

Your VOTER

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

MEMBERSHIP MEETING: FEB. 12 CELEBRATES LWV BIRTHDAY, LOOKS TO THE FUTURE

February 14 is not only Valentine's Day, it is also the League's birthday. We celebrate the fact that we are a different organization - that we have a unique mission: to encourage the informed and active participation of citizens in government, to work to increase February 14 is not only Valentine's Day, it is also the League's birthday. We celebrate the fact that we are a different organization - understanding of major public policy issues and to influence public participation through education and advocacy.



BUT LET'S GET REAL! Can we accomplish our mission when we have so few active members? We recognize that there is a limited amount of time each of us has to give to the League, so it is time for us to do some thinking about our future.

That is why we would like you to spend a couple of hours talking about the League and how we can adapt to the realities that face a volunteer organization like the League. What role should the League play in the community? Voter service? Action? Education? Who will get involved in doing these things? Our member survey indicates that most members want to belong to the League because they share our goals and to get information about important issues, but they do not have the time to be active members. Some have said they will do one-shot things occasionally. How can members be persuaded to be more active? How can we get more members to agree to be on the board?

Exciting things are taking place on the state and national levels of League. In California, the state League has taken on Redistricting as a priority and they will be evaluating proposals to change the way redistricting is done. (See related article.)

There are also updates of our state Energy and Education positions being done, but we are not doing them because we do not have anyone who will be on either of those committees. On the national level, LWVUS is part of the effort to revitalize civic education in the nation's schools.

Locally, we will be meeting with a member of the California Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools committee to see how the League might participate in this effort. (That meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m., February 17, place to be determined. Call me for details.)

What is your concept of what the League is and should be? Brainstorm with us and celebrate 85 years of a mighty political experiment.

Where? Ruth Petrucci's - 5276 Sepulveda Ave., San Bernardino

When? 10 a.m. to Noon - Saturday, February 12

DON'T MISS THE SURPRISE THAT YOU WILL GET FOR ATTENDING!

Gloria Anderson, Vice President (338-4163) <glorand@juno.com>

MEMBER INVOLVEMENT NEEDED FOR CITIZENS OF ACHIEVEMENT, APRIL 10

League's annual Citizen of Achievement Reception has been scheduled for Sunday, April 10, at the San Bernardino County Government Center, 4th and Arrowhead. This is our opportunity to recognize volunteers who have worked to improve their community and who have been nominated by groups or individuals other than LWV.

Your Board of directors has already begun mailing nomination forms to organizations and individuals so that they may send us their nominees' names and accomplishments. Within this VOTER you will find a nomination form and a form for indicating how you would like to help make this event a success. Please return the forms: **March 1** for nominations, **March 10** for your volunteer effort, to the LVWSB office; or contact Gloria (338-4163) glorand@juno.com.



LEAGUES OF WOMEN VOTERS NATIONWIDE WORK FOR CIVIC EDUCATION

California Leagues have joined in a national LWV push for civic education in the schools. California's campaign is generating action. A resolution will be presented to the State Legislature that calls for the legislature to urge the state board of education and all local school governing bodies to examine current practice and develop plans to increase and broaden emphasis on principles and practices of democracy in the schools of this state. Your San Bernardino League will be joining in insisting that civic education be a part of the school curriculum. For a full statement of the draft resolution, go to our website: www.lwvsanbernardino.ca.lwvnet.org.

LWVC VOTES ACTION PRIORITY FOR REDISTRICTING

--from Jackie Jacobberger, Pres. LWVC

Redistricting was made an LWVC action priority at the January 9 state board meeting. We sent a letter to the Governor stating the League's position on the issue on January 13; that letter is posted at the LWVC Web site at

<http://lwvc.org/lwvc/action/redistrict/letter_to_gov_jan2005.pdf>.

Similar letters were sent to members of the Legislature.

LWVC is working with the California Voter Empowerment Circle and some partners to develop analyses of the

several redistricting proposals. As soon as any analyses are ready for the public, we will place links to them at the LWVC Web site, <<http://lwvc.org/lwvc/action/redistrict/>>.

LWVC will be following up on our letters with whatever lobbying seems appropriate. We will be studying the proposals to determine whether there are any we can support. For more information, contact LWVC Program Director/Advocate Trudy Schafer at 916-442-9210 or tschafer@lwvc.org.

OTC MORNING-AFTER PILL DECISION DELAYED

The Food and Drug Administration has delayed a decision that would allow women to purchase a morning after pill over the counter without a physician's prescription. The pill that would be sold under the trade name Plan B would prevent many unwanted pregnancies and thus avoid abortions of unwanted pregnancies.

Opponents argue that being able to obtain the product without a prescription could lead women, particularly young teens, to experiment with risky sex.

Hours after the company announced the delay, the Center for Reproductive Rights filed suit against the FDA for failing to approve Plan B for over-the-counter access. The suit, filed in federal court in New York, contended the FDA didn't follow its own procedures or statutory and regulatory mandates.

"Half of the 3 million pregnancies in the U.S. are unintended each year," Nancy Northup, the center's president, said in a statement. "By denying women over-the-counter access to a safe and effective drug that would significantly reduce

those numbers - including pregnancies that end in abortion - the FDA is acting unlawfully and ignoring its mandate to advance the public health."

Neither side argues against the safety or effectiveness of the morning-after drug. It's a higher dose of the contraceptive hormones that is found in birth control pills. It prevents ovulation or fertilization and can keep a fertilized egg from implanting into the uterus.

<www.mcccprochoice.org>

KNOW YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

- President George W. Bush, The White House, Washington, DC 20500
- 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, Longworth Bldg., Washington, DC 20515 (909) 885-2222
- State Senator, Bob Dutton, 10681 Foothill Blvd. #340, Rancho Cuc., 91730 (909) 481-3230
- State Senator Nell Soto, 215 N. D, #101, SanBdn, (909) 3813832
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- Assemblyman Joe Baca Jr., 201 N. E, #205 92401, San Bdn, (909) 388-1413
- Assemblyman Bill Emerson, 10681 Foothill Blvd. #325, Rancho Cuc 91730 (909) 466-9096
- Assemblyman Dennis Mountjoy, 135-A W. Lemon Ave., Monrovia 91016 (1-888) 377-2212

LWVSB WEBSITE LINKING

**TO ONLINE 'YOUR VOTER' <www.lwvsanbernardino.ca.lwvnet.org/>
or find site via google**

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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MEMBER OPPORTUNITY TO HELP WITH CITIZENS OF ACHIEVEMENT
PLEASE RESPOND BY **March 10**

Once again, we are asking for your help to make our recognition of outstanding community volunteers a successful event and fundraiser. The League's 2005 Citizens of Achievement Reception is planned for Sunday, April 10, 2005, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at San Bernardino County's Government Center, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino.

Various ways you can help are listed below. Whatever you can do is very much appreciated. If you have questions, contact Mickey Cruz (887-9296) cruzmickey7@hotmail.com or Gloria Anderson (338-4163) <glorand@juno.com>. Please send your completed form to:

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SAN BERNARDINO
568 North Mountain View Ave., Suite 150
San Bernardino, CA 92401
or
contact Gloria or Mickey

REFRESHMENTS AND SERVICE

_____ I will donate food (appetizers or sweets) to serve at least 20.

_____ I will serve on a committee to coordinate: _____ food _____ decorations

_____ I will help that afternoon with setup _____ serving _____ as needed _____

Millie McKim, who has efficiently and effectively managed the refreshments aspect of the C of A for many years, has consented to work with you again in this capacity. Thank you, Millie.

CONTRIBUTIONS

_____ I will donate \$_____ to purchase food.

_____ I will be a Contributor* (under \$25.)

_____ I will be a Donor* (\$25 - \$50)

_____ I will be a Patron* (\$51 - \$100)

_____ I will be an Angel* (over \$100)

If I choose to donate money, my check for _____ made out to the League of Women Voters of San Bernardino is enclosed.

NAME(S) _____

Phone number _____

Please list me/us as follows:

* Donations are not tax deductible.

THANK YOU!

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH: Secretary of Commerce Malcolm Baldrige tells about a high-ranking official who responded to a subordinate's request for a raise by saying, "Because of the fluctuational predisposition of your position's productive capacity as juxtaposed to government standards, it would be monetarily injudicious to advocate an increment."
OLDIES BUT GOODIES: The inscription "Wash. Biol. Surv." on the metal bands used by the US Dept. of Interior to tag migratory birds has been changed. The Dept. received a letter from a camper: "Dear Sirs: While camping last week I shot one of your birds. I think it was a crow. I followed the cooking instruction on the leg tag, and I want to tell you it was horrible."

CALENDAR

Feb. 8 (Tues.)	Board meeting, 1 p.m., Krueper Bldg. Board room, 568 Mtn. View, San Bdn.
Feb. 12 (Sat.)	Strategy meeting, 10 a.m., at Petruccis', 5276 Sepulveda, San Bdn.
March 1 (Tues.)	Deadline for returning Citizens of Achievement nominations
March 10 (Thurs.)	Deadline for returning Citizens of Achievement member volunteer forms
March 12 (Sat.)	Dr. Audrey Mathews, "The Labyrinth of Calif.'s Budget," save the date.
March 19 (Sat.)	LWVSB 50 th Anniversary "People of Note", 11:30 a.m., Gourmet Restaurant, San Bdn.
March 23 (Wed.)	Deadline for Cit. of Achievement. money donations for which credit is given in program book.
May 7 (Sat.)	Annual meeting, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Gourmet Restaurant, 1445 E. Highland, San Bdn.

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