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“Lunch with League” When (Oh, When) Will We End Violence against Women?

At the U.N.’s Second World Conference on Women in 1980, delegates concluded that women of all nationalities and socioeconomic strata are at risk of being a victim of violence. In the *Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women*, adopted by the U.N. General Assembly in 1993, the term “violence against women” means “any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivations of liberty.” Such violence can include battering, female genital mutilation, rape, sexual harassment, or violence by the state during armed conflict.

“Women, Violence, and Activism”

Tuesday, November 17,

11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Tom Ham’s Lighthouse Restaurant on Harbor Island

Panelists:

Dee Aker, Ph.D., Deputy Director, Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice

Anne Hoiberg, Research Psychologist (retired), Co-President, LWVSD

The program centers on a call to action for all of us to unite to end all forms of violence against women. Now is the time for anger and action! Please join League members, friends, and activists from several organizations as we strategize to end violence against women. (See the article on p.4 and the flyer in this issue)

November Units: Making It Happen

Now that our members are more informed and aware of health insurance reform and Congress is trying to work out a compromise plan, the Health-care Committee members will return to the November Unit meetings to answer questions and lead a discussion to help members formulate an opinion about: **1)** what is best for the U.S.; **2)** what would work; **3)** what concessions we are willing to make to keep costs down; and **4)** how we can be more active in influencing our elected officials.

We will also look at an excellent short video produced by California OneCare.

In addition, Units will work on their selected projects, including writing up a short explanation of what they want to do and how they plan to approach it. Finally, Unit members need to finish their Silent Auction basket for the Holiday Party. There will be no Units in December.

---Beryl Flom, Program Chair

LWV Holiday Party and Silent Auction!

Wednesday, December 2

5:00 to 9:00 pm

There will be our traditional turkey and ham dinner surrounded by a generous potluck provided by our Leaguers:

“Last name beginning with A - H-- please bring appetizer; last name beginning with I - O, salad; last name beginning with P - Z dessert”

- ♦ **Holiday Music**
- ♦ **The fun of a Silent Auction**
- ♦ **Tarot Card readings**

Roetter Hall

Good Samaritan Episcopal Church
4321 Eastgate Mall, 92122

The church is located in UTC, two blocks north of La Jolla Village Drive off of Genesee. (see flyer in this issue for details)

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LWVSD Mission Statement

The League of Women Voters is strictly nonpartisan, but wholeheartedly political, working to influence public policy through education and advocacy.

Co-President's Message

Iceland: My travels during the past six weeks centered on a visit to Iceland to observe the outcome of a radical change in its government and financial institutions: women have taken over! The election last April resulted in the end of a seventeen-year "rule" of a predominantly male political party and the beginning of a coalition of parties more in tune with social and environmental justice. Leading the charge of bringing Iceland out of bankruptcy are the world's first lesbian Prime Minister, five women ministers (out of eleven), and two women who have been appointed to head the major banks. Also of importance, the most successful Icelandic financial services company is the brainchild of two women! Although too early to applaud a major financial turn around, a feeling of change and hope permeates the country.

Washington, D.C.: Another trip took me to Washington, D.C. to attend the *Women Money Power Summit*, sponsored by the Feminist Majority and the YWCA-USA, with more than 25 partners and 100 organizations represented. Of special interest to me was meeting and hearing Tina Tchen, Executive Director of the White House Council on Women and Girls, and Lynn Rosenthal, White House Special Advisor on Violence against Women.

Fifteen interactive workshops were offered, and I participated in those that addressed strategies to reduce violence against women, efforts to ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, and actions needed to enact the International Violence against Women Act. Also posed at the summit was the perennial question, "Why are women still not running for office?" Everyone concluded that we need to recruit, support, and elect women to create "another world." Other highlights included a happy 75th birthday luncheon for Gloria Steinem and a press conference called by Speaker Nancy Pelosi and five Congresswomen to discuss the impact of health care reform on women.

Back to San Diego: The LWVSD has been selected to host two civic leaders (between the ages of 25 and 35) from Colombia, arriving in San Diego for several weeks next April. This program, "Connecting Future Legislators with Civil Society," has two goals: 1) to strengthen the participants' understanding of legislative processes in the United States, Colombia, and Brazil, and 2) to deepen the participants' understanding about the role civil society plays in the process. League members will serve as mentors, providing the two fellows with a home-stay along with experience working with the League on local issues. During their remaining stay in San Diego, the fellows will serve as interns for two weeks with elected officials. If you wish to join the committee to plan for the Colombian future legislators' experience in San Diego, please contact me.

---Anne Hoiberg, Co-President
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November Units: Healthcare Wrap Up, Unit Projects

Monday, Nov. 9 9:30 - 11:30 AM	Rancho Bernardo and Scripps Ranch	San Diego National Bank Community Room 2nd Floor 15789 Bernardo Center Drive San Diego, CA 92128	Bev Wilson, (858) 592-9664 Irene Dunny, (858) 613-0335
Monday, Nov. 9 5:30 – 7:30 PM	Mission Valley	Mission Valley Library 2123 Fenton Parkway San Diego, CA 92108 (Near IKEA and Costco)	Debra Blum, (619) 225-0353
Tuesday, Nov. 10 9:30 - 11:30 AM	La Jolla	Riford Center 6811 La Jolla Blvd. La Jolla, CA 92037	Joan Dahlin, (858) 454-5019 Sherry Bloom, 858-459-7598 619-200-0300 (cell)
Tuesday, Nov. 10 1:00 – 3:00 PM	University City	North University City Community Library 8820 Judicial Drive San Diego, CA 92122	Catherine Stoll, (858) 755-4119
Wednesday, Nov. 11 1:00 – 3:00 PM	Tierrasanta	Home of Mary Anna Kornbrust 5241 Edgepark Way San Diego, CA 92124	Mary Anna Kornbrust, (858) 569-5059
Thursday, Nov. 12 9:30 – 11:30 AM	North Shores/ Point Loma	Pacific Beach Library 4275 Cass Street San Diego, CA 92109	Shirley Walkoe, (619) 223-6314 Nancy Witt, (619) 222-7230
Thursday, Nov. 12 9:30 – 11:30 AM	East San Diego	College Rolando Library 6600 Montezuma Road San Diego, CA 92115-2828	Barbara Evje, (619) 462-4772
Saturday, Nov. 14 10:00 - 12:00 PM	Southeast Unit	Malcolm X Library 5138 Market Street San Diego, CA 92105	La Quita Robbins, (619) 470-9095 Frances Bumpus, (619) 263-7335
Monday, Nov. 16 2:00 - 4:00 PM	Coronado Unit	Winn Room, Coronado Public Library 640 Orange Avenue Coronado, CA 92118	Nancy Cuddy, (619) 437-4597

LWVSD Calendar — November

11/3	Tues.	5:30 p.m.	Board Meeting, LWVSD Office
11/5	Thur.	9:30 a.m.	Unit Council, LWVSD Office
11/9-16			Units: “Healthcare Wrap Up, Unit Projects”
11/11	Wed.		<i>Veterans Day</i>
11/13	Fri.	10:30 a.m.	County League Board Meeting, LWVSD Office
11/16	Mon.	10:00 a.m.	Membership Committee Meeting, LWVSD Office
11/17	Tues.	11:30 a.m.	Lunch w/League, “Women, Violence and Activism”, Tom Ham's, 11:30 a.m.
11/18	Wed.	11:00 a.m.	Education Committee, LWVSD Office
11/20	Fri.	9:30 a.m.	Public Policy Committee, LWVSD Office
11/20	Fri.	12:00 (noon)	Program Committee, LWVSD Office
11/26	Thur.		<i>Thanksgiving</i>
12/2	Wed.	5:00 p.m.	Holiday Party

Help Needed On A Quick Project



The Program Committee is looking for a few people to help research, write up, and present information on what services are provided by the various governmental bodies in San Diego.

Most of the information is on the web - meetings will be held to a minimum. This January Unit presentation will be preliminary to the June election which will have both city and county issues and races on it including whether the city wants to continue with a strong mayor form of government. Please contact if you are interested, if you want further information, and/or if you have information to share.

---Beryl Flom, Program Chair
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LWVUS Supports Violence Prevention

It endorsed the Violence against Women Act of 1994, which celebrated its 15th anniversary in September 2009.

Newsworthy Factoids:

- ◀ Thirty U.S. Senators voted that defense contractors who commit rape should not be prosecuted.
- ◀ One in three women worldwide has been a victim of rape or beating at some point in her life. In the United States, 89,000 cases of rape were reported last year, 845 cases in San Diego. In 2006, 232,960 women in the U.S. were raped or sexually assaulted. More than half of the world's sexual assaults are committed against girls younger than 15.
- ◀ One million children are forced into prostitution during any given year.
- ◀ "It has probably become more dangerous to be a woman than a soldier in an armed conflict."
- ◀ An "honor" killing takes the lives of more than 6,000 women each year.
- ◀ Forty percent of all pregnancies are unplanned or unwanted.
- ◀ Governor Schwarzenegger restored \$16.3 million for domestic violence shelters and programs after eliminating \$20.4 million funding for shelters.
- ◀ A male U.S. Senator questioned why health care insurance plans should cover hospitalizations for childbirth.

---Anne Hoiberg, Co-President

Membership News

The membership may be down, but not out. (Smiles) Our next Welcome for new members will be at the home of Kathleen MacLeod in January. Date and time to be announced.

---Peggy Finch, Co-Chair
---Peg Bates, Co-Chair

Currently the LWVSD has 433 members! Please welcome these new members who joined between August and September, 2009.

NAME	ZIP
Toni G. Atkins	92102
Pat Coffey	92115
Don Cottrell	92119
Judith Halter	92037
Janice Hartwig	92119
Amy Hjerstedt	92104
Caroline Spencer	92064

Obituary

It is with regret that we announce the passing of League member William (Bill) Treiger, husband of member Margaret Mary Treiger.

He was a well loved and dedicated OB/GYN for many decades before he and Margaret settled in San Diego in 2005.

Marjie Larson Honored

Marjie was recognized by the San Diego Union-Tribune for her volunteer work in the Everyone a Reader Literacy Program. (And a color picture!) She is also active in the League and serves meals to the needy though her church. Way to go, Marjie!

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"Women, Violence, and Activism"

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11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



Each year, since 1991, hundreds of thousands of people throughout the world have participated in the "16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence." This luncheon will be a kick-off to this year's campaign.

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Tom Ham's Lighthouse Restaurant, Harbor Island Drive

Cost: \$25 LWV members; \$30 non-members

Directions to Tom Ham's:

Harbor Dr. to the airport; turn left at Harbor Island Dr.; proceed two short blocks and veer right. Continue past hotels and marinas to the end of the island. Parking is free.

We are collecting personal items to give to a women's shelter, if you would like to bring a contributions.

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"Women, Violence, and Activism!"

Reservations must be received by Nov. 13, 2009

Mail check to LWVSD, 4901 Morena Blvd., # 104, San Diego 92117.

Questions: 858-483-8696

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