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February, the Month to Enrich Ourselves and Enhance our Awareness! LWVUS Celebrates Its 93rd Anniversary!

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Fact: “Toni Morrison began writing the book when she was teaching at Howard University and raising two sons

as a single mother. She wrote *The Bluest Eye* because she wanted to make sure that in the wake of all the racially uplifting work being written by her colleagues, that nobody ever forgot what it felt like to believe you were ugly because of the color of your skin. She was afraid that history would whitewash how painful it was for the children who grew up without anyone telling them they were as

beautiful as they were.”

To prepare for a more meaningful afternoon in the theatre, the San Diego Public Library has scheduled a book discussion on *The Bluest Eye*, on Wednesday, February 6, 6:30 p.m., at the central library, Wangenheim Room (third floor), 820 E Street, downtown. Dr. Camille F. Forbes, from the Literature Department at UCSD, will facilitate the discussion. Read the book and join the discussion!

(See pp 7-8 for other activities and instructions for signing up for the play.)

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

Program Planning Meeting

Saturday, February 2, 2013

Sierra Mesa Library, 9005 Aero Drive, SD 92123

Meeting begins 10 am sharp

LUNCH 12-12:30 pm

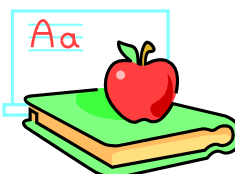
Meeting resumes 12:30-2 pm

(more information in President’s Message
and last month’s Voter)

The Education Committee of the
San Diego League of Women Voters
Invites Members to Join Them in a Tour of
Gompers Preparatory Academy

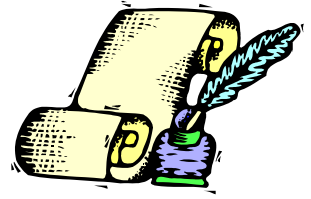
Thursday, February 21

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.



(see flyer p 4 for details)

President's Message



Dear Members,

It is finally that time of year, after the holidays, when life slowly starts getting back into the swing of things. The League was relatively quiet after the Holiday Party although a few of the committees still met. The cold weather and slower pace allowed me to hunker down at home making soups, stews and other cold weather comfort foods, along with getting over a cold.

But January will be over by the time you read this and the League will be back with a number of items that have due dates that we need to observe.

Program Planning Results are due to LWVC February 22, which is why we are doing most of the work on Saturday, February 2 at the Serra Mesa/ Kearny Mesa Library from 10 am - 2 pm. Lunch is included. This is when we plan for next year, looking at state and local positions and issues, update if needed, suggest possible future studies, and familiarize ourselves what our positions cover. Odd numbered years we cover the state and local positions; even years the national, county and local. This is true grassroots organizing!

March 1 is the deadline for our Legislative Interviews to be completed and the results sent to the LWVC. Donna, my co-president, is in charge of that, and her teams will be sending questions to the local Assembly and State members that were created by LWVC, along with those created by our Public Policy Committee about local issues. As with so much of our information, the results have to be organized and sent to the LWVC to join similar results from Leagues throughout the state.

And finally, March 31 is the deadline for the Initiative and Referendum Study consensus questions. I hope that you participated in the January consensus and attended the **January 25 forum on the subject. Alice McCauley's** committee will present the rest of the consensus questions at the February Units, so be sure to participate in one of those Unit meetings this month. They will combine all of results and send them in to the LWVC where some lucky soul gets to put ours together with those of other Leagues throughout the state who have participated. We will see the results as a potential position that will be voted on at the LWVC convention May 15-17 this year in San Jose.

Along with all of these events, please mark March 19 on your calendar as our next League luncheon, which will complement our March Unit presentations that will look at city budgets. One of our speakers will be Eduardo Luna, San Diego City Auditor, who has done some remarkable work to help our City Government work more efficiently, along with a speaker from an East County city (TBD) who will give a financial view from a smaller city. I always have thought we learn best by Compare and Contrast and these two should help us see two ways that two cities handle their financial problems.

The League works best when we have input from many of our members. So attend, participate and learn.

Yours in League, Jeanne Brown, Co-President

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Unit Calendar — February — Initiative and Referendum Study - Consensus

Sat, Feb 9 10 am-noon	Southeastern	Malcolm X Library, Multi-media Room 5138 Market Street, San Diego 92105	Sue Rogers.....619-233-1744
Mon. Feb 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
Tues, Feb 12 9:30-11:30 am	La Jolla	La Jolla Community Center 6811 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla 92037	Joan Dahlin.....858-454-5019
Tues, Feb 12 12:30-2:30 pm	East San Diego	College Rolando Library 6600 Montezuma Road, San Diego 92115	Barbara Evje.....619-463-0673
Tues, Feb 12 1-3 pm	University City- Room change	North University City Community Library 8820 Judicial Drive, San Diego 92122	Mariette Kobrak....858. 450-1521 Catherine Stoll.....858-755-4119
Wed, Feb 13 1-3 pm	Tierrasanta	Tierrasanta Library 4985 La Cuenta Drive, San Diego 92124	Carole Porter.....858-279-5474
Wed, Feb 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, Feb 14 10 am-noon	East County	El Cajon Library, Seminar Room 201 East Douglas Avenue, El Cajon 92020	Marietta Lassaline...619-448-6270

LWVSD Board/Committee Meetings — February

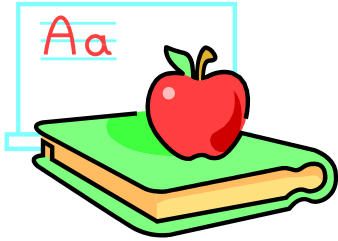
1st Fri	Feb 1	10 am	LWVSDC ILO Board, Scripps Ranch Library, 10301 Scripps Lake Dr, San Diego 92131
1st Tues	Feb 5	9:30 am	FDA Future Study, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave., Ste. 224 A, San Diego 92111
1st Tues	Feb 5	4 pm	LWVSD Board, 3rd floor conference room, 7710 Balboa Avenue, San Diego 92111
1st Thu	Feb 7	9:30 am	Unit Council, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave., Ste. 224 A, San Diego 92111
2nd Fri	Feb 8	9:30 am	Public Policy Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave., Ste. 224 A, SD 92111
3rd Fri	Feb 15	9:30 am	Program Committee, Mission Valley Library seminar room, Fenton Pkwy, SD 92108
3rd Mon	Feb 18	10 am	Membership Committee, LWV Office, 224A, 7710 Balboa Avenue, San Diego 92111
3rd Wed	Feb 20	9:30 am	Education Committee, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave., Ste. 224 A, SD 92111

Special Events — February

Sat, Feb 2, 10 am-2 pm	LWVSD Program Planning Meeting, front page
Wed, Feb 6, 5-7 pm	Human Trafficking, La Mesa Police Dept, 8085 University Ave, La Mesa, page 5
Wed, Feb 6, 6:30 p.m.,	The Bluest Eye book discussion, San Diego Public Library, 820 E Street, front page
Sun, Feb 10, 1:15 pm	Reception and Play: The Bluest Eye, celebrating LWV's 93rd Anniversary, pages 1 & 7
Thu, Feb 14	V-Day-"One Billion Rising: Strike Dance Rise!" Balboa Park & Liberty Station, page 5
Wed, Feb 20, 8 am-noon	The 2nd Annual Restoring Respect Conference Register online at: http://www.sandiego.edu/restoringrespect/registration.php
Thu, Feb 21, 9:30-11:30 am	Tour — Gompers Preparatory Academy, 1005 47th St, San Diego, CA 92102 page 4

Mark Your Calendars

Tue, Mar 19	Lunch with League, "Keeping our Cities on a Strong Financial Course," see flyer
Fri, Mar 22	Redevelopment Forum, Center for Civic Engagement 8:30-12:30, Senator Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg
May 16-19	LWVC Convention "MyLeague: Leading the Charge for Change," San Jose, CA



*The Education Committee of the
San Diego League of Women Voters
Invites Members to Join Them in a Tour of*



a UCSD Partnership School

Thursday, February 21, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

1005 47th Street, San Diego, CA 92102

Gompers Preparatory Academy (GPA) has established itself as a model for systemic change in a large urban school district. Through hard work, innovative practices, and effective leadership, GPA, once a failing and unsafe school, showed the largest gain of any middle or high school in San Diego Unified School District in 2011 and has continued to make impressive gains since converting to a public charter school in 2005. The mission of Gompers Preparatory Academy, in partnership with UCSD and Community, is to accelerate achievement for all students through a college preparatory culture and curriculum. Last year 100% of the GPA senior class graduated and were accepted at four-year universities or community colleges. **The purpose of the League's visit is to view first hand their instructional program, have dialogue with the GPA staff, students, and parents and to observe cutting edge educational practices contributing to student success.**

We hope you will join us for this very informative visit. Following the school visit, lunch is optional at nearby **Felix's BBQ, 342 Euclid Avenue in Market Creek Plaza.**

*Please RSVP your attendance for school visit and lunch to
Jacque Nevels at jpnevels@yahoo.com or call (858) 212-4311.*

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The San Diego County Commission on the Status of Women and the League of Women Voters of San Diego invite you to an open presentation on human trafficking Wednesday, February 6, 5-7 p.m., La Mesa Police Department, 8085 University Avenue, **La Mesa. The theme centers of the U.S. State Department's "3-P" paradigm for addressing the worldwide problem of human trafficking: Prevention, Protection, and Prosecution.** Speakers represent: prevention--STAR/PALS works with at-risk girls in high school; protection—Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition provides care for victims of human trafficking; and prosecution—SDPD Vice rescues victims and collects evidence to prosecute traffickers and pimps. To RSVP, contact Lisa McAvoy at 858-505-6548 or lisa.mcavoy@sdcounty.ca.gov.



You are urged to join One Billion Rising! on Thursday, February 14, 2:14 p.m. as we **"Strike | Dance | Rise!"** Eve Ensler (**Vagina Monologues**) has initiated a campaign to increase awareness leading to an end of violence against women. She invites us to **take a pledge: "I refuse to watch as more than one billion women experience violence on the planet. I'm joining V-Day on 02/14/13 in a global strike to demand an end to the violence."** You are invited to meet at the **Women's Museum of California**, 2730 Historic Decatur Road, Barracks 16, Liberty Station at 2 p.m. to begin the **League's and Museum's demonstration to end violence against women.** In the evening, a press conference is scheduled for 4 p.m. on the steps of City Hall, followed by a march through downtown. A rally with speeches and music further commemorates V-Day in the Organ Pavilion, Balboa Park, from 6:30–8 p.m. For more information, telephone Anne at 858-245-1677.

With the beginning of the 113rd Congressional session, we looked with great anticipation to Congress to see what new legislation would be introduced. The first piece introduced by the U.S. House of Representatives was to **repeal "Obamacare," the 34th time members have voted**

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

on this issue. How shocking! The following identifies women-related legislation that we would have preferred: Equal Rights Amendment (introduced in 1923, enacted in 1972, but failed to be ratified by 38 states by 1982—receives an advocacy of adoption each Congressional session); Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (the U.S. and six other countries of 194 have not ratified CEDAW); Violence against Women Reauthorization Act of 2011 (passed by the U.S. Senate, but died in the U.S. House of Representatives); Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 (expired in October, 2011 and has not been renewed by Congress); International Violence against Women Act (introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives, but died in committee); and International Protecting Girls by Preventing Child Marriage Act (passed in U.S. Senate, but failed in the U.S. House of Representatives). Is there a message in this lack of support for legislation important to women and girls? Action is urgently needed to stop this war on women and girls. <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/>



Apologies for the incorrect title shown in the early versions of **January's Voter.**

John Chiang is California State Controller.

— Anne Hoiberg, Chair, International Relations Committee

MEMBERSHIP

Please welcome the following new members: Carolyn Woodbury (91915); Rachel Barry (92104) and Alicia Langston (92115) are new members who are graduate student interns for LWVSD now.

Might You Be a Fifty-Year Member? If you think you have belonged to League (anywhere) for 50 consecutive years, please contact Beryl Flom, 858-459-4406 or edflom@sbcglobal.net. Fifty year members are honored at each annual meeting and then no longer pay dues.

Sadly, two League members and a past member have passed away this month:

Gloria Christman was an active participant in the North Shore/Point Loma Unit and then the University City Unit and came to many general meetings and luncheons. Many years ago, she chaired the Observer Corps - a group of members who attended many public meetings and brought issues of interest back to the League City Issues committee for possible action. She died of cancer on December 22 at age 89. She was also active with her church, the Mission Valley YMCA and the Clairemont Town Council. Gloria always had a smile and was a very gracious lady who will be missed by many Leaguers.

Dr. Murray Galinson supported the work of the League and was a well-known philanthropist and attorney in San Diego. "He really was a great supporter of women and minorities and helping us break through those proverbial 'glass ceilings,'" said Congresswoman Lynn Schenk. Dr. Galinson was an invaluable political advisor to many in office. He worked with Price Charities, the Weingart Foundation and San Diego Grantmakers, among others. Dr. Galinson was one of the first chairs of San Diego's Citizens Advisory Board on Police-Community Relations, formed in 1985 after a racially charged police shooting. According to Jack McGrory, Dr. Galinson was an outstanding peacemaker and "established credibility for the board inside the police department". He died in La Jolla on January 3 following surgery.

Beth Poppendiek was a member of LWVSD from 1988-2012 and died peacefully in her sleep at age 92. She was the bookkeeper for her husband's two companies and an active volunteer in many organizations. "Always the loving, upbeat and encouraging center of the family, she was enthusiastically supportive and involved in many aspects of...{their} lives..."

— Beryl Flom, Vice President, Administration



The League's Position on Gun Control

"as Adopted by 1990 Convention and amended by the 1994 and 1998 Conventions:

"The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that the proliferation of handguns and semi-automatic assault weapons in the United States is a major health and safety threat to its citizens. The League supports strong federal measures to limit the accessibility and regulate the ownership of these weapons by private citizens. The League supports regulating firearms for consumer safety.

"The League supports licensing procedures for gun ownership by private citizens to include a waiting period for background check, personal identity verification, gun safety education and annual license renewal. The license fee should be adequate to bear the cost of education and verification.

"The League supports a ban on "Saturday night specials," enforcement of strict penalties for the improper possession of and crimes committed with handguns and assault weapons, and allocation of resources to better regulate and monitor gun dealers."

<http://www.lwv.org/content/gun-control>



You are invited to celebrate the 93rd Anniversary of the League of Women Voters with a production of Toni Morrison's

The Bluest Eye

Sunday, February 10, 2013

1:15 pm - reception

2 pm - performance

Discussion following

\$25 per person

In co-production with



6663 El Cajon Blvd., Suite N
(between Pearson Drive & Montezuma Road)
San Diego CA 92115



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Toni Morrison's The Bluest Eye

The Bluest Eye tells the story of one year in the life of a young black girl in 1940s Ohio. Eleven-year-old Pecola Breedlove wants nothing more than to be loved by her family and schoolmates. Left to fend for herself, she blames her dark skin and prays for blue eyes, sure that love will follow. *The Bluest Eye* paints a portrait of the legacy of racism on a young girl's psyche.

Adapted by Lydia Diamond.

Directed by Delicia Turner Sonnenberg.

League of Women Voters San Diego — Performance and Reception — February 10, 2012

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ E-Mail _____

Guest(s) _____

Amount enclosed (\$25 per person) _____ by **February 4**. Make checks payable to LWVSD and mail to 7710 Balboa Ave. 224A, San Diego CA 92111, 858-483-8696, or register on our website with Paypal www.lwvsandiego.org Click on 'donate' button, 'amount' \$25, 'purpose' Bluest Eye.



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