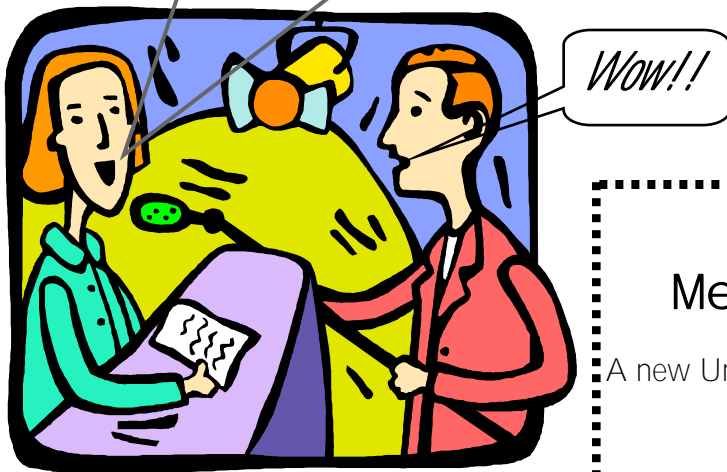




Let me fill you in on some of the exciting and important things happening with the League of Women Voters in San Diego...



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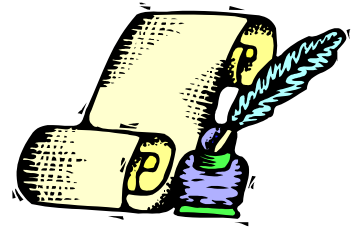
DEBATE
 District 1 incumbent Sherri Lightner vs challenger Ray Ellis
 September 19. 7:30 p.m.
 Sherwood Auditorium
 700 Prospect St., La Jolla
 Sponsored by *The La Jolla Light*

Communicating Climate Change Workshop
 Thursday, September 6, 7-9 p.m.
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Politifest — a fun, family-friendly event where San Diegans can learn about issues that impact our community — includes a mayoral debate
 Saturday, September 29 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. <http://www.voiceofsandiego.org/>

President's Message



Dear Members,

This is the first time that I am addressing the entire newly-merged LWVSD. It is wonderful to meet our new members. What a wealth of knowledge and skills that the East County League is bringing and sharing with us. All that work last year was well worth it!

As we compared and contrasted the various ways our Leagues have operated — San Diego City, San Diego East County, San Diego North County, and San Diego County, our ILO (Inter-League Organization) — we have learned from each other. I feel that we all have been enriched by the exercise.

You may have heard that the League is moving. We are, but it is a work in progress. We are moving to a smaller and more affordable office at a location in the Kearny Mesa area that is more central to the enlarged area of the county that we cover. Our new address will be 7710 Balboa Ave, Suite 224 A, San Diego 92111. Our contract at the Morena Blvd office is up on September 30, so we hope to move our office sometime in the next few weeks. We have already changed our phone from a land line to a cellular phone, keeping the same phone number. We have also had to let our part-time employee go in order to save money.

We have a chance to get some free, barely used furniture but will have **to wait for it to be available. Once it is, we will move our “stuff” in and** be functioning there. But there will be no office help anymore. Everything will be volunteer with the exception of some monthly bookkeeping tasks. Other smaller Leagues do this regularly. But we are one of the biggest Leagues in the state and country, and so help with membership, fundraising, program and Voter Service along with participating in an observer corps are all needed. Our need for people to step up and help in whatever capacity you can (including the move) will be appreciated. If you can help with any of this, please contact Beryl Flom at 858-459-4406 or edflom@sbcglobal.net.

Yours in League,

Jeanne Brown

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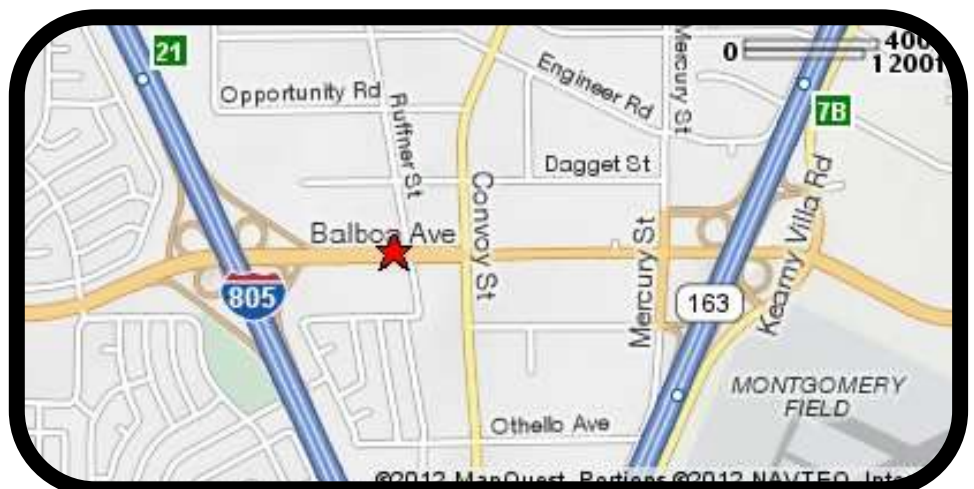
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Unit Calendar — September — Pros and Cons of Ballot Issues

See article on the following two pages discussing the Unit Meetings.

Sat, Sep 8 10 am-noon	East County (new)	El Cajon Library. Community Room 201 East Douglas Avenue, El Cajon 92020	Marietta Lassaline...619-448-6270
Sat, Sep 8 10 am-noon	Southeastern	Malcolm X Library, Multi-media Room 5138 Market Street, San Diego 92105	Sue Rogers.....619-233-1744
Mon, Sep 10 9:30-11:30 am	Rancho Bernardo and Scripps Ranch	The Gateway – TV Room 12751 Gateway Park Rd. Poway 92064 858-487-1197	Claire Weiner.....858-679-7350 Betsy Stevens.....858-451-5653
Tues, Sep 11 9:30-11:30 am	La Jolla	Riford Center 6811 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla 92037	Joan Dahlin.....858-454-5019
Tues, Sep 11 1-3 pm	University City	North University City Community Library 8820 Judicial Drive, San Diego 92122	Mariette Kobrak...858. 450-1521 Catherine Stoll.....858-755-4119
Wed, Sep 12 1-3 pm	Tierrasanta	Tierrasanta Library 4985 La Cuenta Drive, San Diego 92124	Carole Porter.....858-279-5474
Wed, Sep 12 5:30-7:30 pm	Mission Valley	Mission Valley Library, Meeting Room A Fenton Pkwy., Ikea side of shopping center San Diego, 92108	Debra Blum.....619-225-0353
Thurs, Sep 13 9:30-11:30 am	East San Diego	College Rolando Library 6600 Montezuma Road, San Diego 92115	Barbara Evje.....619-463-0673

LWVSD Meetings — September 2012

The October *Voter* will announce changes for ALL meeting locations.

1st Tues	Sep 4	4 pm	LWVSD Board, LWVSD Morena Blvd office
1st Thurs	Sep 6	9:30 am	Unit Council (1st Thurs following Board meeting), conference room, 7710 Balboa
1st Fri	Sep 7	10 am	LWVSDC ILO Board. Scripps Ranch Library
2nd Fri	Sep 14	9:30 am	Public Policy Committee, 3rd floor conf. room., new office bldg., 7710 Balboa Ave
3rd Mon	Sep 17	10 am	Membership Committee, LWVSD Morena Blvd office
3rd Wed	Sep 19	9:30 am	Education Committee special meeting , Barnes Tennis Center, 4490 West Point Lo- ma Boulevard, San Diego “Ready, Set, Vote,” see announcement on page 5
3rd Fri	Sep 21	9:30 am	Program Committee, LWVSD Morena Blvd office

Save the Dates — Watch for More Information

Wed, Oct 24, 11:30 am	LWVSD Luncheon: Donald W. Light, Jr.: " Is the FDA Giving Us the Drugs We Want or Need?"
Thurs, Nov 15, 11:30 am	LWVSD Luncheon: California State Controller John Chiang discussing state finances
Mon, Dec 10, evening	LWVSD Holiday Party — more information next month.

STEM OR STEAM?

Integrating the Arts into STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Education

Monday, October 1, 2012
4:30 – 6:30 pm

Does integrating the arts with STEM education enhance or dilute student learning? Should the arts be part of school curriculum? Join us to participate in several interactive stations ranging from elementary through high school level involving integrating the arts with the sciences, technology, engineering, and math, followed by a discussion of the questions surrounding the integrating arts of hands-on learning in different environments and what we learn from such experiences.



SDG&E Energy Innovation Center
4760 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego, CA

- 4:30 pm Reception in Courtyard
- 4:45 pm Welcome
- 5:00 pm Interactive Stations
- 5:45 pm Speaker
- 6:00 pm Panel Discussions and Q & A

RSVP by Sept. 15, 2012
at www.SeeeSeminar.com.

And for additional information.
Attendance is free.

A voluntary donation of \$10 to offset
expenses is welcomed at the door.

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September Units

It's Time for the Pros and Cons Again!

This is an exciting campaign year and a lot of people are looking to League members for information. This is when we all get informed and understand the arguments for and against. Right?

The September Units will be covering the "Pros and Cons" of the ballot propositions. The speakers from our Speakers Bureau will be presenting the information they have thoroughly researched together. At the State level we have Propositions 30 through 40. There are few at the local level and none for San Diego

City or County.

We don't know if there is enough time to cover it all in one month, so we have tentatively scheduled October Units for that too. We will let you know after the September Units are complete as to whether October will be Pros and Cons or a different topic. We are always looking for your input on that too.



There are a handful of these propositions that the League is either supporting or opposing, based on our

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positions. We will have a special luncheon to cover these on September 17.

The idea behind all of this education is that with more and more money available to campaigns, we expect there to be many more confusing ads out there. We need to be able to look beyond all of that and to be aware of who is behind each proposition so that we can explain them to our families and friends.

So join us at the Unit Meetings held from September 8th to the 15th (see the Unit schedule on page 3 in



this Voter) and then join us at Tom Ham's for an informative luncheon with speakers who will be explaining the League's recommendations. The flyer is in this Voter too. If you plan on coming, please sign up as soon as you can. It is cheaper if you sign up before the deadline and it helps the Program Committee from developing ulcers each month!

With all this information, we hope that you will feel confident that the November ballot (at least the propositions) will be a breeze.

See you in September!

Jeanne Brown, Co-President



An LWVSD Education Committee Event

READY...SET...VOTE!



SAN DIEGO
UNITED PARENTS
FOR EDUCATION

Both Propositions 30 and 38 say they will fund education in the state of California. What are the differences?

What happens if you vote "YES?" And what happens if they both pass?

Get ready for the November elections by joining the League of Women Voters of San Diego and United Parents for Education (UPforEd) for a discussion on both propositions.

Who? California Voters, Parents and Community Members who want to be informed

What? Learn About Prop 30 and Prop 38

Proposition 30: The Schools and Local Public Safety Act

Proposition 38: Our Children Our Future

Representatives from both propositions will be answering questions and talking about what they will do for California.

When? Wednesday, September 19, 2012, 9:30 am to noon

Where? Barnes Tennis Center, 4490 West Point Loma Boulevard, San Diego 92107

Be part of the conversation!

Membership In League



Exercises Your Brain

Membership

Please welcome Maureen Williams who joined in July - she lives in 92128.

We are in the process of renewing dues but are still using the old list for the mailing of

this Voter. Next month, we will switch to the new list. Anyone with e-mail is also getting the e-Voter through e-mail. Many of you will get it both ways - take a look at the color version online; if you want to switch to e-Voter only, just email the office at lwvsd@san.rr.com

— Beryl Flom, Vice-President

Bernice Newman passed away on July 11. She lived at Vi in La Jolla/University City and attended many meetings and events with the group from there. Bernice came to San Diego with her husband in the 1980's from New York/Connecticut. She worked many years for the American Jewish Committee and was active in adult education, especially teaching English to graduate foreign students at UCSD. She was a 50-year member of the League. Bernice always had a big smile and just made you feel very warm inside; we will miss her and the thoughtful discussion of issues that surrounded her inquisitiveness.

League Committees — What Do They Do?

Administration Committee members help with all of the duties of the VP of Administration, especially when she has to be out of town.

Agriculture Study Committee members will prepare us for the LWVUS Agricultural Position update which will investigate genetic modification, consolidation in the food industry, money in the regulatory process, and the **consumer's right to accurate and comprehensive food labeling. Consensus for this study won't be achieved until next year.**

Education Committee members keep abreast of our local, county, state and federal education issues and often plan events to share this information.

FDA Future Study Committee. Our local League would like to propose a study of the FDA at the national convention in 2014. The goal of this committee is to try to define the scope of this proposed study and prepare to run a campaign to have this study recommended in **two years. It will be looking at what isn't covered in the Agricultural Study that the FDA is involved in; primarily the drug industry.**

Finance Committee members work to keep our expenses smaller than our income. They make decisions on how to best manage our money.

Holiday Party Committee members plan the Holiday Party and its Silent Auction each winter.

Initiative and Referendum Study members will be working with the materials that were created by the LWVC Committee on this topic. Decisions will be made on how to best present this material. They will help us come to consensus before March 2013.

Membership Committee members work to increase our membership and aid in collecting dues.

Program Committee members plan Unit topics and presentations, luncheons, general meetings, and tours.

Public Policy Committee members act as a watchdog **on our government's activities, working to ensure that they are working in the public interest.**

Student Recruitment Committee members work to involve college students in League activities.

Voter Service Committee conducts Candidate Forums, Speakers Bureau support, and help at the Naturalization Ceremonies.

If any of these interest you, please call the League Office at 858-483-8696 or contact the chair or a member of the committee.



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LWVSD Committees
2012-2013



Should one of these chairs be saved for you?

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What do our committees do?

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(not all committees
have chairs)

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California's Death Penalty: a Broken System

A Presentation on California's Prop 34



Featured Speaker: Sr. Helen Prejean has been instrumental in sparking national dialogue on the death penalty through her book, *Dead Man Walking*, an autobiographical account of her relationship with an inmate on death row. The book served as the basis for a feature film, an opera, and a play.

Magdaleno Rose-Avila is the executive director of the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project. With Sr. Helen Prejean, he founded The Moratorium Campaign.



Tuesday, October 2nd @ 7 PM

First United Methodist Church of San Diego

2111 Camino del Rio South

Info: norma@safecalifornia.org or 619-320-5659

free

Proposition 34 will replace California's death penalty with a sentence of life in prison with no chance of parole, which will save taxpayers well over \$100 million every year without releasing a single prisoner. For more information visit www.yeson34.org

Congregation Beth Am Proudly Presents **The Inspiring Minds Speaker Series**

And warmly welcomes our inaugural speaker **Gloria Steinem**



Feminism: The Longest Revolution

Wednesday, October 3, 2012

7:15 p.m.

Congregation Beth Am
5050 Del Mar Heights Road
San Diego, CA 92130

TICKETS:

Senior/Student w/Valid ID \$ 25 (Limited Availability)
General \$ 60
Reserved Seating + Book \$180
VIP Ticket* \$500
(*includes VIP reception, opportunity to meet Gloria, VIP seating, book, reserved parking).



Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! Open to the public. Gloria Steinem is an accomplished & world-renowned writer, lecturer, feminist and social justice activist celebrating 40 years since Ms. Magazine. Ms. Steinem is currently at work on her book *Road to the Heart: America as if Everyone Mattered*, about her 30+ years on the road as a feminist organizer. Iconic Gloria Steinem is a dynamic, compelling speaker you will not want to miss!



MiraCosta College and the League of Women Voters North County San Diego present

DEMOCRACY IN THE BALANCE? *Getting Beyond the Shouting*

Is living in a constant state of anger the new normal? Are we relegated to toxic talk as meaningful discussion of issues?

Many feel poorly served by our government, and as State Assemblyman Brian Nestande (R-Palm Desert) learned, you lose your leadership post when you vote your conscience ("GOP lawmaker resigns chairmanship after tax vote," Aug. 15). How did we get here?

To find answers, you are invited to a free two-day event on Sept. 6 and 7, co-sponsored by MiraCosta College and the League of Women Voters North County San Diego. Titled "Democracy in the Balance? Getting Beyond the Shouting,"



each event will showcase the film, "Patriocracy," a 55-minute documentary that candidly addresses factors of extreme polarization in Washington.



League Members

Friday, September 7, 5:30-6:45 p.m.

MiraCosta College, Bldg 2200, Room 2218

Appetizers and beverages before the show and a chance to meet the speakers.

RSVP by Tuesday, September 4 to yvonlww@gmail.com or 760-736-1608 and indicate your name and the number of guests you are bringing.

Join the film's creators, Emmy award-winning filmmakers Brian and Cindy Malone, and one of the film's "stars," former Rep. Mickey Edwards (R-Okla), who will be the keynote speaker on Thursday night, and a panelist in a community conversation on Friday evening following the screening. Mr. Edwards, a former 16-year congressman and fresh from the Republican National Convention the week before, speaks candidly from an insider's view. You don't want to miss this opportunity.



For event information, visit www.lwvncsd.org or www.miracosta.edu/artsandevents.



Find out more information about the film at www.patriocracymovie.com





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Individual Membership \$65 (yearly) Additional Household Memberships \$35

I am unable to join at this time, but I am enclosing a tax-deductible* contribution of:

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$150 Other Please contact me with more information

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