



LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

Program Planning Meeting

This opportunity comes only once a year. Please join us:

Saturday, February 2, 2013

Sierra Mesa Library, 9005 Aero Drive, San Diego 92123

Meeting begins 10 am sharp

LUNCH 12-12:30 pm

Meeting resumes 12:30-2 pm

As a valued member of this grassroots organization you have the opportunity and responsibility to indicate issues you believe should be the focus at the state and local levels. Which issues do you want prioritized in California and San Diego? Which positions need updating, if any? Let's use this opportunity to think strategically about the work of the League.

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What's Coming Up at

Our Unit Meetings?

What Can You Do to Get Involved and to Help?

January and February Units: The Initiative and Referendum Study. Look for the article on page 5 in this Voter. We have a committee that has been working on this project for the last few months.

March Units: City Budgets. The League has been working with other groups to understand the budgeting process for the El Cajon and San Diego City budgets.

April Units: Water Issues. The State of California has considered putting up bond propositions to raise money to improve the infrastructure of our state water system. We will be educating ourselves about what needs to be done to ensure that Californians have the water they need and what conservation methods we need to take to lower our "water footprint." Our college interns are helping with some research, but we will need help creating the best presentation.

We are looking for members to help prepare the information for the March and April Unit presentations.

If you are interested in helping with either the City budgets or water topics, please contact Jeanne Brown at jhisten.brown@gmail.com.

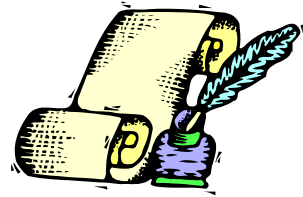
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President's Message



What a fantastic election season! League members worked hard to fulfill our mission of encouraging informed and active participation in government and influencing public policy through education and advocacy.

Eighty-nine prop talks were given with ten speakers reaching approximately 2200 people.

They reached education groups, students, retirement home residents, church groups, women's groups, Spanish-speaking groups, low-income groups, yacht clubs, and various community groups.

League members also participated in six candidate forums (sponsoring two) where attendees were able to ask questions of candidates for city councils and school boards.

The SmartVoter website had participation from 60% of the candidates in San Diego County which is an increase from

the last election. This was in spite of the late start due to the registrar's delays. Some very nice comments were received thanking the League for this valuable tool.

And while others rest over the holidays, League members continued to work putting together a holiday party, a redevelopment forum (now cancelled), preparing for the initiative and referendum study, testifying, and preparing publications.

We have attracted some new members and lost some but we continue to work on membership issues. We also have three individuals planning to intern for us. Fundraising continues to be an issue and of course any ideas or suggestions anyone in the general membership may have will be welcome.

Hope you all have a very happy New Year.

Your Co-President

Donna Bartlett-May



Sorry if you missed the November luncheon featuring John Chiang, California State Controller. His enlightening talk and answers to audience questions were clear, concise, and even entertaining.

LWVSD CALENDARS

We do our best to make sure everything is correct when we go to press. If changes happen, up-to-date information can be found on our Google Calendar: <http://lwvsandiego.org/calendar.html>

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Unit Calendar — January — Initiative and Referendum Study - Consensus

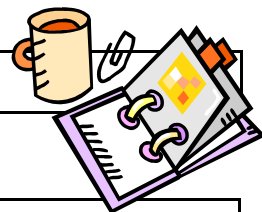
Tues, Jan 8 9:30-11:30 am	La Jolla	La Jolla Community Center 6811 La Jolla Boulevard, La Jolla 92037	Joan Dahlin.....858-454-5019
Tues, Jan 8 12:30-2:30 pm	East San Diego	College Rolando Library 6600 Montezuma Road, San Diego 92115	Barbara Evje.....619-463-0673
Tues, Jan 8 1-3 pm	University City	North University City Community Library 8820 Judicial Drive, San Diego 92122	Mariette Kobrak....858. 450-1521 Catherine Stoll.....858-755-4119
Wed, Jan 9 1-3 pm	Tierrasanta	Tierrasanta Library 4985 La Cuenta Drive, San Diego 92124	Carole Porter.....858-279-5474
Wed, Jan 9 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, Jan 10 10 am-noon	East County	El Cajon Library, Seminar Room 201 East Douglas Avenue, El Cajon 92020	Marietta Lassaline...619-448-6270
Sat, Jan 12 10 am-noon	Southeastern	Malcolm X Library, Multi-media Room 5138 Market Street, San Diego 92105	Sue Rogers.....619-233-1744
Mon. Jan 14 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

LWVSD Board/Committee Meetings — January

Wed	Jan 2	4 pm	LWVSD Board, 3rd floor conference room, 7710 Balboa Avenue, San Diego 92111
1st Thu	Jan 3	9:30 am	Unit Council, Serra Mesa/Kearny Mesa Library, 9005 Aero Dr., San Diego 92123
1st Fri	Jan 4	10 am	LWVSDC ILO Board, Scripps Ranch Library, 10301 Scripps Lake Dr, San Diego 92131
Tues	Jan 15	9:30 am	FDA Future Study, League Office, 7710 Balboa Ave., Ste. 224 A, San Diego 92111
2nd Fri	Jan 11	9:30 am	Public Policy Committee, Tierrasanta Library, 4985 La Cuenta Dr; San Diego 92124
3rd Wed	Jan 16	9:30 am	Education Committee, San Diego County Bd of Ed, 6401 Linda Vista Rd., SD 92111
3rd Fri	Jan 18	9:30 am	Program Committee, Mission Valley Library seminar room, Fenton Pkwy, SD 92108
3rd Mon	Jan 21	10 am	Membership Committee, LWV Office, 224A, 7710 Balboa Avenue, San Diego 92111

Special Events — January

Fri, Jan 25, 2–3:30 pm	LWV Panel Discussion: Do We Have to Take This Much Initiative? page 9
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Mark Your Calendars

Sat, Feb 2, 10 am-2 pm	LWVSD Annual Planning Meeting. Front page
Sun, Feb 10, 1:15 pm	Reception and Play: The Bluest Eye, celebrating LWV's 93rd Anniversary. page 11
Thu, Feb 14	V-Day — "One Billion Rising: Strike Dance Rise!" Balboa Park and Liberty Station. page 10
Wed, Feb 20, 8 am-noon	The 2nd Annual Restoring Respect Conference Register online at: http://www.sandiego.edu/restoringrespect/registration.php

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Program Planning Meeting (continued from front page) position; it may also include investigation or action.

THE PROCESS:

We will meet, break into groups, and review the positions that have been established in the past. We will determine whether to retain, update, or delete each position.

After lunch we will determine **which should be the “issues for emphasis” for next year’s program** and if we will need to do a study, either locally or to recommend one to the State League.

This year we will be looking at state and local positions. We will prioritize and evaluate and make recommendations for submission to LWVC. In order to do that we will all need to be comfortable with the following terms:

Study: when an issue is identified that cannot be acted upon for lack of an applicable league position, members may submit a recommendation or a new study. It should be accompanied by a scope or summary statement.

Concurrence: when a study has been completed and a position is held in another league, it could be recommended to be adopted verbatim by a vote of the delegates at the Convention or Annual Meeting. It also can be studied and adopted by individual local leagues. Background material would be available.

Update: when there is reason to believe that an existing position is either outdated, no longer valid, or in demonstrable need of additional analysis and information, members may recommend an update. An update should also have a scope.

Issue for Emphasis: when a combination of member and citizen education is needed based on an existing



Action: when a local issue is identified for advocacy through letters, speeches, coalitions, or other types of action, we may take such action if the issue corresponds to or ties in with a League position.

Investigation/ Information Gathering:

when an issue arises that merits action and is already covered

by an existing position, a committee may be formed or an individual may volunteer to gather and report on additional information that can be used to strengthen a course of action (advocacy, publication, public meeting, etc.). The provision of informational reports, reference pieces, new data, and background papers can often take the place of unneeded new studies.

Our recommendations will be submitted to LWVC by February 22. These issues will be reviewed by the LWVC Board of Directors prior to the State Convention in May. This year the convention will be in San Jose. At the convention, delegates will discuss and vote on the issues for emphasis along with possible studies.

At the LWVSD Annual Meeting in June, our conclusions will be voted on by the attendees. These results are the **basis for next year’s programs, as the program committee plans unit meetings, luncheons, tours, etc.**

Summaries of the LWVC and LWVSD positions will be available at the January Unit Meetings for you to review. However, positions in detail are available on the LWVC and LWVSD websites. Get going!

— Adrienne Schere and Jeanne Brown,
Program Planning Directors



Does the State of Californian owe you money?

The State of California is currently in possession of more than \$6.1 billion in Unclaimed Property belonging to approximately 17.6 million individuals and organizations. <http://www.sco.ca.gov/upd.html>

Update of League's Positions on the Initiative and Referendum

At its May 2011 convention, the League of Women Voters of California adopted an update to its position on the initiative and referendum process in California.

In our most recent election, with its many and often confusing initiatives and one referendum, it became obvious to League members and the general public, that the process can be improved. But for League to lead the way, its position on the initiative and referendum needs to be updated.

San Diego League members will have the opportunity to participate in this update at the January and February Unit Meetings. We will review the history of initiative

and referendum as well as the way the process currently works. Key issues and potential reforms will be discussed with members deciding, through consensus, what portions of the position are in need of update, amendment, expansion or possible deletion.

Two members from the Initiative and Referendum Committee will attend the January Unit Meetings, lead discussions of the material, and members will complete a portion of the consensus questions. In February we will finish our discussion and the remaining consensus questions.

— Alice McCauley, I&R Committee



California State Controller John Chiang chats with Josan Feathers, LWVSDC Natural Resources Director, and Jeanne Brown, LWVSD Co-President after the November luncheon.

Membership Report

The election always attracts new and returning members, but this year was especially exciting. According to Jennifer Waggoner, President of the LWV of California, over 3,600,000 people watched the League's ad on TV and over 450,000 people saw the Facebook post! This kind of publicity always helps.

Please welcome:

Genevieve Deutsch...92120, Thomas Mullaney...92103, Dorothy Gesick...92104, Jan Nikodym...91977, Claire Hirschfeld...92037, Susan Smith...92115, Mildred Hutcherson...92114, Audrey Swartz...92037, Rita Bruin...92122, Holly McCormick...92037, Maureen Buckley...92037, Diane Mosely...92131, Dee Aker...92154, Brian Kennedy...92117, Rebecca Booth...92110, Lesley McClelland...92109, Elizabeth Guo...92117, Pat Reeve...92131, Julie Hansen...92128, Barney Rickett...92037

— Beryl Flom, V/P Administration

Voter Service Teams Honored at Holiday Party



Our San Diego League honored the incredible work **done by the Speaker's Bureau** and the Moderating Teams during the 2012 election cycle. Prop Talkers and moderating teams were recognized with certificates and roses.

Margaret Stevenson, coordinator of the pros and cons presentations, reported the following:

Ten League speakers gave 89 Prop Talks to a combined total audience of approximately 2,191 people. The presentations were made to education groups, students, **retirement facilities, church groups, women's groups,** Jewish groups, senior groups, low-income groups, community groups, political clubs, and even a yacht club. **Margaret commented, "We feel that these people tell lots of others what they learned - that there is a ripple effect."**

Thanks again to the speakers: Debbie Blum, Lila Brill, Jeanne Brown, Amie Garapich, Mary Hanson, Anne Hoi-berg, Mariette Kobrak, Anita Reith, Betty Schulman, Margaret Stevenson, Beverly Wilson, Marian Zeldin, and Barbara Evje.

Mary Jean Word coordinated the requests for moderators and moderating teams. Generally, the League receives a \$75 donation for moderating a candidate forum. During the 2012 election cycle our San Diego League provided moderating teams for the following forums:

- Santee City Council/Mayoral,
- Imperial Beach City Council,

- Poway City Council,
- SD Unified School District Board by San Diego Council PTA,
- **SD Unified School District Board by 'Up for Ed,'**
- Poway Unified School District Board, and
- Grossmont High School Board sponsored by *East County Magazine*.

- Donna Bartlett-May coordinated our League-sponsored candidate forums for the La Mesa City Council and the El Cajon City Council.
- A well deserved thank you to our moderators and the moderating teams:
- Mary Jean Word, Beryl Flom, Dana Quittner, Donna Bartlett-May, Jeanne Brown, Suzy Bridges, Sylvia Hampton, Debra Blum, Shirley Larson, Shirley Walkoe, Susan Holko, Jill Elsner, June Greenwald, Betsy Stevens, Bev Wilson, Ann Clark, Marietta Lasseline, Eddie Cisco, and Lisa Hamann.
- Finally, a special "That Takes the Cake" award was presented to Beryl Flom for her extraordinary service to one voter on Election Day. Beryl was manning the League phone on election night when she received a call from a frustrated citizen. He was lost in the fog of Pacific Beach and couldn't find his polling place. Beryl gave him directions to her house. When he arrived she got in his car with him, and directed him to her polling place where he was able to exercise his right to vote. He drove her home, and they parted ways. We salute her passion and her devotion.**

— Joan Eisenhower, Director, Voter Service

Observer Corps Volunteers Needed



The LWVSD has had a few years where we have not had anyone to "Observe" our city council, port district, water district, school districts, etc. We would like to have people who are willing to do that on a regular basis. If possible, we would like to have a team of observers so that when one of us is on a trip or is ill, we will have others to take his/her place. We will also have the possibility to sometimes observe these meetings on TV or online, but the team can work around these possibilities. If you are interested, please contact Joan Dahlin at joandahlin@yahoo.com

Waterfront Update — December 2012

North Embarcadero Visionary Plan

Phase 1 of the long-awaited North Embarcadero Visionary Plan (NEVP) is underway. It will transform the San Diego bay front along Harbor Drive from Navy Pier to B Street Pier and along West Broadway from the railroad tracks to North Harbor Drive. This is the first part of the project to beautify the waterfront and create new public space that welcomes residents and tourists.

This first phase includes renovating Harbor Drive to the east and adding a third left turn lane from southbound Harbor Drive to eastbound Grape Street.

The project will increase and enhance the public's access to San Diego Bay through a wide esplanade at bay side. A public plaza at the foot of Broadway will include formal gardens, a café, service kiosks, public rest rooms, street furniture, public art, energy-efficient lighting, mixed pedestrian and bicycle use, shade pavilions and an information center.

The project will capture and treat storm water to improve the water quality of San Diego Bay.

The (NEVP) Phase I Project funding has been shared **equally between the port district and the city's former redevelopment agency (CCDC), now known as Civic San Diego.** The estimated cost is \$28.6 million.

The impacts of Redevelopment Dissolution on funding the NEVP Phase 1 is uncertain at this time due to the **California Department of Finance's (DOF) denial of funding this project among others.** However, the city and Civic San Diego have appealed this action. A response from the DOF is expected in December.

Navy Broadway Complex (NBC)

The Navy's prime waterfront property, NBC, also known as the Manchester Pacific Gateway, a 14.7 acre parcel at the foot of Broadway and Harbor Drive, landed back in federal court. A citizen activist group, the Navy Broadway Complex Coalition (NBCC), advocating public access to the waterfront, challenged the project with concerns over the threat of terrorism due to a new Navy headquarters as part of the deal.

The California Coastal Commission (CCC), rejected the NBC project last year, saying that a new environmental



review was needed because downtown has seen many changes since approval of the project was granted in the early 1990's and that the project no longer complies with federal and state coastal standards. However, a federal court judge denied the NBCC's motion in favor of the Navy and Manchester Pacific Gateway.

San Diego Convention Center Expansion

On September 19 at a public hearing, all port commissioners approved the San Diego Convention Center Phase 111 Expansion and Expansion Hotel, adopted a resolution certifying an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), approved the filing with the California Coastal Commission for certification, and approved an ordinance authorizing a support agreement between the port district and the City of San Diego for the Convention Center Expansion.

There is considerable opposition to a hotel room tax approved by San Diego hoteliers to finance the bulk of the Convention Center Expansion.

Lane Field



On October 9, the port commissioners approved a resolution granting approval to Lane Field LLC for the proposed Lane Field North Hotel Development Project, another prime waterfront parcel across from the

NBC on the northeast corner at Broadway and Harbor Drive with conditions.

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LAO Releases Primer on California's Property Taxes

The Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) released a report Nov. 29 outlining the history and current implementation of the state's property tax system of collection and allocation.

The 44-page report – **Understanding California's Property Taxes** – is available on the LAO website <http://www.lao.ca.gov/laoapp/>. The report outlines the history of property tax allocation in the state and examines a variety of different taxes and charges on a typical **California property tax bill, but focuses primarily on the 1% tax rate based on a property's assessed value.** The report examines how property taxes in California have been allocated and collected following passage of Proposition 13 in 1978. Proposition 13 capped property tax increases at 2% per year above the base value of the home at the time of purchase. In most instances, the rate resets to current market value when the home is sold.



The report also briefly examines the strengths and limitations of California's property tax allocation system, finding that the system does not meet certain standards of equity because some property owners pay different amounts for property taxes for similar properties.

— Donna Bartlett-May, Co-President

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This project also goes to the California Coastal Commission for approval.

Lane Field is to be built in two phases. The first phase consists of a 200 foot tall two-wing building containing two hotels of 150 and 250 rooms sharing a common lobby and elevator core.

The south phase would be taller, a more luxurious hotel containing 400 rooms sharing the motor court with the first phase and entry off Pacific Highway.

Nearby residents have complained about 365 parking spaces in an above ground level rather than underground parking. Port board members also complained about the parking, but the developers said underground would be too costly.

Both parcels, NBC and Lane Field, will wall off the bay, further diminishing the vision of the North Embarcadero Visionary Plan which emphasizes public access to the bay and the opportunity for residents and visitors to enjoy a grand pedestrian friendly waterfront with expanded public access, open views and recreational opportunities along the waterfront.

Ruocco Park

The Ruocco Park dedication took place on September 20 creating a 3.3 acre park along the San Diego Bay waterfront just north of Sea Port Village. The park was

funded through a public-private partnership provided by the port and the Lloyd and Ilse Ruocco Fund, administered by the San Diego Foundation.



Waterfront Park

On September 25, the groundbreaking ceremony for the County of San Diego Waterfront Park was held at the County Administration Center on Harbor Drive took place. The \$40+ million 11-acre park will feature an 830 foot long fountain and water jets, a splash area for children, themed gardens, open green space for picnics and civic events, and an underground parking structure.

The county supervisors will be asked to approve a \$2.3 million spending increase on the project to cover costs of amenities in the fountains and gardens areas and to improve lighting.

Baywide Deepwater Infrastructure Master Plan. The plan, developed by the port district, is a long-term comprehensive evaluation of all maritime sites in San Diego Bay with the goal of facilitating a vision for maritime business and an understanding of the future potential of our deep water assets to accommodate projected cargo, cruise, ship building, ship repair, and Navy needs over the long term.

— Cathy O'Leary Carey, Public Policy Committee



Do We Have to Take This Much Initiative?

Panel Discussion

Friday, January 25, 2013 from 2–3:30 PM

Dove Library
1775 Dove Lane
Carlsbad, CA 92011
Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium

Experts on California’s initiative and referendum process will discuss the role of money, influence, technology, and the legislature in California’s version of direct democracy.

Panelists: Panelists: Thad Kousser, Political Science Professor at UCSD, Joe Mathews, commentator and author of California Crack-up, Glenn Smith, Professor of Law, California Western School of Law, and Robert Stern, former president of the California Center for Governmental Studies. Moderator: Trudy Schafer, Senior Director for Program, League of Women Voters of California.

This event is free and open to the public.



Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of San Diego and North County San Diego and California Common Cause.

For more information, go to www.lwvncsd.org or call 760-736-1608.

What's Going On in the U.S. Congress?

During December, many members of the U.S. Congress failed to heed the childhood caution that “you better watch out, . . . you better be good, . . . Santa Claus is coming to town.” **Santa Claus may urge all of us to vote these representatives out of office because of their vote or lack of action!**



On December 4, for example, one woman and 37 men in the U.S. Senate voted against ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which was modeled after the Americans with Disabilities Act and signed into law by President George W. Bush. Two implausible reasons given for these votes included the “probable” relinquishing of our national sovereignty to the United Nations and the “possible” ending of home-schooling for disabled American children. Ratification of this treaty now will have to be re-introduced during the 113th congressional session. **To paraphrase Jon Stewart, “Some people hate the United Nations more than they like helping people in wheelchairs.”**

Another example pertains to the lack of support for the reauthorization of the Violence against Women Act. After many years of grassroots work by numerous women’s nongovernmental organizations, the Violence against Women Act of 1994, sponsored by Senator Joe Biden, was signed into law by President Bill Clinton. The U.S. Congress reauthorized the act in 2000 and 2005, expanding the original VAWA to include stalking, dating violence, elder abuse, and U visas*. Earlier this year, the U.S. Senate passed its reauthorization bill to include provisions that protect victims of abuse across the LGBTQ, undocumented, student, and Native American communities. Countering this bill, the U.S. House of Representa-

tives version eliminates these new protections and also rolls back protection of immigrant women who depend on a spouse’s legal status, thereby increasing their risk of harm by making it difficult to leave their abusers. The bill now languishes in the House of Representatives, more than 700 days since the VAWA 2005 expired. Before the end of the 112th session, our representatives need to resolve their differences and reauthorize the VAWA — or the process will have to be re-introduced in the 113th session. In the meantime,

funding may run out to keep shelters open for victims of domestic violence or sexual abuse. More tragically, three women are killed every day as a result of domestic violence.

One action we can take to end violence against women is to join “One Billion Rising: 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.” On February 14, 2013, one billion of us worldwide not only will call an end to violence against women, but we Americans also will vow to vote out those intransigent members of Congress in 2014.**

— Anne Hoiberg, Chair,
International Relations Committee

*Undocumented women who are victims of domestic violence can apply for a U visa, which gives them a green card and opportunities to work. They would probably be required to testify against their abusers. Most victims are terrified of the consequences if they step forward.



Want to attend the January 25th event about the Initiative and Referendum Study but don't want to drive to Carlsbad?

If you say “yes” to the above question, please let Jeanne Brown know at (619) 857-1807 or jhisten.brown@gmail.com. If we have enough people (20), then we can get a small bus for about \$15 each. But I need to know by January 11. *(see previous page)*



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



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Montezuma Road)
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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.

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

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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:

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\* To be tax-deductible, please make check to LWVSD Education Fund.