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VOTER SERVICE SHINES DURING NOVEMBER ELECTION

Our League’s Voter Service team always does a great job informing voters about candidates and election issues but this year it was outstanding.

The forums for Fremont Union High School District Board of Trustees and the Santa Clara County Board of Education drew more than 100 attendees. It’s a pleasure to have to set up extra chairs. In addition to arranging for these forums, our Voter Service Chair, Marilyn Howard, assisted a neighbor League with their forum for an Assembly district.

The Smart Voter team of Jason Spiller and Bruce Kendell were able to get 12 of the 21 candidates in our area to put their information on Smart Voter.

Easy Voter Guides were distributed to Chambers of Commerce in Cupertino and Sunnyvale, Senior Centers, Churches, and other locations. Libraries and Cities receive copies directly from the state League.

The shining star of this year’s voter service efforts is Susan Hough. Susan made 24 presentations of the Pros and Cons of the ballot measures. More than 750 people heard her excellent description of the ballot measures, their background and the effects of a yes or no vote. She was assisted by Linda Davis who made presentations when dates were double-booked. If you haven’t heard one of these presentations, try to attend one during the next primary or general election.

The Better Way, a Cupertino Senior Citizen TV Program, taped a half-hour program of Susan Hough and Elaine Manley discussing the state-wide ballot measures. The program received 2000 YouTube views and was shown on Smart Voter.

Many others helped with various aspects of Voter Service. Thanks to all.

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LWVUS STUDY - THE FEDERAL ROLE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

Delegates at the 2010 LWVUS Convention approved the proposed study of the Federal Role in Education. A study committee was formed which will define the scope of the study, prepare study material and consensus questions. Local Leagues will form their own committees to inform members of the issues and prepare for consensus meetings.

The reason for creating this study is to reach consensus on a national position that will permit us to speak to education issues at the federal level.

To join the study committee, contact Roberta Hollimon at lwvcseditor@comcast.net. Dates and times of meetings will be determined by the committee members.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Taking it to the Next Level

Saturday, January 29, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
MetroCenter, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland, California

Featuring keynote speaker:

Dan Reicher, Director of Energy and Climate Initiatives at Google
And three panel discussions addressing:

What Government Is Doing

California Energy Commission Programming
Arthur H. Rosenfeld, Former California Energy Commissioner

Port Sustainability (Deconstruction, Cold Ironing, and Asphalt Reuse)
Richard Sinkoff, Manager of Environmental Planning, Port of Oakland

Municipal Waste Reduction Programming
John Stufflebean, Environmental Services Department Director, City of San Jose

What Science Is Doing

Water Recycling
Lori Steere, Water Recycling Program, East Bay Municipal Utilities District

Hydrogen and Other Alternative Fuels for Transit
Jaimie Levin, Director of Alternative Fuels Policy, AC Transit

Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure
Bay Area Air Quality Management District

What We Can Do

Community Service, Recycling, and Secondary School Students
Nate Ivy, Service Learning Waste Reduction Program of Alameda County

Analyzing and Upgrading Home Energy Use
Karen Kho, StopWaste.Org (Waste Management and Source Reduction/Recycling for Alameda County)

#----- **REGISTRATION FORM** -----#

The price of this year's Bay Area League Day is \$30 (\$20 without lunch) in advance or \$35 (\$25 without lunch) at the door. A light breakfast will be served to all who attend. To register, please write check payable to "LWVBA" and mail with this form to 1611 Telegraph Ave., Suite 300, Oakland, CA 94612.

Name: _____

Local League: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Registration is also available online through January 24 via PayPal at
www.lwvbayarea.org.

For more details, call (510) 839-1608 or send an e-mail to
editor@bayareamonitor.org.

Board Briefs

At its November meeting your board:

- Heard reports on Voter Service activity for the November election.
- Learned that Russ Howard and Roberta Hollimon monitored a Home Owners Association election.
- Agreed to participate in the LWVUS study of the Federal Role in Education.
- Decided to hold the Program Planning meeting on January 12 with one meeting in the morning and one in the evening.

Membership News

Thank you for renewing your membership: Andrew Kao, Jane Kroll, Margaret Quillinan.

Thank you for including a donation with your renewal: Donna and Scot Austin.

Many members of our League remember Irene Sampson. The following is excerpted from the LWV Palo Alto VOTER

Death of Irene Sampson

It is with sadness that I inform you of the death of Irene Sampson our LWVPA 1st Vice President. She died peacefully, without pain, at home and with her family after a short illness. We remember her laughter, her warmth, her kindness and her dedication to the League. She was our president from 1981 to 1983 and copresident from 1996-1997, served on the Bay Area League Board and held positions with the LWVC and completed other positions too numerous to mention.

Phyllis Cassell

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LEAGUE NEWS

National – ABC News cites League’s call to Congress not to shut down the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) and quotes LWVUS Senior Director Lloyd Leonard in “Are GOP Leaders Quietly Trying to Axe Office of Congressional Ethics?”

State – LWVC announced that materials for local Leagues to use for Program Planning are now available.

Message About Email VOTERS

All of our VOTERS are archived on our local League website. If you need to refer to an old VOTER for the date of an event or to read an article, go to www.cs.ca.lwvnet.org and click on “THE VOTER NEWSLETTER” in the left hand column.

League Websites

National www.lwv.org
State www.ca.lwv.org
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Local www.cs.ca.lwvnet.org

NEW START TREATY

LWVUS President MacNamara’s letter to the editor in the New York Times regarding its Nov. 7 editorial, “Plenty of Work for the Lame Duck: And Other Urgent Business.”

To the Editor:

Re “Plenty of Work for the Lame Duck: And Other Urgent Business” (editorial, Nov. 7):

As your editorial correctly notes, America needs Congress to finish its work, and the Senate should lead the way by ratifying the New Start treaty.

This would be the first arms control treaty between the United States and Russia in a decade. It calls for regular inspections and timely exchanges of information regarding nuclear arsenals. The treaty would not only reduce the number of deployed nuclear weapons in both the United States and Russia but could also influence other nations to follow suit.

The League of Women Voters believes that the New Start treaty, which passed the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on a bipartisan vote, is essential to maintaining a stable strategic relationship between the two nations. We are not alone. During Senate hearings earlier this year, high-ranking members of the Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush 41, Clinton and Bush 43 administrations testified in support of New Start.

Elisabeth MacNamara
President, League of Women Voters
of the United States

Join the League of Women Voters

Membership in the League of Women Voters is open to all men and women of voting age who are U.S. citizens. Others are welcome to join the League as associate members.

Send your check payable to LWVCS to LWV Cupertino-Sunnyvale, P.O. Box 2923, Sunnyvale, CA 94087.

___ \$60 Individual member

Name(s): _____

___ \$90 Two members in a household

Address: _____

___ \$30 Student

City: _____ State: ___ ZIP: _____

___ Contribution \$ _____

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Membership checks are made out to LWVCS and are not tax deductible.

To make a tax-deductible donation, write a separate check to LWVCS Education Fund.

CALENDAR

January

Mon	10	7:00 PM	Board Meeting Hollimon's 11155 La Paloma Drive Cupertino, 95014
Wed	12	10 AM or 7 PM	Program Planning Location TBA
Sat	29	9 AM - 2 PM	Bay Area League Day Reduce, Reuse, Recycle MetroCenter, 101 Eighth St Oakland

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