



The VOTER

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PREZ SEZ

We are the **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**, an organization of **WOMEN AND MEN** who want to **MAKE A DIFFERENCE** in the political future of our country. We are a **DIVERSE, NONPARTISAN, POLITICAL GROUP** with a long-standing tradition of **EDUCATING VOTERS.**

A couple of activities coming up and a couple of thank-yous and a birthday greeting are the focus of my message to you this month.

*** Activity #1:** March 15-21 is Sunshine Week when we will be looking at open government again. This year, however, thanks to one of our members, Jill Vassilakos-Long (Marion's daughter), we will have an opportunity to join a national discussion of government secrecy and citizens right to know. Jill, who works at the Pfau Library at Cal State San Bernardino, has arranged a viewing party at the library on March 20. (See invitation below.)

*** Activity #2:** We will also

be getting ready for our annual Citizens of Achievement reception and awards being held on April 26.. Please let us know how you will help by responding to the call for help in this issue. We are also including a nomination form for your use. If meeting the March 15 deadline is a problem, let me know. The past presidents will be meeting on March 18 to select the recipients of this year's awards.

You may have noticed the new look of our newsletter. That is why I have two thank-yous.

*** Thank-you # 1:** A HUGE THANK-YOU to **Marion Vassilakos** for the

many years she devoted to being our *Voter* editor.

*** Thank-you #2:** Thanks to **Christina Wilkins** for stepping in as our new *Voter* editor. She publishes, prints, and takes it to the post office for bulk mailing which she manages to do with three children at home.

The Birthday Greeting: Happy Birthday to us for 54 years of providing service to voters in the San Bernardino area. We will be celebrating that at our Annual Meeting and with moments of history in the *Voter*.

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YOU ARE INVITED TO A VIEWING PARTY

The San Bernardino League of Women Voters and Cal State San Bernardino's Pfau Library invite you to join the national discussion "Opening Doors: Finding the Keys to Open Government," the culminating event of 2009's Sunshine Week, being held at the Center for American Progress in Washington, DC and broadcast nationwide.

WHEN: MARCH 20, 2009 9:30-11:30 AM

WHERE: Library Basement PL-013

RSVP to (909)537-5102

(Free event parking can be arranged if you call soon!)



PLEASE RESPOND BY MARCH 26, 2009By mail to Gloria Anderson at Box 1662, Crestline 92325Or E-MAIL GLORIA ANDERSON – glorand@juno.comOr call 909-338-4163

As you know, this year's Citizens of Achievement reception and awards will be held on April 26, 2009. We have been doing this event since 1975 and once again, we are asking for your help in making it a success. As always, you will be receiving a personal invitation several weeks before the event is held - but right now, we need to know how you can/will help us.

_____ I will serve on a committee:(Set-up, Clean-up, Decorating, Serving, Where needed)

_____ I will donate _____ food to serve at least 20.

_____ money to purchase food

Please consider making a donation when you respond to your invitation to the Citizens of Achievement reception and awards ceremony.

NOTE: Your check to the San Bernardino League of Women Voters is not deductible.

To make a tax-deductible donation, write your check to the League of Women Voters Education Fund.

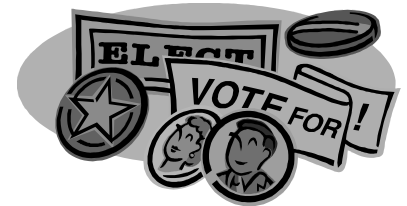
There is nothing wrong with America that faith, love of freedom, intelligence, and energy of her citizens cannot cure.

THANK YOU!

Your Name _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

[Dwight D. Eisenhower](#)



ANOTHER ELECTION???

From the *LA Times*: What's Ahead for Californians

Ballot Measures - These budget-related measures will go before voters on MAY 19: (LWVC has not taken positions yet.)

Proposition 1A: Would put restraints on state spending and force above-average revenues to be put into a larger rainy-day fund for good economic times for use when the economy sours. Passage of the measure would extend the temporary tax hikes signed into law by the governor. (Sales tax, vehicle license fee, personal income tax, and dependent credit reduction)

Proposition 1B: Would require supplemental payments to local school districts and community colleges to address recent budget cuts.

Proposition 1C: Would allow the state lottery to be modernized, with higher payouts, enhanced marketing and better management. Would permit state officials to borrow \$5 billion against future lottery revenue.

Proposition 1D: Would temporarily redirect \$608 million in tobacco-tax money raised by a 1998 voter-approved initiative for preschool programs. The money would go to services for children, including those in foster care and those with developmental disabilities.

Proposition 1E: Would allow \$226.7 million to be moved temporarily from voter-approved mental health programs to healthcare for children. **Proposition 1F:** Would bar legislators and statewide officers, including the governor, from receiving pay raises in years when the state runs a deficit.

Source: *California Secretary of State*

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SAN BERNARDINO
Citizens of Achievement
Nomination Form

If a man be gracious and courteous to strangers, it shows he is a citizen of the world.

[Francis Bacon](#)

CITIZEN OF ACHIEVEMENT NOMINEE

Name (PLEASE PRINT) _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

NOMINATING ORGANIZATION OR INDIVIDUAL

Name of Contact _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
E-mail: _____
Best way to contact you?

Please attach a one-page explanation of why this nominee is worthy of recognition as a Citizen of Achievement. It should focus on the contributions he or she has made that improve the quality of life in our community as a volunteer or how the person has gone above and beyond doing a job for which he or she is paid. It might include:

- Who has benefited from this contribution and in what way
- How this person improves the community's quality of life concerns
- Whether it is an ongoing contribution or a single event or idea that has made a difference
- Personal qualities of this individual
- Any obstacles this person has overcome

Remember that in most cases the Selection Committee (Past Presidents of the League) does not know the nominee, so please give us enough information for evaluating that person. We will also use it to write about those who have been selected as Citizens of Achievement for the program booklet.

Nominations are due by MARCH 15, 2009. Mail them to:

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
c/o Gloria Anderson
PO Box 1662
Crestline, CA 92325

You will receive notification of the selection of this year's honorees by mail and an invitation to the Citizens of Achievement Reception and Ceremony that will be held April 26, 2009 Questions? Call Gloria at 909-338-4163 or email glorand@juno.com



A BIT OF HISTORY (Our Beginnings)

September 1953

Our history began with an organizing meeting.

January 1954

Provisional status was granted by LWVUS. Ruth Haberkorn was President. A Know Your Town study was

completed and the membership grew to 105 members. Dues were \$3.00 and the annual budget was \$205.00.

March 1955

We were granted recognition as a local League. The budget had

risen to \$485.00. Margaret Craig was President and the local study was the City Charter.

-Gloria Anderson

KNOW YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

President George W. Bush, The White House, Washington, DC 20500
 Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 445-2841
 Senator Barbara Boxer, 201 No. E St., San Bdn 92401, (909) 888-8525
 Senator Dianne Feinstein, 11111 Santa Monica Blvd #915, LA, CA 90025, (310) 914-7300
 Representative Jerry Lewis, 1150 Brookside #J-5, Redlands, CA 92373 (909) 862-6030
 Representative Joe Baca, 201 No. E St., San Bernardino, 92401 (909) 885-2222
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 (909) 387-4866, #5 Josie Gonzales (909) 387-5392, 385 No. Arrowhead, San Bdn 92415

March 20th (Fri.)
 Viewing Party

CALENDAR

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