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90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Cupertino-Sunnyvale League's celebration of the 90th anniversary of the League's founding in 1929 was a great success. Members and guests enjoyed refreshments and learned from speaker Barbara Murray, how politics influenced fashion at that time.

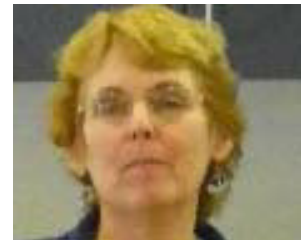
Fashions of the time were restrictive and unhealthy and the move toward functional clothing that allowed the wearer to do something useful corresponded with the push to be allowed to do more useful things. Later, suffragists were found in at least two types of clothing—those who dressed in practical, somewhat masculine fashions so as to be taken seriously and those who put on huge hats and plenty of lace so as not to seem threatening. (continued on page 2)



Audience hears description of fashion.



Examples of fashions illustrating talk by Murray.



Speaker Barbara Murray, Chair and Costume Designer for the Department of Theatre & Dance at Santa Clara University.

LWW Cupertino-Sunnyvale Board of Directors

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Dues Secretary	Evelyn Lundstrom
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Be sure to cast your vote on November 2. If you vote by mail, allow enough time for the ballot to arrive at the Registrar's office by election day or deposit it at any polling location or the Registrar of Voters office, 1555 Berger Dr #Q San Jose 95112, on election day.

Visit www.smartvoter.org for comprehensive coverage of candidates and issues. For a quick overview of the ballot go to www.easyvoter.org

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

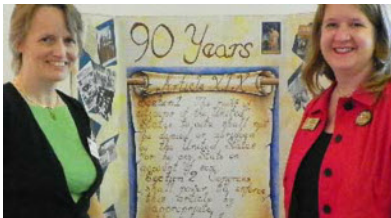
We're coming down the homestretch to the election. We've shared candidate forums, and Pro-Con presentations, and we even made time for a wonderful celebration of 90 years of the League (if you missed it, you missed a really good party!). We're studying the issues, and the candidates, looking at League recommendations, and trying to vote people and laws into place that will build a better society. And then what? We'll have voted. We'll probably all get some results we like and some we don't. If we've been working hard on the election (I personally have delivered 18 Pro Con talks so far this season -- I don't know about you but that feels like working hard to me), we'll be ready for a rest. So what next -- what does the League do in the off-season? Let me make a suggestion: talk to your friends, your family and your neighbors. Not about what fools those who don't vote like you are, but about what you value and why. Maybe if we actually talk to and listen to each other we can wean ourselves from soundbite democracy and get back to discussion. Maybe we can erode the belief that politics is a zero-sum game and pursue common goals. Maybe we can build a just and equitable society one water cooler conversation at a time. It's worth a try, isn't it?

Susan

90TH ANNIVERSARY

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At the celebratory event the City of Cupertino and the City of Sunnyvale presented proclamations honoring the League for 90 years of enhancing democracy in many ways including working to promote the values and processes of representative government.



LWVCS president Susan Hough receives a proclamation from Sunnyvale Mayor, Melinda Hamilton.



Cupertino Mayor, Kris Wang, presents a proclamation to President Susan Hough.

Many thanks to all of those who helped make this a lovely event: Louise Levy for inviting the speaker, Marilyn Howard, Suzanne Ford and Elaine Manley for set up and clean up, Barbara Sullivan for flowers, Kristine Ford for historical display, Ric Olsen for photographs (see some on front page and this page), Bev Olsen for refreshments, Elaine Manley for the cake and Bev and Ric Olsen for clean up.

Board Briefs

At its October meeting your board:

- Learned that all candidates for the Fremont Union High School Board will be present at the candidate forum.
- Heard plans for the 90th Anniversary Celebration
- Was informed that tours of the Sunnyvale Heritage Museum would be available following the 90th Anniversary Party.

Membership News

Thank you for renewing your membership: Patricia Boyle, Pat Castillo, Joan Coston, Richard and Eileen Grindeland, John and Elsie Hasling, Estelle Incociati, Elaine and Scott Manley, Barbara Rogers, Dolly Sandoval, and Mavis Smith.

Thank you for including a donation with your renewal: Carol Weiss.

Thanks to the following who made a donation in honor of the League's 90th Anniversary: Suzanne Ford, Marilyn and Sandy Howard, Susan Hough, Kristine Kelly, Evelyn Lundstrom, and Elaine Manley.

Special thanks to D.R. Boeckling who made a donation at a Pros and Cons presentation.

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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS RECOMMENDS

November 2, 2010 STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION

PROP 20 Redistricting of Congressional Districts

OPPOSE

The League **opposes** Proposition 20, which we believe is well-intentioned but premature. California is in the midst of a major reform of our redistricting process, with a new independent Citizens Redistricting Commission drawing the lines for state Senate and Assembly districts. Proposition 20 would significantly increase the commission's workload by adding Congressional redistricting and shortening the time it would have to do its work. We believe the commission should draw Congressional district lines in the future, but the new process should be fully implemented before the commission's responsibilities are expanded so dramatically. In addition, a new definition in this measure could make it harder for the commission to respect California's diverse neighborhoods and communities as it draws district maps. Let's give redistricting reform a chance to work the way the voters intended before we take the next step and add Congressional redistricting.

PROP 23 Suspends Clean Energy and Air Pollution Standards

OPPOSE

The LWVC vigorously **opposes** this Dirty Energy Proposition, funded by out-of-state oil companies, because it would virtually kill AB 32, the landmark Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. Proposition 23 would suspend the implementation of AB 32 until the state unemployment rate is 5.5 percent or lower for four consecutive calendar quarters. That has happened only three times in the last four decades! This dangerous proposition would get rid of clean energy standards that will cut air pollution and protect the public health. Proponents say this measure is needed to preserve jobs, but in act it will jeopardize hundreds of thousands of clean-energy jobs. We must promote California's role as an innovator and investor in a clean-tech economy.

PROP 24 Tax Fairness Act

SUPPORT

Proposition 24 would repeal the corporate tax cuts that were passed in closed-door budget deals of 2008-09. These tax breaks cost approximately \$1.3 billion in revenue to the state, while benefiting only two percent of California's businesses. There is no requirement that they actually result in the creation of private-sector jobs. Proposition 24 will make big multi-state corporations pay their fair share and put \$1.3 billion back into the treasury to help our schools, health care, and other essential services that have suffered severe budget cuts in recent years. The League **supports** repealing these tax cuts because this budget crisis cannot be solved by expenditure cuts alone, let alone expenditure cuts combined with tax cuts with no demonstrated value to the economy.

PROP 25 Simple Majority Vote for Budget

SUPPORT

The LWVC **supports** this measure, which would change the vote required for the Legislature to pass a budget from the current two-thirds to a simple majority. Majority rule is a fundamental part of democracy. The majority should set priorities for spending and take responsibility for them. This measure will change the negotiations over the budget and reduce the stranglehold the minority now exercises over the process. Under Proposition 25, legislators will forfeit salary if they fail to meet the deadline for passing a budget. Budgets that are late and full of gimmicks harm all Californians, damage our economy, and hurt the state's credit rating.

PROP 26 "Polluter Protection"

OPPOSE

Proposition 26 would redefine regulatory fees imposed on companies for harm done to the environment or public health as taxes. Since taxes, unlike fees, require a two-thirds vote for approval, it would be much harder for state and local governments to seek such payments from those making harmful products or creating public nuisances. The likely result is that the fiscal burden of the harm to the environment or public health will fall on the public rather than the businesses involved. The League **opposes** Proposition 26 because we believe that decisions on all revenue measures should be made by a simple majority vote.

PROP 27 Eliminates State Commission on Redistricting

STRONG OPPOSE

This measure would kill the major redistricting reform voters just approved in 2008 and return the authority for redistricting to the backrooms of the Legislature. Proposition 27 would allow politicians to draw their own districts to protect their jobs. It would take us back to the days when bizarrely shaped districts were drawn in secret, carving up neighborhoods and communities to keep incumbents safely in office. **Vote NO** to keep the power with voters and the voter-approved independent Citizens Redistricting Commission.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale require that the members be given a financial report once a year within five months of the end of the fiscal year. We operate on a fiscal year of July 1 to June 30. Following is a report of the Assets and Liabilities of the League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale as of June 30, 2010. This financial report has not been reviewed.

League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale Assets & Liabilities on June 30, 2010

	General Fund	Education Fund	GF & EF
<u>ASSETS</u>			
General Fund	1,309.55		1,309.55
Permanent Reserves Fund	2,500.00		2,500.00
Board Discretionary Fund	1,000.00		1,000.00
Education Fund	.	<u>1,963.74</u>	<u>1,963.74</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$4,809.55</u>	<u>\$1,963.74</u>	<u>\$6,773.29</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Payments to LWVUS & LWVC	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Bills	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>NET WORTH</u>			
Net Worth on 6/30/2009	7,005.89	1,598.76	8,604.65
Revenue-Expenditures	<u>(2,196.34)</u>	<u>364.98</u>	<u>(1,831.36)</u>
CURRENT NET WORTH	\$4,809.55	\$1,963.74	\$6,773.29
 TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH	 <u>\$4,809.55</u>	 <u>\$1,963.74</u>	 <u>\$6,773.29</u>

Cash in Bank Accounts June 30, 2010

Checking Account	1,161.50		1,161.50
Franklin Money Fund Account	3,632.83		3,632.83
Bulk Mail Account	15.22		15.22
LWVC Education Fund Account		1963.74	
1,963.74			

Questions about the Financial Report should be directed to the Treasurer, Roberta Hollimon, rhollimon2@cs.com

