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HOLIDAY LUNCH

When: Saturday, Dec 15th
12 noon - 1:30 pm

Where: Del Monte Restaurant
100 S Murphy Ave # 4
Sunnyvale, CA 94086
(408) 737-7678
www.delmonterestaurant.com

Why: Holiday fun with the
League of Women Voters

Cost: \$15 per person

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408-230-9928

Join us for a wonderful lunch at the beautiful Del Monte Restaurant on Murphy Street in downtown Sunnyvale. Murphy Street is very pretty this time of the year. There is parking behind the restaurant as well as a parking ramp across the street.

We plan to have a speaker who will explain some of the details of the major construction that is taking place in the downtown area.

Marilyn Howard has created an amazing gift basket for the door prize.

Please bring anyone you think might be interested in joining the League.

Relax and enjoy the wonderful meal.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we wrap up 2007, we encourage you to join us for a Holiday lunch at the beautiful Del Monte Restaurant in Sunnyvale on Dec 15th. We'll have a chance to go over the highlights of the year, hear from a Sunnyvale official on the new downtown, talk about 2008, and share a wonderful meal with friends dedicated to keeping democracy working.

I want to thank everyone for their help throughout this year especially Roberta Hollimon who helps us locally as well as at the County and State levels. I also want to thank the Board and the Immigration Study Committee and the Voter Service team for their work this year. I encourage you all to become more active in 2008. We have 3 different elections and lots of issues and we'd love to have your help and friendship as we work on various projects.

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes to you and your family,

Elaine Manley

ELECTION ACTIVITIES

The Cupertino-Sunnyvale League did its usual yeoman's job of serving voters this election season by registering voters, helping candidates post their material on Smart Voter and presenting forums for Cupertino City Council candidates and Sunnyvale City Council candidates. Thanks to the following for helping with these activities: Delores Carson, Linda Davis, Robin Holmes, Roberta Hollimon, Susan Hough, Marilyn Howard, Russ Howard, Sandy Howard (a real family effort), Elaine Manley, Bev Olsen, and Rick Olsen. Kudos to Jason Spiller who managed to get 17 of the 18 local candidates in Cupertino and Sunnyvale to put their information on Smart Voter.

Board Briefs

At its November meeting your board:

- Expressed concern about hit pieces that were distributed during the recent election.
- Agreed to hold a candidate forum for the open seat on Cupertino City Council.
- Discussed ordering Easy Voter Guide in Chinese to be used for outreach.
- Approved the Immigration Consensus report presented by the study committee.

Membership News

Thank you for renewing your membership: Jane Kroll, Dolly Sandoval, Florence Stafford, and Barbara Sullivan.

Belated thanks for including a donation with your renewal: Sara Cordell.

Thank you for your contribution to the Community Appeal: Lois Chestnut

LEAGUE NEWS

National - The LWVs of Indiana and Indianapolis and the LWVUS filed a joint *amicus* brief in the Supreme Court case that will determine the constitutionality of an Indiana law requiring voters to present photo ID at polling places. The brief details experiences of a number of Indiana voters whose votes were not counted or whose rights were denied, and points out that each and every individual has a fundamental right to vote.

State - State League President, Janis Hirohama, has been appointed to the Steering Committee of the Judicial Council's newly-created Impartial Courts Commission, that studies and recommends ways to ensure judicial impartiality and accountability for the benefit of Californians.

Bay Area - Bay Area League Day, to be held on February 22, 2008, will address transportation issues from several aspects including how we can curtail greenhouse gas emission caused by transportation sources in the Bay Area, how transit and highways are funded, and what's happening with the infrastructure bonds. See the recent issue of the Bay Area Monitor, at www.bayareamonitor.org for an article on the MTC regional rail plan.

IMMIGRATION STUDY CONCLUDES

Eighteen members of our League engaged in a lively discussion of Immigration issues at the recent consensus meetings. Members were asked to imagine they were writing a new Immigration Act. What would they want to include in the law? Members considered: business and economic effects and impact; diversity, effects of global interdependence on migration; motivation of refugees, asylees and other immigrants; identifying things that need to be a part of the law for those entering the country; and how we handle those that are already here but undocumented.

Study team members Fran Grabau, Anita Herrmann, Roberta Hollimon, Russ Howard, Elaine Manley, Pat Meyering, and Jason Spiller spent several months, reading, researching, discussing and writing in order to bring background material to members to help them formulate an opinion on what is important to have in an Immigration Act.

The results of our meetings were compiled, by the committee, approved by the board, and have been sent to the National League. They will be combined with the results from Leagues across the country to become a position that will be adopted at the National League Convention in June, 2008. The new position will be used to lobby for legislation governing immigration.

This concludes the two-year process that began at the 2006 National Convention when delegates adopted Immigration as the study for the next biennium.

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 to LWV Cupertino-Sunnyvale, P.O. Box 2923, Sunnyvale, CA 94087.

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