



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF PALOS VERDES PENINSULA**

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CALENDAR

Aug 11, Wed	12:00 noon	Board Meeting, Joan Hogan's home
Aug 28, Sat	9:00 - 11:00 am	TRI-LEAGUE KICK-OFF at Marie Callender's - topic is future of the Community College
Sept 8, Wed	12:00 noon	Board meeting, Joan Hogan's home
Sept 11, Sat		90th Celebration, Peninsula Center Library
Sept 25, Sat	9:30 - noon	County League Day, Ballot Measure Training, Hollenbeck Palms
Oct 6, Wed	7:00 pm	Pros & Cons Ballot Measure Presentation, Peninsula Center Library
Nov 2, Tues		ELECTION DAY
Nov 12, Fri		Elected Officials party
Dec 8, Wed		Board Meeting and Souper Supper program planning

***DUES SHOULD BE PAID NOW, IF YOU PAY NOW, YOU SAVE
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Hope you enjoyed your holidays!

PVPLWVPRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer is almost over and the League is gearing up for a busy fall. Our celebration of LWV's 90th birthday will kick off the year. Come to the party on September 11 and bring a friend or two. (See details in this Voter.)

The Palos Verdes LWV Speakers' Bureau will be visiting various organizations in our area to discuss the ten state propositions that will be on the November ballot. If you know of an organization that might want to have a program on the ballot measurers, please direct them to call Jo-Anne Waller at 310-544-9263. And don't miss our public meeting on pros and cons, October 6, Peninsula Center Library.

We will be forming a study committee to carry out the County Jail Study for our League. We are fortunate to have Vi Iungerich, one of the County study co-chairs, as our local study chair. Vi and co-chair Betsey Coffman (Claremont LWV) have prepared an outstanding resource book for the committee to use. Contact me to sign up for the local study committee – 310-377-0735.

At the June board meeting, Ken Dyda, past RPV councilman and mayor, spoke to the board members regarding his opposition to the Marymount College initiative, which will be on the November ballot. At the August 11 board meeting, Dr. Michael Brophy, Marymount College president, will speak about the initiative from the college's viewpoint. In the meantime, a group of our League members met to discuss the initiative and its relation to our local League positions. Their findings will be presented at the August 11 board meeting for board consideration. I urge you all to educate yourselves on this issue. Both the city and college websites include information on the issue.

This is a good year to step up your participation in League. We have local issues – the Marymount initiative and the charter city decision. We have state issues – elections, redistricting implementation, health care reform, another state budget disaster, water concerns. There is much for League to do, both in education and advocacy. Join in – be a part of League's effort to make democracy work.

Nancy

**TRI-LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
BEACH CITIES - PALOS VERDES – TORRANCE**

ANNUAL KICKOFF BREAKFAST BUFFET

THE FUTURE OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SPEAKER

Marvin Martinez

President of Los Angeles Harbor College

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2010

9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

MARIE CALLENDER'S

21211 Hawthorne Blvd.

(off Torrance Blvd.)

Torrance, CA 90503

310/540-9696

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**Reservations: Please respond by mail (with check) or by phone, by
Aug. 23.**

Make check payable to: Tri-League

Mail to Judith Webb, 2821 Calle Aventura, Rancho P.V. 90275

Phone: 310-833-5864

Number of reservations_____ \$20.00 per person - Check enclosed for \$_____

Name(s)_____ Phone_____ League_____

CELEBRATION FOR THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Come Join Our Celebration!

It's the 90th Anniversary of the LWV and we're having a party!

Saturday, September 11, 2010 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Peninsula Center Library Community Room

701 Silver Spur Rd, RHE

No reservations needed - just drop in.

See what's in store for the fall elections.

Learn more about the PV League.

find out about issues we are working on.

Register your 18-year old to vote.

Enjoy birthday treats with the League!

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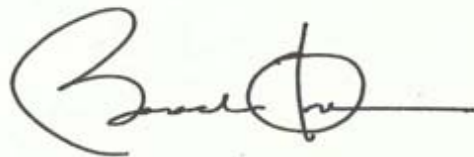
June 11, 2010

I send greetings to all those celebrating the 90th anniversary of the League of Women Voters of the United States at the 2010 Biennial Convention.

Ninety years ago, the first League leaders recognized that the 19th amendment was not an end to the journey of perfecting our union, but rather a step along the way. Our efforts to take on discrimination and open our democracy continue today, and remind us of the role each American can play in improving the world we inherit.

Built on proud legacies of daring, tenacious women who challenged our Nation to reach higher, organizations like the League of Women Voters empower countless citizens to participate in and strengthen our Government. America is stronger because of their dedication to our founding ideals, and our children's future is brighter because of their commitment to equality for all.

As you mark this milestone, I wish you all the best for the future.



A History of Change. A Future of Hope. LWVUS Convention 2010

Atlanta welcomed over 700 LWV delegates, guests, and staff to Convention 2010, held June 11-15. We renewed acquaintance with League friends at the opening Meet & Greet event on Friday evening, enjoying the opportunity to socialize before the whirlwind of meetings, caucuses, and workshops that would fill the following three and a half days.

The first plenary session was opened with remarks from Congressman John Lewis, 5th Congressional District, Georgia. He commended the League for its work in voter education and getting out the vote. He called the vote "the most powerful non-violent tool" in a democracy. He labeled the Electoral College "obsolete" and called for popular participation in the election of the president – resulting in applause and cheers. The work of the League was praised by a representative from the office of the Mayor of Atlanta and by the presidents of the LWV of Georgia and the LWV of Atlanta/Fulton County. Official greetings culminated in a message from President Obama, reminding us of the role each American can play in making the world a better place.

LWVUS President Mary Wilson addressed the Convention, noting that the work of the League has never been more important than right now. She stated that our work is key to the success of our system and to promoting the voice of "we the people." A list of accomplishments included member recruitment (MRI), leadership development, working for common goals, and putting the League "out there" in new ways (e.g., Facebook). President Wilson described the work of the Membership Recruitment Initiative and introduced the national coaching team of Ruth Shur Fellows who are ready to help states move forward with membership growth. (Full speech on LWVUS website)

Robbie Davis, chair of the LWVUS Nominating Committee, and a member of the Pasadena Area LWV, presented the slate of nominees for national board, and gave a clear description of the work of the Nominating Committee in developing the slate of proposed officers and directors. The slate was elected as presented, and Elisabeth McNamara of Georgia is the new LWVUS President.

Other actions of the Convention:

Studies and positions -

- Adoption of two national studies: (1) the federal role in public education, and (2) privatization. More information on these studies will be coming from LWVUS.
- Adoption of positions by concurrence: (1) updated Arms Control position, (2) position supporting the National Popular Vote Compact as one acceptable way to achieve the goal of direct popular vote for election of the president, (3) addition to the current Equality of Opportunity position to support legislation permitting same-gender couples to marry under civil law.

Resolutions –

- Support lifting the travel restrictions for Americans going to Cuba.
- Support strengthening of regulation and oversight of mining and drilling operations.
- Call upon the Senate to change its rules to limit the use of the filibuster.
- Add "transparency" to the SARA Resolution (2005).
- Advocate for improved Medicare for all.

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- Highlight the need for those responsible for the oil spill to be held accountable.

Bylaw changes –

- Article III, Sec. 2 A (3): delete the word “honorary” before the words “life members.”

- Article IX, Sec. 4, Article X, Sec 4, and Article XIII, Sec. 3 and 4:

provide for a biennial budget to be adopted at Convention, starting in 2012.

- Article X, Sec 1: provide that council shall be held at a time and place or in a manner determined by the national board.

Speakers

Leslie Sanchez: Columnist, Commentator, Author of You’ve Come a Long Way Maybe

Ms. Sanchez found that the approach of the media to women in the 2008 election was negative. However, she commented on the growing impact of women on public discourse. Women bring different skills from men to the public arena. She feels that women need to be tougher and assertive in achieving their goals in the political world.

Robert P.J. Cooney, Jr.: Author of Winning the Vote, the Triumph of the American Woman Suffrage Movement

Mr. Cooney spoke about his research in writing his book. He outlined the history of the suffrage movement from the early 1900s, and spoke about individual suffragist contributions.

The Hon. Kathleen Sebelius: U. S. Secretary of Health and Human Services

Secretary Sebelius commended the League on its history of advocacy for voting rights and on its advocacy for health care reform. She commented on the ways in which the Affordable Care Act will benefit Americans. She said that the legacy of the act is to put consumers in charge of their health care. She stressed that, although we are on the right track with health care reform, the work is not done. This legislation is only the first step. The League’s help will be needed as we move forward. (Full speech on L WVUS website)

L WVUS Past Presidents

A panel of eight past L WVUS presidents was a Convention highlight. The women spoke about activities and antics during their terms of office, and commented on the League’s future. They presented a impressive overview of achievements over the last thirty years. A video of this panel is posted on the L WVUS website.

I want to thank the League for giving me the opportunity to participate in Convention 2010. It is always inspiring to see League members in action, working to shape the direction for the coming year.

L WVUS has a great deal to offer our local Leagues. We need to make use of the print and online materials available for our education and outreach, and be part of the advocacy efforts.

Nancy Mahr, President



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION
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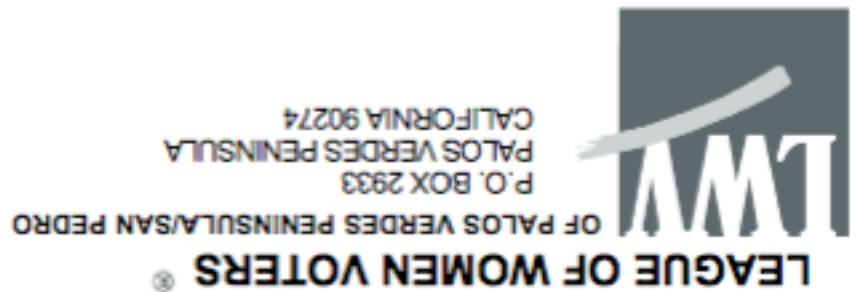
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