, or action.

We want to remain a grassroots organization which means we should all do a small part – please volunteer. Please contact Beryl Flom, Chair, at 858-459-4406 or edflom@sbcglobal.net

SPEAKERS BUREAU REPORT November, 2005

The Speakers did their usual super job of explicating the ballot for League's members and for the public. They spoke to 40 groups and around 1322 people. Of course, we feel that these numbers indicate just the stone dropped in a pool – the ripples of knowledge expand to many more people. One speaker went to ten groups, and two were new to the game this year. Everyone enjoyed it!

Kudos to Betty Weinberger, Joyce Tavrow, Nancy McCleary, Amie Lee, Mariette Kobrak, Anne Hoiberg, Sarah Brown, and Debbie Blum, and thanks for being such a great group to work with!

Margaret Stevenson

Education Committee Meets with New Superintendent of San Diego City Schools

Dr. Carl Cohn, San Diego's new Superintendent of Schools, responded to the LWV's request for a meeting with him just before he took over the reins of our district. The Education Committee had seen the glowing reports of Cohn's tenure in the Long Beach schools and were not disappointed. Cohn describes himself as a listener and he demonstrated that habit with us, responding directly to our comments.

Beryl Flom presented our state and local education positions. Fran Venn mentioned community involvement and parent education as important factors in increasing public awareness. Chris Pare shared points from our Student Support Services study, emphasizing the district's low counselor/student ratios. Fran brought up the importance of nutritional and physical fitness. Paula Hurst expressed the need for a broad, well-rounded curriculum that does not ignore art, music and sports.

Dr. Cohn was frank in sharing with us his background and experience. Among his comments:

- "My life was really enriched by the arts. They capture and motivate students."
- "San Diego is a huge bureaucracy with mountains of paper, similar to Los Angeles, making it difficult to identify the key issues. How can we streamline and simplify?"
- "I cut my teeth as a school counselor. Counselors literally save lives in elementary schools."
- "We need research about successful districts. There is a need to look at alternatives to the status quo. . . .there is not just one approach."

He expressed an interest in meeting with us again. We look forward to taking him up on that offer. Other members attending were Dee Sacks, Adrienne and Richard Schere, LaRue DeKock, lone Buie, Laura Stevenson, Penny Adler and your reporters,

Faye Rose and Rena Minisi, Education Committee Co-Chairs

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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.

Yes, I'd like to join the League of Women Voters of San Diego!

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