



THE SACRAMENTO VOTER

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY

MAY 2008

LWVSC ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, May 31, 2008

9:00 AM Registration & Refreshments
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Meeting Convened

Casa Garden Meeting Room

At Sacramento Children's Home

2760 Sutterville Road, Sacramento 95818

From Hwy 99 take 12th Ave. exit, turn west on Sutterville

Featured Speaker: Professor Jim Cox

Department of Government, CSUS

Adopt LWVSC Budget 2008-09

Elect new Officers, Directors, and Nominating Committee

Reservation form will be sent separately
with the call to the annual meeting
\$10 Per Person to cover meeting expenses

BOARD MEETING MAY 19, AT 6:30 PM IN THE LEAGUE OFFICE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

LWVSC Annual Meeting

I shall look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting on May 31st. I will present the annual president's report which will include my valiant effort to thank everyone who has been involved in the work of the League this year. This will be no easy task because there are so many of you! We will publish the report and the annual meeting minutes on our web site.

The Call to Annual Meeting will be sent to you via first class mail on blue paper. Watch for it! Note that the proposed 2008-2009 budget includes a membership dues increase (the first since 1999). The Budget Committee Report explains this recommendation in detail.

LWVC Leadership Council

As mentioned in my message last month, I hope that you take the opportunity to attend the state League council on May 17-18. See www.lwvc.org for registration details and the workshop and guest speaker lineup. LWVUS president Mary G. Wilson will be the guest speaker at the Saturday dinner. If you register for the Saturday workshops and plenary sessions (\$50) you can also sign up to attend the dinner and reception (\$60). (See page 8 for contact information.)

Visit our web site

The next Voter newsletter will be published in August 2008. In the interim, we will keep you informed our ongoing activities via our website and mass email. If you have not received any email messages from president@lwvsacramento.org, such as the 04/24/2008 announcement entitled "No Training on 04/26", we do not have your current email address in the member database. If this is the case, please send me your preferred email address.

We will add a "Volunteer Opportunities" section on our web site to make it easier for you to know what we are doing, how you can help, and who to contact.

VOTERS SERVICE UPDATE:

By Cheryll Moore

Volunteers Step Forward

On the evening of April 15th ten League members attended and practiced a "mock candidate forum" session with the staff at Metro Cable. Thank you to the League volunteers and the voluntary efforts of the Metro Cable staff for a productive and educational evening. There will be ample opportunity to put your skills to work in the community. Thank you for attending.

You are Invited to Attend

Saturday, May 3rd - Metro Cable Taping Session at the County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 700 H Street, Room 1450 from 9 AM to 1 PM, will include Sacramento mayoral, city council, and county board of supervisors candidate forums followed by a "pros and cons" presentation of state ballot measures 98 and 99. This program will be cablecast live at Sacramento Metro Cable, Channel 14, and webcast at www.sacmetroable.tv and replayed regularly before the June 3 election.

Friday, May 23 - East Sacramento Preservation Task Force and the Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association Mayoral Candidate Forum, Sierra Two Center, Curtis Hall, 2791 24th Street, Sacramento, 95818, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

Pros and Cons Speakers Training

The Pros and Cons speaker training slated for April 26th will be re-scheduled this fall prior to the November election. Look for an announcement in the Voter.

Pros and Cons and Easy Voter Guides Available

The Pros and Cons and Easy Voter Guides are in the League office downtown and at the home of Cheryll Moore for distribution in the community. Please call the office at 447-8683 or Cheryll at 483-5524 for copies.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday August 23, 2008

3rd Annual California Women's Equality Day Parade & Rally

Commemorate and reaffirm women's right to vote.

Parade starts at 9:30 AM at Southside Park.

Sign-up at 7th & T Streets, Rally at 11 AM at the North Side of the Capitol, Sacramento, CA

YOUTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

By Rick Bettis

It is becoming more and more gratifying to participate with our youth in their efforts to protect and enhance our environment and quality of life. While representing the LWVSC this past month of Earth Day this writer has been involved in several activities that demonstrate the growing concern the younger members of our community have for stewardship of our environment. These events included:

1. Working with Breathe California as a ‘mentor’ for the annual “Youth Leadership Summit”. Students from eight High Schools in the region had performed evaluations of their schools relative to air quality including

- Indoor air quality and the adequacy of ventilation systems
- Access to public transportation
- Safety, convenience and motivational factors for walking and biking instead of travel by car.

The mentors work with the students to define solutions to the problems identified in the student’s evaluations. As a follow up the volunteer mentors are committed to continue working with the students including assisting with presentations to school Administrators and Boards.

2. The Burbank High School “Social Responsibility Day”, including a video interview, tabling, and presentations on Global Warming to two Senior College Prep Physics classes.

The students demonstrated a very impressive degree of interest and understanding with their questions and comments.

3. Participating as a Judge at the Annual Sacramento County History Day. At this event High School and Middle school students from more than 30 schools in Sacramento county prepare Exhibits, Web sites, Videos, Essays, and give Performances on historical events, personalities, and organizations based on an annual theme which was “Conflict and Compromise”. Although many of the projects are based on social justice and peace themes some reflect environmental issues such as:

- The story of the Headwaters Forest and Julia “Butterfly” Hill
- The ethical treatment of animals
- The transformation of the Sacramento Delta
- The construction of the railroads and the related impacts on our lands.

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YOUTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT, Continued

The top three placers in this competition move on to California State History Day to be held in May.

4. The Annual Urban Creeks Council Creek Week which includes

- A “Slash Off” event where a school is honored for its stewardship activities on our local natural creeks. This year’s honoree was Barbara Comstock Elementary School for their monitoring and studies of North Laguna Creek. Past honorees have included Mira Loma High School for their extensive scientific studies of stewardship activities on Arcade Creek, and Calvine Continuation High School for their stewardship and study of Strawberry Creek.

- Creek Cleanup Day when nearly 2000 volunteers, mostly youth representing scout, school, church and other organizations clean debris ranging from candy wrappers and bottles up through tires, home appliances and furniture, to an occasional vandalized car body.

- The cleanup is followed by a celebration with food, music, free commemorative tee shirts, and other prizes. A highlight is a contest where the young participants create unique sculptures from the “gunk and junk” they have retrieved from the creek.

It is activities such as described above that provide a true lift and motivation for jaded old folks such as this writer to continue trying to be useful.

LWVUS BOARD ADOPTS IMMIGRATION POSITION

After a lengthy and comprehensive study of this complex issue by our grassroots members, the LWVUS Board of Directors unanimously adopted the League's position on immigration which calls for a path to citizenship for current unauthorized immigrants. Read the full position and the press statement on the position at www.lwv.org (Issues, Social Policy). The 18-month study was successful thanks to the hard work of the Immigration Study Committee, led by LWVUS Board Member Carolie Mullan, and the high level of participation – 67 percent (560 Leagues). The LWVSC study committee, led by Lola Acosta, included Anne Rudin, Betty Green-Heffern, Barbara Hopkins, Eileen Heaser, Judith Hoefling, Ruth Range, and Catherine Troka. The new position provides for federal enforcement of immigration laws and full due process rights for immigrants. State and local Leagues may oppose efforts in their communities to deport, detain or harass unauthorized immigrants who have no history of serious criminal activity.

**LWV is where hands-on work to safeguard democracy
leads to civic improvement.**

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Marites Ares
Patrick Cody and Annette Emery (Household members)
Maybelle Henry
Heidi McLean

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTORS

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Heidi McLean

UNIT MEETINGS: Pros and Cons of state ballot measures 98 and 99

UNIT	DATE & TIME	CONTACT	LOCATION
Mid-City	Monday, May 12 6:15 PM	Doris White 383-0189	8632 Fallbrook Way Sacramento
Morning Suburban	Tuesday, May 13 9:30 A.M.	Mary McCullough 967-7382	2426 Garfield Ave. Carmichael
Greenhaven/ Land Park	Tuesday, May 13	Mary Hopkins 422-6958	45 Sunlit Circle Sacramento
Elk Grove	Tuesday, May 13 1 P.M.	Pat Justice 391-9439	8622 Shasta Lily Drive Elk Grove 95624

Eileen Heaser, unit coordinator, 916-456-2154 or eheser@csus.edu



June 3, 2008 Statewide Primary Election

WHERE WE STAND...

Detailed analysis coming soon to www.lwvc.org members site.

NO ON PROPOSITION 98 -- Deceptive Measure Would Abolish Rent Control and Harm Environmental Protection

Californians deserve protection from eminent domain abuse, but Proposition 98 is a radical proposal that goes too far. Its extreme provisions would eliminate rent control and other renter protection laws; that is why wealthy apartment and mobile home park owners have contributed most of the money to qualify Proposition 98 for the ballot. In addition, Proposition 98 contains language that would make it difficult to protect the environment and regulate land use, growth and development. This hidden agenda would threaten water quality, hurt the environment, and thwart regulations that protect our neighborhoods.

YES ON PROPOSITION 99 -- Homeowners Protection Act

This measure is a real eminent domain reform measure that will protect homeowners, without the hidden agendas and adverse consequences of Proposition 98. Proposition 99 will prohibit the government from using eminent domain to take a home to transfer to another private party. It is supported by a broad coalition of homeowners, business, labor, cities, counties and environmentalists.

JOIN US IN MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK!

Mail this coupon and a check for one year's dues of \$50 to:

League of Women Voters of Sacramento County

801 12th Street, Suite 210, Sacramento, CA 95814

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Membership is open to all U.S. citizens, 18 years of age or older. Non-citizens and youth under 18 may join as associate members. Membership dues, payable to the LWVSC, are \$50 per year (\$75 for families). Membership dues are not deductible as charitable contributions for tax purposes. Joining the LWVSC makes you a member of all levels of League (local, state, and national). "Tax deductible contributions may be made payable to the LWVSC Education Fund."



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Invest a weekend, a day or just a few hours

This year's Council has something for everyone:

- Engage in lively conversation with active, informed women and men from across the state.
- Dive into the topics you care about: health care; mock elections; member recruitment; voter service, education, and more!
- Not a member? Attend workshops and learn the value of League training and networking at one of our biggest leadership events all year - you'll be hooked!

More information is available at www.lwvc.org
or contact Trudy Jarratt, LWVC Vice President, at:
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