

## SAVE THE DATES

- 11/16 – New Member Orientation – 10 am - Noon  
@ High Street Station Café,  
1300 High Street @ Encinal Avenue.
- 11/20 – Public Forum: Health Care – 7 - 9 pm  
@ Alameda Hospital, Dal Cielo Conf. Rm.  
2070 Clinton Avenue (@ Willow).
- 11/21 – LWVA Board meeting – 7 - 9 pm  
@ Alameda Hospital, Conf. Room C.
- 12/08 – LWVA Holiday Party – 5 - 8 pm  
@ Li Volin's home. (*Guests welcome.*)

*NOTE: No LWVA social dinner, board meeting, or public forum in December. Happy Holidays!*

### 2014 DATES TO SAVE

- 1/03 – First Friday Social Dinner – 6 - 8 pm  
@ 1400 Bar & Grill, 1400 Webster Street.
- 1/16 – LWVA Board meeting – 7 - 9 pm  
@ Alameda Hospital, Conf. Room C.
- 1/23 – LWVA Positions Meeting – 6 – 8:30 pm.  
@ 633 Glenwood Isle, BFI.  
(*All members invited.*)
- 1/27 – Book Club – 3:00 - 4:30 pm  
@ Applebee's, 2263 South Shore Center.
- 2/07 – First Friday Social Dinner – 6 - 8 pm  
@ Spice I Am, 1353 Park Street.
- 4/24 – MYPO Reception/Fundraiser – 5 - 7 pm.  
Location TBA. (*All members invited.*)

League of Women Voters® of Alameda  
PO Box 1645  
Alameda, CA 94501

NONPROFIT ORG.  
U. S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
ALAMEDA, CA  
PERMIT NO. 112

### Return Services Requested

## Join or Renew Your Membership in the Alameda League Today!



Name	
Family members (up to 3)	
Address	
City	State/ZIP
Phone	Mobile
Email	

- \$70 Single Membership     \$97 Family Membership     \$25 Student Membership. (Dues year is Jan. 1 – Dec. 31.)  
(Dues assistance is available for those on limited incomes: please contact us at 869-4969.)
- \$10 Printed VOTER Fee (to receive a printed LWVA VOTER newsletter by mail in 2014: *the digital VOTER is free.*)
- My donation to the LWV of Alameda is enclosed in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form, make your check payable to **LWV Alameda**, and mail them to:

**League of Women Voters of Alameda, PO Box 1645, Alameda, CA 94501**

**The League of Women Voters of Alameda is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit (Tax ID# 94-2650856).  
The LWVA deeply appreciates your tax-deductible membership dues and donations.**

### Turn Cans into Cash for the LWVA

Lynn and Jim Groh collect aluminum cans, sell them, and give the proceeds to the LWVA. Drop your aluminum cans on their front porch at 1546 Eastshore Drive, Alameda, and help the League educate voters.

**The League of Women  
Voters® of Alameda**

P.O. Box 1645  
Alameda, CA 94501  
Voice mail: 510-869-4969  
[www.alameda.ca.lwvnet.org](http://www.alameda.ca.lwvnet.org)

The LWVA VOTER newsletter is published nine times a year. Current and past VOTER issues are posted on our web site.

**ELECTED LWVA BOARD**

Co-president: Kate Quick

[katequick@comcast.net](mailto:katequick@comcast.net)

Co-president: Felice Zensius

[felicez@ymail.com](mailto:felicez@ymail.com)

Administrative VP:

Robertamarie Kiley

[rkiley7@comcast.net](mailto:rkiley7@comcast.net)

Program VP:

Ruth Dixon-Mueller

[dixonmueller@yahoo.com](mailto:dixonmueller@yahoo.com)

Secretary: Earleen Hamlin

[Erhamlin@earthlink.net](mailto:Erhamlin@earthlink.net)

Treasurer: Ted Frey

[frey.ted@gmail.com](mailto:frey.ted@gmail.com)

Voter Service: Dorothy

Fullerton

[dorothy.fullerton@gmail.com](mailto:dorothy.fullerton@gmail.com)

Action Chair: Karen Butter

[karenbutter@comcast.net](mailto:karenbutter@comcast.net)

Membership Chair:

Gayle Thomas

[blaze00031@aol.com](mailto:blaze00031@aol.com)

MYPO: Alice Wilson-Fried

[alicefried89@gmail.com](mailto:alicefried89@gmail.com)

At-large: Jessi Bushey

[jebu30@hotmail.com](mailto:jebu30@hotmail.com)

Web Site Manager/At-large:

Mike Williams

[williams26m@gmail.com](mailto:williams26m@gmail.com)

At-large: Marian Breitbart

[mbreitbart@mac.com](mailto:mbreitbart@mac.com)

At-Large: Joe Van Winkle

[Joe\\_vanwinkle@hotmail.com](mailto:Joe_vanwinkle@hotmail.com)

**APPOINTED BOARD**

At-Large: Jeff Cambra

[jeffcambra@earthlink.net](mailto:jeffcambra@earthlink.net)

VOTER: Jon Spangler

[jonswriter@att.net](mailto:jonswriter@att.net)

E-Comm: Donna Vaughn

[dbvaughn@comcast.net](mailto:dbvaughn@comcast.net)

Health Care: Shubha Fanse

[shubhaf@aol.com](mailto:shubhaf@aol.com)

Smart Voter, Budget Chair:

Juelle-Ann Boyer

[jab@borupp.org](mailto:jab@borupp.org)

**The League of Women Voters**, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

--LWV Mission Statement



**Volume 45  
Number 14  
November 2013**

# VOTER

**Political Responsibility through Informed and Active Participation**

## November 2013 Co-president's Message

Every time I think that our League has done well, we do something that tops our last success.

On October 24 we held a community forum on campaign finance reform (“Money and Politic\$ in Alameda: Time for Local Campaign Finance Reform?”) to educate ourselves and others on the subject as well as prepare a recommendation for our City Council on what should be done right here at home about the undermining effects of “money in politics” on the public’s trust in government and elections.

Kudos to the Action Committee—especially to Action Chair Karen Butter and forum coordinator Joe Van Winkle—for a successful community event. Over 80 people heard our stellar panel, headed by [Robert Stern](#), a 20-year member of the LWV of Los Angeles (LWVLA) and a leading expert on campaign finance reform in California. He was joined by [Whitney Barazoto](#), [Robert Gammon](#), and [LeeAnn Pelham](#).

Our Program Chair, Ruth Dixon-Mueller, had all the arrangements in order—including nifty new “Ambassador” badges, cards and pencils for the questions, a videographer, and a good room. Our thanks to Jon Spangler, our VOTER Editor and Publicity Coordinator, who worked against tough odds to get publicity out for the event. The LWV of Alameda has good reason to be proud of its work!

On Wednesday, November 20, Health Committee Chair Shubha Fanse is putting together a program on the Affordable Care Act, focusing on what California is doing with its statewide health care exchange, Covered California. Look for more information on Covered California ([www.CoveredCA.org](http://www.CoveredCA.org)) and the November 20 forum in this VOTER and come prepared to ask your questions.

November begins our dues collection period: League dues must be in by January 1. Please renew your membership as early as possible, and consider adding something “extra” to your dues as a donation to the League. In the past, we donated separately to the Education Fund, which was the only tax-deductible part of our budget: now that we are a 501 (c) (3) organization, **your dues and your donations are tax deductible**, so only one check is required. (*See the revised membership form in this VOTER. ed.*)

In January, we will begin distributing our VOTER newsletter by email: look for an email with an attached PDF or a link to the online VOTER. Either one can be printed out. (Those who would like to continue to receive a printed VOTER by mail should indicate that on the renewal form and add \$10 to their dues to cover the cost.) As always, you will find current and back issues of the VOTER on our website.

Felice Zensius, our Co-President, is back from her great vacation in Africa and Paris, and we look forward to a full season of Fall/Winter League work. We’ll see you on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LWVofAlameda/>

--Kate Quick, Co-president

*The League never supports or opposes any political party or candidate.*

League of Women Voters of Alameda 2/8 November 2013 VOTER

# How Does California's Health Care Exchange Work?

## LWVA Forum at Alameda Hospital November 20, 7-9 PM

What is [Covered California](#)—California's brand-new Health Insurance Exchange—anyway? How does it work in Alameda County? [How do individuals, families, and businesses sign up](#) for it?

Hear about California's state-run health care exchange from [Angela Blanchette](#), **Covered California's Regional Manager for Outreach and Media Relations in the San Francisco Bay Area**, at November's [free community forum](#) offered by the [League of Women Voters® of Alameda](#) (LWVA) on Wednesday, November 20, from 7-9 pm at [Alameda Hospital](#). (Please note the change of day and date from our usual third Thursdays. ed.)

League members and their guests are invited to bring their [questions on Covered California](#) to the Dal Cielo Conference Room (Conference Room A) on the second floor of [Alameda Hospital](#) at [2070 Clinton Avenue](#) (at Willow Street). The entrance to the hospital parking lot is on Willow Street and ample free parking is available in the evening.

Blanchette will describe [how to compare health plans](#) and sign up in Alameda County under [Covered California](#)—the state-run implementation of the [Affordable Care Act](#)—as well as how well the state's health insurance exchange is working. [Alameda Hospital](#) (510-522-3700; [communityrelations@alamedahospital.org](mailto:communityrelations@alamedahospital.org)) and the [Alameda Chamber of Commerce](#) (510-522-0414; [connect@alamedachamber.com](mailto:connect@alamedachamber.com)) are cosponsoring this [LWVA public forum](#).

The [new federal health care law](#), passed in 2010, is officially called the [Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act](#) ("Affordable Care Act"). The federal [Health Insurance Marketplace](#), a part of the new system that has experienced numerous technical problems, offers four ways to sign up for health insurance: online, by phone, in person, or by mail. [Covered California](#) is the state's health care exchange under the Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare." (See article on [Useful Health Care Exchange Websites](#) on next page. ed.)

### About Angela Blanchette

Angela Blanchette is [Covered California](#)'s new **Regional Manager for Outreach and Media Relations in the San Francisco Bay Area**. She has more than 25 years of marketing and communications experience, having orchestrated many successful campaigns for entities in the public and private sectors including the [California Environmental Protection Agency](#), [Caltrans](#), [California Energy Commission](#), and [Kaiser Permanente](#).

--Shubha Fanse, Health Care Committee Chair

## LWVA Treasurer's Report—October 31, 2013

### INCOME

October Receipts:	\$ 257.00
October Expenditures:	\$ 1,119.53
<b>NET REDUCTION IN ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 862.53</b>

### BANK ACCOUNT CASH FLOW

Beginning Cash	\$ 10,141.73
Less Net Reduction in Assets	\$ 862.53
<b>Cash Balance per Books 10/31/2013</b>	<b>\$ <u>9,279.20</u></b>

### BALANCE SHEET 10/31/2013

ASSETS	
Cash Balance per Books	\$ 9,279.20
CD	\$ 10,040.08
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ <u>19,319.28</u></b>

--Ted Frey, LWVA Treasurer

**Forum at Alameda Hospital on Wednesday, November 20, 7-9 PM**  
***Covered California: How Our State Health Care Exchange Works***

**New Member Orientation Coffee this Saturday, November 16, 10 AM – Noon at**  
**High Street Station Café (1300 High Street, at Encinal Avenue)**

**Visit the LWVA on FB: <https://www.facebook.com/LWVofAlameda>**

*The League never supports or opposes any political party or candidate.*

# Useful Health Care Exchange Websites for Californians

## Compiled by the LWVA Health Care Committee

Here are some health care websites with information for Californians regarding the **Affordable Care Act** and **Covered California**, California's state-run health care exchange. This list is also available on our website at [http://alameda.ca.lwvnet.org/files/Health\\_Care\\_Exchange\\_Websites\\_from\\_LWVA\\_2013-11-3.pdf](http://alameda.ca.lwvnet.org/files/Health_Care_Exchange_Websites_from_LWVA_2013-11-3.pdf)

(NOTE: While the League of Women Voters of Alameda (LWVA) Health Care Committee has compiled this list of websites, it has not verified the accuracy of any information or recommendations they contain.)

### STATE of CALIFORNIA HEALTH CARE SITES

**Covered California** (the state-run Health Benefit Exchange's new consumer-friendly site)

<https://www.coveredca.com/>

Specific **Covered California** pages worth looking at:

**Covered CA Health Plans Available in Alameda County**

<https://www.coveredca.com/hbex/toolkit/101-decks.html> (Click on Alameda/Region 6)

**Shop and Compare Health Plans**

<https://www.coveredca.com/shopandcompare/>

**Downloadable Booklets on the Covered California Health Plans**

<https://www.coveredca.com/coverage-basics/plans.html>

**Frequently Asked Questions about Covered California**

<https://www.coveredca.com/FAQs/>

**Consumer Protection Against Health Care Fraud**

<https://www.coveredca.com/consumerprotection/>

**Glossary of Health Insurance Exchange Terms**

<https://www.coveredca.com/glossary/>

**California Health Benefit Exchange**

<http://www.healthexchange.ca.gov/Pages/Default.aspx>

The state's older—and less-user-friendly—web site for the California Health Benefit Exchange.

### FEDERAL HEALTH CARE SITES

**The Federal Health Insurance Marketplace**

<https://www.healthcare.gov/>

**About the Federal Health Insurance Marketplace**

<http://www.hhs.gov/healthcare/index.html>

**Key Features of the Affordable Care Act**

<http://www.hhs.gov/healthcare/facts/timeline/index.html>

**Your Rights under the Affordable Care Act**

<http://www.hhs.gov/healthcare/rights/index.html>

**Medicare**

<http://www.medicare.gov/>

The official U.S. government Medicare site.

**Health Care Facts State by State from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS, Gov)**

<http://www.hhs.gov/healthcare/facts/bystate/statebystate.html>

A federal comparison of the Affordable Care Act and individual states' Health Benefit Exchanges. (*continued >>>*)

*The League never supports or opposes any political party or candidate.*

## NONPROFIT and FOUNDATION WEBSITES (>>continued from previous page)

### California HealthCare Foundation

<http://www.chcf.org/programs/healthreform>

Research findings on how health care reform is making a difference for Californians.

### Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation

<http://healthreform.kff.org/state-exchange-profiles/california.aspx>

Kaiser Family Foundation information on California's Health Benefit Exchange

## COMMERCIAL (FOR-PROFIT) HEALTH INSURANCE WEBSITES

### California Health Benefit Advisors (CAHBA)

<http://www.cahba.com/>

CAHBA is a commercial resource for consumers and agents looking for information and advice about California health insurance.

### California Health Plans (a division of Dave Terpening Insurance Agency, Inc.)

<http://www.californiahealthplans.com/>

An insurance agent's site offering comparisons between health insurance companies and plans, including links to commercial and nonprofit health insurance providers.

*--Shubha Fanse, Health Care Committee Chair*

## 'Money and Politic\$ in Alameda' Panel Draws Overflow Crowd

An overflow crowd of more than 80 people attended the LWVA's forum ("Money and Politic\$ in Alameda: Time for Local Campaign Finance Reform?") October 24 at the Community Center of Harbor Bay Isle to hear how campaign finance reform is working in a number of California cities.

The outstanding expert panel included: [Robert Stern](#), who co-authored the [California Political Reform Act of 1974](#); [Whitney Barazoto](#), Executive Director of the [City of Oakland Public Ethics Commission](#); [Robert Gammon](#), co-editor of the [East Bay Express](#); and [LeeAnn Pelham](#), Director of Ethics and Corporate Governance at the [Santa Clara Valley Water District](#), who previously served as Executive Director of the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission.

The panelists discussed what is possible and legal with campaign finance reform legislation, current judicial challenges, what is working—or not—in communities such as Oakland, Richmond, Los Angeles, and Berkeley, and answered questions from the audience. Robert Gammon uses the website <http://adhawk.sunlightfoundation.com/> to identify who is spending money on political ads. Moderator Joe Van Winkle noted that approximately 150 cities in California have enacted campaign finance reform.

The event was timely in light of two events. First is the *McCutcheon v. Federal Election Commission* case, now before the Supreme Court to decide whether to continue limits on aggregate federal campaign contributions: the overall cap currently stands at \$123,200 per donor for the 2014 election cycle. The second is the record \$1,000,000 fine levied by [California Fair Political Practices Commission](#) (FPPC) for failure of an Arizona nonprofit to disclose the source of "dark money" contributed to initiative campaigns in California.

The panel discussion was organized by Joe Van Winkle and the LWVA Action Committee, aided by other League members, and sponsored by the League of Women Voters® of Alameda (LWVA). We want to thank Barry Benioff for videotaping our event at no charge: we will post links to the event video as soon as he has edited and uploaded it.

The [League of Women Voters of the United States](#) supports "methods of financing political campaigns to ensure the public's right to know, combat corruption and undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office and allow maximum citizen participation in the political process."

When the panelists were asked what steps Alameda should take, they suggested: a limited period under which candidates can raise funds for a campaign; an online, open data disclosure system; contribution limits; strong reporting rules; adequate funding with appropriate power for a public ethics commission; and an expenditure ceiling. Disclosure, contribution limits, and an ethics commission were suggested as first steps.

*--Karen Butter, Action Chair*

*The League never supports or opposes any political party or candidate.*

## January 3 Social Dinner at 1400 Bar and Grill, February 7 at Spice I Am: No First Friday Social Dinner in December

There will be no First Friday Social Dinner in December—come to the LWVA Holiday Party on Sunday, December 8, at Li Violin's home instead. The First Friday Social Dinners will resume January 3, 2014, at the **1400 Bar & Grill** in the historic Croll Building at the corner of Webster Street and Central Avenue.

League members and their guests can kick off 2014 at the year's first Social Dinner with the **1400 Bar and Grill's** moderately priced American cuisine and casual atmosphere at 1400 Webster Street in west Alameda (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/1400-Bar-Grill/159180720808487>; 510-263-9651; <http://www.1400barandgrill.com>). Please RSVP to Connie Slattery-Hanna (510-995-8672; [connie.hanna@comcast.net](mailto:connie.hanna@comcast.net)) by Thursday, January 2, with how many people you are bringing to give the restaurant an updated count.

Google Map Link to **1400 Bar & Grill**:

<https://maps.google.com/maps?q=1400+Bar+%26+Grill,+Webster+Street,+Alameda,+CA&hl=en&ll=37.773717,-122.276695&spn=0.00904,0.014141&sll=37.269174,-119.306607&sspn=9.315002,14.47998&oq=1400+Bar+and+Grill&t=m&z=16&iwloc=A>

The February 7, 2014, First Friday Social Dinner will be at **Spice I Am Thai Bistro** (1353 Park Street; 510-522-8679; <http://spice-i-am.com/>). It is near Tucker's Ice Cream on the west side of Park Street.

These dinners usually draw a dozen or more League members and their families, and move to a different Alameda restaurant every month. Reservations are made far in advance. If you like an Alameda restaurant, please contact Connie Slattery-Hanna (510-995-8672; [connie.hanna@comcast.net](mailto:connie.hanna@comcast.net)), who is always looking for great new local eateries.

--Connie Slattery-Hanna

## LWVA VOTER Reaches International Audience



*Co-president Felice Zensius expanded the reach of the League of Women Voters of Alameda (LWVA) and the LWVA VOTER during her recent vacation to Africa and Europe. Photo courtesy of Felice Zensius,)*

*The League never supports or opposes any political party or candidate.*

## Next Book Club Is December 2 at South Shore Applebee's

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, November's LWVA Book Club gathering has been moved to 3:00 pm on Monday, December 2. The Book Club meets in Applebee's restaurant at 2263 South Shore Center in Alameda.

Our November/December selection is a NY Times bestseller, "Zealot: the Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth," by Reza Aslan. His meticulously researched biography challenges many assumptions about the man we know as Jesus of Nazareth.

The reading for the January 27, 2014, meeting—also at Applebee's, beginning at 3:00 pm—will be "Orange Is The New Black," by Piper Kermen. In this NYT best seller, Kermen tells her story of being a prisoner after being convicted of carrying drugs as a young woman.

Please call Anne Spanier (522-3426) if you would like to join us.

--Anne Spanier, Book Club

## Membership: Bring a Friend to LWVA Events, Renew Your Membership by December 1

The League of Women Voters of Alameda (LWVA) has had an exciting fourth quarter of 2013, including a Chamber Mixer, League programs with great—and interleague—attendance, First Friday Dinners, and the creation of our new LWVA Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/LWVofAlameda>): wow!

When you attend LWVA events, why not bring a friend?

Invite your neighbors, co-workers, and friends to our Health Care Insurance Exchange program (7-9 pm, Wednesday, November 20, at Alameda Hospital) or our Holiday Party (5-8 pm, Sunday, December 8). Both are great events to share with others. When your guests join us for an event, our new League Ambassadors will be happy to provide them with information about the League. (If you would like to be a League Ambassador for an event, please let Ruth know.)

When we join and support our local League, we are doing important work to build our local community and improve the lives and wellbeing of our fellow citizens. We are also laying the foundations for stronger societies in our county, our state, our nation, and our world.

With that in mind, I encourage you to share the League with others.

[*New and new-ish members can learn more about the LWVA this coming Saturday, November 16, from 10:00 am to noon at High Street Station Café (1300 High Street, at Encinal: [www.highstreetstationcafe.com](http://www.highstreetstationcafe.com); 510-995-8049). ed.]*

I also want to offer my fellow League members a gentle reminder that it is time to renew our memberships for 2014. Please use the form in this VOTER or download a membership form at <http://alameda.ca.lwvnet.org/join.html>. (See the revised membership form in the November VOTER. ed.)

Your League membership and participation are concrete steps that help build our community and improve people's lives. You, your friends, and your neighbors can make a tax-deductible donation at any time to support the LWVA's work in voter service, action, programs, and other areas. The LWVA is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, so donations and membership dues are largely tax-deductible.

As a special incentive, all 2014 membership renewals received by December 1, 2013, will be entered into a drawing for a beautiful orchid plant. You can deduct your 2014 dues on your 2013 taxes if you renew by December 31, since your membership dues and donation payments are tax deductible in the tax year when they are made.

Please join me in welcoming three new members:

Mike Henneberry      2811 Otis Drive, Alameda, CA 94501    PH 510-523-7528    E: mhenneberry@sbcglobal.net  
Trish and Joel Spencer    P.O. Box 1696, Alameda, CA 94501    PH 510-761-1619

--Gayle Thomas, Membership Chair

## ***Covered California: How Our State Health Care Exchange Works*** **with Angela Blanchette of Covered California** **@ Alameda Hospital, Wednesday, November 20, 7-9 PM**

*The League never supports or opposes any political party or candidate.*

League of Women Voters of Alameda    7/8    November 2013 VOTER

## LWVA Programs Coming Up in 2013-2014

Over 60 people attended the September 26 public forum on sea level rise at Alameda Point—and over 80 heard our October 24 panelists discuss campaign finance reform. And there are more events to come.

Please save the dates below and invite your friends and neighbors to join us. For the latest info on LWVA public forums and programs, visit: [http://alameda.ca.lwvnet.org/Public\\_Events.html](http://alameda.ca.lwvnet.org/Public_Events.html).

**Saturday, November 16**    **New Member Orientation Coffee**    **10:00 am – Noon**  
*Find out what the League of Women Voters of Alameda does and how it works. Free coffee/tea for new members.*  
**Location:** High Street Station Café (1300 High Street, at Encinal: [www.highstreetstationcafe.com](http://www.highstreetstationcafe.com); 510-995-8049).  
**Presenters:** Anne Spanier plus League members and officers.

**Wednesday, November 20**    **The California Health Insurance Exchange**    **7:00 – 9:00 pm** *(Note date change)*  
*Covered California: How California's Health Care Exchange Works*  
**Location:** Alameda Hospital—Dal Cielo Conf. Room (second floor), 2070 Clinton Avenue (@ Willow).  
**Presenter:** Angela Blanchette, [Covered California](#)'s **Regional Manager for Outreach and Media Relations** in the San Francisco Bay Area.  
**Organizer:** Shubha Fanse, LWVA Health Care Committee Chair. *(See stories in this VOTER. ed.)*

**Thursday, November 21**    **LWVA Board meeting**    **7:00 – 9:00 pm** *(Note new start time)*  
**Location:** Alameda Hospital, Conference Room C (first floor). *All members are welcome.*

**Monday, December 2**    **LWVA Book Club**    **3:00 – 4:30 pm**  
*Meet and discuss "Zealot: the Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth," by Reza Aslan.*  
**Location:** Applebee's, 2263 South Shore Center. *(See story in this VOTER. ed.)*

**Sunday, December 8**    **LWVA Holiday Party**    **5:00 – 8:00 pm**  
*All members and guests are welcome. Please bring something to share.*  
**Location:** Li Volin's home, 1506 Eastshore Drive, Alameda.

**\*\*\* NOTE:** *There will be no First Friday Social Dinner, LWVA Board Meeting, or Public Forum in December. \*\*\**

**Friday, January 3, 2014**    **First Friday Social Dinner**    **6:00 – 8:00 pm**  
*All LWVA members, families, and guests are welcome.*  
**Location:** **1400 Bar & Grill**, 1400 Webster Street @ Central. *(See story in this VOTER. ed.)*

**Thursday, January 16, 2014**    **LWVA Board meeting**    **7:00 – 9:00 pm** *(Note new start time)*  
**Location:** Alameda Hospital, Conference Room C (first floor). *All members are welcome.*

**Thursday, January 23, 2014**    **LWVA Membership Meeting: Positions**    **6:00 – 8:30 pm**  
**Location:** 633 Glenwood Isle, Bay Farm Island. *All members are encouraged to review our new, proposed, and continuing positions on national and local issues. (State positions were reviewed in 2013. ed.)*

**Friday, February 7, 2014**    **First Friday Social Dinner**    **6:00 – 8:00 pm**  
*All LWVA members, families, and guests are welcome.*  
**Location:** **Spice I Am Thai Bistro**, 1353 Park Street (near Tucker's and Peet's). *(See story in this VOTER. ed.)*

**Thursday, April 24, 2014**    **Meet Your Public Officials Reception**    **5:00 – 7:30 pm** *(tentative)*  
**Location:** TBA. *(All members are invited to help produce and attend this event.)*

*--Ruth Dixon-Mueller, Program Chair*

### Don't Miss These:

**The LWVA Board Now Meets 7–9 PM on the Third Thursday  
(November 21, 2013, and January 16, 2014)**

**The LWVA Holiday Party Is Sunday, December 8, 5-8 PM**

***What Will You Bring—and What Will You Wear?***

*The League never supports or opposes any political party or candidate.*