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League of Women Voters of California Regional Workshop

>> Time to Register <<

Hosted by LWVSD

Saturday, November 6, 2010, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Clairemont Lutheran Church, 4271 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego, CA 92117

Topics:

- Redistricting - Tracking and Mapping: How Leagues and the public can help the process succeed
- Advocacy - When, Where, and How does the League do it? Using as examples measures on the 11/02/10 ballot
- Being Visible in the Community/Using Social Networks
- Tips for Fundraising in a Slow Economy

Register online at <http://www.gifttool.com/registrar/ShowEventDetails?ID=217&EID=7698>

If you cannot register online or have questions or need additional information, please contact Jeanne Brown at (619) 857-1807 or jhisten.brown@gmail.com

Registration Closes: Nov. 5, 2010, 3 p.m.

Registration and Lunch:

On or before Oct. 29....\$25.00

After Oct. 29.....\$30.00

Registration only....\$15.00



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Annual Holiday Party and Silent Auction

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5-9 p.m.

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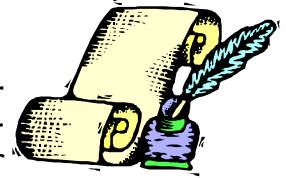
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Co-President's Report: The News



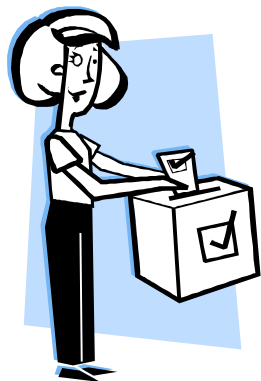
Washington, D.C. — Here in the nation's capital, tourists and locals are still enjoying meals and coffee at sidewalk cafés, hoping to extend the arrival of cold weather for a few more days. In between meetings, I explored the six floors of the Newseum, a three-year-old museum dedicated to promoting freedom of speech and the press. Viewing decades of Pulitzer Prize-winning photographs made me realize that so many photographs are etched in our minds forever, e.g., the horrors of the Vietnam War. Two exhibits highlight the tragedies of Hurricane Katrina and the World Trade Center with newspaper front pages from around the world displayed on large walls, row after row of visual devastation. Photographs of hundreds of journalists who have been killed in the line of duty added a sad commentary on the dangers associated with promoting freedom of the press.

Back in San Diego, the latest news from Balboa Park warranted two press conferences, both convened by Mayor Jerry Sanders. The first announced the pledge from Irwin Jacobs to construct a bridge from the end of the Laurel Street Bridge to the Alcazar Garden Parking Lot and a new parking facility behind the organ pavilion while restoring the Plaza de Panama for pedestrian use only. Dr. Jacobs explained how the flow of traffic would be diverted away from the main mesa and noted that the project would be completed in time for the centennial celebration beginning in 2015. Overseeing the project for the next four years are the seven members of the Plaza de Panama Committee.

During the second press conference, Mayor Sanders introduced the eleven members of the Balboa Park Organizing Committee who are tasked with creating a 501(c)(3) to establish the Balboa Park Conservancy and a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of San Diego. The committee chair stated that these assignments would be completed within six to nine months, after which individuals would be selected to staff the new entity that would raise funds to benefit Balboa Park.

Local League news centers on the prop talks that Speakers' Bureau Chair Margaret Stevenson has scheduled for speakers Debbie Blum, Jeanne Brown, Delores Chavez-Harmes, Irene Dunny, Amie Garapich, Mary Hanson, Anne Hoiberg, Margaret Stevenson, Mariette Kobrak, Ursula Sasso, Alice McCauley, and Betty Schulman. Throughout September and October, speakers presented the Prop Talk to hundreds of locals at unit meetings and in the community.

Other news items to be acknowledged include: movie time to understand gerrymandering in the redistricting process, a general meeting to look at city finances and Prop D, a meeting about the Embarcadero, a fundraising afternoon at the theatre, and a regional workshop. Special thanks are extended to Margaret Stevenson and her speakers, Susan Baer and her Public Policy Committee, and Jeanne Brown and Faye Rose and their Program Committee for being the latest in the news.



**Time
To
Vote**

— Anne Hoiberg, Co-President

UNIT CALENDAR — November

Planning Session for April Meeting

Monday, Nov. 8 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Rancho Bernardo and Scripps Ranch	The Gateway - TV Room 1275 I Gateway Park Road Poway, CA 92064	Claire Weiner (858) 679-7350 Betsy Stephens (858) 451-5653
Monday, Nov. 8 2 – 4 p.m.	Coronado	Coronado Public Library 640 Orange Avenue Coronado, CA 92118	Nancy Cuddy (619) 437-4597
Tuesday, Nov. 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, Nov. 9 1 – 3 p.m.	University City	North University City Community Library 8820 Judicial Drive San Diego, CA 92122	Shirley Larson (858) 272-9752 Marianne Kobrak (858) 450-1531
Wednesday, Nov. 10 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.	Mission Valley	Community Room Mission Valley Library. Fenton Pkwy. (IKEA side of shopping center) San Diego, CA 92108	Debra Blum (619) 225-0353
Thursday, Nov. 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
North Shores/Point Loma		No longer meeting – members are encouraged to attend other units until we find new arrangements	
Friday, Nov. 12 1 – 3 p.m.	Tierrasanta	Tierrasanta Library 4985 La Cuenta Drive San Diego, CA 92124	Carole Porter (858) 279-5474
Saturday, Nov. 13 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Southeastern	Malcolm X Library 5138 Market Street San Diego, CA 92105	Frances Bumpus (619) 263-7335 La Quita Robbins (619) 470-9095

LWVSD CALENDAR — November

2	Tu	LWVSD Board, LWVSD Office, 5:30 p.m.
4	Th	Unit Council, LWVSD Office, 9:30 a.m.
5	F	County League Board, LWVSD Office, 10:30 a.m.
6	Sa	Regional Training Workshops, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
8-13		Units - Planning Session for April Meeting
12	F	Public Policy Committee, LWVSD Office, 9:30 a.m.
17	W	Naturalization Ceremony, Golden Hall, 8:45 – 11:30 a.m.
17	W	Education Committee, LWVSD Office, 10 a.m.
22	M	Membership Committee Meeting, LWVSD Office, 10:00 a.m.
26	F	Program Committee, LWVSD Office, 10 a.m.



No unit meetings or general meetings in December.

MEMBERSHIP

With the election season in full swing, the turnout at Unit meetings has been huge! We are hoping some of these people will join the League and continue to benefit from all the educational opportunities available to them. **La Quita Robbins** invited people in her neighborhood to an "Introduction to League" meeting and we asked a member of the Speakers Bureau to talk about the ballot measures. She had a great turnout and is well on her way to a free membership, if five of them join. Just let me know if you want to do that and I will help you set it up.

We have four new members and two old-timers who have rejoined this month:

Thelma Curran	92126
Eleanor Forester	92037
Craig Jackson	92121
Joyce Janette	92111
Bettie Shepherd	92122
Mary Ellen Stampfli	92128
Eileen Weiner	92064

Georgianna Zimm passed away this summer, but we have no further information on her. She was a member for just a few years.

Our big loss is **Betty Weinberger** who died on her birthday, October 10th, after battling and often winning over her cancer. She lived a year beyond expectations.

Betty joined the League in 1986 and was a pillar in the LWVSD for many years, serving as Vice President/Administration, Vice President/Membership, Unit Coordinator and Unit Leader, Speaker on Ballot Measures, Moderator of Candidate Forums, Chair and Member of the Nominating Committee, Smart Voter Chair for LWVSD, Chair of Arrangements, and driver of members from Rancho Bernardo to meetings downtown. She also worked in the office as Office Manager. Betty was always willing to help out and take leadership positions and was very capable at doing them well. League was not her only interest and activity, though. Sprouting from the Holiday Party committee was a Mah Jongg group of LWVSD leaders who have been playing together for at least ten years; Betty taught them all how to play and they meet regularly. When I was co-president and wanted advice on some League problem, I just asked the Mah Jongg committee to discuss it and advise me. Betty also volunteered with various veteran, mental health service agen-

cies, the March of Dimes, Jewish Women International, and Rachel's House. Betty's husband, George, is also woven into the LWVSD's fabric and was very devoted, helpful, and supportive of her volunteer work. He fell and broke his hip shortly before she died, so messages to him for a speedy recovery would be appreciated. Contributions to the LWVSD or LWVSD Education Fund can be made in Betty's memory.

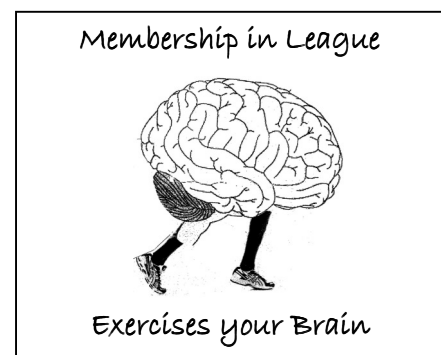
Members' recollections about Betty include the following:

Betsy Stevens - "Betty was the first person I met when I joined the Rancho Bernardo unit and was always a welcoming presence there. She exemplifies for me all that is so special about LWV - knowledge, energy, compassion, generosity of spirit, and willingness to accommodate differing views without compromising her own. I will continue to miss her presence here...."

Ramona Kiltz - "For two decades, Betty and Joyce Tavrow worked as a team in their presentations on ballot measures in Rancho Bernardo and surrounding communities...Betty was skilled at focusing on key pro/con points and balanced in her review of supporters and opposition."

Joyce Tavrow - "I probably knew Betty as well as anyone in the League with the exception of her Mah Jongg-playing friends...I was always impressed with her concise, accurate analysis of the (ballot) proposals. She had a loyal following of groups who always requested her presence to discuss the issues. She seemed never to turn down a request for help and often assumed the role of organizer rather than helper. Betty was upbeat from the start that she would survive this latest assault on her body. It shows what an insidious disease cancer really is. She will be missed by all who know her, especially George and her children and grandchildren whom she adored."

— Beryl Flom, Vice President/Membership
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MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBERS

Jeanne Brown — First Vice President

My family moved to California in 1955. My parents loved California. They loved that the beaches, freeways, museums, etc. were free to the public instead of private beaches, turnpikes, museums, etc. in the East. My mother had been a Roosevelt Democrat and was close to a socialist. My dad was a moderate Republican. Politics was a common dinnertime discussion along with reports of what we were learning in school. When the 60's came with the civil rights movement, my mother was attending Black Panther meetings in Watts. My youthful rebellion made me more conservative and less radical than my mom but still in line with the change going on in the country.

I decided to go San Diego State even though I had been accepted to Berkeley because I didn't like the radical left. I decided to make my vocation in science and math and my avocation politics. I got my BS in biology with minors in math and chemistry. After college I worked at Scripps Institute of Oceanography for a geophysicist at a time when I was involved in analyzing moon rocks and the concept of plate tectonics was taken from hypothesis to proven fact. It was a very exciting time. I campaigned for Eugene McCarthy and George McGovern.

I decided to go back to school to get my teaching credential. That was where I met my husband-to-be. Three

weeks later we were engaged and four months after that we were married. He was hired to teach physics at Castle Park High School and I was hired to teach biology and geometry at La Jolla High. I was there for three years until I went on maternity leave.

When I came off of leave, the district put me at Morse High School. I was there for 30 years and enjoyed every year. Over the years I was the math department chair and also the chair of our Staff Development Committee. It was there I learned to plan events and found that I really enjoyed it. During that time I also went on maternity leave when I had our second son and then our twin sons.



When I knew I was going to retire soon, I became more active with Common Cause and met Kay Ragan when we were both on a panel. She suggested that I join the League and I did. I was so amazed at how much I learned at every League meeting I attended. I had considered myself an educated voter before but soon realized that there was so many details that I didn't

know. I thank the League regularly for opening my eyes on how to become a truly educated voter and for all the wonderful people I've met in the League. These women who have been working hard for 30, 40, 50 years in the League truly amaze and inspire me. I will never be able to accomplish what they have but I am having a great time trying.

Call for Candidate Forum Helpers

One of the many services the League offers to the community is that of conducting candidate forums. Civic groups call upon the League not only during election periods but other times as well to conduct their debates and elections. We would like to keep the list of those helping with this service well supplied so we can meet these requests.



So, if you would like to try your hand at being a moderator, a timer, a screener of questions for the candidates, or a page to collect the questions, there is a place for you. If you aren't sure what one of these roles might entail, sign up with us and find out. It may be something you would like to do as a League member. We hope to arrange for a training session in January.

Please leave your name and phone number at the League office indicating your interest in work with candidate forums by using e-mail: lwvsd@san.rr.com or telephone the office: 858-483-8696, or phone me at 858-679-7537.

— Mary Jean Word, Director, Voter Services

ILO Quarterly Reports

The League of Women Voters of San Diego County, also lovingly known as the ILO (Inter-League Organization), publishes its board reports quarterly. This year we do not have a ILO *Voter* editor and in a move to work around that and also to help save money and paper, we are trying an experiment. It may take us a few tries to get this done in the most effective manner but we are hoping that it will be a solution that will satisfy our members.

We have consolidated our reports as short introductions, similar to on-line newspapers and magazines, to give you a suggestion of what is in the report. The full report can be found on the County League website at <http://sdcilo.ca.lwvnet.org/> We hope that it will also lead more of you to our website. These reports can be shared with friends, neighbors and elected officials. Please let us know if you approve.

— Jeanne Brown, VP Administration. LWVSDC

Caltrans External Advisory Liaison (CEAL)

CEAL received a report that Caltrans will accept comments until Nov. 22 on its Environmental Document for the widening of I-5, north of the Merge. The project will improve auto and truck flow, promote public transit, enhance bike and pedestrian uses, and protect the lagoons' environment. Other reports at CEAL discussed resident perceptions of environmental protection programs and the economy; and a proposal by regional governments that California Air Resources Board (CARB) set its emission targets lower, given the economy.

County Board

The League of Women Voters urges the Board to approve the Draft version of the updated General Plan. It is more compatible with our positions on land use, energy, agriculture, waste management, hazardous waste, transportation, open space and air quality. We also endorse the establishment of sustainable communities. As you may know, the County League completed a study on Fire Protection in 2009, and we are particularly interested in the Fire Hazards section of the Plan's Safety Element.



Education

We learned, when interviewing Assistant Superintendent of Instruction of SDU Salazar, that implementation of the A-G curriculum* is the primary effort this year. Additionally, rigor of learning, improvement in mathematics and a dual language program across all grades are priorities. *A rigorous high school curriculum based on California college requirements.

Health Care

Health care reform has included both gains and losses in the past several months. Governor Schwarzenegger signed six bills on October 1 that called for changes outlined in the federal Patient Protection Affordable Care Act (PPACA). Several national organizations are providing consumer-friendly Web sites to help people sort out changes with health care reform. In the State Assembly, Democrats chose not to vote

on SB 810 for single payer health care, so it did not move to the Governor's desk.

Mental Health

Advocates are stepping in to protest the line item veto on AB 3632. The Speaker's office has already put in a request from Legislative Counsel to confirm that the Governor cannot use his blue pencil to suspend the AB 3632 mandate.

Social Policy

The county has now formed a group called the Nutrition Security Task Force composed of those organizations working on food stamps plus the Co. Health and Human Services Agency; the League is represented. Another new county committee is working to improve SNAP (the new name for Food Stamps). Fingerprinting of applicants for food stamps has been waived temporarily. A closed-door county group called Legal Aid 211 is listening to selected groups and taking suggestions for changes in the food stamp program; they will be presented to the Board of Supervisors in December.

Smart Voter

Star power can be fleeting, as the newer, younger, and improved replace the old. But SmartVoter.org, the League's award-winning election website, continues to occupy the election season spotlight, its popularity intact.

Transportation

At the September 24, 2010 SANDAG Directors Board Meeting; 11 county-wide projects were suggested to be built with a proposed \$360 million bond issuance, to be paid for with TransNet sales tax revenue over a 30 year period.

Treasurer Report

At the end of September, the cash balance in the ILO's operating accounts totaled \$10,423. Including the cash and CD's in the Bequest accounts, total cash was \$83,762. Including interest, our net profit was \$441. We had a very successful County League Day.

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SAN DIEGO
INVITES YOU AND YOUR GUESTS TO THE

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY
AND
SILENT AUCTION**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2010 5:00-9:00 P.M.

Come enjoy friends, the potluck dinner*, the Monettes Choral Group, and the silent auction
(Plan to pay with cash or checks)

Roetter Hall
GOOD SAMARITAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH
4321 Eastgate Mall, San Diego, CA 92122

DIRECTIONS

From the North

Use I-5 south, exit at Genesee Ave.; turn **L** onto Genesee Ave. Proceed to Eastgate Mall. Turn **L**.

From the South on 5

Take I-5 north, exit at La Jolla Village Drive; turn **R** (east) onto La Jolla Village Drive.
Turn **L** onto Genesee Ave. Proceed to Eastgate Mall and turn **R**.

From the South on 805

Take 805 north, exit at La Jolla Village Drive; turn **L** (west) onto La Jolla Village Drive.
Turn **R** onto Genesee Avenue. Proceed to Eastgate Mall and turn right.

Parking

There is plenty of parking, including handicapped parking spaces. Leaguers will direct and assist you. People and food items may be dropped off in front of the party location.

*Potluck dinner will be served at 6:00 P.M. Please bring one dish per family:

If your last name begins with A-I, please bring an appetizer; J-Q, salad or vegetable; R-Z, dessert.

Menu includes appetizers, baked turkey and ham, potatoes, gravy, salads, and desserts

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Phone: (858) 483-8696 More information: Jeanne Brown at (619) 857-1807

Holiday Party on Dec. 8, 2010

PLEASE RESPOND BY 12/06/2010

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____ Enclosed (\$20 per person) _____

*POTLUCK DISH I WILL BRING _____

I am sorry that I am unable to attend but wish to support the LWVSD with a donation of \$_____



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I am unable to join at this time, but I am enclosing a tax-deductible* contribution of:

\$25 \$35 \$50 \$100 Other _____ Please contact me with more information

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