



**Hands on Math & Science:
What, Why and How?**

Tuesday, April 24

See flyer

**It's Global and It's Local:
Human Trafficking**

April 28

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THE RULES HAVE CHANGED

and you need to understand them because there will be questions about the changes being instituted for the elections this year.

This is a reminder to attend the

Unit meetings in April

and learn all the details about the processes that have changed for the two elections being held this year. There are substantial changes and you need to understand them and how they came about so you can inform friends, family and strangers, and when you answer their questions you will know that you are giving them the right answers.

See you all there!

— Shirley Larson



**Earth Day
at Balboa Park
Sunday, April 22**

See page 6 in this issue
and page 4 in the insert.

Look for us at our booth.
If you want to participate and help,
contact Jeanne Brown
jhisten.brown@gmail.com.



LWVSD Rummage Sale

Saturday, May 19

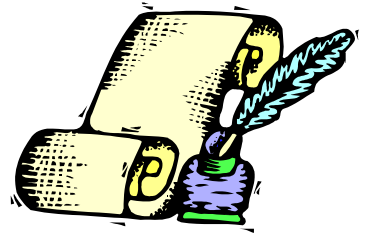
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**LWVSDC News
(San Diego County: ILO)**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We recently completed the National League Privatization Study. It is timely, since the issue of privatizing/outsourcing government entities is of increasing interest to people across the nation.

The purpose of the League study is to define policies and parameters that governments should consider when they are contemplating privatizing a service, asset or function.

Privatization/outsourcing in both our city and county governments has been an ongoing concern of our local League for quite a while.

For this study, the LWWUS committee instituted a list-serve for League members to use to share experiences, resources, opinions, ask questions, etc. regarding privatization.

While the purpose was to aid those preparing presentations for their local Leagues, any member could sign up for it. Several of us in our local League subscribed and we added our own comments a few times.

We were exposed to an abundance of good information. But what I found thrilling about the service was that League members across the country were communicating with each other on the topic.

We could read recommendations as to sources, personal comments and much more by members from Maine to Oregon, New York to Florida, California to Maryland, Illinois to Oklahoma, to name a few.

How exciting it has been to be in touch with League members in other parts of the country and to hear their concerns about privatization efforts in their communities.

This sort of electronic exchange helps remind us of the fact that we are part of an organization that is nationwide and yet is grassroots.

For those of us who remember cranking a box on the wall to reach a telephone operator and long distance phone calls being a luxury, the communication medium that was available for sharing information for this study is truly a marvel.

We've come a long way Leaguers.....

— Mary Jean

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Used or New Book Collection for Donovan Prison

After touring the prison, Leaguers decided to donate books to them. With so many buildings and each building having its own library, their need is great. Please bring your books to the League office or to League events. Bev Wilson will take them to Donovan by the April Board meeting.



UNIT CALENDAR — APRIL — VOTING CHANGES

Monday, Apr. 9 9:30-11:30 a.m.	Rancho Bernardo and Scripps Ranch	The Gateway – TV Room 12751 Gateway Park Rd. Poway, CA 92064 858-487-1197	Claire Weiner 858-679-7350 Betsy Stephens 858-451-5653
Tuesday, Apr. 10 9:30-11:30 a.m.	La Jolla	Riford Center 6811 La Jolla Boulevard La Jolla, CA 92037	Joan Dahlin 858-454-5019
Tuesday, Apr. 10 1-3 p.m.	University City	North University City Community Library 8820 Judicial Drive San Diego, CA 92122	Shirley Larson 858-272-9752 Mariette Kobrak 858-450-1521
Wednesday, Apr. 11 1-3 p.m.	Tierrasanta	Tierrasanta Library 4985 La Cuenta Drive San Diego, CA 92124	Carole Porter 858-279-5474
Wednesday, Apr. 11 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, Apr. 12 9:30-11:30 a.m.	East San Diego	College Rolando Library 6600 Montezuma Road San Diego, CA 92115	Barbara Evje 619-463-0673
Saturday, Apr. 14 10 a.m.-noon	Southeastern	Malcolm X Library, Multi-media Room 5138 Market Street San Diego, CA 92105	Robin Loving 619-947-9717 La Quita Robbins 619-470-9095

LWVSD CALENDAR — APRIL 2012

All regular meetings are held at the LWVSD office unless noted otherwise.

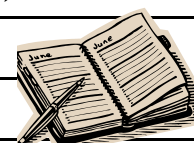
1st Tues	Apr. 3	4 p.m.	LWVSD Board	2nd Fri	Apr. 13	9:30 a.m.	Public Policy
1st Thurs*	Apr. 5	9:30 a.m.	Unit Council	3rd Mon	Apr. 16	10 a.m.	Membership
*Unit Council is 1st Thurs following Board meeting				3rd Wed	Apr. 18	9:30 a.m.	Education
1st Fri	Apr. 6	10:30 a.m.	LWVSDC ILO Board	4th Fri	Apr. 27	10 a.m.	Program

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sun., April 22, all day	Earth Day, Balboa Park, see p. 6 in this newsletter and p. 4 in the LWVSDC green insert.
Tues., April 24, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Education Program "Hands On Math and Science: What, Why, and How" See flyer.
Sat., April 28, all day	"It's Global and It's Local: Human Trafficking," Community Conference to End Exploitation of Women and Children, see p. 7.

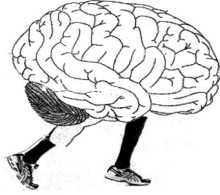
SAVE THE DATES — Watch for More Information

Wed., May 16, 11 a.m.	LWV County League (ILO) Convention, Holiday Inn Bayside, see insert
Sat., May 19	LWVSD Rummage Sale, see p. 5
Wed., June 2	LWVSD Annual Meeting



MEMBERSHIP

Membership In League



Exercises Your Brain

The LWVSD Board is beginning to plan for the Annual Meeting. This is the time when we honor our new 50-year members. If you think you have been a member of the LWV for that long, please contact Beryl.

As the election approaches, our membership is increasing significantly. Please help me welcome the following new and returning members:

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| Cindy Anderson.....92116 | Phyllis Epstein.....92037 |
| Barbara Yamashiro....92107 | Robert Hamburger.....92037 |

Gail Mackler.....92107 Georgina Sham....92037 Anne Marie Meyer....92119 David Harris.....92104

Be sure to share your enthusiasm for the League with your friends and neighbors - you are the best sales force we have!

— Beryl Flom, Vice President/Membership, 858-459-4406, edflom@sbcglobal.net

Candidate Forum Volunteers

The response to our call for volunteers to help run candidate forums in 2012 has been very good. Amy Hjerstedt, Voter Service co-chair, phoned and then followed up with e-mails to recruit about 25 interested League members. Twelve were available to attend the training session in March.

The list will be organized into teams of a moderator, timer, one or two question sorters and several ushers/pages to conduct forums for the several requests we have had for this spring from community groups. The list will also be used for requests for forums in the fall. If you are interested in participating, please let me know.

— Mary Jean Word, Director Voter Service

Ways to Reduce Taxes and Benefit the LWV

By doing effective estate planning and taking advantage of tax exemptions to non-profits, you can avoid paying as much income, capital gain and estate taxes. There are a variety of choices:

- Reduce your current taxes and estate taxes by creating a Charitable Remainder Trust where you receive interest income while you are alive, and the charity receives the principal when you die. This option is only offered by LWVUS.
- Reduce your current taxes and estate taxes by making a cash or property donation to the LWV Education Fund for LWVSD. You could donate a stock or property that has increased in value considerably and avoid the capital gains tax on it.
- Reduce your estate and its taxes by making annual charitable donations. The LWV Education Fund is a 501c3 non-profit and has an account for LWVSD.
- Buy a life insurance policy with a charity as the beneficiary. No taxes are paid by the non-profit when the policy matures. Again, the LWV Education Fund/San Diego account qualifies as a charity.



If you have estate-planning questions, please contact your financial advisor. If you have League questions, feel free to contact Beryl Flom, 858-459-4406 or edflom@sbcglobal.net

LWVSD Rummage Sale

**Save
Your
Stuff!!**



Saturday, May 19
12262 Avenida Consentido
San Diego CA 92128
(directions below)

Benefits, of course, to LWVSD without asking our members for a donation.

EXCEPT for time and stuff.

Help is needed to sort, price, and sell.

Membership in this EXCLUSIVE committee will include lots of laughs and lunch on Friday, May 18, while pricing our merchandise.

Donations will be accepted at:

- ◆ Unit meetings
- ◆ 12262 Avenida Consentido (Bev's home and site of sale)
- ◆ 4901 Morena Blvd. Suite 104 (League office) (please call before you come)

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THE COMMITTEE AND/OR BE A WORKER

Friday, May 18, and/or Saturday, May 19



Bev Wilson
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- ⇒ I-15 N — Take exit 23 for Bernardo Center Dr 0.3 mi
- ⇒ Turn right onto Bernardo Center Dr 0.2 mi
- ⇒ Turn right onto Bernardo Heights Pkwy 0.1 mi
- ⇒ Take the 1st left onto Paseo Lucido 0.2 mi
- ⇒ Take the 3rd left onto Avenida Consentido — house is on left

Observers

I have observed the San Diego Port Commission meetings for the past two months for the LWV. In the past, I attended many meetings of various bodies from Congress to Sacramento as well as the San Diego County Board of Supervisors and the San Diego City Council. The Port Commission is different. Its mission, revenue sources and politics are different. I am finding the experience very interesting and an opportunity to learn a whole host of new information about the waterfront, tidelands, our economy and regional government.

Just like any governing body, there are areas of challenge: progress that needs strengthening, transparency and public input. Most of all they require knowledgeable citizen participants. The LWV would benefit from having observers at every governing body who would be able to report back regarding any activities that affect our communities in both the short run and the future.

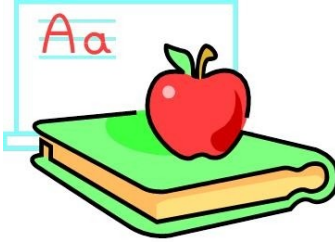


— Suzanne Rogers

Update on the LWVSD Education Committee

Penny Adler, Vice President of Education, has brought together a diverse coalition of groups concerned about early childhood education. They include Preschool California, the Economic Development Corporation, the YMCA Childcare Resource Service, the San Diego Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the San Diego County Office of Education, Education Enrichment Systems, Child Development Associates and the San Ysidro Education Vanguard Foundation. We hope to be joined soon by Up for Ed, San Diego United Parents for Education. Members of these groups have joined members of the LWVSD Education Committee when they have met with San Diego city officials, and state legislators.

In March members of the coalition met with Congressman Duncan Hunter, Chairman of the Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Subcommittee. They were also pleased to have the new executive director, assistant executive director, and community engagement and planning manager of First Five San Diego attend their March education committee meet-



ing to discuss the impact of the proposed budget cuts in funds for education and health services for young children and their plans for the new three year Quality Preschool Initiative.

The LWVSD Education Committee meets on the third Wednesday of every month from 9:30 until noon in the League office. They are busily planning the Tuesday, April 24, program **“Hands on Math and Science: What, Why and How?”** This will be an interactive educational forum for parents, teachers, educators and all interested in education held from 4:30 until 6:30 at the new SDG&E Energy Innovation Center in Clairemont. It will be held in partnership with CRMSE (Center for Research in Mathematics and Science). Join us to experience several interactive, hands-on stations ranging from preschool through high school level and including one for special needs children. It is free and open to all but pre-registration is a must. See enclosed flyer.

— Call Penny Adler at 858-272-3509 for additional information

Earth Day 2012 at Balboa Park Sunday, April 22, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Balboa Park's annual EarthFair is the largest free annual environmental fair in the world. EarthFair 2012 will be its 23rd annual event, drawing around 60,000 visitors.



The League needs volunteers to plan and to staff our booth. For more information, contact Jeanne Brown at jhisten.brown@gmail.com and see the article in the County Voter.

Produced by 400 volunteers, EarthFair features more than 350 exhibitors, special theme areas, a Food Pavilion, a special Kids' Activity Area, three entertainment venues, the Children's Earth Parade, the eARTh Gallery art show, and the Cleaner Car Concourse. For more information, see <http://www.earthdayweb.org/EarthFair.html>.

San Diego EarthWorks
Creating a clean, healthy, prosperous future

Shuttle busses will be operating from the County Administration Building to Balboa Park all day.

It's Global and It's Local: Human Trafficking

... a Community Conference to End Exploitation of Women and Children



Please join friends and members of the San Diego County Office of Education and the American Association of University Women (La Mesa/El Cajon and San Diego branches and the California International Advocacy Program) in participating in this informative conference on human trafficking:



Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of San Diego.



Saturday, April 28, 2012

San Diego County Office of Education, Rooms 401-402, 6401 Linda Vista Road, San Diego, CA 92111

Itinerary/Workshops

- 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.: Registration, Coffee, Juice, & Muffins
- 9:00: Welcome
- 9:15: Screening of film, *Indoctrinated: The Grooming of our Children into Prostitution*
- 9:45 – 10:30: Panel discussion of film with cast members
- 10:45 – 11:30: Education Expert Panelists
- 11:30 – 12:30: Lunch with Global Trafficking Experts
- 12:30 – 1:45: Law Enforcement Panelists
- 2:00 – 3:00: Service Provider Panelists
- 3:00 – 3:45: Call to Action: A Brainstorming Session
- 3:45 – 4:00: Wrap Up and Adjourn

Thanks to AAUW funding, the conference fee is \$24, which includes a continental breakfast, lunch, and conference materials. Questions: Contact Co-chairs Anne at 858-245-1677 or Myrra at 619-440-5410. Please mail check by April 23, made payable to La Mesa/El Cajon AAUW, for \$24 per person, to: Randa Blanding, 502 Terra Lane, El Cajon, CA 92019

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Name(s): _____

Name(s): _____

Luncheon choice: _____ Chicken Salad _____ Cobb Salad _____ Vegetarian Cobb Salad



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race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability. LWVSD recognizes that diverse perspectives are im-
portant and necessary for responsible and representative decision making. LWVSD subscribes to the belief that diver-
sity 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 diver-
sity of Americans in its Board, staff, and programs.

JOIN THE LEAGUE

Individual Membership \$50 (for rest of year) Additional Household Memberships \$35

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

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$150 Other Please contact me with more information

Name(s) Address

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How did you hear about LWV?

Please make your check payable to: League of Women Voters of San Diego
4901 Morena Blvd, Suite 104 San Diego, CA 92117 Phone: 858-483-8696

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