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HOLIDAY PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2014

10:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

Home of Elaine and Scott Manley
1075 Hamshire Court
Sunnyvale 94087

Join other League members for some good food and informed and lively discussion. Come alone or bring your spouse, children, friends, and neighbors. Take a break from the holiday rush and and meet the diverse and interesting people who make up our League.

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WHAT SHOULD BE THE FOCUS OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS?

At our January meeting, members will have the opportunity to choose study topics or issues for emphasis for the state League, Bay Area League, County League and the local League. Come and express your opinions.

The meeting will be held January 17, 10:00 AM.

More information on this meeting will be in the January VOTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another election season is behind us and we can take a breather in December to enjoy our annual holiday party. I'm reminded of my young nephew's comment when our church choir was preparing the Christmas Cantata. He said, "It's all singing and no praying." For us it's "all fun and no work." I hope to see you there.

In January it is back to work. First we will hold our Program Planning meeting to talk about the issues we want each level of League to address in the next two years. The national League issues were established at the national convention last June. The League Program on Key Structures of Democracy includes a review and update of the LWVUS campaign finance position. A committee will conduct an update of the League's position on campaign finance for the purpose of addressing the lack of member understanding and agreement as to whether financing a political campaign is protected speech under the First Amendment. The campaign finance position will be updated through a study and consensus process to consider: (1) the rights of individuals and organizations, under the First Amendment, to express their political views through independent expenditures and the finance of election campaign activities; and (2) how those rights, if any, should be protected and reconciled with the interests set out in the current position. Another component of the League's program on Key Structures of Democracy includes a study of the process of amending the U.S. Constitution. A committee will study the process by which the U.S. Constitution can be amended, including the constitutional convention method, and identifying the gaps and challenges in those methods.

Bay Area League Day, "Climate Change in the Bay Area," occurs on January 31. Anyone interested in carpooling should contact me at president@cs.ca.lwvnet.

Our "Opportunities for Involvement" column has reappeared. Watch for this and see if you find something that that you would like to be involved in.

Roberta

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT

Public Higher Education in California - Committee meetings will begin in March or April. We anticipate meeting once a month for 6 - 12 months Please join us.

Money in Politics - We need someone to serve on the County League committee planning this event. There may also be an opportunity for a mini study.

Juvenile Justice - Another County committee planning an informational meeting. Can you be our League's representative to this committee?

Board Briefs

At its November meeting your board:

- Received the financial report of the 2013-2014 fiscal year that ended on 6-30-2014. *(This report will be published in the January VOTER.)*
- Agreed to donate copies of the League's publication, *Guide to California Government*, to the Cupertino and Sunnyvale libraries.
- Set December 6 as the date of the Holiday Party. *(Later changed to December 13.)*
- Decided to hold our Program Planning meeting on Saturday, January 17, location to be announced later.

MEMBER NEWS

Changing membership renewal for all members to the month of September went smoothly. Thanks to Linda Davis for implementing the change and thanks to the board members for helping contact members. Almost all members have now renewed.

Thanks to the following for including a donation with their dues: Donna & Scot Austin, Joyce Bartlett, Peter Botsford, Polly Bove, Mary Boyle, Pat Boyle, Harold Brown, Nancy Burnett, Delores Carson, Linda Davis & Serge Rudaz, Tracey Edwards, Leslie Fitch, Kirsten Holmquist, Sharon Jenks, Bruce Kendall, Louise Levy, Jo Lucey, Evelyn Lundstrom, Elaine & Scott Manley, Dianne & Regis McKenna, Mona Norins, Barbara Nunes, Marieann Shovlin, Katharine & Terry Turner, Carol Weiss, and Bill Wilson.

LEAGUE NEWS

National – The U.S. Senate voted on Tuesday to defeat S. 2280, a bill that would have approved the Keystone XL Pipeline. It was a close, 59-41 vote, that the League called “a decision that puts the health and safety of Americans ahead of blind reliance on fossil fuels.”

State - The state League announced that the Program Planning Kit is ready for local Leagues to use. President Helen Hutchison said, “Program Planning in the League, ... is the process by which we help decide where and how we will focus our resources – member time, money, reputation – over the coming two years.”

County - The County Council is planning an informational meeting on *Money in Politics* and another one on *Juvenile Justice*.

SAVE THE DATE

2015 Bay Area League Day

Addressing Climate Change in the Bay Area

Saturday, January 31, 2015

9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Registration and refreshments: 9:00 – 9:30 AM

MetroCenter Auditorium

101 Eighth Street, Oakland, CA 94607

Speakers and panels will address Bay Area wide impacts of climate change, and regional actions and policies that can mitigate. In particular, we will look at strategies and measurements to reduce GhG reduction goals currently in place, and onto 2050; issues of adapting to sea level rise, and then how to achieve climate justice for those who might be most affected.

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.

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CALENDAR

December

Sat 13 10:00 AM - Noon **Holiday Party**
Manley's
1075 Hamshire Court, Sunnyvale 94087

January

Mon 12 7:30 PM **Board Meeting**
TBA

Sat 17 10:00 AM - Noon **Program Planning**
TBA

Sat 31 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM **Bay Area League Day**
Climate Change in the Bay Area
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