



The Voter

Table of Contents

Voter Registration/
Candidate Fairs ..p. 2

Girl Risingp. 2

Annual Meeting ..p. 3

Citizens of
Achievementp. 4

Equal Rights Amend-
ment.....p. 7

President's Message

July 1 - the beginning of a new League year. Your board will be planning for a very active new year, hoping to engage not only you, our members, but others in the communities we serve, especially voters.

The issues adopted at the Annual Meeting will be the focus of our efforts - Civics Education in the Schools and Civic Engagement. On the latter, we are partnering with Reach Out's Center on Public Policy and Leadership on a project called "Believe Again" to engage and involved San Bernardino voters. That will probably take place in August.

We will also be participating in the second annual National Voter Registration Day on September 24.

And as you know, we will be deciding how to make the best use of the Davis Trust money that we now have in our bank account. A committee will be looking at our options and making recommendations to the board. Members of the committee are board members Dennis Baxter (Chair) and Val Lichtman, and members Bill Lemann, Gloria Harrison, and Kim Carter. We have recently received information from other Leagues who have investments to add to other inquiries we have made.

Board meetings are usually held one Saturday a month, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Coco's on Highland at Waterman. In September the meeting will include a board orientation session, and will be held at my home with our LWVC Management Training Advisor. The October Board meeting will be held on October 12. All board meetings are open to members, so let me know if you want to attend.

Be sure to look at the "Help Wanted" ad to sign up for committees - and thank you if you signed up at the Annual Meeting! It's more exciting if you're involved in what we are doing, but we understand and appreciate your continuing to support us with your membership.

Onward and upward!

Gloria Anderson

glorand@juno.com

909-338-4163

INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

(Help Wanted)

VOTER SERVICE

Pros and Cons Speakers

Smart Voter Assistants

CIVICS EDUCATION IN THE SCHOOLS

Committee Members

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Committee Members



Voter Registration/Candidate Fairs - Can you help?

The General Election is November 5, and there are many candidates for the voters to meet! LWVSB will work with a variety of civic organizations to help register and inform the voters. If you can help at any of these events, please call Gloria Anderson.

Sept. 28 (Sat.) 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Believe Again: Civic Engagement BBQ and candidate fair. (Place to be announced.)

Oct. 1 (Tues.) 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Valley College Voter Registration Day and informational candidate fair.

Oct. 12 (Sat.) 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Believe Again: Civic Engagement BBQ and candidate fair. (Place to be announced)



We filled the seats at Regal Theater on May 13th to bring the award-winning feature film, *Girl Rising* to San Bernardino's Regal Theater. This film is about the power of education to change a girl-and the world. The San Bernardino League of Women Voters was one of four sponsors to coordinate this project with three other hosts: Reyna Nolin, Tatiana Diaz and Bobbie Chavarria.

Following the showing, Judi Penman, Chamber of Commerce CEO led a discussion and Bonami Story, post production editor on this film answered questions. The audience (close to 200) were enthusiastic, positive and responsive to the nine girls who were each unique but with obstacles they faced that were ubiquitous. Each girl's story was paired with a renowned writer from her native country and told by A-list actresses voice performances.

The film spotlights unforgettable girls like Sokha, an orphan who rises from the dumps of Cambodia to become a star student and an accomplished dancer; Suma, who composes music to help her endure forced servitude in Nepal and today crusades to free others; and Ruksana, an Indian "pavement-dweller" whose father sacrifices his own basic needs for his daughter's dreams.

Like the 66 million girls around the world who dream of going to school, what Sokha, Suma, Ruksana and the rest want most is to be students: to learn. And now, by sharing their personal journeys, they have become teachers.



In case you missed it...58th Annual Meeting Highlights

We elected to the Board of Directors:

President:	Gloria Anderson
Secretary	Jill Vassilakos-Long
Directors	Rachel Clark
	Shirley Harlan
	Susan Nieblas
	Marilyn Patterson

Continuing:

Vice President	Dennis Baxter
Treasurer	Valerie Lichtman
Directors	Kathy Ervin
	Ruth Petrucci
	Mary Saxon Hobbs
	Barbara Sokoloff

We adopted local Program:

- Retained all current program positions.
- Adopted Education and Action to Improve Civic Education in Schools and Education and Action on Civic Engagement
- We adopted a budget for fiscal year 2013-2014. It reflects an increase of almost \$2800 over last year's budget to \$9792.50 and assumes that funds from the Davis Trust will be available to make up the difference in income and expenditures.
- We enjoyed a lunch at the Arrowhead Country Club and heard an inspirational speech. Dr. Dale Marsden, Superintendent of the San Bernardino City Unified School District, spoke to us about the plans that the district, under his leadership, has for meeting the challenges of education in the 21st century.

Thank you to our 2013 Citizens of Achievement!



Twillea-Evans Carthen, Citizen of Achievement, received her award for the quality of service that she brings to the San Bernardino community through her work with her sorority, Kappa Alpha Kappa, her church, and Cal State University San Bernardino, where she works.

Margaret Hill was honored for her many years of service as an educator, from teacher to principal to Assistant to the County Superintendent of Schools, to member of the School Board and university professor, to the founder of Maggie's Kids, a foundation that helps disadvantaged students.



Jeanene Buchanan was recognized for her work with the Women's Club of San Bernardino (including serving terms as president and chairing fundraisers). She has served in many capacities in the Junior Women's club, and chairs the newsletter committee of the Paradise Valley's Model A Car Club.



Dr. Ernest Garcia was honored for his leadership in the arts in San Bernardino. Recently he successfully spearheaded the effort to create a permanent gallery for the Orange Show's Art Collection. He serves as President of the San Bernardino Valley Concert Association, has sponsored a youth symphony and youth chorus, and worked to re-establish the San Bernardino Arts Association.





Kim Hunsaker was honored for her tireless efforts in leading volunteer efforts in the California State University San Bernardino community as well as all her volunteer work in the civic community for Little League., serving on the Highland Little League Board of Directors.

Phyllis Kates serves our community on the Rotary Board of Directors, and is active in the San Bernardino Chamber of Commerce. She does volunteer work for the American Heart Association and has utilized her professional (graphic design) skills for the Humane Society, Inland Center Mall's teens Make a Difference Awards, Second Harvest Food Bank, and many other organizations that serve our community.



Carolyn Laymon has been a community activist for 20 years. She has been active volunteering for our community through the Zonta Club of San Bernardino (particularly for causes supporting victims of domestic violence)



Donnis Logsdon (shown here with her husband) has served our community through the Rotary Club for 23 years in many different capacities. Most recently (for the last 8 years) she has served as Rotary Life Student Advisor working with 8th grade classes in the San Bernardino School District. She is a charter member of the San Bernardino Chapter of Women in Construction.





Cynthia Luna was honored for her leadership in providing culturally and linguistically appropriate wellness programs, advocacy, and policy campaigns that increase awareness, Knowledge, and skills about health through the Latino Health Collaborative.

Karyn and Ruday Westervelt were honored for their commitment and dedication to volunteering in the mountail communities. They have developed and implemented numerous programs of the Rim of the World Unified School District, helped seniors through the Senior Nutrition Program, been active in Rotary, volunteered in the literacy program at the library, and helped their community through countless other activities.



Valerie Peister was honored for her outstanding work with the San Bernardino Symphony. Her enthusiasm and organizational skills have been instrumental in the success of the Symphony.

Tremaine Mitchell, Director of Operations at the Youth Action Project was honored for her deducation in mentoring college age youth, including her work to bring \$1 million to our area to provide youth and adult employment services. Her work has impacted the lives of thousands of students.



The award presentations were made by President Gloria Anderson and Past President Jennifer McMullen.

League of Women Voters of San Bernardino 1955-NOW!

League of Women Voters of San Bernardino
568 N. Mt. View Ave. Ste. 150
San Bernardino, CA 92401

Phone: (909)338-4163
Message Phone:(909)889-8600
E-mail:jvlong@csusb.edu

Website: <http://lwvsanbernardino.ca.lwvnet.org>



League of Women Voters:
Because democracy is not a spectator sport!

Upcoming Events

Sept. 14 (Sat.) Board Meeting (and training) at Gloria's home. For more information, contact Gloria.

Sept. 28 (Sat.) 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Believe Again: Civic Engagement BBQ and candidate fair. (Place to be announced.)

Oct. 1 (Tues.) 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Valley College Voter Registration Day and informational candidate fair.

Oct. 12 (Sat.) 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. LWVSB Board Meeting at the Coco's on Highland and Waterman. This will be a short meeting, so that we can go to help at the Believe Again event.

Oct. 12 (Sat.) 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Believe Again: Civic Engagement BBQ and candidate fair. (Place to be announced)

Nov. 5 (Tues.) General Election!

The Equal Rights Amendment

A petition in support of the 1972 Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) was submitted to the White House. A letter was posted in response, assuring the country that "ensuring that every American has the chance to get ahead -- regardless of gender, race, faith, or sexual orientation -- has been at the center of President Obama's agenda."

The letter identified key components of equality: beginning with equal pay, mentioning the *Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act* and the establishment of the first *White House Council on Women and Girls* as well as the *National Pay Equality Task Force*. It stated that the President continues to advocate for the passage of the *Paycheck Fairness Act* to strengthen the *Equal Pay Act* "by closing the wage gap, improving anti-retaliation prohibitions, and providing appropriate remedies for women subjected to discriminatory pay practices."

The letter went on "At the same time, equality isn't just about wages, it's about opportunity." Key points included equality of education (including expanding educational opportunities for women and girls in science, technology, engineering, and math); and the right to live in safety, citing the *Violence Against Women Act* and provisions to protect women's health in the *Affordable Care Act*.

After that it acknowledged that we still have a long way to go, as women now are paid only 77 cents for every dollar paid to men, and went on "In a nation founded on the understanding that all of us are created equal, that's not only unacceptable, it's also self-defeating."

If you would like to see the response in its entirety, go to: <https://petitions.whitehouse.gov/response/we-support-equal-rights-amendment>. If you would like to urge further action on the ERA, click on the link on that page, and consider contacting your representatives.



**"STRIVING
★ ★ ★ FOR ★ ★ ★
EQUAL RIGHTS
FOR ALL"**

Woman Suffrage in Nebraska 1855-1882
The years 1855-1882 were the years when Nebraska was the first state to grant women the right to vote. For an 1882 historical document, read the interesting facts in the report above.