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Thursday, August 26

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August 24, 2010
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

"Sustainability: Can California Afford It or Afford To Lose It?"

Rancho Bernardo Library

All members and the public welcome — suggested donation \$15 per person

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Co-President's Report Outcome of Board Retreat

Our League Board retreat was held on July 10th at Beryl Flom's beautiful home, and we had a highly productive and fun day. We examined issues including our League's nonpartisan policy, bylaws, LWVUS mission statement, "How and When to Take Action" in League, Co-Presidents' goals for the upcoming year, each Board member's ideas, goals, and plans for the upcoming year, and special projects that are being planned. We also elected Jeanne Brown as our League's First Vice President.

At the start of the retreat, we reviewed and discussed the significance of our League's nonpartisan policy. We reviewed how the LWVSD does not support or oppose any political party or any candidate. In addition, we discussed the importance of Board members using discretion in promoting or expressing personal political views so that people of varying viewpoints will feel comfortable at League gatherings. Of course, our League is political in the sense that we do take positions on various issues.

We were fortunate that Lottie Fox, our Management Training Advisor (MTA), attended our retreat. She made a very interesting and informative presentation titled, "How and When to Take Action", and she stressed that action follows education at all levels of League. Interest in an issue leads to study. Study leads to member education and study adoption (called a position). Positions at any level of League may be used as the basis for local action. Lottie also conveyed how our League might set priorities for working on issues and how we can determine the level of action for issues.

In addition, we talked about Anne and my Co-Presidential goals for the year that include:

- How can the League use various modes of communication (website, internet, op-ed pieces, letters to the editor, town hall meetings) more effectively?
- How can League become a stronger and more visible force in our community?
- How can we promote high quality League studies and participation by our members?
- How can we introduce and welcome more new ideas to our League?
- How can we increase fundraising?
- How can we retain and attract new members?

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LWVSD CALENDAR — August

Tuesday, Aug. 3	5:30 p.m.	Board Meeting. LWVSD Office
Friday, Aug. 6	10:30 a.m.	County League Board Meeting, LWVSD Office
Friday, Aug. 13	9:30 a.m.	Public Policy Committee Meeting, LWVSD Office
Monday, Aug. 16	10:00 a.m.	Membership Committee, Meeting, LWVSD Office
Tuesday, Aug. 17	10:00 a.m. – noon	Education Committee, LWVSD Office
Tuesday, Aug. 24	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	County League Day Sustainability Conference (see front page and p. 5)
Thursday, Aug. 26	5:00 p.m.	Women's Equality Day March and Celebration (see front page)
Friday, Aug. 27	10:00 a.m.	Program Committee, LWVSD Office
Saturday, Aug. 28	2:00 p.m.	Introduction to League, Beryl Flom's home, 1577 Vista Claridad, La Jolla — (see p. 6 - Membership)

Co-President's Report — Outcome of Board Retreat

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We also spent a good deal of time exploring each Board member's ideas, goals, and plans for the upcoming year. It is terrific to report that we have extremely competent, enthusiastic, and well organized Board members!

The retreat concluded with a discussion of two theatre projects that are being planned and a possible fundraising event in 2011 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of women winning the right to vote in California. Everyone showed a great sense of camaraderie at the retreat, and I look forward to working with all Board members this year!

--Susan Baer, Ph.D., Co-President



UNIT CALENDAR — September

Topic for September Unit meetings: Pros and Cons of Ballot Measures

Details in the September Voter — **Changes in bolded type**

Thursday, Sept. 9	9:30 — 11 a.m.	Unit Council Meeting, LVWSD Office	
Saturday, Sept. 11 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Southeast	Malcolm X Library 5138 Market Street San Diego, CA 92105	Frances Bumpus (619) 263-7335 La Quita Robbins (619) 470-9095
Monday, Sept. 13 9:30—11:30 a.m.	Rancho Bernardo and Scripps Ranch	The Gateway - TV Room 12751 Gateway Park Road Poway, CA 92064 (858) 487-1197	Claire Weiner (858) 679-7350 Betsy Stephens (858) 451-5653
Monday, Sept. 13 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Coronado	Coronado Public Library 640 Orange Avenue Coronado, CA 92118	Nancy Cuddy (619) 437-4597
Tuesday, Sept. 14 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, Sept. 14 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	University City	North University City Community Library 8820 Judicial Drive San Diego, CA 92122	Shirley Larson (858) 272-9752 Mariette Kobrak (858) 450-1531
Wed. , Sept. 15 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Mission Valley	Meeting Room Mission Valley Library. Fenton Pkwy. (IKEA side of shopping center) San Diego, CA 92108	Debra Blum (619) 225-0353
Thursday, Sept. 16 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
	North Shores/ Point Loma	No longer meeting – members are encouraged to attend other units until we find new arrangements	
Friday, Sept. 17 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Tierrasanta	Tierrasanta Library 4985 La Cuenta Drive San Diego, CA 92124	Carole Porter (858) 279-5474



Sustainability: Can California Afford It?
Tuesday, August 24, 2010
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Rancho Bernardo Library

This year our local League will be co-sponsoring County League Day with the ILO/County League. The topic will be Prop. 23 which will be on the November ballot. Prop 23 negates AB32 using the rationale of our current poor economy. As you may recall, AB 32 was approved by the California Legislature in 2006 and sets high goals for sustainable energy by 2012. It is a topic that will be discussed quite a bit as we get closer to the November election and one that is critical for the future of California and possibly for our planet.

Can California afford to change to a sustainable economy?

What does this mean and what are the repercussions of doing so?

Will it be disastrous for our economy or help us lead the way to the future that will benefit future generations?

Will it cause us to gain jobs or lose them?

Is there a relationship between unemployment and AB 32?

How are small business affected by AB 32?

As we all know, once the TV ads start bombarding us with disinformation, it becomes harder to understand what this proposition actually does and the reasons behind it. We will have speakers from both sides of this issue who will argue their case for voting for or against it.

Join us and bring your friends for this informative investigation of an issue that is critical for the future of California. Plan to carpool to show your “sustainable spirit”! Organize a carpool with friends or meet us at the San Diego Visitor Center, 2688 East Mission Bay Drive at 4:00 p.m.

— Jeanne Brown, Vice-President, Program



SAVE A TREE!

You can receive the *Voter* via e-mail or can read it on our website lwvsd@san.rr.com — all in full color — and can print any or all of the pages. The electronic version saves paper and the costs of printing and mailing. Older issues are archived on the website.

Take Part in the League's Observer Corps

We would like to revitalize our League's Observer Corps, and we are asking for volunteers to serve as League Observers. We also need a volunteer to chair the Observer Corps Committee.

Why Should Our League Have an Observer Program?

- To watch government in action and keep the League up-to-date,
- To let public bodies know that citizens are interested,
- To uphold the public's right to be present at meetings of public bodies,
- To establish good public relations for the League,
- To alert the League to possibilities for action on Positions,
- To become aware of emerging issues for program planning,
- To be informed, enlightened, and fascinated.

What Does the Observer Do?

- Regularly attends meetings of a selected public body,
- Acquires background about the function, powers, and operations of that agency,
- Knows where to find relevant documents,
- Becomes familiar with League positions,
- Collects newspaper and online articles concerning agency activities and,
- Factually reports proceeding for League use.

If you are interested in volunteering as a League Observer or Observer Corps Committee Chair or would like additional information, please contact

— Susan Baer, Co-President,
sbaer@san.rr.com, (858) 569-5183

MEMBERSHIP

National Members

The LWVUS has always given membership to their donors and passed on that information to the local Leagues. LWVSD has about 100 members through this National League system, but LWVUS has decided to drop the program. This means that we will need to work harder to recruit new members locally. Please feel free to invite your friends to a League meeting or talk with them about joining. The most effective means of growing membership is word of mouth.

Dues for New Members

We have decided to change the dues structure for new members. In the last several years, new members paid \$65/year. In the second year of membership, we have been prorating the membership dues so that most people renew on July 1. This requires numerous special letters which we are going to eliminate as we become more automated. People who join between July 1 and January 30 will now pay \$65 and people who join for the first time starting February 1 will pay \$50. Everyone will now renew on July 1. Additional household membership dues will remain the same at \$35/year.

Rosalie Dow

We were saddened to hear about the death of Rosalie Dow in June. She moved to San Diego in 1998 and retired from Montezuma Publishing in 2006. Rosalie was dedicated to progressive and feminist causes. She was only a member of LWVSD for about a year after her retirement but supported many of our issues.

New Members

A hearty welcome to the following LWVSD new and reinstated former members since April:

Valerie Chau	92129	Reuben Onstad	92109
Viola Frymann	92037	Usula Sasso	92037
Marie Hall	92128	Rhoda Slifka	92037
Susan Holka	92117	Terry Thomas	91911
Jay Ittleson	92103	Nancy Warner	92118
Elizabeth Mather	92129	Mildred Wood	92123

Introduction to League

Since we want all new and prospective League members attuned to the work and plans of the League, we are planning an Introduction to League meeting on Saturday, August 28 at 2:00 p.m. at Beryl Flom's home, 1577 Vista Claridad, La Jolla, CA 92037. Everyone is welcome and bring your friends, neighbors, and relatives for a kick-off to the Fall Elections and League Program.

— Beryl Flom, Membership Chair, edflom@sbcglobal.net
 or (858) 459-4406

Public Policy Committee Report

Our League's first Public Policy Committee meeting of the 2010 – 2011 year was held on Friday, July 9, 2010. At this first organizational meeting, I distributed a seven-question survey to committee members asking for their input about the committee. Following are the survey questions and committee members' responses:

1. What is the mission/purpose of our Public Policy Committee in your view?
 - ◆ Act on LWVSD positions after knowing the background and issues; work with ILO on overlapping issues. (ILO is our inter-league organization)
 - ◆ Keep current on issues facing us locally, and act as a League to support or oppose.
 - ◆ Review and propose Positions for League consideration.
 - ◆ Focus on city issues.
 - ◆ Identify issues/concerns related to city governance and take a stand – and act on them; review League Positions.
 - ◆ Review and propose Positions for League consideration; consider also doing research on various policy issues of interest.

2. What public policy issues would you like the Committee to examine?

The group recognizes that we must be flexible with issues, since new issues continually arise. Some frequently suggested issues to examine are: Balboa Park, downtown waterfront, outsourcing/privatization, downtown Central Library, homelessness in San Diego, and San Dieguito Park. There are others that we will consider also.

3., 4., 5. All attendees are willing to work in small groups of two to three people to examine particular issues and then report back to the entire Public Policy Committee with their findings. All attendees would be interested in occasionally having guest speakers discuss various public policy topics at our meetings. All but one attendee would be interested in our committee members occasionally reading a policy-oriented book on a particular topic and then discussing it at our meetings.

6. What other suggestions do you have for the way our Public Policy Committee meetings should be structured?
 - ◆ Have open discussion.
 - ◆ Have groups give reports at monthly meetings.
 - ◆ Have interactive meetings with lots of input and feedback from Committee members.

7. How can our Public Policy Committee help League become a stronger and more visible force in our community?
 - ◆ Revitalize the Observer Corps.
 - ◆ Provide a monthly report of Committee activity in the *Voter* and on the League website.
 - ◆ Do publicity, letters, op-eds, etc. on work that also increases membership.
 - ◆ Get out there!
 - ◆ Present current issues to all of our members.

The Committee will incorporate much of this input. Please join us at our next Public Policy Committee meeting that will be held on Friday, August 13, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in the League office.

— Susan Baer, Co-President and Public Policy Chair



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The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public issues, and influences public policy through

Central Library Update

The queue entering “Security” inched through the ground floor of City Hall on June 28, the day the City Council voted on the whether or not to begin construction of the Central Library by August 1. The gracious donors to the San Diego Public Library Foundation assembled near the speakers’ section while members of the nonprofit community and devoted library users clustered in the side rows. Former basketball star Bill Walton towered over everyone even when he was seated, and his comments about his librarian-storyteller mother brought tears to the eyes of even the staunchest anti-library penny-pincher. Joan and Irwin Jacobs received a huge round of applause for their donation of \$20 million, while appreciation also was expressed for the other generous contributors who brought the total of donations for the Central Library construction to almost \$31 million. Millions more are needed to complete the project, but assurances from Chair Judith Harris and Vice-Chair Mel Katz of the library foundation, sealed the deal, with Sherri Lightner and Carl DeMaio voting against this project.

The first efforts to establish a library in San Diego date back to 1897, according to Bob Kelly and Ben Haddad of the San Diego Foundation. With encouragement from The Wednesday Club, Lydia Horton urged Andrew Carnegie to support construction of a library in San Diego, the first library in California and one of the more than 2,500 libraries that Carnegie established.

Over the years, League has conducted studies of the library system in San Diego. Our 1989 two-

year study on Central Library Siting concluded that while the cost of a new building is a crucial consideration, a more important factor is building the Central Library large enough to encompass all present and projected functions for a minimum of 50 years. In addressing the criteria of architecture, public transportation, downtown parking, walking distance from home or business, and proximity to a residential area as well as cultural and civic center buildings, League selected Lane Field as the ideal site for the Central Library. The East Village location at 330 Park Boulevard was selected instead.



Our testimony at City Hall on June 28 supported the construction of the Central Library, using our position and

results of the 1989 study. In addition, I felt compelled to commend the Central Library on its many programs and exhibits. Recently, from June 14 – 16, the Central Library commemorated James Joyce’s *Ulysses* with a series of programs: A movie and lecture on the life of James Joyce and his influence on other writers, a lecture on *Ulysses* by a UCSD professor to celebrate Bloomsday (June 16) in the beautiful Wangerheim Room, and a three-day, noon-hour reading of Molly Bloom’s soliloquy performed by an superb actor from Mo’olelo Performing Arts Company. Now, that’s the type of programming one expects from a world-class library. With completion of the Central Library in 2013, San Diego will have a world-class library in which to continue offering world-class programs to San Diegans!

— Anne Hoiberg, Co-President

MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

Susan E. Baer, Ph.D., Co-President

I was born and raised in Hanover, PA, a small town with lovely rolling green hills close to Gettysburg. I have one older brother who currently lives in Pennsylvania. Both of my parents passed away within the last six years.

My first taste of politics came in high school when I was elected to the Student Council, and I was also elected class Secretary. In high school, I also played tennis on the varsity team. Achieving high grades and learning new things have always been extremely important to me, and I earned the title of senior class salutatorian.

In college, I majored in Economics, and I came to love my newfound freedom there, although always remaining highly cognizant of my coursework and the big picture. I graduated Summa Cum Laude. After college, I yearned to leave my small town life for the city, and I moved to Baltimore, MD where I worked for several years as a bond analyst at Legg Mason, Inc., an investment banking firm.

At Legg Mason, I came to miss the academic life, so I applied for and was accepted into the Ph.D. program in Government and Politics at the University of Maryland, College Park. I earned both my M.A. and Ph.D. at the University of Maryland, with my areas of research specialization being public policy and political theory. My doctoral dissertation was titled, "Gentrification and the Role of Community Organizations in Preventing African American Displacement". During and immediately after graduate school, I lived in the Washington, D.C. area which I loved. Living "inside the beltway" provided an array of exciting political activity, and I found the arts and culture in D.C. to be exceedingly vibrant.

Immediately after graduate school, I worked as a Presidential Management Fellow at the Social Security Administration in its Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, MD offices. Then, I continued to pursue my research aspirations by completing a post-doctoral appointment at the Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis at Indiana University, Bloomington. I am extremely fortunate that Professor Elinor Ostrom, 2009 winner of the Nobel Prize in Economics, served as my advisor and mentor during my post-doctoral appointment.



After completing my post-doctoral appointment, I accepted a position as a tenure-track assistant professor of Political Science at the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh. However, the winter weather was quite severe there, even for a Pennsylvanian, and I longed for a warmer climate. Thus, I was ecstatic when I was offered a tenure-track position as an assistant professor of Public Administration at San Diego State University. I worked at San Diego State University for eight years where I earned tenure and was promoted to associate professor. I have published numerous public policy articles in peer-reviewed journals and books. Although I won several teaching and advising awards, I did not feel a passion for teaching, and I was restless to try something new. Thus, I resigned from my associate professor position last year in order to pursue other opportunities. I feel blessed that I am in a financial position to be able to do so.

Since then, I have served on a number of local nonprofit Boards including our League, and I have learned a great deal about the nonprofit world. What's next for me professionally? I am not sure. I realize that the arc of my life may not be perceived as the norm. I believe that life is a process, that this process itself has great value, and I welcome any future opportunities that might arise. Right now, I am focusing hard on learning all that I can about League (and I do have a lot to learn) in order to do my best as your Co-President. I am honored that you have elected me to share this position with the amazing Anne Hoiberg.

Last but definitely not least, I have been married to my loving, understanding, and very patient husband Bruce since 2003. Our German Shepherd dog, Max, and our Labrador Retriever, Bear, are our two "kids." We enjoy a number of activities including taking walks with the dogs, going to see plays and musicals every chance we can, and traveling. We are going on our first photo safari to Tanzania in September, and I can't wait!

I look forward to getting to know each of you in the coming months.

Warmest regards,
Susan Baer, Co-President

MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

Delores Chavez-Harmes, Treasurer

Ms. Delores Chavez is Chief Financial Officer at Chavez Financial Offices (CFO), a firm that offers accounting and business management services for private sector and certified public accounting firms. A seasoned professional with decades of proven experience, Ms. Chavez is known for her customer centric approach. She minds the books while you mind your business.

CFO services include evaluation, design and operation dependability of client accounting systems and procedures as well as internal accounting controls resulting in from 20% to 50% improved efficiencies for clients. She saved one small business owner over \$45,000 in taxes by simply asking questions his previous accountant never took the time to ask. Ms. Chavez is renowned for investigating misappropriations, fraud, and embezzlement and has recovered from \$30,000 to \$500,000 for clients.

Clients of CFO have ranged from educational institutions, restaurants, hotel and resorts, law offices, building contractors, real estate and mortgage finance companies, manufacturing and retail sales companies, internet and computer related businesses, professional recruiting agencies, and professional global consulting firms.

A committed entrepreneur, Ms. Chavez formed and developed Adelante Construction Corporation, a general engineering construction company. She managed all financial decisions, marketing/sales, hiring and firing, job descriptions and business policy, purchase of major equipment and supplies, and field supervision until she decided to focus on CFO.

Ms. Chavez's experience also includes developing a migrant health care center in Yakima, WA, the Upper Valley Health Clinic, where she established clinic policy and recruited the all-volunteer office and clinic staff as well as physicians and health care professionals. She implemented a sliding fee scale, ac-

counting and bookkeeping systems, devised fund raisers, wrote grant applications and performed patient assessments. She also established Women's Health Care Exclusively, which was one of the first of its kind in a medi-center approach to specialized health care provided for and by women.



In addition to being a leader in her professional field, Ms. Chavez is a recognized leader in the community and champion for women in every facet of life. She served as President of Zonta International – La Jolla, an organization committed to advancing the status of women worldwide and was honored as “Young Career Woman of the Year” by the Business and Professional Women Foundation.

Ms. Chavez earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Central Washington University in Public Health Administration and a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from the University of Phoenix. An avid sportswoman, Ms. Chavez enjoys golfing, fishing, and skiing (she was a member of the National Ski Patrol) and holds a private pilot's license. She is also a certified Religious Education Teacher.

Ms. Chavez and her husband Scott Harmes currently reside in Valley Center, California. They are the proud parents of two adult children. Roy is in the US Air Force and has just been named Public Health Officer for the Air Force Academy. More important, Roy and his wife Sarah are the parents of Ms. Chavez' first grandchild, Rosie. Christina just graduated from San Diego State University with degrees in finance and economics and is a Financial Representative for Northwestern Mutual Finance.

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but Were Afraid to Ask”

or

“Redistricting:: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly”

Tom Ham’s Restaurant, Harbor Island

September 23

The League of Women Voters San Diego and San Diego Common Cause are co-sponsoring this luncheon that will be a review of redistricting at all levels.

- City - update of this decade’s commission.
- County – the county Board of Supervisors draws their own districts; the results have created districts that have re-elected the five white Republican supervisors over and over in an extremely diverse county.
- State – Update of the commission created by Prop 11 which is being attacked by Prop 27.
- National – Prop 20 would extend the commission created by Prop 11 in 2008 to draw the lines for congressional districts.

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Bring friends and family!

Saturday, October 2

11AM – 2PM

Hilton Garden Inn

Carlsbad Beach

6450 Carlsbad Boulevard

Afternoon at the Theatre

As a friendly reminder, we are gathering together a group of League members to attend a performance of Mo`olelo Performing Arts Company’s play titled “Yellow Face”, and you are cordially invited to join us! The performance will take place at 2:00 p.m. on **Sunday, October 24, 2010** at The 10th Avenue Theatre in downtown San Diego. The cost per person is **\$25**, and this includes the play, a post-show discussion with the artists of “Yellow Face” immediately following the performance, as well as wine and light appetizers following the show. This is a mini-fundraiser for our League, so please watch for further information about how you can purchase tickets in the September Voter. Save the date and join in the fun!

About “Yellow Face” from Mo`olelo’s website: “What happens when a prominent Asian American playwright and activist accidentally casts a white man as the Asian American lead in his new play? Written by Tony-winning playwright David Henry Hwang, “Yellow Face” is a fast-paced satire that turns multiculturalism on its head. From the casting controversy of “Miss Saigon” to the accusation of espionage against Wen Ho Lee, the play boldly explores the complexities and contradictions of identity. A comedy about the construct of race.”

— Susan Baer, Co-President

Regional Training Workshop

The League of Women Voters of California (LWVC) has invited our League to host one of its six Regional Training Workshops that will be held throughout the state. We have accepted, and our workshop will be held on **Saturday, November 6, 2010**. Exact location, time, and workshop topics are to be determined. This workshop is a great way for all of us to gain new knowledge and skills about League. The cost is \$25 per person, and this includes the workshop training, workshop material, and lunch. The cost per person for those who do not wish to have lunch or who choose to bring their own lunch is \$15. Please check upcoming *Voters* for more details including how to register, and please save the date!



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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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