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League to Receive San Diego City Council Proclamation

San Diego City Councilmembers Sherri Lightner, Donna Frye, and Marti Emerald wish to commemorate the 90th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment when U.S. women won the right to vote by issuing a proclamation at the San Diego City Council hearing of **September 7, 2010** (sometime between 10:00 and 10:30 a.m.) Anne Hoiberg and I will be present to accept the proclamation on behalf of our League. Please plan to attend as this is a great honor for our League.

— Susan Baer, Co-President

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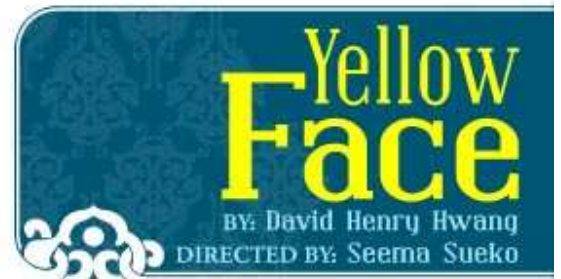
Please Join Us for an Afternoon at the Theatre!

Sunday, October 24, 2010, 2 p.m.

\$25 per person

Reservation Deadline: October 5, 2010

This will be a fun day for our group. The cost per person includes the play, a post-show discussion with the playwright and 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 complete and submit the reservation form below and join us! Space is limited! Your reserved tickets will be available at the door on the day of the performance.



Sunday, October 24, 2010, 2 p.m.

Mo'olelo at The 10th Avenue Theatre
930 10th Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101

"A comedy about the construct of race."

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.



MO'OLELO PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

Number of tickets at \$25 each: _____ Amount of check enclosed (payable to LWVSD): _____

Please mail check to: League of Women Voters of San Diego, 4901 Morena Blvd., Bldg. 100, Ste 104, San Diego, CA 92117.

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**Co-President's Report
San Diego Recognizes the Suffrage Movement!**

On August 26, men and women in the U.S. celebrated the 90th Anniversary of women's suffrage; however, in San Diego, Women's Equality Day stretched from the one day to encompass the whole month! The Central Library, in particular, scheduled a series of lectures and films throughout the month. As the second speaker in its lecture series, I presented a power-point program on "The Struggle for Suffrage," which highlighted the lives of ten suffragists, beginning with Lucretia Mott and ending with Carrie Chapman Catt. My comments emphasized the dedication of the suffragists in urging passage of either a national or state vote amendment. In 1911, California approved the Woman's Vote Amendment, the second time it had been brought before men voters.

At the time of ratification of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote throughout the U.S., the National American Woman Suffrage Association had a membership of two million men and women. In February 1920 NAWSA President Catt helped to found the League of Women Voters and encouraged members of the NAWSA and state and local suffrage associations to join this new organization. Thus, the League stands proudly on the shoulders of the millions of suffragists!

City Hall, too, participated in Suffrage Month. On August 16, Mayor Jerry Sanders and City Councilmembers Sherri Lightner and Todd Gloria dedicated the Women's Suffrage Exhibit at City Hall, a display cosponsored by the Women's History Museum, League of Women Voters of San Diego, and National Organization for Women of San Diego County. In their comments, the Mayor and Councilmembers lauded the contributions of the suffragists as well as women today for their efforts in promoting the equal rights of men and women. Councilwoman Lightner also shared several "firsts" that she experienced during her educational pursuit to become an engineer and her subsequent career in a male-dominated profession. After I presented a brief history of the Suffrage Movement, Ashley Gardner, Director, Women's History Museum, and Gloria Johnson, President of NOW, added pertinent comments about other aspects of the Women's Movement and reminded audience members of the upcoming Suffrage March through Balboa Park on Women's Equality Day (August 26th) and the Suffrage Ball on August 28.

Typical of suffragists of yesteryear, a group of modern-day activists marched through Balboa Park on Women's Equality Day, chanting the importance of voting and equality. Before the Suffrage March, brief speeches were presented at Kate Sessions statue, including those of League Co-Presidents (Susan and I) and representatives from ten other organizations. At the organ pavilion, we marchers were welcomed by the San Diego Women's Drum Circle and were offered picnic fare to enjoy during the performance of the Kearny Mesa Concert Band, the final concert of the year.

The major event of the 90th anniversary celebrations centered on the Suffrage Ball, which was held in the historic Lafayette Hotel on August 28th. With a theme of the Fabulous Forties, we danced in our vintage WWII costumes (I as Rosie the Riveter) to the music of the Sue Palmer Orchestra and supped on a dinner that reflected the rationing days of the 1940s. A silent auction and costume and dance contests added to the festivities of this annual Women's History Museum event.

What a month! Now, we look forward to commemorating the 100th anniversary of California's Woman's Vote Amendment in 2011!

— Anne Hoiberg, Co-President

**"Investing in our Future:
Early Childhood Education"**

The DVD from the Education Committee's luncheon held Thursday, April 29, 2010 is now available in the League office and can be checked out for viewing and will also be available on our website soon.

UNIT CALENDAR — September

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

Changes in bolded type

Saturday, Sept. 11 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Southeastern	Malcolm X Library 5138 Market Street San Diego, CA 92105	Frances Bumpus (619) 263-7335 La Quita Robbins (619) 470-9095
Mon., 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
Mon., Sept. 13 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Coronado	Coronado Public Library 640 Orange Avenue Coronado, CA 92118	Nancy Cuddy (619) 437-4597
Tues., 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)
Tues., 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
Thurs., 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	
Fri., Sept. 17 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Tierrasanta	Tierrasanta Library 4985 La Cuenta Drive San Diego, CA 92124	Carole Porter (858) 279-5474

LWVSD CALENDAR — September

3	F	County League Board Meeting, LWVSD Office, 10:30 a.m.
7	Tu	Board Meeting, LWVSD Office, 5:30 p.m.
9	Th	Unit Council, LWVSD Office, 9:30 a.m.
10	F	Public Policy Meeting, Office, 9:30 a.m.
13-18		Units - Pros and Cons
15	W	Education Committee, LWVSD Office, 10:00 a.m. - noon
17	F	Naturalization Ceremony, Golden Hall, 8:45 – 11:30 a.m.
20	M	Membership Committee Meeting, LWVSD Office, 10:00 a.m.
23	Th	Redistricting Lunch at Tom Ham's, 11:30 a.m.
24	F	Program Committee, LWVSD Office, 12:00 (noon)



Redistricting: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

Redistricting? Didn't we just take care of that with Proposition 11 in 2008? Why are we looking at that again?

Well, yes, we did, but politics is funny. It's all about the power, and those who draw the lines, have the power. Every 10 years, after the census, new boundary lines for Congress, the state senate and assembly, the board of equalization, county board of supervisors and city council all have to be drawn. Those who draw the lines can be very creative and include and exclude groups and even individuals whom they choose. This is what is commonly known as gerrymandering. Legislators want to draw their own districts; there is a power struggle and often it is the voters who lose.

Why do we have to keep doing it? Populations change and the numbers of people in each of these districts change. The Constitution requires that districts at each level contain approximately the same number of people.

Redistricting is there to advance the goals of representative democracy and hold our government accountable to the people. But does it?

At the September 23 luncheon, Elizabeth Maland, our city clerk, will explain where we are in the process for the city. San Diego is often cited as an example of how redistricting should be done. It can be considered "the good."

Speaking about San Diego County is Mike Aguirre, our former city attorney, who sued the county on behalf of the city of San Diego because of its redistricting practices, which it has not changed. Some would consider it "the bad."

Vlad Kogan, doctoral candidate in political science at UCSD, will be explaining the way our brand new California Citizen's Redistricting Commission is being chosen, how it will work, and the threat against it doing its job.

Congressional redistricting was kept out of Proposition 11 due to threats by powerful members of the California Congressional team because they want to keep that power to draw their districts but made it onto this November's ballot. Panelist Kathay Feng, Executive Director of California Common Cause, co-authored and played a leadership role in winning the passage of Prop. 11 to reform California's redistricting process. She sits on the Secretary of State's Advisory Committee for the Help America Vote Act and the LA County Human Relations Commission. The political fighting that is going on around the state and congressional redistricting is pretty "ugly."

For luncheon details, see the enclosed flyer, and join us at Tom Ham's on Thursday, September 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It should be interesting and stimulating to see how the fight for power has created a variety of ways to fulfill this constitutional requirement. Encourage others who need to understand this important process to join us too.

— Jeanne Brown, First Vice-President

League of Women Voters North Coast San Diego County Founders Day Luncheon

Saturday, October 2, 2010, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Dr. Karen S. Haynes, President, California State University San Marcos

"Women as Leaders – Past, Present and Future"

Hilton Garden Inn, Carlsbad Beach, 6450 Carlsbad Boulevard

Come at 11 to register, bid on silent auction items and socialize. Lunch served at 11:45

Please return this portion with your check to: Martha Cox, Treasurer LWWNCSDC, by September 24.

PO Box 131272, Carlsbad, CA 92013

Check here if you require a vegetarian meal

Please reserve _____ place(s) @\$35.00 per person _____ table(s) @\$280.00 per table of 8

Questions: Call or email Leita McCormick – 760-448-5128 or klmpc@aol.com

Enclosed is my check made out to LWWNCSDC for \$ _____ Name (s) _____



Membership

We had three new members in July:

Alex Brown...92107.....Tomas Firle...92037

Patricia Vainik...91910

And we welcome back seven members:

Sylvia Hampton...92131.....Mary Anna Korn-

brust...92124.....Carol Lasher...92122..... George

and Sara McClenahan...92109.....Carolyn and Ned

Young...92037

I received an email that warmed my heart; it said, "I helped to organize a recent rally for Move-on.org. One of the speakers for that event was Anne Hoiberg. I was so impressed with what she had to say that I finally decided I needed to join this very important organization."

Please help us spread the word about the events we sponsor, education for voters that we provide, and the people you meet and get to know. Take your friends to League events and introduce them to our work. They will be impressed as well!

This is the last month for renewals of membership before we print the Roster. There are still 35 people who have not sent in their dues which, we are sure, is an oversight.

Recently, two members have died: Marcia Reed and Helen Ranney. Helen was a well-known hematologist at UCSD whose experiments in the 1950's revealed the genetic basis for sickle cell anemia. She received her M.D. from Columbia and was one of five women in the class of 120. At UCSD, she headed the Department of Medicine from 1973-1986 and then was the first woman to be a distinguished physician at the Veterans Administration. Toward the end of her career, Dr. Ranney was a board member and an adviser to the Alliance Pharmaceutical Corporation in San Diego.

— Beryl Flom, Membership Chair, ed-flom@sbcglobal.net or 858-459-4406; In September, please contact Kathy Hughart, 619-922-7535.

Public Policy Committee Report

The Public Policy Committee met on Friday, August 13, 2010. We examined two main issues including Neighborhoods for Clean Elections and November's local ballot measures. Our three guest speakers, Jeanne Brown, John Hartley, and Dr. Michael McQuary first discussed Neighborhoods for Clean Elections

Neighborhoods for Clean Elections has the following objectives: "to give neighborhoods a better chance of being heard at City Hall; to enable neighborhood-based candidates who might otherwise be well qualified but lack the support of large campaign contributors to compete for municipal office; to strengthen the rights of all citizens to equal and meaningful participation in the democratic process; to facilitate the free-speech rights of all candidates and voters by providing candidates with adequate resources with which to communicate with the voters; to restore the First Amendment right of voters and candidates to be heard in the political process; to restore the core First Amendment value of open and robust debate in the political process; to diminish the public perception of corruption and strengthen public confidence in the democratic process and democratic institutions; and to increase the accountability of elected officials to the constituents who elect them." (San Diego Municipal Clean Elections Ordinance)

After learning about Neighborhoods for Clean Elections, the Committee supports it in principle. The League Board will discuss this issue further at its September Board meeting.

The Committee also examined November's local ballot measures including Prop. J: emergency teacher retention/classroom education measure; Prop. D: reform and sales tax increase; Prop. B: amending city charter to add good cause requirement for certain terminations or suspensions of deputy city attorneys; and Prop. C: amending Proposition M of 1998 relating to development of Pacific Highlands Ranch.

The next Public Policy Committee meeting is Friday, September 10, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. in the League office. Please join us.

— Susan Baer, Co-President and Public Policy Chair

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. 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, graduating *summa cum laude*. After college, I moved to Baltimore, MD where I worked for several years as a bond analyst at Legg Mason, Inc., an investment banking firm.

I missed 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. there; my areas of research specialization were public policy and political theory. 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. I then completed a post-doctoral appointment at the Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis at Indiana University, Bloomington.



I accepted a position as an assistant professor of political science at the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, and later 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. Restless to try something new, I resigned last year to pursue other opportunities

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. Right now, I am focusing hard on learning all that I can about League in order to do my best as your Co-President

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 taking walks with the dogs, seeing 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

Save the Date — Regional Training Workshop

Our League will host a regional training workshop [Saturday, November 6, 2010](#) 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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

Workshop topics include:

- 1) Redistricting – Tracking & Mapping;
- 2) Advocacy – When, Where, & How Does League Do It? Using as Examples, Measures on the 11/02/10 Ballot;
- 3) Being Visible in the Community/Using Social Media; and
- 4) Fundraising in Slow Economic Times.

All are encouraged and invited to attend. Please come out, have fun, and learn something new. The cost of the workshop is \$25 per person, and this includes the workshop training, workshop material, and lunch. The cost per person for those who choose to bring their own lunch is \$15. Please check the October Voter for information about how to register.

— 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. 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, accounting 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.

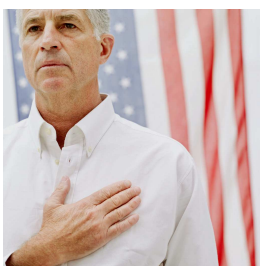
In addition to being a leader in her professional field, Ms. Chavez is a recognized leader in the community and champion for women in every facet of life. She served as President of Zonta International – La Jolla, an organization committed to advancing the status of women worldwide and was honored as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

Invitation to Members Old and New

If you are interested in helping new citizens and college students become informed voters, we need you on our Voter Service Committee. Your ideas and help with carrying out the plans we make to accomplish this are very welcome.



New members: This is a good path for you to become acquainted with one of the ways the League functions.

You members who have been around awhile could bring valuable experience to our planning.

Please call me at (858) 679-7537 so we can add your name to the committee.

— Mary Jean Word, Director, Voter Service

Candidate Forums

September 22, 6-8 p.m. at Taft Middle School – [San Diego Unified School District](#) – 6 candidates sponsored by Serra Mesa Community Council District

September 29, 5-8 p.m. at Boys & Girls Club – [Imperial Beach City Council](#) – sponsored by Imperial Beach Chamber of Commerce

Healthcare Reform

What the new law *REALLY* says
 Presented by Jill Q. Vecchio, MD
 Midwest Regional Director, Docs 4 Patient Care
Saturday, Sept. 11, 3:00 p.m.
 (Free) Gateway Retirement Community
 12751 Gateway Park Road, Poway, CA 92064



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