

Your VOTER

(GUIDE TO LWV SAN BERNARDINO ISSUES, ACTION, & INFO)



ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY INTRODUCES KIDS & MOMS OF 'SWEET DREAMS'

Open house at Time for Change Foundation's kids' and moms' shelter home will feature skits and music by the children and refreshments prepared by the families living at the home, one of two sponsored and provided for by Time for Change. The facilities, supported by donations and grants, provide a safe haven for women to get back on their feet and recover from troubled lives.

You will meet the children and their mothers and cheer the kids on in their performance and music. This promises to be the mother of all holiday parties. Don't miss it.

Family and friends are welcome to come with you. Put the event on your calendar Saturday, Dec. 9, 2006, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at "Sweet Dreams", 3372 No. Wall Ave., San Bdn. RSVP to Gloria Anderson (909) 338-4163, glorand@juno.com.



LEAGUE WORKS YEAR-ROUND FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT

Election Day may be over, but the work of League members is not! Leagues all over the country will continue to work year-round to promote good government, protect and educate voters, and work side-by-side with leaders in their communities to bring important issues to the forefront. The League also continues to promote congressional ethics reform, urge support for continued improvements to our electoral system, and encourage citizens to speak out on the issues that affect them. If you are not active in a League in your hometown, please visit LWVUS website at www.lwv.org or the local League website at www.lwvsanbernardino.ca.lwvnet.org/ to find your local League and learn how you can take action in your community.

LEAGUE 'VOTE411' WEBSITE PROVIDED LOCAL & NATIONAL Nov. '06 INFO

- Approximately 4,000 Web sites were linked to VOTE411.org
- The site received almost a million visitors
- Over 4 million pages of information were retrieved by the visitors
- VOTE411.org also hosted over 200 Voters' Guides with local candidate & ballot measure info
- League members nationwide distributed nearly 1.5 million *5 Things You Need to Know on Election Day* cards



LEAGUE CALLS FOR CONGRESSIONAL ETHICS REFORM

In the days following the 2006 Election, LWVUS President Mary G. Wilson stood at the forefront of a group of leaders calling for meaningful congressional ethics reform. At a November 9th press conference, Wilson led a number of coalition groups in urging House Speaker-elect Nancy Pelosi to act quickly and decisively to enact true ethics reform in the House of Representatives. Late last month, Wilson also submitted an opinion piece to Washington, D.C.'s *Roll Call* newspaper urging the new Congress to enact real reforms, specifically calling for an independent enforcement process.

ISSUING A REDISTRICTING REPORT

In November the League joined coalition partners in releasing a report that calls for a national redistricting reform movement and offers guidance for state-level redistricting reform efforts. LWVUS Executive Director Nancy Tate joined other groups in releasing the report at a press event in Washington, D.C.

LEAGUE SPEAKS OUT AGAINST WARRANTLESS WIRETAPPING

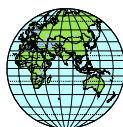
The League continues to work against congressional proposals that would "rubber stamp" the National Security Agency's warrantless wiretapping program by expanding the domestic surveillance powers of the President. In addition to urging citizens to tell their senators to vote

"no" on this legislation, the League sent a letter to Senate Judiciary Chair Arlen Specter (R PA) raising concerns about S. 4051, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Oversight and Resource Enhancement Act. To read more about the wiretapping issue, check out the article, "Who's Watching Whom?", submitted by the Brennan Center for Justice in the fall issue [National Voter](#).

GLOBAL ISSUES ALSO ON LEAGUE AGENDA FOR ACTION

GLOBAL WARMING: The League also worked this month to shed light on the issue of global warming, joining other organizations in calling for immediate action to curb the worst effects of global warming by enforcing reductions in global warming pollution and promoting clean and efficient sources of energy.

GENDER EQUALITY: Promoting Gender Zaida Arguedas visited Ukraine and took part in a elected office, lobbying, engaging in social and political Millennium Development Goals. Arguedas's activities, engagement at the Embassy's Women in Governance groups with female elected officials, NGO representatives and community leaders. Read more the League's Global Democracy programs.



Equality in the Ukraine: This month, LWVUS Deputy Executive Director series of events designed to encourage female participation in seeking activism, and furthering Ukraine's progress in accomplishing the UN's sponsored by the U.S. Embassy in Ukraine, included a speaking conference as well as a number of training workshops and discussion

You can join League's Grassroots Lobby Corps today. Go to <http://takeaction.lww.org/lww/mlm/signup/>

PREZ SEZ

Now that the busy election season is over (sigh of relief), it's holiday time again - time for our annual party. This one will be really special because we will be the guests of Kim Carter and the women and children who live at a home called "Sweet Dreams." It is a place where ex-offenders with children can make a new start in life. All members have received invitations but family and friends are welcome too so don't hesitate to bring someone with you.

Something that was satisfying for me was working with the Social Justice Coalition comprised of various organizations in the community on the San Bernardino City Unified School District candidates meeting held in October. They included the Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice (CCAECJ), Time For

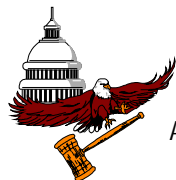
Change, Libreria del Pueblo, Mobilize the Immigrant Vote, California Partnership, PowerPac.org, and ACORN, and Inland Congregations United for Change. This is a young, energetic group with which we hope to do other collaborative projects.

The League is continuing involvement in the County General Plan revision. A series of workshops and hearings will be held in December culminating in adoption of a new general plan. We plan to comment on what is proposed.

If we don't see you at the holiday party, our best wishes to you for happy holidays and a bright new year.

Gloria Anderson

VOTER SERVICE REPORT



Your League covered a lot of territory this fall doing candidates meetings and pros and cons presentations, from Hemet to Fontana and Colton to San Bernardino, Redlands, and Loma Linda and up in the mountains, Lake Arrowhead.

The pros and cons team consisted of Gloria Anderson, Susan Nieblas, Brenda Frederick, John Longville, and Marion Vassilakos. The groups we enlightened included the United Methodist Women, Redlands United Church of Christ, Active Blind and Disabled, Fontana AAUW, and Democratic Clubs.

We advised the Colton Chamber of Commerce on how to do candidates meetings for their council races and moderated two school board candidates meetings. Gloria Anderson moderated the one for the Rim of the World Unified School District sponsored by the Soroptimists, and Lois Carson moderated the one we cosponsored with the Social Justice Coalition mentioned in the president's column.

We distributed 500 LWVC Pros and Cons but only about 1500 of the 3000 Easy Voter Guides ordered due to lack of distributors. Other organizations and groups have begun ordering the Easy Voter Guides directly so there may not be as great a need for us to distribute as many. However, the Board thinks there is value in distributing more Pros and Cons.

We were pleased that our October 28 election issues meeting cosponsored by the Feldheim Library, San Bernardino Women's Club, AAUW, and National Council of Negro Women was attended by a large group of Valley College students from Edward Millican's political science class. In fact, they outnumbered the others who attended the meeting! We also thank Susan Lien Longville for pinch-hitting as facilitator for husband John who had been badly injured in a bicycle accident that morning.

BOARD BRIEFS

- At its November meeting, the Board:
- Made plans for our December 9 holiday party at Kim Carter's "Sweet Dreams" home.
- Decided to order more Pros and Cons and fewer Easy Voter Guides in the future.
- Decided to do the member mail appeal for donations to the Education Fund to coincide with the League's 87th birthday in February to help pay for more Pros and Cons and voter education material.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Cathy Goring - Fontana --- Cathy is already involved in the League. We thank her for keeping our Voter mailing labels up to date and printing them for us.

Christina Wilkins - San Bernardino --- Christina is expecting a baby in December so she says daytime activities would include an infant, but she wants to be an active member.

FOCUS on League members-----

Update!

LEE MANAK responded with the following comment when asked about her

recovery:

"I would say that I am getting my strength back and getting back into the swing of things with various projects and organizations. Just waiting for my taste buds to fully wake up as some foods taste different and others not at all. Had my first CT Scan since radiation and awaiting results. Keep up the prayers." We hope to see you at the holiday party/open house and wish you well in person, Lee.

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- * YES, I want to add my voice to yours by joining the League of Women Voters as a part of your voice for citizens and force for change. I enclose: (see choices that follow)
- * \$50 One Year individual membership
- * \$75 Household (for one year membership, 2 members sharing an address)
- * \$40 Student membership (one year)
- * I'm unable to join the League at this time but enclose a Contribution of \$ _____
- * Please send me more Information.

NAME/NAMES: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: DAY/EVENING _____ / _____ EMAIL _____

Please make checks payable to League of Women Voters and return with this application form to:
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KNOW YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS **TO BE REVISED IN JANUARY**

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CALENDAR

GO TO SB COUNTY WEBSITE FOR A COPY OF THE PROPOSED GEN'L PLAN

VERIFY INFO BY CALLING (909) 387-4147 <<http://www.sbcounty.gov/sbcountygeneralplan/>>

- Dec. 5 (Tues.) County General Plan workshop, 10 a.m., County Sup. chambers, 385 No. Arrowhead, focus is Genl Plan goals & policies, and Community Plans.
- Dec. 9 (Sat.) Holiday party and open house at Sweet Dreams, 1 – 3 p.m., See page one. Don't miss it, and bring guests.
- Dec. 12 (Tues.) County General Plan workshop, 10 a.m., County Sup. chambers. 385 Arrowhead, focus on Development Code update and EIR.
- Dec. 19 (Tues.) General Plan Update hearing to consider adoption of entire program, 10 a.m., 385 Arrowhead Ave., 1st floor. Bring written comments to submit.
- Jan. 22 (Mon.) Board meeting, 11 a.m., Krueper Bldg. Board Room, 568 Mtn. View, San Bdn.

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