

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

NEITHER FIRE, NOR FLOOD, NOR QUAKE NOR SLIDE

What should we do about high volume development plans in areas subject to flood, mud slides, fire storms, earthquakes, drought and other environmental and man-made hazards? Norm Meek, Professor of Geography at Cal State San Bernardino is a local expert who promises to give us an enlightening PowerPoint presentation and to lead us in a productive and challenging discussion of issues that affect our quality of life in this region.

When: Saturday, January 21, 2006

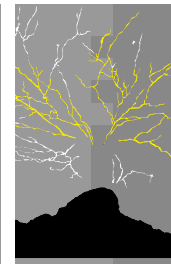
Where: The Gourmet

1445 E. Highland
San Bernardino, CA

Time: 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$11.00 (or free if you come for the program only, starting at approx. 12:45 p.m.)

Entree': Choice of
Chicken Piccata
Chef's Salad
Vegetarian Plate



Call or E-mail Susan Nieblas with your reservation and choice of entree' at (909)338-8260 before the Tuesday, **JANUARY 17** deadline; or email <snieb0818@aol.com>.

Don't miss this important program in our Hot Topics series. Bring your family and friends!

Jane Roberts TO TELL ABOUT 34 MILLION FRIENDS

Jane Roberts, nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize, and author of the book, *34 Million Friends of the Women of the World*, will be the featured speaker at the "hot topics" meeting Sat., Feb. 25.

In 2002, along with friend and associate, Lois Abraham, Jane Roberts started the movement, 34 Million Friends, to raise money and awareness of the family planning needs of women and families in the developing world. They asked individuals for \$1 contributions to offset the \$34 million the US cut from its previous commitment to the United Nations Population Fund. Jane has been described by Anika Rahman, President, Americans for UNFPA, as a "true force for change...absolute proof that one person can make a difference." Syndicated columnist, Molly Ivins describes her as the "...embodiment of all the Mrs. Witherspoons of our lives..."



We are truly fortunate to have this remarkable local League member as our guest speaker for February Hot Topics program to discuss her inspiring new book and share with us her experiences in her efforts to make this a better world for women, children and families. Save the date. Details to follow in the next Voter.

Prez Sez ---by Gloria Anderson

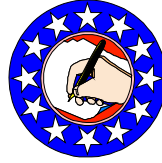
We thought when the November special election was over that there would be a breathing spell from election activities. However, as you know, there is a runoff election in February for San Bernardino's mayor. We are again working with KVCR-TV to produce a live televised debate between Judge Patrick Morris and City Attorney James Penman on February 2, 2006.

But we did take some time off to socialize at our annual holiday party - great conversation and tasty sweets (low cal, of course!). Sorry some of you couldn't make it. Special thanks to Marilyn Patterson for once again opening her home to

us for the party and to board members Susan Nieblas, Ruth Petrucci, Barbara Sokoloff, and Marion Vassilakos as well as Kathy Roberts for bringing goodies.

Thanks also to Susan Nieblas putting together our Hot Topics meetings. Looking ahead to 2006, we hope you will join us for two more of our hot topics meetings that Susan has arranged. We are especially pleased that one of our members, Jane Roberts, will speak at our February meeting.

And it's not too early to be thinking about our Sunday, March 19. Save the date and please let



Citizens of Achievement reception, scheduled for me know if you will help.

Finally, we know that League members are community, so we especially value your also value those of you who support the League With that in mind, I am borrowing an idea from another League president, Mona Windsor of Humboldt County, who declared "A Year of No Guilt." She said we need to focus on what we CAN do instead of what we can't, and remember that whatever time and resources you have to offer will be enough.

involved in many other activities in the participation in League activities. Thank you. We with your membership dues. Thank you too.

So I hereby declare 2006 to be a Year of No Guilt. We will focus on what we can do and do it well, but not overdo it, thereby avoiding burnout, and enjoy whatever we do.

LWVC and REDISTRICTING

As you know, the voters clearly rejected the redistricting proposal on the November ballot, Proposition 77. However, the League remains committed to pressing for a redistricting process that encourages public participation and scrutiny, has fair criteria for drawing the lines, and transfers responsibility for redistricting to an independent commission that reflects the interests and diversity of all Californians. LWVC president Jackie Jacobberger

said that the League has worked with other public interest groups and policy makers to seek consensus on procedural reforms and substantive standards for districts, and pledged the League's effort to redesign the redistricting process without the flaws that plagued Prop 77. She challenged everyone concerned about our representative democracy to work with us to put a real reform measure before California voters in 2006.

LWVUS ADDRESSES 'OPENESS IN GOVERNMENT'

The League of Women Voters has launched "Openness in Government: Looking for the Sunshine," a project to broaden public awareness about the issues involved in, and the threats related to, accountability and transparency in government. LWVUS president Kay Maxwell expressed the League's concern that government is becoming less open and more secretive in the name of homeland security at a time when many feel that greater accountability is needed. The League hopes the project will bring to light these concerns and allow citizens to discuss this important topic.

involvement. Through this project, the League also became aware of ongoing concerns and efforts of journalists, and will be involved in Sunshine Week activities in March 2006 with the goal of stimulating public discussion about why open government is important to everyone and why it is under challenge today.

The League's Education Fund is receiving funding for this project from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, which promotes excellence in journalism worldwide and invests in the vitality of 26 U.S. communities.

It is an outgrowth of completed project Citizen about Civil Secure



the League's recently "Local Voices: Conversations Liberties and Communities," an

initiative that examined the public's views about the relationship between civil liberties and homeland security. The findings pointed to public concerns about a lack of openness in government, a desire by citizens for greater transparency at all levels of government, and a desire for public input and

**DON'T MISS FEB. 2 MAYORAL
CANDIDATES' FORUM
FOR SAN BERNARDINO RUNOFF
ELECTION**

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Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814
Senator Barbara Boxer, 201 No. E St., San Bdn 92401, (909) 888-8525
Senator Dianne Feinstein, 750 B St., San Diego 92101, (619) 231-9712
Representative Jerry Lewis, Rayburn Bldg., Washington, DC 20515 (909) 862-6030
Representative Joe Baca, 201 No. E St., San Bernardino, 92401 or 328 Cannon Bldg., Washington, DC 20515 (909) 885-2222
State Senator, Bob Dutton, 10681 Foothill Blvd. #340, Rancho Cuc., 91730 (909) 4664180
State Senator Nell Soto, 215 N. D, #101, SanBdn, (909) 3813832
Assemblywoman Gloria Negrete McLeod, 4959 Palo Verde, #100B, Montclair 91763, (909) 621-7483
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Assemblyman Bill Emerson, 10681 Foothill Blvd. #325, Rancho Cuc 91730 (909) 466-9096

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

- * 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:
League of Women Voters, San Bernardino, 568 No. Mountain View #150, San Bernardino, CA 92401-1218

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LWV of San Bernardino Board of Directors

Table with 3 columns: Position, Name, Phone Number. Includes roles like President (Gloria Anderson), Vice President/Program (Susan Nieblas), Secretary (Catheriner Meister), Treasurer (Ruth Petrucci), and various Director positions.

CALENDAR

Jan. 17 (Tues.) Luncheon reservation for Jan. 21 due, 338-8260, <snieb0818@aol.com>
Jan. 21 (Sat.) Development in high risk locations, noon – 2 p.m., Gourrmet, 1445 E. Highland, SB
Jan. 23 (Mon.) Board meeting, 10 a.m., Krueper Bldg. Bd. Room, 568 No. Mtn. View, SB
Feb. 25 (Sat.) 34,000,000 Friends, Jane Roberts, time and place to be announced
Feb. 27 (Mon.) Board meeting, 10 a.m., Krueper Bldg. Bd. Room, 568 No. Mtn. View, SB
March 19 (Sun.) Citizens of Achievement recognition, 2 – 4 p.m., SB County Govt. Center
May 20 (Sat.) LWVSB Annual Mtng, time and place to be announced

**League of Women Voters of San Bernardino
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January 2006

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