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PROGRAM PLANNING

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2015

10:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

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Naturalization Ceremonies	Suzane Ford
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Pros and Cons Scheduling	Judi Pogue
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Looking ahead to LWVC Convention 2015, it's time for program planning—the League process for deciding where and how we'll focus our resources of member time, money, and reputation over the next two years. We are a grassroots organization. Program planning is one of the ways for all of us to participate in a meaningful way. We all have the opportunity and the responsibility to participate in program planning – to make our voices heard. What do we want prioritized in California?

Do you care about voting? Never miss an election? Then you need to come to the League's Program planning meeting in January. The League sets its agenda through the Program Planning process. You voted in November because you care about who will be setting our political future; you need to come make your voice heard about what you want California's and the League's future to be. We'll be discussing League policy and positions at the state level, including where the League should focus its energy over the next two years. Do we think there should be a new study? Should we focus on community education? What are the areas of concern to us here in Cupertino and Sunnyvale?

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In January it is back to work. First we will hold our Program Planning meeting (see page 1) to talk about the issues we want State League, Bay Area League and our own local League to address in the next two years.

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

In February, our League will be helping the Registrar of Voters at the naturalization ceremonies register new citizens to vote. According to those who have participated in the past, "This is an inspiring experience."

The Opportunities for Involvement column has grown. We are offering many ways for you to become involved with the League. Is there something that you would like to do?

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?

Legislative Interview - Assist in setting up an interview with one of our State Senate or Assembly representatives, coordinate with other Leagues in the legislator's district, attend the interview and report to the State League.

Nominating Committee - The nominating Committee consists of two members of the board and three members who are not on the board. Two board members have already volunteered, now we need three non-board members to serve. The work is usually accomplished in one or two meetings plus a few hours of phone calls.

Budget Committee - Interested in where the League money comes from and where it goes? Consider serving on the Budget Committee. Anticipate two or three two-hour meetings in the early spring.

Voter Registration - Help register new citizens to vote.

Some of these are a repeat from last month's Opportunities for Involvement. We still need help in these areas. There are some new "opportunities." Consider helping the League. Contact me at president@cs.ca.lwvnet.org.

Board Briefs

The board did not meet in December. Board Briefs will return next month.

SNUFFING OUT WOOD SMOKE

Has your house taken up smoking this winter? Breathing wood smoke is unhealthy.

From November 1 to February 28, Bay Area residents are prohibited from burning wood, manufactured firelogs, or any other solid fuel when unhealthy air quality forecasts cause the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to call Winter Spare the air alert. Residents can receive alerts by e-mail (sign up at www.sparetheair.org) or by phone (dial 800-430-1515). Residents can also stay informed with available smartphone applications or a hotline (877-466-2876).

Similar to cigarette smoke, wood smoke contains many carcinogenic substances, and is particularly harmful to children, the elderly, and people with respiratory conditions. The Air District aims to raise awareness of these dangers with a new publicity campaign.

Reprinted from Bay Area Monitor, December 2014/January 2015.

To read more about Air Quality monitoring, go to www.bayareamonitor.org

Financial Report for Previous Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

The League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale (LWVCS) ended its 2013-2014 fiscal year with available assets roughly equal to the annual budget, despite a deficit of \$1,823 for the year. Both dues revenue and contributions fell short of budget for the year. The board also decided to make an unbudgeted expenditure of about \$675 to buy 50 new "Guide to California Government" books.

	Values on 6-30-2014
<u>Assets</u>	
LWVCS Accounts	7,024.73
Education Fund Account	1,841.30
Assets	\$8,866.03
Liabilities	160.00
Net Worth	\$8,706.03
Liabilities & Net Worth	\$8,866.03

	Actual Amounts 7/1/13 - 6/30/14	% of Budget	Budget
<u>Revenue</u>			
Member Dues	4,040.00	80%	5,040
Community Appeal Contributions	1,680.00	90%	1,870
Other Contributions	1,282.00	90%	1,430
Interest	1.76		0
	\$7,003.76	84%	\$8,340
<u>Expenditures</u>			
Payments to levels of LWV	4,752.00	101%	4,720
Delegates to Conventions/Councils	1,020.00	102%	1,000
VOTER newsletter & Member Activities	756.84	64%	1,174
Administration & Development	895.80	115%	776
Voter Service	1,401.99	209%	670
	\$8,826.63	106%	\$8,340
Revenue - Expenditures	(\$1,822.87)	22%	

If you have questions about this report or would like a more detailed financial report, please contact the Treasurer, Serge Rudaz: sergelrudaz@yahoo.com, 408.737.1033.

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.

REGISTRATION:

Send check payable to LWVBA by **Friday, January 23** to LWVBA, Attn: **Bay Area League Day**

NAME: _____ LOCAL LEAGUE: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

Registration will be available online using Paypal after December 1.
The cost is **\$35 prepaid** (\$20 without lunch) and **\$40 at the door** (\$25 without lunch).
If registering by mail, please make **check payable to LWVBA, Attn: Bay Area League Day** and **mail to 436 14th St., Suite 1213, Oakland CA 94612**.
For more information please call Alec MacDonald at (510) 839-1608 or go to www.lwvbayarea.org.

LEAGUE NEWS

National – The League joined coalition partners on a letter to the U.S. House and Senate encouraging them to oppose the FY2015 Omnibus Appropriations bill. The League opposes the legislation because it contains destructive campaign finance provisions that would increase limits on individual contributions to a political party.

State - LWVCEF shared Noteworthy Web Site Facts. Our cavotes.org Web site has always been an excellent source of voter information during election season, but this year, the volume of traffic to our site was incredibly high. We had close to 118,000 visitors in the month prior to the election! This is 44% more visitors than during the 2012 election with over 25,000 visits on Election Day alone! Thank you to everyone who promoted the Web site and made it the “go-to” election information site.

Also, easyvoterguide.org welcomed almost 34,000 visitors to use our many helpful resources.

LWVC News December 2014

WITH THE HOLIDAYS COMING, THE NEW YEAR'S BILLS CAN'T BE FAR BEHIND

Bills in the legislature, that is. Newly elected state Senators and Assembly Members were sworn in and introduced nearly 100 bills on December 1. Bill introductions in the 2015-16 session will begin in earnest in January.

League action has already begun with support of SB 23 (Mitchell). This is a repeat of a bill we supported in 2013-2014 to repeal the Maximum Family Grant rule that limits aid to infants and denies reproductive autonomy and privacy to families in the CalWORKs (California Work Opportunities and Responsibility to Kids) program.

We'll take positions on other bills in priority areas like money in politics, early childhood education, and water in the coming months. To join our grassroots community to advocate on the issues you care about, be sure you sign up for LWVC Action Alerts and create your Action Account in Votility.

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. Donations to “LWVCS” are also non-deductible.

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

CALENDAR

December

Mon	12	7:30 PM	Board Meeting Location TBA
Sat	17	10:00 AM - Noon	Program Planning Hollimon's 11155 La Paloma Drive, Cupertino 95014
Sat	31	9:30 AM - 2:30 PM	Bay Area League Day Climate Change in the Bay Area Metro Center Auditorium 101 Eighth Street, Oakland, CA 94607

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