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LEAGUE DONATES BOOKS TO SCHOOLS

The League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale donated 20 copies of *Guide to California Government*, a publication of the the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund, to the Fremont Union High School District (FUHSD).

Updated in its 15th edition, the *Guide to California Government (G2CG)* is designed to engage and inform readers by emphasizing the public's role in California government. This unique edition has handy info graphics explaining complicated structures of government, icons in the margins to link and highlight topics along with related Web sites so readers can find and access their government easily.



Roberta Hollimon, president of the League of Women Voters of Cupertino-Sunnyvale presents books to Sue Larson, Communications Coordinator of the FUHSD.

Books will be distributed to the five high schools in the district.

"The League of Women Voters of California has done it again! The Guide to California Government is thorough, non-partisan, easy to read road map for navigating the often complicated process for voting and engaging with our government. We look forward to using this amazing resource in Rock the Vote's work engaging California's citizens." -Heather Smith, President, Rock the Vote

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SAVE THE DATE

Annual Meeting

Saturday May 30, 2015

Watch future issues for details.

State Convention

May 15 - 17, 2015

San Diego

Ed Source Symposium

Thursday, April 30, 2015

Sacramento Convention Center, Sacramento, CA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In late January and early February, due to illness, I missed three important events: the Mayor of Cupertino's "State of the City" address, the Bay Area League's meeting on Climate Change in the Bay Area, and the legislative interview with Assemblymember Evan Low.

I'm better now and managed to preside at our local League board meeting, participate in the City of Cupertino's General Plan Amendment project focusing on changes to existing height limits and Community Benefits program, attend a meeting of the Fremont Union High School District's Bond Measure Citizen Oversight Committee, attend the Legislative Interview with Senator Jim Beall, and participate in our League's Budget Committee meeting.

I'm looking forward to our Annual Meeting. Even though it is several months away our board is beginning to plan for it. For the first time in many years, the board is recommending two Issues for Emphasis. (See Board Briefs). Members will decide whether or not to adopt these topics for study and community education. We will also select a speaker for the meeting. If there is a speaker or topic you would like to have at the meeting, please let me know.

Roberta

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT

Money in Politics - We need someone to serve on the County League committee planning this event.

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.

*Consider helping the League.
Contact me at
president@cs.ca.lwvnet.org.*

CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE BAY AREA

If you missed the Bay Area Leagues meeting on Climate Change, the speaker videos, along with the question and answer sets for the keynote and each panel, are now available for viewing at <http://www.lwvbayarea.org/documents.html>

The agenda, speaker biographies, and packet are also available on the League's website LWVBayArea.org

Board Briefs

At its March meeting, your board:

- Learned that our League donated 20 copies of *Guide to California Government* to the Fremont Union High School District.
- Approved the the program planning items, Local Campaign Finance and Development process in Urban areas as recommended Issues for Emphasis for our members to consider at Annual Meeting.
- Made plans for sending the Community Appeal in late March.

Donations

Thanks to Autumn Bea for sending a donation with her dues.

Thanks to the following for their donations to the Community Appeal: Jodi Gordon, Kirsten Holmquist, Holly Lofgren, and Jack Walker

Thanks to Bev Olsen for donating her earnings as an election-day election officer. Bev has been doing this for many years.

In Memorium

We recently learned of the death last November of Mona Norins. Mona had been a member of our local League since 1998, but was very active in the League in Indiana for many years before moving to California. We extend our condolences to her husband, Arthur.

LEAGUE NEWS

National – The Board adopted the following issues as LWVUS legislative priorities for 2015:

- First Tier: Voting Rights and Election Administration; Money in Politics
- Second Tier: Climate and Environmental Protection; Immigration; Health Care, including Reproductive Choice

State - LWVC is encouraging members to celebrate the League’s 95th birthday by buying a gift membership for someone special in your life!

The recipient of your gift membership will enjoy these special one-time benefits:

- A copy of the new Guide to California Government
- A beautiful LWVC poppy pin
- A fun & engaging Intro to the League webinar

LEGISLATIVE INTERVIEW



From left, Cecilie Schultze, Sandy Remmers, Trudy LaFrance, Connie Hunter, Senator Jim Beall, Roberta Hollimon, Meg Giberson, Hana Itani.

Every year, local League members interview their state legislators. This is an opportunity for legislators to share their priorities with League members and to learn about League positions and priorities. Local League members can learn more about how some state legislative actions are going to affect their communities. The League of Women Voters of California, in turn, learns more about the Legislators and more about local Leagues and their legislative interests, and gains information useful in planning Statewide activities

In February, a group of eight members of the Leagues of San Jose-Santa Clara, Southwest Santa Clara Valley, and Cupertino-Sunnyvale interviewed Senator Jim Beall who represents the 15th Senate District including San Jose, Campbell, Cupertino, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, and Saratoga.

Topics covered were, Money in Politics, Early Childhood Education, Cap On Local School Reserves, Water, and Climate Change. Results of the interview will be published on our website.

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

CALENDAR

March

Mon 9 7:30 PM **Board Meeting**
Location TBA

April

Thu 30 8 AM - 12 Noon **EdSource Symposium**
Serving California's High Needs Students:
New Strategies for Students' Success
Sacramento Convention Center, Sacramento, CA

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