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

YOU ARE INVITED to Join League IMMIGRATION STUDY

--by Susan Nieblas, study chair

Our League will be participating in the LWVUS study of Immigration which begins this September and must be completed by January 2008. We have not participated in a nationwide new study for many years because of the cost to LWVUS, so this is your chance to exercise League skills or learn how League goes about a new study, rather than the more frequent update of an existing position. The Immigration study will include the following:

- * Underlying values and principles regarding immigration
- * Reasons for migration from other countries, including but not limited to:
 - > Effects of global interdependence on migration
 - > Motivation of refugees and asylees
 - > Motivation of other immigrants
- * Current federal immigration policy, including but not limited to:
 - > Overview
 - > Effectiveness in uniting families
 - > Effectiveness in meeting needs of businesses
 - > Effectiveness in enforcement
 - > Human rights concerns
- * Impact of immigration, including but not limited to:
 - > Economic effects of authorized and unauthorized immigration
 - > Diversity
 - > Inclusion of immigrants in American society



The results of this nation-wide League study will both enlighten and inform our members about this vital issue that touches every American. When, after study and consensus, LWV reaches a position on immigration, LWV will be able to take action to educate the public and elected officials.

If you want to be involved with this study as a committee member or if you have any particular expertise in this area (or know someone who does), please contact [Susan Nieblas](mailto:snieb0818@aol.com) at <snieb0818@aol.com>, (909) 338-8260 as soon as possible. We have a lot to accomplish in a very short amount of time. Moreover, if you've never participated in the League study process, this is an excellent opportunity to learn how Leagues reach the consensus positions that inform our advocacy activities.

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS, PLEASE ADD TO YOUR MEMBERSHIP BOOK

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THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH CRAFTON STUDENT BODY ELECTIONS

Gloria Anderson, Anne Brennan, Jennifer and Mel McMullen, Susan Nieblas, Marilyn Patterson, and Barbara Sokoloff. Thanks to them, we received a \$600 donation from the student association.



I hope you are enjoying the summer and keeping cool. Your new board has met and we are planning the year's activities. This includes the LWVUS Immigration Study, voter registration and education, a membership drive, an expanded observers program and the universal health care campaign.

The board will also be taking into consideration decisions from the state convention in Bakersfield that Susan Nieblas and I attended in May. Delegates reaffirmed support for all current state program positions, with an amendment to the Redistricting position that reads "Support an independent commission as the preferred redistricting body." We also adopted the updated Education Pre-Kindergarten Through 12 and the updated Energy positions and three Issues for Education and Advocacy: Health Care, Education, and Redistricting.

We are also mindful of what members decided at our Annual Meeting in June. We reaffirmed support for all our local program positions and voted to continue Civic Education as our Issue for Emphasis for the coming year. We also adopted a budget that includes an appeal to nonmembers for contributions to supplement what we anticipate from our members and the Citizens of Achievement fund raiser. Thank you again to members who made contributions to the Education Fund.

We hope that many of you will consider what you can do for the League and also tell us what you would like the League to do for you. You can send suggestions to the League address or you can e-mail me or call me.

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LWVSB AND OWL ORGANIZE ONECARENOW EVENT

OneCareNow, California's 365-City Campaign for Universal Health Care, came to San Bernardino on July 25 at the Feldheim Library. The event was organized by League president Gloria Anderson and OWL member Shirley Harlan. Harlan is on the national board of OWL (Older Women's League) and makes documentary films. During the event she joined LWVSB. League members assisting at the event were Mickey Cruz, Dotti Garcia, Susan Nieblas, Marilyn Patterson, Ruth Petrucci, and Barbara Sokoloff.

The day's activities included the showing of The Health Care Solution: California One Care and an appearance by Senator Sheila Kuehl's field deputy, Erica Gold, who spoke about SB840 and answered questions about it. There were also drawings for free tickets to see "Sicko". An added benefit of the day's activities was that Shirley videotaped Erica and one of the women featured in "Sicko"

came to the meeting. She now works in San Bernardino and has become a crusader for better health care. We hope to have copies available for showing at meetings, etc. Thanks to Shirley, copies of the California One Care DVD are available as well. Contact Gloria Anderson for more information about it and how you can help spread the word about universal health care. You can also get information from <www.onecarenow.org>.



Although attendance was less than hoped for, we will continue to raise awareness about the benefits of universal health care in California and work for passage of SB840, which is a League priority.



LEAGUE'S GOVERNMENT OBSERVER IS FEATURED MEMBER

You will recognize Barbara Sokoloff's name as League's dedicated County Government observer, who regularly downloads the agendas and then attends weekly Supervisors' meetings. After retiring from SBUSD's Vanguard program 6 years ago, Barbara wanted to continue with her life long focus --- educating everyone for success, meaning, and the tools to participate in democratic society. LWV was an ideal match, and Barbara's compelling interest in disseminating what transpires when the sun shines in on government caused her to assume League's Observer portfolio. Early on she prompted LWVSB to urge Supervisors' meetings be televised, accomplished a year ago. LWV has followed Grand Jury Reports and taken action regarding several issues. Any League member who would like to join Barbara in the effort to observe and report back to the LWVSB about these meetings, municipal council meetings, or school district meetings, please get in touch with Barbara or Gloria to help in the League's monitoring effort. Sup's and Council meetings are televised, so one need not leave home and kids to participate.

Besides League, she is also a member of the Advisory Board for the Robert Fullerton Art Museum at CSUSB, and also is taking courses in the Art Dept. there: painting, photography, glass-blowing, woodworking, and most recently print-making. Earlier in her retirement career she had learned computer skills.

Following her quest for education, she has been a dual educationer and educationee. For example she juggled college courses as varied as physics, electronics, psychology, and chemistry with teaching and three children. After graduating from NYU State, she started her teaching career on Long Island, met Alex and became Mrs. Sokoloff by 1956.



Barbara was in charge of the Vanguard Program at Roosevelt School in San Bernardino. She has been recognized for her leadership and skill by teacher organizations and associations involved in educating gifted youngsters. Barbara's dedication to good government and transparency in the legislative process is very much appreciated by all League members. Thank you, Barbara.

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LEAGUE'S ADVOCACY FOR ETHICS REFORM REAPS SOME SUCCESS

House and Senate members voted Aug. 1 and 2 to pass ethics reform legislation 83-14 in the Senate and 411 to 8 in the House. LWV, working with other citizen groups, has long advocated for ethics reform.

Though the legislation has been criticized as "toothless," it does require lawmakers to disclose how much campaign cash lobbyists raise on their behalf and what earmarks they have requested. Re-transparency, the best Congress could agree upon was a requirement for internet disclosure and declaration of no conflict of interest 48 hours before a vote on earmarks "The veil of secrecy behind which legislators have been hiding will be lifted," according to one commentator.



The legislation also calls for a ban for legislators' families on receiving gifts, meals, and travel paid for by lobbyists, and makes it more difficult for lawmakers to quickly capitalize on their connections when joining the private sector. Social interaction between lobbyists and lawmakers has been curtailed by denying floor privileges to former lawmakers who are lobbying and denying them access to the House and Senate gyms, other exercise facilities, and members-only parking.

Membership in LWV is a bargain and a statement. You will be saying that you are committed to the ballot as a means for change and to providing non biased information to voters. The issues your League follows are those that affect every resident's family and community. Get involved in the League of Women Voters.



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CALENDAR

Sept. 11, (Tues.)
Sept. 2007 to Jan. 2008

Board meeting 1 p.m., 568 Mtn. View Ave., San Bernardino
LWVSB Immigration Study Committee will meet and design educational information for the community and League members re- the national League education study. Contact Susan Nieblas <nieb0818@aol.com> (909) 338-8260.

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