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**CALENDAR 2012**

<b>Sat, Jan 28</b>	<b>10:30 – 2:00 pm</b>	<b>Winter League Day: Initiative/Referendum,</b> Taix Restaurant, LA
<b>Wed, Feb 8</b>	<b>12 noon – 1:30</b>	<b>PVP Board Meeting,</b> Joan Hogan's home, -- all members welcome
<b>Sat, Feb 4</b>	<b>9:00 – 2:30</b>	<b>LWVC Regional Meeting/workshops,</b> Laguna Beach
<b>Wed, Mar 14</b>	<b>12 noon – 1:30</b>	<b>PVP Board Meeting,</b> Joan Hogan's home -- all members welcome
<b>Sat, Mar 31</b>	<b>10:00 – 2:00</b>	<b>County Convention,</b> Pickwick Gardens, Burbank
<b>Sat, Apr 28</b>	<b>9:30 – 12 noon</b>	<b>Ballot Measure Training,</b> Hollenbeck Palms
<b>Sat, June 2</b>		<b>PV Local Convention</b> – details TBA

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**ELECTIONS  
OCCUPYING  
2012!!**

## **PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Welcome 2012! And what a year this is going to be. Not only a big primary in June, but a new primary format. Then the November election with multiple ballot measures. Leagues have a lot of voter service activities in store.

In June, there are only 2 ballot measures. However, the “top two” primary process may lead to some questions from the public. The County League Ballot Briefing on April 28 at Hollenbeck Palms will review the ballot measures and provide some language for us to use in addressing the primary process. We will have Election Guides for the June election.

LA County Winter League Day is coming up on January 28 at Taix Restaurant in LA. Bob Stern, VP of the Center for Governmental Studies, will comment on California’s Initiative and Referendum. Those attending will have an opportunity to give their opinions as well.

The LWV California’s southern regional meeting is on Feb 4 in Laguna Beach. There are interesting workshops for both experienced and new Leaguers. [flyer in this Voter]

With so many issues and concerns regarding both state and federal governments, the work of the League to educate and advocate is more important than ever – and on numerous fronts. Be informed, be organized, and be active.

*Nancy*

Action/Advocacy & Health Care:

SB 810, the California Universal Health Care Act, needs our support. Judith urges us to write our Senator and others. She will email addresses of those to be contacted.

# **PROGRAM PLANNING REPORT**

PV League's annual Program Planning meeting was held on December 14, 2011.

At the meeting, members considered future program issues for our local League, the LA County League and for LWVUS.

Members supported retaining the current positions at all three levels of League. They also were in agreement that no new studies should be undertaken at any level.

For LWVUS, members recommended voting rights and higher education as issues for education and/or advocacy (previously called "Issues for Emphasis").

Members recommended that the County League monitor the effects of prison realignment, especially regarding overcrowding and prisoner treatment issues.

At the local level, members supported continuation of the Port of LA as an issue for education and/or advocacy, and monitoring the impact of the state budget on local jurisdictions.

Our positions give us the opportunity to give testimony and take action. We cannot do either if we do not have a position on which to base our actions.

Thanks to all who came and participated in the program-planning meeting.

**The League of Women Voters of California (LWVC)  
Southern Regional Meeting**



**Hosted by:  
The Leagues of Women Voters  
Orange County Inter- League Organization (ILO)**

**Date and Time:** **Saturday, February 4, 2012  
9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

**Location:** **Neighborhood Congregational Church  
340 St. Anne's Drive, Laguna Beach, CA 92651**

**Price:** **\$25/person; \$30/per person after January 28, 2012  
\$15/person if you bring your own lunch**

**Topics Include:**

- **The Rules Have Changed: The 2012 Elections**  
*Preparing for California's 2012 Elections and Anticipating a Flood of Ballot Measures*
- **Water: Which Way Do We Swim?**
- **The California State Budget – It's Broken**  
*What the League and the Public Can Do to Fix the Problem*
- **The "Observer Corps" – A Winner for the Public and for the League**

**Please register and pay by credit card at the LWVC website [www.lwvc.org](http://www.lwvc.org),  
by January 28, or write a check payable to LWVC and mail with the form  
below to: Diane Thomas, 2506 Calle Jade, San Clemente, CA 92673.  
Questions? Contact Bea Field at 949-276-7555 or [bfield@cox.net](mailto:bfield@cox.net).**

I will attend and buy lunch. \$25/person or \$30/person after January 28.

*I prefer:*  *Chicken Tostada*  *Vegetarian Tostada*

I will attend and bring lunch. \$15/person.

My check payable to LWVC is enclosed for \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ League \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## **LEAGUE ACTIVITIES - GET INVOLVED**

***Be more active in League this year!  
Here are some opportunities to participate  
in League activities.***

### **OBSERVERS**

Observers are needed for our local government meetings - each of the four city councils and the library board. The school board is already covered.

An observer attends the meetings - or views them on cable - and gives a monthly report on the main council or board activities and decisions. Reports can be given verbally to the League board or can be written and published in the Voter. This is a good way to track developments on the Peninsula, and if a hot issue comes up, the League is informed.

If you are interested in being a League observer, please notify Nancy Mahr (310-377-0735, [nlmahr@verizon.net](mailto:nlmahr@verizon.net)). Include the body you wish to observe.

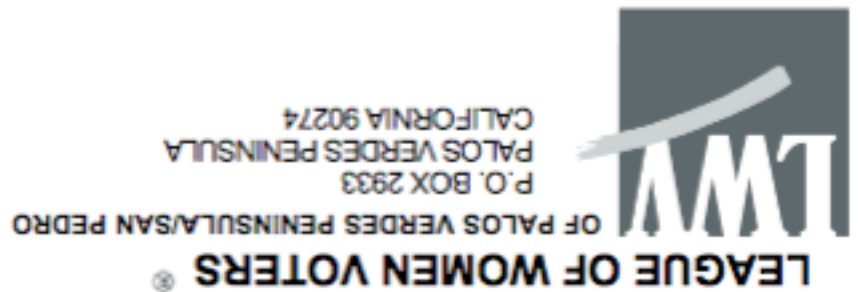
### **STUDIES**

We have two studies that are just getting underway:

- 1) Privatization – the way in which privatizing (or outsourcing) of public services affects our local services. This is a national study and is due in May. There is information on the LWVUS website. First committee meeting is February 8 at Joan Hogan's home.
- 2) California's Initiative and Referendum – should there be revisions to the processes? This is a state study and is not due until next fall. The first committee meeting has not been set.

The committees are in place for each of these studies. They would welcome additional members. If you are interested in participating in either (or both!) of these study committees, please contact Nancy Mahr (310-377-0735, [nlmahr@verizon.net](mailto:nlmahr@verizon.net)).

***NEED A RIDE?? Call Nancy Mahr if you need a ride to a meeting. We always carpool to County and regional meetings.***



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[www.lwvpvp.org](http://www.lwvpvp.org)

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