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February Units “Cap and Trade -- Natural Resources”

A few years ago, at a Natural Resources Unit Meeting, the League examined global warming, and what we as individuals can do to reduce our carbon footprint. We now turn to measures being proposed to force corporate pollution emitters to reduce their carbon footprint.

While policy makers have advocated subsidies for clean energy technologies and have funded various promising alternate energy developments over the years, what's currently being discussed in Congress and in California is a **Cap-and-Trade bill** to help alleviate climate change.

Under Cap-and-Trade, **the government sets an overall limit on emissions, the Cap**, a mandatory, science-based target. Companies satisfy the Cap either by reducing their emissions or by buying allowances from someone else.

Please join us to learn:

1. What comprises a Cap-and-Trade System and who must comply?
2. What is the goal of the Cap-and-Trade System (CA, US, EU, Kyoto)?
3. How it works.
4. Pros and cons.
5. The political debate around Cap-and-Trade, and should a carbon tax be implemented instead?
6. Present and future Cap-and-Trade legislation.
7. The US's successful and functioning Cap-and-Trade System with sulfur dioxide.
8. The European Union's implemented Cap-and-Trade System — what we can learn.

90th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE LWV!!

The late Honorable Lionel Van Deerlin once commented that League women were “women in low heels with high ideals,” exemplifying how the dedication of League members promotes good governance in our communities and nation. This February the LWV celebrates its 90th anniversary, and the LWVSD begins its 75th year of serving San Diegans. We cordially invite all League members as well as their families and friends to attend a LWV 90th Anniversary Gala Luncheon to be held at the Prado Restaurant in Balboa Park on February 12. In addition to a delicious meal, the luncheon will showcase accomplishments of San Diego Leagues dating back to 1936, while highlighting a number of national achievements. We will also share rousing songs.



Both individual luncheon tickets and tables of 8 are available for purchase. Individual tickets are \$50 (regular) or \$75 (priority seating and acknowledgement in program). Tables are \$400 (regular) or \$600 (priority seating and acknowledgement in program).

Please also consider honoring or memorializing a League member, family member, or special friend by adding his or her name to our program Honor Roll. The minimum donation is \$50.

Please see the enclosed flyer that serves as an invitation to the anniversary luncheon and also provides details about how to honor someone. Please save the date and join us on February 12! For more information, contact

---Susan Baer, 858-569-5183, sbaer@san.rr.com,
90th Anniversary Committee Chair.

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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

The gray rains washed away the post-holiday "blues," energizing us to reflect on our beloved League of Women Voters--where we have been and where we are headed. Past President Pat Richardson described League as "not unlike a clock. It ticks along day after day, knowing exactly where it is going--and although it seems to be going around in one circle, it is always going in one direction, always looking ahead, drawing on past experience to anticipate future needs."

As we approach the 90th Anniversary of the LWVUS and the beginning of the 75th year of LWVSD, we look back on our accomplishments, posing questions to you about our remarkable past. These questions will be answered at the 90th Anniversary Gala Luncheon, February 12, at the Prado! If you can answer at least five of these questions now, please send your answers to me--and you will be recognized at the luncheon.

1. How did League step in to help WWII working women who had children?
2. What two sisters served as League presidents?
3. Who called the League a "commie" organization before the House Un-American Activities Committee?
4. On what important issue did League, "first you say no, and then you say yes"?
5. What role did League play in reorganizing city and county health departments?
6. What was League's solution to the protection and treatment of dependent and delinquent children?
7. How did League help in beautifying our San Diego harbor?
8. How many League members have been elected to public office? What are their names?
9. What issue consumed Leaguers from 1978 to 1981?
10. Why did League oppose the extension of Jackson Drive?
11. What does it mean that League "saved" San Pasqual Valley?
12. Why did League urge a ballot measure for a vote by the people concerning the former Naval Training Center?
13. How many years has League supported a single payer health system?
14. During the past 60 years, League has been involved in what issue important to low-income San Diegans?
15. What recent ballot measure did League actively oppose--and continues to oppose? What year did this issue first come under League scrutiny?

Send your answers to me at ahoiberg@sbcglobal.net, and you will be acknowledged on February 12th, as we celebrate the League of Women Voters and "anticipate future needs"!

Anne Hoiberg, Co-President

February Units: “Cap and Trade -- Natural Resources”

Monday, Feb. 8 9:30—11:30 a.m.	Rancho Bernardo and Scripps Ranch	San Diego National Bank Community Room 2nd Floor 15789 Bernardo Center Drive San Diego, CA 92128	Irene Dunny, (858) 613-0335 Bev Wilson, (858) 592-9664
Monday, Feb. 8 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Coronado Unit	Winn Room, Coronado Public Library 640 Orange Avenue Coronado, CA 92118	Nancy Cuddy, (619) 437-4597
Monday, Feb. 8 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Mission Valley	IHOP near the MV Library 2169 Fenton Parkway San Diego, CA 2108 *for this month only*	Debra Blum, (619) 225-0353
Tuesday, Feb. 9 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.	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, Feb. 9 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	University City	North University City Community Library 8820 Judicial Drive San Diego, CA 92122	Catherine Stoll, (858) 755-4119
Wednesday, Feb. 10 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Tierrasanta	Monterey Villa Clubhouse 5275 Rimpark Dr. /Apple Tree Lane San Diego, CA 92124	Carole Porter, (858) 279-5474
Thursday, Feb. 11 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.	East San Diego	College Rolando Library 6600 Montezuma Road San Diego, CA 92115-2828	Barbara Evje, (619) 462-4772
Thursday, Feb. 11 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.	North Shores/ Point Loma	Pacific Beach Library 4275 Cass Street San Diego, CA 92109	Shirley Walkoe, (619) 223-6314 Nancy Witt, (619) 222-7230
Saturday, Feb. 13 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Southeast Unit	Malcolm X Library 5138 Market Street San Diego, CA 92105	Frances Bumpus, (619) 263-7335 La Quita Robbins, (619) 470-9095

LWVSD February Calendar

2/2	Tues.	5:30 p.m.	Board Meeting, LWVSD Office
2/4	Thur.	9:30 a.m.	Unit Council, LWVSD Office
2/5	Fri.	10:30 a.m.	County League Board Meeting, LWVSD Office
2/8-13			Units: Natural Resources
2/12	Fri.	11:30 a.m.	90th Anniversary Luncheon (see flyer)
2/15	Mon.		<i>Presidents' Day</i>
2/17	Wed.	11:00 a.m.	Education Committee, LWVSD Office
2/22	Mon.	10:00 a.m.	Membership Committee Meeting, LWVSD Office
2/26	Fri.	9:30 a.m.	Public Policy Committee, LWVSD Office
2/26	Fri.	12:00 (noon)	Program Committee, LWVSD Office

"What Is the Role of the League at This Time in Your Life?"

Being a member of the League means different things to us at different times in our lives. As long-time Leaguers can attest, the League can be a life-long friend throughout the different phases of life, providing, for example, much needed lively discourse during the childrearing years, providing ways to build skills when it's time to spread wings, or a way to feel engaged and work with a group of people for the greater good after retirement or any other life change. It's useful to keep in mind that involvement ebbs and flows throughout membership...

Another way of looking at participation in the League comes from Alfred Adler, a 20th-century Austrian psychologist, who believed that each of us has a keen need to feel a sense of significance and belonging. The League can be an ideal group for people to positively fulfill that need."

(from the Seattle Voter's membership chair)

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will be meeting to consider filling the following vacancies (if current officers and directors don't want to continue):

1. Co-president or President
2. VP - Administration
3. VP - Program
4. VP - Development
5. Treasurer
6. Secretary
7. Director - Public Relations
8. Director - International Relations
9. Director - Voter Services
10. Nominating Committee Chair
11. Nominating Committee - two members

Any of these positions could be shared. Please let me know if you are interested in helping us out by volunteering for any of the above positions.

Thanks



--Nancy Witt,
Nominating Committee Chair
619-222-7230

Looking for a New Office

In July of 2008 we were asked to renew our lease for another two years. I felt as if I didn't know whether our office and the expenses involved were typical or not. So I had to sign. In July of 2010 we will be asked again whether we want to renew for another two years. This time I want to be prepared. I have asked Sherry Bloom (Co-chair of the La Jolla Unit and realtor) to join me in an *ad hoc* committee to educate ourselves on what types of offices are available and compare them to what we have now. No one wants to go through the work of moving our office, and our education may end up being used to sign our lease with the knowledge that we have a good deal. But we may find information that will result with us being able to bargain better with the management or save money by a move for the better.



This committee will also include at least one representative from the ILO because they sublet from us. We will consider cost, space, location, and other variables. If this interests you or you have information that you would like to share with us, please contact.

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The Next Step on Health Reform

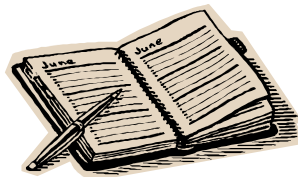
A recent editorial in *The New York Times* (12/27/09) compared the Senate and House versions of the health care bill in Congress.

"The House bill, which is superior in many critical respects, does a better job of making health insurance affordable; the Senate bill has stronger provisions to restrain escalating medical costs. Both would begin to move Medicare, and through its example the entire health care system, away from wasteful fee-for-service medicine toward coordinated delivery systems that improve quality and lower costs. Neither bill would bust the budget; they would reduce the deficit over the next decade by comparable amounts in excess of \$130 billion, according to the budget office. The House bill relies heavily on pilot projects within Medicare to determine which approaches to restraining medical costs might work best, but lacks a strong mechanism to drive successful reforms into widespread use. The Senate bill would empower an independent board to carry out successful reforms broadly within Medicare and recommend changes in private programs. The board is a crucial cost-control mechanism. It should be strengthened by removing a 10-year exemption for hospitals and hospices. Under the more generous House bill, low-income people would pay substantially less and get better benefits than under the Senate bill. The House bill would expand Medicaid coverage to higher-earning people than the Senate bill does. It would....(pay) primary-care doctors the same that Medicare pays. The House bill imposes higher penalties on employers who fail to offer coverage" which would raise the number of insured employees by 6 million while the Senate bill would lower the number of insured employees by 4 million.

"The House (bill) has stronger penalties on individuals who decline to buy insurance and would exempt fewer individuals on grounds they could not afford to buy coverage. The House bill would merge individual buyers and small businesses into a large pool that would spread the risks among sick and healthy patients. The Senate bill would fragment the risk pools to the point that they might not function well. The House bill would close the...doughnut hole...and allow the government to negotiate drug prices for Medicare beneficiaries."

The final bill will be some combination of these features and then will have a tight vote in the Senate.

---Beryl Flom, VP/Program Chair
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Mark Your Calendars!

Lunch with League

Wednesday, March 24 at Tom Ham's will focus on Clean Elections. The June ballot will include a proposition on public financing of the Secretary of State's campaign, and this luncheon will discuss the process and successes and failures of public financing at all levels of government.

Program Planning for 2010-11

Saturday, January 30th, 9:30 a.m.

Linda Vista Public Library. 2160 Ulric St., 92111

We will review LWVUS positions and discuss any recommended updates or new studies. Members may suggest topics for advocacy, education, or further research (without taking consensus and forming a new position) See January Voter for details and driving instructions.

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LWVSD Diversity Policy

The LWVSD, in both its values and practices, affirms its belief and commitment to diversity and pluralism, which means there should be no barriers to participation in any activity of the League of Women Voters on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability. LWVSD recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision making. LWVSD subscribes to the belief that diversity and pluralism are fundamental to the values it upholds and that this inclusiveness enhances the organization's ability to respond more effectively to changing conditions and needs. LWVSD affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of Americans in its Board, staff and programs.



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