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News Flash — LWVSD to Co-Sponsor Mayoral Candidate Forum with the Union Tribune

Tuesday, November 12
7-8 pm*
Hall of Champions
Balboa Park

The forum and parking are free. League Co-President Kay Ragan will be moderating with four mayoral candidates (Aguirre, Alvarez, Faulconer and Fletcher). You are welcome to send questions in advance to Kay (kragand@cox.net), and there will also be an opportunity for written audience questions. Since the forum will be broadcast live on the UT television network, please plan to *arrive NLT 6:45 pm. It is very important to have a good representation from our members and guests.

~ Kay Ragan, Co-President

Lunch with League

Details on page 9

*Luncheon Program to "Kick Off" 16 Days
of Activism against Gender Violence*

Thursday, November 21, 11:30 am, at Tom Ham's

November Units

For November we are going to experiment with a new idea — a **"Hot Topics" discussion**. The topics to be discussed are: The Affordable Care Act (Obama Care) and the conflict in Syria. We want members to bring information they gather from newspapers or other reputable **sources about these two "Hot Topics."** Please read your chosen article/s and identify the main ideas before the meeting. At the meeting we'll discuss and share information on these controversial topics. If you have friends who are interested in either of these topics, it would be a great time to invite them also.

The goal is for everyone who **"did their homework"** to have an opportunity to share the main ideas from what they learned rather than the entire article. The discus-

sion can proceed from there.

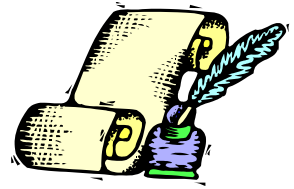
The Unit Chairs will act as facilitators, making sure that everyone has a chance to be an **active participant**. The two **"Hot Topics" we will explore this month are:**

The Affordable Care Act -

- ◆ What is going well with the early sign-ups for health insurance?
- ◆ What are the complaints relative to early sign-ups for health insurance?
- ◆ What else have you read about the topic that you would like to share?

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Co-President's Message



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We are officially into fall now and even though **this isn't a normal election season, we do have** a mayoral election coming up on November 19. The League will be co-sponsoring a candidate forum on November 12 at 7 pm at the Hall of Champions in Balboa Park with our own Kay Ragan as moderator. It would be great to **have a lot of Leaguers in attendance wearing their badges.** Don't forget to spread the word about the SmartVoter website for information on the candidates and polling locations. Voter registration is now online at www.sdcounty.ca.gov/voters/Eng.

The League of Women Voters of California supported 26 bills during this legislative session and Governor Brown signed 19 of them. This **happens because of the League's grassroots efforts and your responses** to the legislative alerts. Bills concerned a variety of issues including campaign financing, the community college system, energy, gun control, hazardous materials, health care, housing, juvenile justice, open government, reproductive choice, voting rights, and water.

Two water bills will advance the use of recycled water in the state. SB 322 requires the Department of Public Health with the State Water Resources Control Board to investigate the feasibility of developing uniform water recycling criteria for potable reuse and to provide a report by December 2016. AB 803 opens the door to put advanced treated purified water into raw water pipelines and avoid the cost of building additional pipelines for the purified water supply. This is important in San Diego because the City of San Diego and Padre Dam Municipal Water District are currently assessing ways to augment traditional water sources with advanced treated purified water. Governor Brown noted his encouragement for expedited action to achieve greater levels of water recycling in the state.

Don't forget, if you would like to be involved in any way, shape, or form with the planning of the 2015 State League Convention in San Diego, let me know. We can use all the volunteers we can get to make this a successful event.

~ Donna Bartlett-May, Co-President

Mark Your Calendars

Feb 1, 2014	Program Planning for 2013-2014— details in the January Voter
May 17-18, 2014	LWVC State Council in San Jose
Jun 6-10, 2014	LWVUS National Convention in Dallas
May 15-17, 2015	LWVC Convention in San Diego!



November Units ~



Hot Topics

(No Unit Meetings in December)

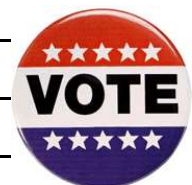
Sat, Nov 9 10 am-noon	Southeastern	Malcolm X Library, Multi-media Room 5138 Market Street, San Diego 92105	Sue Rogers.....619-233-1744
Mon. Nov 11 9:30-11:30 am	Rancho Bernardo & Scripps Ranch	The Gateway – TV Room 858-487-1197 12751 Gateway Park Rd., Poway 92064	Claire Weiner...858-679-7350 Betsy Stevens....858-451-5653
Mon, Nov 11 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
Tues, Nov 12 9:30-11:30 am	La Jolla	La Jolla Community Center 6811 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla 92037	Joan Dahlin.....858-454-5019
Wed, Nov 13 1-3 pm	Tierrasanta	Tierrasanta Library 4985 La Cuenta Drive, San Diego 92124	Carole Porter.....858-279-5474
Wed, Nov 13 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
Thu, Nov 14 10 am-noon	East County	El Cajon Library, Seminar Room 201 East Douglas Avenue, El Cajon 92020	Marietta Lassaline.619-448-6270
Thurs, Nov 14 10 am-noon-	College Rolando	College Rolando Library 6600 Montezuma Road, San Diego 92115	Barbara Evje.....619-463-0673 Pearline Hayes....619 582-2296
Thurs, Nov 14 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

LWVSD Board/Committee Meetings ~ November-December

Fri	Nov 1	10 am	LWVSDC ILO Board, Scripps Ranch Library, 10301 Scripps Lake Dr, SD 92131
Mon	Nov 4	10 am	Membership Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave., Ste. 224A, SD 92111
Tues	Nov 5	3 pm	LWVSD Board, 3rd floor Conference Room, 7710 Balboa Avenue, SD 92111
Fri	Nov 8	9:30 am	Public Policy Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave., Ste. 224A, SD 92111
Wed	Nov 20	9:30 am	Education Committee, SD County Off. of Ed., 6401 Linda Vista Rd., SD 92111, 307
Fri	Nov 15	10 am	Program Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave., Ste. 224A, SD 92111
Tues	Nov 19	10 am	Natural Resources Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa, Ste. 224A, SD 92111
Tues	Dec 3	4 pm	LWVSD Board, 3rd floor Conference Room, 7710 Balboa Avenue, SD 92111
Fri	Dec 6	10 am	LWVSDC ILO Board, Scripps Ranch Library, 10301 Scripps Lake Dr, SD 92131
Wed	Dec 18	9:30 am	Education Committee, SD County Off. of Ed., 6401 Linda Vista Rd., SD 92111, 307

Special Events ~ November-December

Thurs, Nov 14	Mayoral Candidate Forum, 7 pm (<u>be there NLT 6:45</u>), see front page		
Tues, Nov 19	Special Mayoral Election		
Tues, Nov 21	Lunch with League: Gender Violence, 11:30 am, Tom Ham's, see page 9		
Wed, Dec 18	Annual Holiday Party, Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, see pages 4-5		



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Fighting in Syria



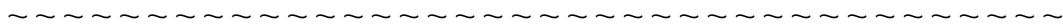
- ◆ How has the search and destroy mission of chemical weapons affected the war?
- ◆ Should the Congress authorize drone attacks? Why? Why not?
- ◆ What role should the United States take in the internal strife in other countries?

◆ What have you read about the topic that you would like to share?

At the end of the meeting you will have an evaluation sheet to fill out that will give you an opportunity to share your views on the success of this experiment.

Be sure to attend one of the nine Unit Meetings this month and join in the discussion.

~ Jeanne Brown, Co-Chair, Program Committee



Zoo Employee Parking Lot

The San Diego Zoo is proposing an \$18 million, 650 space, six-story employee parking garage to be constructed in a canyon behind the Botanical Building and art museums. The new parking structure will be fully **within the zoo's leasehold and will free spaces in the main zoo parking lot** currently used by employees.



Employees will access the garage from Old Globe Way, the existing service road for the museums and Old Globe Theater.

The zoo has offered to pay for major improvements along Old Globe Way from Village Place to the Old Globe service areas that are designed to improve the pedestrian experience and safety at night for Old Globe attendees who park in the

zoo lot and walk up Old Globe Way to the theaters. Improvements will include some grading, repaving and a widening of the road.

In addition to accommodating employees, the zoo is considering sharing the garage after hours with other park institutions. The goal is to complete the garage by the end of 2014 in time for the centennial celebration. The plan will go to the Balboa Park Committee Thursday, November 7 at 6 pm in the Santa Fe Room in the Balboa Park Club as the first step in the approval process. No Environmental Impact Report is necessary because the proposal conforms to the Balboa Park Master Plan.

~ Joan Dahlin, Public Policy Committee



Flash – Public Policy Committee Mayoral Candidate Responses

The committee contacted all eleven candidates asking them to respond to several questions. Only three candidates actually responded. You may view those responses by accessing the online *Voter* at our website: www.lwvsandiego.org.

If you do not have computer access but want a printed copy, please call the League office at 858-483-8696.



~ Myles Pomeroy, Chair, Public Policy Committee



*The League of Women Voters of San Diego
Invites You and Your Guests to Join Us for Our*

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY AND SILENT AUCTION



Wednesday, December 18, 2013 -- 5-8 pm



*Come enjoy friends, a traditional turkey and ham dinner at 6 pm catered by
The French Gourmet, music by Sweet Harmony, and the Silent Auction.*

\$35 per person

GOOD SAMARITAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH, ROETTER HALL

4321 Eastgate Mall, San Diego CA 92122

(Same location as the last holiday party)



For more information: Jeanne Brown at
(619) 857-1807 or jhisten.brown@gmail.com



LWVSD Holiday Party Wednesday, December 18, 2012



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Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Amount enclosed (\$35 per person) _____. Please respond by December 15, 2012

Make checks payable to LWVSD and mail to:

7710 Balboa Avenue, Suite 224A, San Diego CA 92111 Phone: 858-483-8696.

Or go to the League website at www.lwvsandiego.org and click on the "Donate" button.

Use 'Holiday Party' as the purpose.

I am unable to attend but wish to support the LWVSD with a donation of \$_____.



LWVSD Holiday Party Silent Auction — What Can You Donate?

Most of us no longer want more things; we want more experiences and we want to continue to learn. So, as we did last year, think about what you could donate this year that other League members would love to experience and/or learn. Could you donate

1) bridge lessons?	6) a couple days or a week in your condo or time-share?
2) a gift card?	7) a lesson in Powerpoint or other computer skill?
3) landscape consultation?	8) a lesson on how to knit, crochet, play mahjong?
4) a ride on your yacht or plane?	9) a tutoring session in one of your best subjects? or
5) a lesson in using a smart phone or tablet?	10) whatever you are passionate about and would love to pass on.

Got a donation idea? Please fill out the form below and send it to the office by December 1.



LWVSD Holiday Party Silent Auction Donation Form

Item _____ Estimated Retail Value \$ _____

Description _____

Name of Donor/Business/Contact Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Please copy this for your files and return this form with your donation to:

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Membership

We have now completed the membership renewal process, issued a new Yearbook with the calendar and membership roster, and updated the mailing and emailing lists. If you see any mistakes, please notify Beryl Flom at 858-459-4406 or edflom@sbcglobal.net. It does happen and I apologize, but it is a long list to keep track of.

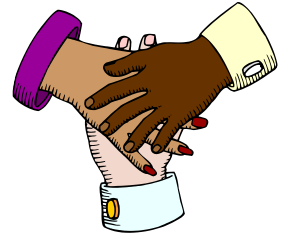
It's not everyone who celebrates 70 years of marriage, but Ken and Fran Venn did just that last month. Our heartiest congratulations to them for this amazing feat!

We are getting some terrific new members, so be sure to watch out for our latest additions:

- ◆ Barbara Houlton, 92107
- ◆ Terri Prevost, 92111
- ◆ Paul Ward, 92107
- ◆ Peter Woodbury, 91915

People who recently joined and are not in the Yearbook:

- ◆ Barbara Fitzsimmons
- ◆ Joyce Janette
- ◆ Linda Kearnaghan
- ◆ Evie Kosower
- ◆ Adrea Hales
- ◆ Rosemary Straley



Corrections to phone numbers:

- ◆ Lynn Plummer
- ◆ Patricia Osuna
- ◆ Claire Weiner

Please contact Beryl if you want the details.

~ Beryl Flom, Membership Chair, 858-459-4406

We are very saddened by the sudden death of Muriel Filman who served on the SmartVoter team and the Membership Committee. She also contacted her Unit members each month to remind them of Unit meetings. Muriel moved to San Diego in 1970 from the New York City area and joined LWVSD in 1972. Her husband, Seymour, is a surgeon and is still going to meetings to keep up with his profession. Muriel had a BS degree in chemistry and was a lab technician before retiring to raise two boys. She has also been active in Hadassah and was a reader to young children. Many Leaguers have echoed what Joyce Joseph emailed, "I will really miss her good nature and willingness to pitch in with whatever was needed." Muriel always had a happy smile and just warmed up everyone in the room. She is pictured here with the SmartVoter team holding the sign. Donations to LWVSD in her memory would be a great tribute to her.



Gift Idea

Do you have people on your gift list who have everything and don't need more "things" around the house? Consider giving them memberships in the League of Women Voters or making a donation to LWVSD in their honor. If you need help locating a local League near their home, please contact the League office, 858-483-8696 or lwwsd@san.rr.com.



September Luncheon on Gun Control

The September luncheon at the newly remodeled Tom Ham's Lighthouse was a great success with nearly 80 members and guests in attendance.

The speakers were Assistant Chief of Police Shelley Zimmerman, Ron Marcus representing the Brady Campaign, and Attorney Amy Lepine of the Lepine Law Group.

There were excellent questions from the audience regarding the Second Amendment, gun registration, regulation, safety, ammunition, a national registry, mental health issues, background checks, types of firearms, etc. We learned that there are many considerations that must be balanced to protect the rights given under the Constitution and the safety of the community.

If you didn't make it to this luncheon, make sure you join us in November for our luncheon about Gender Violence .

A big thanks to Ellen Sauder for the photos.

~Donna Bartlett-May, Co-President and Moderator



New Video

The LWWUS has a new video that we can use in many ways. You will be a better spokesperson for the message if you take the time to view this 20 minute presentation, a historical look at the accomplishments of the League beginning with Eleanor Roosevelt and our role in the support of the United Nations.

Our roles in clean water legislation and other environmental issues are featured.

The presidential debates were institutionalized by the League beginning with the Reagan and Mondale debate. In 1984 the candidates tried to tell the League how to do debates and the National League chose not to comply. As you know, we continue to conduct debates at all other levels.

We are known for our leadership role

in the Motor Voter registration legislation and in many other voting rights initiatives.

California is featured in the video for our leadership in the passage of Proposition 11 and Redistricting. The League is attributed with being largely responsible for the independent commission that redefined voting districts.

The video, a series of clips pieced together, will be an effective tool for prospective and new members. Long term members will further appreciate their membership and participation in the League.

Please take a few minutes to view the presentation at <http://library.lww.org/node/201>.

~ Kay Ragan, Co-President





The League of Women Voters of San Diego

Luncheon Program to "Kick Off" the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence

Thursday November 21, 2013 11:30 to 1:30 Tom Ham's Lighthouse Restaurant 2150 Harbor Island Dr

Panelists:

Alexandra Seldin, Senior Staff Counsel, Department of Fair Employment and Housing (sexual harassment and sexual assault in the workplace)

Gretchen Means, Prosecution Consultant for the Marine Corps, West Coast Region (sex crimes in the military)

Tyler Osterhaus, San Diego Domestic Violence Council's Men's Leadership Forum (engaging men in solutions to intimate partner violence)

Lee Mintz, Director of SDSU's Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities (sexual harassment and sexual assault on university campuses) (invited)



\$25 \$30 after Nov. 18

Moderator: Anne Hoiberg, Chair, LWVSD International Relations Committee

Lunch with League: Activism against Gender Violence, November 21, 2013

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ E-Mail _____

Guest(s) _____

Amount enclosed (\$25 per person) _____ by November 18. Make checks payable to LWVSD and mail to 7710 Balboa Ave. 224A, San Diego CA 92117, 858-483-8696, or register on our website with Paypal www.lwvsandiego.org



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