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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY

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The League of Women Voters of Sacramento County presents....

General Meeting: Are Fair and Efficient Elections Possible?

Jill LaVine, Sacramento County Registrar of Voters

TUESDAY, September 27, 2005

5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

University Southern California (USC) -1800 I Street, Sacramento, CA

Honest, transparent and efficiently conducted elections are the keystone of our democracy and Jill LaVine bears the responsibility as guardian of the voters franchise in Sacramento County. The Office of the Sacramento County Registrar of Voters has received high marks for their clean election performance, a tribute to the administration and continuous updating of elections procedures as well as training of staff, thousands of poll workers who swell their ranks during elections, plus ongoing public education and outreach .



Jill LaVine, Sac. Co. Registrar of Voters

The headline news about election fraud in elections around the country has undermined voter confidence in the election process . And questions about voting equipment adds to the concerns. The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) set June, 2006, to upgrade the voting systems nationwide. Come and learn the final status of plans for implementing the new system and phasing out of the decertified punch cards. And what is the response of the ROV to the visually handicapped voters who favor the touch screen voting ?

Mark this General Meeting on your calendar so you can meet Registrar Jill LaVine and discuss her ideas about fair and efficient elections and how to strengthen voter confidence in the election process.

The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. And a catered buffet dinner, will be served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. by Michelangelo's Italian Restaurant. The total buffet will cost \$25.00 and includes: Gorgonzola Salad with shredded chicken; Atlantic Salmon with lemon caper cream sauce; Vegetarian Ravioli dish; Green Vegetable side dish; Tiramisu; and Ice Tea.

**Please mail your check to:
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Deadline: September 18th so
dinner reservations can be made.**

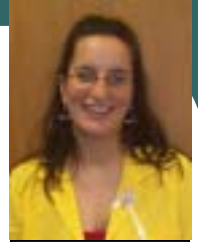
If you have any questions please leave a voice mail message at the LWVSC Office, 447-8683 and you will receive a reply within 24 hours. **See you on September 27th!**

LWV Mission Policy

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership is open to men and women of voting age.

LWV Diversity Policy

The LWVSC affirms, in both its values and practices, its belief and commitment to diversity and pluralism, which means there shall be no barriers to participation on the basis of national origin, race, gender, creed/religion, age, sexual orientation or disability (adopted 2001)



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Saying Farewell and Carrying the Torch Forward

This past week our League said goodbye to two of our treasures. First was the memorial service for Madlyne MacDonald, former President and then was the farewell party for Dannetta Garcia, former Voter Service Director. We can remember them and celebrate their passion for voter service by being active with the League in this coming special election.

Farewells - Madlyne's memorial service was filled with friends, including many Leaguers, who came together to remember her. She was a stalwart of the League. When I joined League, she was President. I always appreciated how she opened her house to us and opened each meeting with announcements of invitations that ended up in her box. I still carry the business card holder she gave the board as her parting gift. She was a great teacher and helped give an interactive moderator course to train needed moderators for candidate forums. I will miss her.

Dannetta's surprise farewell party brought together friends from various groups in her life, from the Elk Grove community that she passionately rallied for, to work colleagues, to Leaguers, and even representatives from the Registrar of Voters office. She is now moving to upstate New York to be with her daughter. Dannetta is my mentor and hero. I have tried to fill her shoes as Voter Service Director and it boggles my mind how she kept it all together and was always involved with so many varied groups a 2nd her family.

Upcoming General Meeting: September 27 - Get informed! Please attend our General Meeting September 27th at USC, 1800 I Street with dinner from Michelangelo's at 5:30, program at 6:30. Sacramento County Registrar, Jill LaVine will be speaking about the challenges faced by the county with this special election and the status of the County compliance with new Federal regulations. For dinner reservations please mail your check to the League office by September 18th.

State League Positions on Ballot Measures - Another way to spread the League's mission, is to understand our positions on the ballot measures. Please read the insert and go to: www.lwvc.org and www.smarvoter.org.

Voter Service Volunteer Opportunities - October 9th please come and register voters at the "Learning to Live in America Fair" at Southside Park (6th & T Street) from 1:00pm to 5:00pm. Call or E-mail me if you are interested.

If you want to get more involved with our voter service Speaker's Bureau, our most requested service, please mark your calendars for our Speaker's Bureau training on September 20 at USC, 1800 I Street from 5:30p.m.-7:30 p.m.. Please RSVP on our voice mail at 447-VOTE about your food preference that can be paid at the door.

Carry the Torch - In closing, I cannot forget to thank Mary and Mel Williams for opening their house to celebrate the 85th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment on August 25. Let's remember all the heroes of voting rights including the women suffragists, Madelyn, and Dannetta by answering the call to volunteer and carry their torches.



Madalyne
MacDonald

In Memory of Madlyne MacDonald

Madlyne MacDonald, Past President (2001-2003) of the Sacramento County League of Women Voters, passed away on July 25, 2005.

During her term as president and as chair of the State of the Community Luncheon, Madlyne's expertise from her professional life in public relations, communications, the law, and teaching significantly benefited the League and our community.

Madlyne first served on the board as Public Relations Director in 1983. Two years later, she proposed the League's adoption of the Rancho Seco local study. Madlyne's leadership as director of the study led to the League position supporting the closure of that nuclear plant. The League's very public statements and actions were instrumental in the decision by the voters to close down the unsafe plant.

For twenty years, as a part of League's Voter Service to the community, Madlyne expertly moderated many candidate forums and gave numerous Pro/Con presentations on ballot measures.

Madlyne was especially identified with the State of the Community Luncheon. She served on the very first planning committee in 1985. From 1999-2002, she was the event chair. At the same time, as a member of the Anne Rudin Scholarship Fund selection committee, she assisted in choosing worthy university students in the field of Public Administration to receive the honor and benefits of the scholarship.

Those of us who worked with Madlyne in the League are grateful for her steady leadership, optimism, her good company and her friendship. Her life was fulfilled by her dedication to education, civic involvement, the arts and most of all to her children. She truly enriched our lives.

At the time of her death, Madlyne was a Communications Professor at California State University, Sacramento.

- Judy Hoefling

Memorial Contributions

*In appreciation for the contributions received to date in memory of
Madlyne Mac Donald:*

Jennifer Baker
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LWVSC Calendar
June 2005 to June 2006

June

27 Board Orientation

July

5 Administration Committee
11 Membership Committee
18 Program Committee

August

2 Board Meeting
20 Regional Training Workshop-GV
23 Voter Service Committee
24 Board Meeting
25 85th Anniversary Event

September

1 DOR Mailing
5 Labor Day
12-15 Unit Meetings
20 Speakers Bureau Training
27 General Meeting—Guest Speaker: Jill LaVine
28 Board Meeting

October

10 Columbus Day
10-14 Unit Meetings
24 UN 60th Anniversary Dinner
Last day to register to vote
25 General Meeting
26 Board Meeting



LWVSC Convention May 21, 2005 in Garden Grove, CA. LWVSC delegates Jan Geiger, Carol Goldberg, Virginia Kaser, LWVSC Board delegates, Barbara Hopkins and Donna Chipps. Not pictured, LWVSC delegates and workshop speakers Suzanne Phinney and Minyon Marks.



Fiesta Farewell for Dannetta Garcia at Chevys Elk Grove on August 9, 2005, the day before she moved to New York. Right to Left: Hazel Bergholdt, Dannetta Garcia, Donna Chipps, Barbara Hopkins, Geru Martin.

November

8 Election Day
7-11 Unit Meetings
11 Veterans Day
16 General Meeting
24-25 Thanksgiving

December

4 Holiday Party
11-15 Unit Meetings
25 Christmas
26 Hanukkah

January

2 New Years Holiday
16 Martin Luther King Day
17 General Meeting
25 Board Meeting

February

6-10 Unit Meetings
14 Valentines Day
20 Presidents Birthday
21 General Meeting
22 Board Meeting

March

14-17 Units
22 Board Meeting
21 General Meeting

April

10-14 Unit Meetings
18 General Meeting
26 Board Meeting

May

6 LWVSC - Council
26 LWVSC Annual Meeting

Unit Meetings

September 12-15, 2005

Units are small discussion groups. Call ahead as Units may change location and meeting date.

Mid-City

Monday: 6:15 p.m.
Doris White , 383-0189,
8632 Fallbrook Way

Morning Suburban

Tuesday: 9:15 a.m.
Mary McCullough, 967-7382
2426 Garfield Ave, Carmichael

Greenhaven/Land Park

Tuesday: 9:30 a.m.
Mary Hopkins, 422-6958
45 Sunlite Circle

East Sacramento

Tuesday: 1:00 p.m.
Elinor Hickey-456-3794
1307 39th Street

Elk Grove

Tuesday : 7:00 p.m.
Nancy Myers, 689-6943
9710 Parktree Way

Foothill/Sunrise

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m.
Anna Antos, 967-4484
8085 Capitola, Fair Oaks

Voter Service Speakers Training, Speakers are Needed!!!

September 20, 2005 • 5:30-7:30 pm
League Office - 1507 21st Street, Suite 303 , Sac.

Imagine only six or seven ballot measures on the November 2005 ballot. Speakers services include the registering of voters, presenting the Pros and Cons on Ballot Measures, and possibly arranging issues forums for ballot measures.

Mark your calendar and plan to come to this Voter Service meeting and learn about the seven or fewer ballot measures that remain on the November 2005 ballot. Advance copies of the In Depth information on ballot measures will be available to prospective speakers.

Since the meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. we have ordered sandwiches from the Bread Store that will cost \$4.95 for half a sandwich, drink and chips. Please RSVP with the League Office voice mail machine if you are interested in receiving a sandwich. The one half sandwich @ \$4.95 choices are: ham & cheese, turkey or Avocado and Lettuce. Two halves of the sandwich are available @ \$6.95 with drink and chips.

Voter service has lost three major presenters and we are relying on League members to reply to the organizations that are asking for speakers. We are very sad to lose: Madlyne MacDonald and Dannetta Garcia and we have mixed feelings about Hazel Bergholdt moving to Bakersfield for a new job.

If you can speak for the League, please call or e-mail me at my home: barbarah@surewest.net or call at 359-0991 or leave a voice mail message with Judy Hoefling at LWVSC office phone: 447-8683.

LWV Sacramento County Board Briefs

- Adopted a revised Policies and Procedures that included the non-partisanship policy.
- Adopted a new board policy to contribute memorial flowers for deceased past presidents.
- Confirmed that Thursday August 25 would be date of celebration of 85th Anniversary event to be held at the home of Mary Williams & correction be made to Voter error.
- Agreed September 27, 2005, General Meeting will be held at USC, 1800 I Street and will be catered by Michelangelo's and that Sacramento County Registrar Jill LaVine, should be invited to discuss election issues.
- Arranged to hold Voter Service Committee meeting on August 23 at League office and Speakers Training Workshop on September 20 at USC with sandwiches.
- Changed monthly meeting date of Board meetings to last Wednesday of month to allow extra week needed for bulk mailing. Set the next board meeting for August 24, 2005, to begin new schedule for October Voter.

General Plans, Guides to Community Growth & Renewal

By Rick Bettis

State law requires that all counties and cities adopt a General Plan as a long-term policy guide for physical, economic, and environmental growth and renewal, and include seven mandatory elements: Land Use, Circulation (Transportation), Housing, Conservation, Open Space, Noise, and Safety. Additional elements are Community Design, Economic Development, and Historic Preservation. Air Quality, Public Facilities, Hazardous Materials, and Agriculture.

The Plans normally cover periods of thirty years, but may be updated periodically and amended at any time by a super-majority vote of a governing body, and by initiative. Locally Plans either have been adopted recently or are being updated in all jurisdictions except the City of Isleton. :

- **County of Sacramento** – The current Plan was adopted in 1993, and is undergoing a limited update to be complete by mid 2006 to guide activities in the remaining unincorporated area. A very special element the 1985 American River Parkway Plan is also being updated.
- **City of Sacramento** – The current Plan was adopted in 1988 and a comprehensive update is scheduled for completion by December 2006. The new Plan will emphasize infill and re-urbanization.
- **City of Citrus Heights**- Plan was adopted in November 2000 significant revisions are unforeseen.
- **City of Elk Grove** – Plan was adopted in November 2003. Future revisions are anticipated due to the rapid growth of the City and the large Sphere of Influence it has adopted.
- **City of Folsom** – The current General plan was adopted in 1987. The City anticipates the annexations of 3585 acres south of Highway 50 and is now preparing a plan for the area.
- **City of Galt** – A Plan update was conducted in 2004, additional studies are under way for possible annexation of a large area north of the City
- **City of Rancho Cordova** – Is preparing its' first Plan, schedule for completion in June, 2006

All of the ongoing General Plan activities include ample opportunities for public involvement such as advisory committees, town hall meetings, workshops, and hearings. LWVSC members are encour-

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