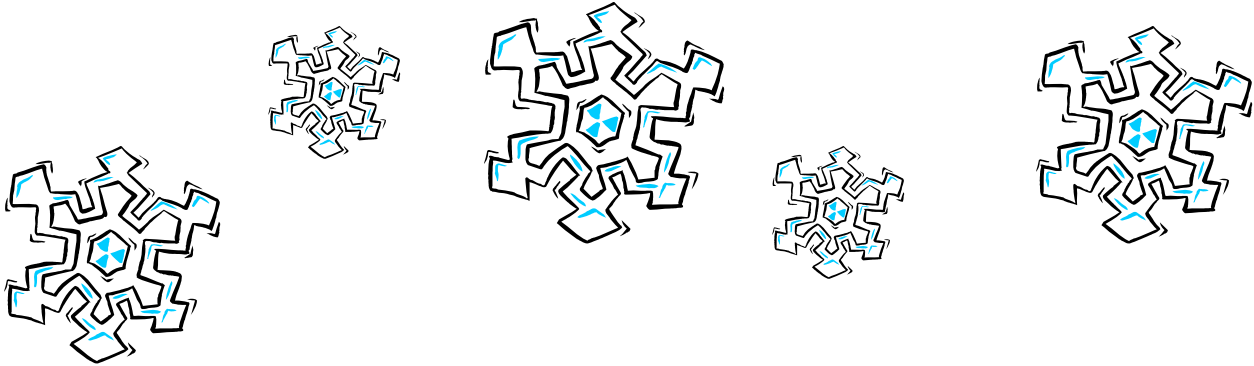




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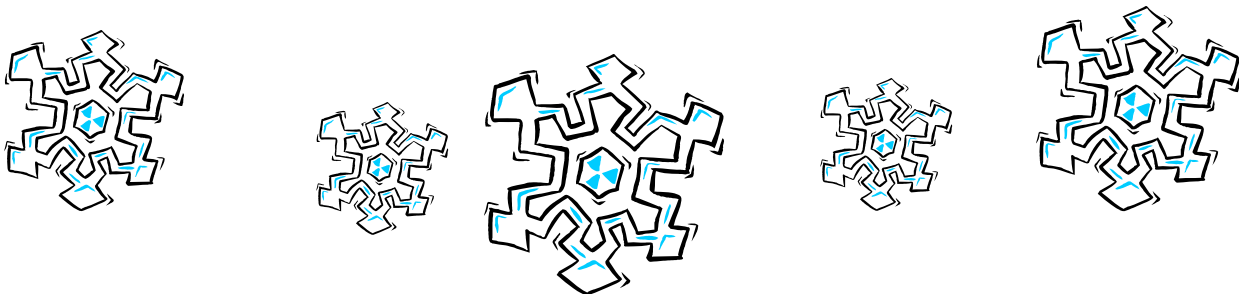
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December 6th Day of Inclusion:

The Day of Inclusion promotes California's diverse heritage. See more information online at www.dayofinclusion.org.

The day's events will take place starting at 4:00 pm with a press conference at the CA State Railroad Museum 125 I Street Old Sacramento, followed by presentations, a reception and entertainment.



SAVE THE DATE

Health Care Speaker Training: Saturday January 22, 2011, from 1-3 pm, Colonial Heights Library Community Room, 4799 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento CA 95820

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At this time of the year, we count among our gifts and blessings those who have been kind helpful and supportive to us and send good wishes to those not familiar with our work. To our members and volunteers, community donors and the Sacramento print and broadcast media who publicized our election events and participated in our candidate and issues forums, our thanks to you all! Our successful voter service activities would not have been possible without you.

If you did not see the KCRA television website on election day, November 2nd, copy and paste the following into your web browser to see Sacramento League members staffing the phones and assisting voters: <http://www.kcra.com/video/25604721/detail.html>

In another election-related area, were you as offended as I at the lack of civility and the level of misinformation during the 2009 health care town hall meetings and the 2010 election coverage of what became The Affordable Care Act of 2010? In this, we see an opportunity to assess how we might make a difference. As the League of Women Voters of Sacramento County, we can share information with the public, in a civil and organized manner, features of the federal health reform law, including California legislative proposals. Join me and other League members Saturday January 22, 2011 at the Colonial Heights Library, 1-3 p.m. as we develop a Speakers Bureau.

Our Board of Directors met Saturday November 6th and decided to conduct public meetings, one on Health Care Reform; The Affordable Care Act of 2010 and another on Redistricting. More information will be shared as plans develop. Watch the Voter and our website.

No doubt you have read of Sacramento's interest in exploring city/county consolidation. As the League has a stated position and history of leadership in this arena (see your handbook page 5), we will monitor developments and consult interested and sage League leaders.

We wish you and yours the very best of holidays and look forward to contributing with you in the new year to the second ninety years of League of Women Voters leadership in public life.

LWVSC AIDED 1314 VOTERS ON ELECTION DAY!

In a joint project with KCRA twenty-one League members plus five students moved into the Call 3 Center on Election Day. Viewers with questions about voting called in from 6 AM until 7PM. Despite the use of 8 phone lines, the calls came in so fast and furiously during the early morning and lunch hours that volunteers could not keep accurate track of the calls coming in. Therefore, that 1314 figure undercounts the actual number of calls handled. The early shift of Leaguers arrived at the KCRA studios at 5:30 a.m. and the last shift departed at 7:00 p.m. League volunteers were interviewed during all the news segments broadcast by KCRA, which helped to encourage more phone calls and to answer common questions.

The most common question was "Where is my polling place?" The second most common question was "What do I do with my mail in ballot?" Using our SmartVoter.org poll finder, we were able to direct voters to the appropriate places.

This project with KCRA is an ongoing one. League members first staffed the Call 3 phones during the 2004 elections and covered at least every general election and most primary elections since. This year is the first year students from California State University, Sacramento and Sacramento City College participated. All the students were enthusiastic, surprised, and impressed at how much they enjoyed working the phones and at how many calls came in. They saw firsthand the power of reaching out to voters through television.

Many thanks to our members, our student volunteers and their professors, and to Sacramento County Registrar of Voters Jill Lavine and her staff. The Registrar's office supports League efforts in the project, giving us information about anticipated problems at the polls, lists of precinct locations, and availability to answer our questions even during the hectic election day.

League Volunteers

Lola Acosta	Judy Hoefling
Dianna Dithridge	Kay Kneprath
Louise Einsphar-Williamson	Leslie Marria
Richard Einsphar-Williamson	Carol Moon Goldberg
Nancy Fox	Cheryll Moore
Kirby Fukushima	Cathy Reidmiller
Alice Ginosar	Anne Rudin
Doug Griebner	Jane Owen
Eileen Heaser	Suzanne Phinney
Margaret Herman	Roseanna Torretto
	Fifi Zeff

Students

Laura Ellis
Wendy Galusha
Pierrot Kshal
Liku Madoshi
Tonya McGuire

THE BEAN SOUP EVENT

Kay Kneprath

Shortly after the successful May 6th party in Anne Rudin's garden, the Fund Development Committee began planning an event for fall. It would center on the official U. S. Senate Bean Soup recipe, but who would make the soup? Where would it be served? And to whom? The fall election was an obvious date, November 2, and where but the Registrar of Voters headquarters when all the ballots are delivered. Luckily, Jill Lavine, County Registrar of Voters, agreed that serving bean soup to her staff and the almost 200 temporary election day employees would be welcome. Even better, Jennifer Gibson volunteered to chair the bean soup committee.

Mid-October League members were phoned and asked to 1) make a pot of soup, or 2) bake cornbread, and if neither, cover the cost of supplies; lots of response. Pot after pot of bean soup was delivered to the Registrar's office election afternoon along with pan after pan of cornbread. Members sent over \$400 to the office, more than enough to cover the cost of bowls, spoons, napkins, etc. We did not charge election workers for the soup.

In early October letters were sent to businesses that have previously supported the League asking that they underwrite this activity and also to come to the Registrar's office to help serve the soup. Those who had been generous in the spring were only asked to help serve - and two did: Sotiris Kolokotronis of SKK Development and Richard Rich of Thomas Enterprises. Students also helped: one from St. Francis High School and a half dozen from CSUS.

Well, as it turned out not all the 200 election workers were on duty during the hours we served, 5 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. so not all the donated soup was eaten. Our resourceful chair Jennifer Gibson phoned St. John's Shelter for Women and Children to see if they would be interested in our extra soup and corn bread. Of course, they were, and Jennifer delivered a couple of gallons to the Shelter along with the cornbread.

We had been told that half way through the evening we would have to vacate the kitchen to turn it into work space for examining ballots. We set up our operation outside where there were no electrical outlets for the crock pots which were keeping the soup warm, but luckily the KCRA mobile unit was close by with its generator running. An extension cord and the KCRA crew's hospitality solved the problem. Although the move was challenging, we were more visible to the media outside, and had exposure on television. All the soup volunteers wore aprons with the League logo prominently and colorfully displayed. These aprons will be available for purchase on our website, or mail your check for \$20. to the LWVSC office with "Apron" in the memo space.

Overall, it was an interesting evening, and members reported enjoying making soup. We are evaluating the event, and will provide a final financial summary in the January Voter and on our website. Thanks to all who contributed and made the event possible.



Kay Kneprath in the LWV of Sacramento County apron. See order information page 4.

LWVUS PRIVATIZATION STUDY COMMITTEE

Elizabeth MacNamara

In accordance with direction from Convention 2010, the LWVUS will undertake a study of “Privatization: the policy agenda to transfer government functions, services and assets to the private sector.” This study will focus on the impact of privatizing government services on local communities. Committee members will be responsible for developing study materials and consensus questions and reviewing/tabulating responses submitted by participating Leagues. Based on the submitted responses, the Committee will recommend position language to the Board. If you are interested in being a member of the Study Committee, please complete [the online application form](#) at the LWVUS Members website and submit it along with your resume no later than December 16, 2010.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND “TRASH”

Rick Bettis, Natural Resources Director

The significant nexus between “trash” or solid waste and Climate Change was clearly demonstrated by a recent action taken the Sacramento City Council. On November 16 this writer testified to the Council in support of a Staff negotiated revision in the City’s contract with the BLT Corporation for hauling and disposal of the approximate 150,000 tons of solid waste each year.

The Council approved the modification that requires the waste to be hauled locally to the Keifer Landfill in Eastern Sacramento County, instead of to Lockwood Nevada as was done for the past twelve years. This will reduce the round trip hauling distance by 280 miles, which results in a reduction of Greenhouse gas emissions by over 7 million pounds per year. This is equivalent to removing approximately 12,000 typical passenger cars, traveling 12,000 miles per year at 20 miles per gallon, from the road. There will also be a direct benefit to public health since other respiratory pollutants such as Ozone and fine Particulate Matter will be reduced.

This corrects a situation that started when the Sacramento City landfill at “Sutters Landing” near the American River north of 28th and B Streets was filled to capacity and closed. For twelve years the City and County were unable to reach an agreement on the cost to dispose of the City waste at the Keifer site. City and County officials should now be commended for reaching this resolution, which will require a 24-month transition period to fully implement.

The new contract will also allow the City to direct BLT to delivery the waste to recycling, composting, and waste-to-energy facilities. It is the Regional “vision” to reduce the amount of waste that is disposed of in the landfill by 85% by 2020.

VOTER SERVICE THANKS LEAGUE MEMBERS

Cheryll M. Moore, Voter Service Director

The election activities began with participation by League members during this past summer and culminated with a busy fall season. All of the work could not have been accomplished without the invaluable volunteers on the Voter Service Team. I wish to express a gigantic thank you to all who attended training sessions and then participated in the work of the League. We are a grand team and I look forward to working with each one of you in the future. I wish to extend further thanks to Professors Kim Nalder of CSUS and Syreeta Harada of Sacramento City College who encouraged their students to volunteer for various League activities. Thank you all! Have a wonderful Holiday Season and my best to each one of you and your families. Peace and best wishes.

KCRA Call-In Election Day

Carol Moon Goldberg, Coordinator
 Lola Acosta
 Louise Einsphar-Williamson
 Richard Einsphar-Williamson
 Kirby Fukushima
 Eileen Heaser
 Leslie Marria
 Jane Owen
 Roseanna Torretto
 Suzanne Phinney
 Kay Knepprath
 Anne Rudin
 Fifi Zeff
 Dianna Dithridge
 Kathy Reidmiller
 Doug Griebner
 Margaret Herman
 Nancy Fox
 Judy Hoefling
 Alice Ginosar

Assembly District 9 Candidate Forum

Roseanne Chamberlain
 La Verne Ireland
 Randall Williams
 Lola Acosta
 Roseanne Torretto
 Charlene Jones
 Lanette Davies

Unit Meetings

Eileen Heaser- Coordinator
 Mary Mc Cullough
 Mary Hopkins
 Tom Swift
 Alice Ginosar
 Elaine Lee
 Bill Lee

WWE Event Voter

Registration

Lola Acosta
 Franciska Acosta
 Roseanne Chamberlain
 Julia Chamberlain
 Miranda Perry

CalPERS Candidate Forum

Roseanne Chamberlain
 Barbara Carr
 Lola Acosta
 Barbara Stanton
 Roseanna Torretto
 Alice Ginosar

Arden Arcade Issue Forum

Dana Ferry
 Roseanne Chamberlain
 Barbara Hopkins
 Lola Acosta
 Catherine Troka

Metro Cable Arden Arcade

Candidate Taping

Kathy Souza
 Rod Souza
 Leslie Marria
 Barbara Hopkins
 Dana Ferry

Sheriff Candidate Forum

Kathy Chovan
 La Verne Ireland
 Lanette Davies
 Eileen Heaser
 Lola Acosta
 Randall Williams

City Council District 3 Candidate Forum

Barbara Hopkins
 Eileen Heaser
 Lola Acosta
 Barbara Carr
 Lanette Davies

PTA Candidate Forum

Rick Bettis
 Tom Swift
 Randall Williams
 Barbara Carr
 Lola Acosta
 Catherine Troka
 Barbara Hansen

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Metro Cable Candidate Taping

Lois Wright-Coordinator
 Kathy Chovan
 Eileen Heaser
 Charlene Jones
 Paula Lee
 Trisha Uhrhammer
 Barbara Hopkins
 Lanette Davies
 Roseanna Torretto

High School Voter Registration Project

Catherine Troka
 Lola Acosta
 Randall Williams
 Beverly Norton

League Speakers (Pros and Cons)

Rick Bettis
 Dianna Dithridge
 Lola Acosta
 Catherine Troka
 Suzanne Phinney
 Roseanna Torretto
 Eileen Heaser

Natomas Unified SD Candidate Forum

Suzanne Phinney
 Barbara Carr

Smart Voter Project

Donna Chipps
 Charlene Jones
 Lola Acosta
 Roseanna Torretto

DECEMBER UNIT MEETINGS

December Unit meetings will discuss the National Popular Vote Compact. Paula Lee, President of the League of Women Voters of El Dorado County will attend most meetings to serve as a resource person, except where there is a conflict in schedules.

UNIT	DATE & TIME	CONTACT	LOCATION
Mid-City	Monday, December 13 6:15 PM	Eileen Heaser 456-2154 H or 278-6797 W	449 San Miguel Way Sacramento 95819
Morning Suburban	Tuesday, December 14 9:15 AM	Diana Dithridge 486-9542	2426 Garfield Ave. Carmichael 95608
Greenhaven/ Land Park	Tuesday, December 14 9:30 AM	Mary Hopkins 422-6958	45 Sunlit Circle Sacramento 95831
Elk Grove	Tuesday, December 14 Noon	Bill & Elaine Lee 688-5360	8622 Shasta Lily Drive Elk Grove 95624

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



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To make a tax deductible gift, make checks payable to the LWVSC Education Fund, or note this on our website click and pay. All donations and gifts of any size are greatly appreciated.

Volunteers Needed:

Public Relations-Media. If you have background, experience and interest, contact Lola Acosta @president@lwvsacramento.org.

Voter Registration Form Volunteers—Statistics Needed:

Volunteers are asked to please send the **Total** number of voter forms delivered to **Each** post office or other establishment to Eileen Heaser. No dates of delivery or number ranges on the forms is needed.

Please send by mid-December for Lola's annual report. Thank-you.

E-mail to cheaser@csus.edu or phone 278-6797 or 456-2154.