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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

During the campaign for the recall election, a gubernatorial candidate publicly complained that the League of Women Voters excluded him from its debates. Many of you e-mailed me to express your concerns. Although I tried to respond individually to each of you, I realize that there must be others who question the League's stance.

For the recall election we had 135 certified candidates on the ballot—candidates from all seven political parties recognized by the Secretary of State, and dozens of candidates with no party affiliation. To be fair to all the candidates, the criteria for the debates had to be objective and to ensure that televised forums did not include 135 candidates.

Whenever there are multiple candidates for an elected office, it is necessary to set some quantifiable and impartial criteria for deciding who will be included in a forum. For statewide contests, the League usually uses a percentage of support indicated in one or more respected polls with a cutoff date as close to the event as is technically possible.

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ACTION REPORT

Budget Accountability Act: Thank you to all the League members who gathered signatures for this proposed initiative to change the vote requirement for adopting a state budget from 2/3 to 55%. A remarkable twenty percent of the 1.4 million signatures were gathered by volunteers. We will soon know if the measure qualifies for the March 2004 ballot.

Community College System: LWVC sent a letter in support of open access to the Community College Board of Governors' special session on access on September 9. LWVC also wrote asking the Assembly Committee on Higher Education to support sufficient resources for the colleges to fulfill their overall mission and ensure access for all Californians to a quality higher education.

Health Care: LWVC supports both SB 2 (Burton) and SB 921 (Kuehl). We were active during the final steps toward passage as changes were made to SB 2, a bill that requires employers to provide health benefits. We also took part in talks about the universal health care bill SB 921, a two-year bill that will continue to be debated in 2004.

Water: LWVC wrote to the U.S. House Subcommittee on Water and Power for changes to H.R. 2828. The changes would affect the CALFED Bay-Delta Program whose purpose is to restore the ecological health of Central Valley Rivers and the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary.

Marion Taylor
Legislation Director

STATE WATER PLAN

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) will soon begin to publish its required five-year update to the California Water Plan. Polly Smith, LWVC Off-board Program Director for Water and Agriculture, and Jack Sullivan, LWVC Natural Resources Director, have contributed to the update as members of the Water Plan Advisory Committee (AC).

The AC consists of about seventy members including representatives of agriculture, urban water districts, businesses, environmentalists, Native Americans, and environmental justice advocates. Since January of 2001, the AC has met about twenty-five times. In addition, hundreds of workgroup and caucus meetings have fed into the main AC.

Smith and Sullivan have attended almost all of the AC meetings plus many of the workgroup meetings. Both Smith and Sullivan participate in the Environmental Caucus, which feeds into the ecology and environmental parts of the plan. In addition, Smith and Sullivan have submitted written comments on various draft chapters that DWR staff has produced, and Sullivan has co-authored a short paper submitted to the DWR on environmental justice and water.

DWR will issue a public comment draft of the first of four volumes by December 31, 2003. After public comment, the volume will be edited to reflect the nature of the comments. Smith and Sullivan will likely be involved in that rewrite and in the development of the remaining three volumes.

Jack Sullivan
Natural Resources Director, LWVC

ISSUES FOR EMPHASIS: A STATUS REPORT

Other than action, here is what is happening with LWVC's five Issues for Emphasis.

State And Local Finances: Education consists of suggestions for local programs and camera-ready material for use in local VOTERS. The material is distributed in UPDATES.

Health Care: To facilitate statewide communication, a health care listserv will be set up in October. The Ad Hoc Committee plans to send its proposal for education and action to the Board for consideration in November. Information on the plan should be available in November UPDATE.

Education Update: The Board has approved the scope of the study, and the eight-member committee has started the study process.

Community College System: The Board has approved the Ad Hoc Planning Committee's interim plans. The committee plans to establish a listserv to facilitate statewide communication and to send a proposal for education and action to the Board in November.

Energy Update: The Ad Hoc Planning Committee is working on a plan to recommend to the Board.

Marion Taylor, Legislation Director

EF REACHES OUT— To Venezuela

Mony Flores-Bauer of the League of Women Voters of Oakland recently represented the League of Women Voters in a one-hour video interview on California's recall election. The Venezuelan government requested the interview because of the growing tension around Venezuela's democratically elected President Hugo Chavez and a referendum process that is underway.

When, for the interview, the U.S. State Department needed a Spanish-speaking expert to discuss how to educate and involve voters, the Department—naturally—thought of the League. Chon Gutierrez, Deputy Secretary of State for Operations in Sacramento, provided legal and constitutional expertise.

In her opening statement, Flores-Bauer gave an overview of the League's history and mission. Following the opening statements, an audience of 40 to 50 representatives from Venezuela's Congress and their 17 political parties, journalists and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) asked wide-ranging questions. Representatives from women's NGOs were particularly interested in whether women were intimidated from voting and how the League helps with civic empowerment.

In the course of the interview, Flores-Bauer referred to the *Easy Voter Guide*, *Voting is Easy as 1-2-3*, our "Running and Winning" curriculum, and the LWVUS publication *Guide to the Presidential Election* to illustrate the range of previous and current voters service projects.

Flores-Bauer said, "I sensed an interest and appreciation for the role of the League in the U.S. [In Venezuela] they have NGOs, but not with the same history and unique ability to cross into political and government sectors as a respected voter education source." She felt it was especially important that we were able to present a Spanish-speaking voice from the civic participation arena in California and that we were able to demonstrate how, despite all the hoopla of this special election, the work and impact of the League goes on year-round.

Many thanks to Mony Flores-Bauer for taking League's mission to Venezuela!

Robbie Davis

Education Fund Chair

ONE WORLD Countless Challenges Unlimited Solutions



The LWVC is proud to be one of 25 Tech Museum Laureates for 2003. Specifically honored for its election Web site **smartvoter.org**, the League is one of five Laureates in

the area of Equality.

The Tech Awards were inspired in part by the American Council/United Nations University's State of the Future report, and the United Nations is a partner in the award process.

Inaugurated in 2001, The Tech Museum Awards honor those who use technology to address challenges facing humanity in the areas of Education, Equality, Environment, Economic Development and Health.

For 2003, an international panel of judges selected 25 Laureates from over 500 nominations from 70 countries. Five winners, one Laureate from each of the five categories, will share \$250,000.

The final winners will be announced on October 15 in San Jose at a gala dinner presented by Applied Materials, Inc.

Trudell Een

Project Director

Smart Voter and Guide to Government

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For this election the percentage was set significantly lower than usual to take into account the more widely divided support among the large list. The rules for each forum were set up in collaboration with the other partners in the events, and the candidates received letters in advance advising them of the criteria for inclusion. Once the criteria have been agreed upon and sent to all the candidates, it is unfair to the other candidates to change the rules because we would like to see a particular candidate or candidates included.

League members take pride in our long and respected history as a nonpartisan voter education organization. We do not arbitrarily include or exclude any candidate based on party affiliation or lack thereof. We are committed to educating voters as fully as possible about candidates. Every candidate was invited to post information on our Smart Voter Web site, and the short list of candidates listed in the supplementary material for the *Easy Voter Guide*, in which the League is a partner, included the candidate who was dissatisfied with our policy.

This was an historic special election. In it the League members worked hard to continue the mission we started more than 80 years ago – strengthening democracy by acting as an unbiased resource that both candidates and voters can rely on.

Jacqueline Jacobberger

President

The League of Women Voters of California

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About the League:

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

The League has two separate and distinct roles. The League of Women Voters of California Education Fund, which conducts our voters service and citizen education activities, is a 501(c)(3) corporation, a nonprofit educational organization. The League of Women Voters of California, a membership organization, conducts action and advocacy and is a nonprofit 501(c)(4) corporation.

The League never supports or opposes any political party or candidate. We advocate only on issues that members have studied and come to a consensus on. In an era of proliferating and powerful special interests, the League's advocacy in the public interest is increasingly recognized as an essential voice of democracy.

League invites your comments, letters, articles, and book reviews. They may be sent to the State Office or emailed to Lynda Hungerford, Communications Director, via our Web site.

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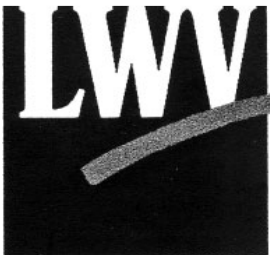
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Transport in 2030?

The Bay Area League of Women Voters (LWVBA) will present a public outreach forum Nov. 22 at the Vallejo Naval & Historical Museum for public input into the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Regional Transportation 2030 planning process to develop a long-range policy and investment plan for the nine-county Bay Area.

The public is invited to get involved with input to help guide the draft Transportation 2030 plan. MTC information is available at www.mtc.ca.gov/T2030, or call 510-464-7841.

The forum takes place in Vallejo's historic City Hall, 734 Marin St., from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and will include a panel, Q & A, and breakout sessions. Attendees/invitees include Steve Kinsey, MTC Chair (Marin County); James Spering, MTC Commissioner (Solano County); Daryl Halls, Solano Transportation Authority (STA); Mike Zdon, Napa County Transportation Planning Authority (NCTPA); Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA); James Corless, Surface Transportation Policy Project. Lunch is included courtesy of MTC.

This forum is free. To reserve a seat and lunch, call Gail Schickele at gails@bayarea.net (please indicate LWVBA FORUM) or call 415-922-5826 or the LWVBA office at 510-839-1608.

October was a busy month for Alameda League members

By **Kate Quick**
President

In October, I took a week's trip to New Hampshire with members of the Berkeley, Oakland, and Eden Area Leagues. While driving through the lovely New England villages, there were many locations where local elections were being held, so tucked in with the pumpkins, corn stalks, and attractive displays of fall-colored chrysanthemums were many campaign signs. We also encountered what looked like campaign signs, but were thrilled to see that they were signs that asked the residents to be sure to vote and had our LWV logo prominently displayed on them!

I think we might well do the same here in California.



On a less joyful note, we have received a resignation from our Board from EmmaLue Kopp, our historian. EmmaLue's health has not been of the best recently, and she has had to withdraw from the Board. We shall miss her, and thank her for her years of service to our League as *Voter* editor and general "always there" helper in times of need. I know the whole Board wishes her an improvement in her health.



This month's program is on the proposed new parking structure

for the Park Street area; to be built in the area of the Long's Drug Store on Santa Clara and Oak streets. There will be a speaker from the City, and we will also hear how the structure will affect the new Library, from the point of view of the Library Building Team. The new Library will be nearby at Lincoln and Oak. Please save the third Thursday in November for this program. It will be on the third floor of City Hall, in the Conference Room right outside of the elevator at 7:30 p.m. The size of the proposed parking structure has attracted some comment, so come to hear what is really being proposed and dispel any rumors.



Kate Quick



The Boardmembers have been busy in the month of October, writing letters and articles on the Patriot Act, asking the School Board to look at its policies for public input, and weighing in on the subject of public access to the

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Patriot Act topic of discussion at general meeting

By Li Volin
Vice president

Every third Thursday of each month we have a General Meeting for all of our members. Each meeting has a topic of current importance to the League.

October's topic was the Patriot Act, and we viewed the videotape of the Livermore-Amador Valley LWV's Civil Rights Forum, made in June 2003. The speakers were from SAVOR (Tri-Valley Coalition to Save Our Rights), U.S. Dept. Justice, the ACLU and an individual, Bert Heffner. The tape was a discussion of the possible ramifications of the Act, especially as it relates to search and seizure, knowing one's accuser, to knowing why one is held and for how long, and the ability to speak out and to engage in civil disobedience.

Our members felt that the tape was interesting but too little, too late since the Act is already passed. We felt that we would like more information about the act itself. Perhaps a good summary of what the Act says and what other related acts, regulations, pro-

cesses, etc. -- things such as, search and seizure, civil disobedience, and privacy. Where do they overlap, conflict, loosen, and tighten? We felt that the Patriot Act might be the red flag at the head of a growing army of regulations, which is quietly overturning our hard won Bill of Rights. While each of us felt that local issues kept League busy now, we all felt that guarding our civil rights was more compelling in the long run.

What to do with our finite amount of time?

We felt that we needed more discussion about the Act amongst our members. Does anyone have ideas about speakers or ways of pursuing this subject? Call, write or e-mail your views to the Board so we can continue exploring this topic.

My very, very big thank you to John Quick. He came specially to set up the VCR and to show me how to play the tape, when he was also doing the Friends of the Library Book Sale. And also thanks to our members who patiently sat through my attempts to find the next question on the videotape.

Summary briefs of last month's board meeting

At its October 1 meeting, the Board:

■ discussed plans for our November meeting on the Park Street Parking Garage;

■ heard a report on efforts to get the Board of Education to change their public comment policy;

■ heard plans for the open house for new and prospective members;

■ heard a report on voter service activities in the recall election;

■ voted to address the Planning Board regarding plans for the Shoreline Trail at Mariner

Square;

■ heard a report on the initial meeting of the Housing Study Committee; and

■ discussed efforts of Alameda County Council to reform the County Board of Education.

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shoreline at the area being reconstructed in the Marina on the Beery property. There also have been calls to Action from the National LWV on various subjects, including global warming and the Patriot Act. We continue to participate in the Alameda County Budget Workgroup, which is focusing on the County's severe financial shortfalls and particularly the situation of the Alameda County Medical Center, which is financially in a very bad way. It looks like the County has been able to "close the gap" in its own financing, but the Medical Center will

require a lot of study and effort to resolve its problems. As you may know, Highland and Fairmont Hospitals, which make up the Medical Center, provide critical services to many folks who would not be able to receive medical care elsewhere, and the Trauma Center at Highland has gained a

reputation for saving many lives due to the excellent care given there. We will keep everyone posted as this situation is worked on.

I wish you all a wonderful and joyous Thanksgiving, and look forward to seeing you at our November meeting.

League addresses bike path, meetings, Patriot Act

Miriam Schiffman
Action Chair

During the past month, we have maintained our usual level of activity regarding various issues that are of interest to League members.

Board of Education meetings

Members of the Alameda Board of Education, at the urging of League and others, plan to discuss a possible reorganization of its meeting structure to allow for more open participation by the public. This is a divisive issue for the Board and there are legitimate concerns about avoiding meetings that at times have gone past 11 p.m. League has suggested that time limits can be placed on individuals giving public input. A committee of two School Board members was formed and is to develop possible solutions. We are pleased that they have shown a willingness to evaluate the issue; and you can be sure that we are observing the process.

Shoreline Bike Path

During an Alameda Planning Board meeting the issue of providing public access to the estuary shoreline was raised during a review of the reconstruction of the burnt-out building at Mariner Square. League's stands and the Alameda City General Plan encourage shoreline access. Currently there is a narrow bike path that runs in front of the building. Thanks to one of our members we were alerted to this issue. The owner, at the urging of the Planning Board had already developed a plan to build a deck over the estuary to allow for walkers, wheelchairs and others to walk along the shoreline. League wrote a letter supporting the owner's plans to build such a deck, supported trails that were wide enough for multi-uses – i.e. walkers and bikes for recreation as well as alternative commuting routes – but questioned the safety of the plan since there

would be stairs and sharp right hand turns getting onto and off the deck. The reconstruction of the building (into office space) was approved but there was agreement that the owner and Planning Dept. staff would work with BikeAlameda to see if some of the safety questions could be addressed. In addition the Planning Board directed the staff to develop clearer policies with regard to public access along shorelines to use as guidelines for future projects. Several League members will be contacted

by the Planning Department when those policies are to be addressed. The public is invited to sign up for such notification. Call or write (e-mail is not accepted) Letitia Jackson, Secretary; Planning Department, City of Alameda, 2263 Santa Clara Avenue; Alameda, CA 94501, tel.: 748-4554.

Patriot Act

This past month we were asked by National League to send letters to the editors of our local newspapers, marking the October anniversary of the Patriot Act and asking citizens to be diligent in making sure that our civil liberties are not eroded any further and that some items are rolled back. (A copy of the letter is inset.) Your board decided to send a similar letter to our Senators and Representative also asking them to actively protect civil our rights.

Calls for Action

Many of you get our calls for action regarding State issues via e-mail. There is a simple way to log onto League's national website and keep abreast of many of the issues of national interest to League that are in need of our individual letters, e-mails and calls to Congress or the White House. The website is www.lwv.org. If you go to the members site (at the bottom of the page) they will ask you to sign on so you can access those pages. Or you can just click on the "Get Involved" on the right side of the site. Whatever your issue is -get involved – it's easy, fun and very satisfying.

Letter sent to Editors of Alameda Sun, Journal, and Times-Star

Dear Editor:

The last week of October marks the second anniversary of congressional passage of the USA Patriot Act. Enacted on October 26, 2001, the Patriot Act provided the federal government with expanded powers to fight terrorism. Some of the expanded powers, however, run counter to constitutionally guaranteed freedoms. For example, it includes an overly broad definition of terrorism so that government action could be directed against protesters and organizations that voice disagreement with the policies of the leadership of the United States.

In September of this year, the Administration proposed an expansion of the Patriot Act's law enforcement powers. This expansion of power would significantly undermine the fundamental liberties guaranteed to all citizens in the Constitution. We are deeply concerned about the plan, which would allow subpoenas to be issued without obtaining approval from judges or grand juries.

The need to protect against security threats to America must be balanced with the need to preserve the very liberties that are the foundation of this country.

There are fundamental principles that guard our liberty – including independent judicial review of law enforcement actions to prohibitions on indiscriminate searches -- that must be preserved.

Bipartisan opposition to some provisions of the Patriot Act and to an expansion of the Act continues to grow. Alameda's population may be diverse ethnically, racially, and of national origin, as well as economically, but we all believe in the basic civil rights as guaranteed by the Constitution. Many of our citizens have spent time in the armed services protecting the personal liberties that we all hold dear. On this second anniversary of the passage of the Patriot Act, we ask everyone to remain vigilant and write their elected officials in Washington urging them to protect against any encroachment on our basic civil liberties. They must be preserved and protected even as the nation seeks to guard against terrorism and other threats to national security.

Sincerely,

Kate Quick, President

League of Women Voters of Alameda

Smart Voter gets accolades from all over state

Voters looked at nearly one million pages on Smart Voter for the October 7 Election. The majority of visitors found the Web site by using search engines but many others clicked on links from other Web sites or heard about Smart Voter on TV or radio.

The California Web site managers for NBC.com have discovered the value of <http://smartvoter.org> <<http://smartvoter.org/>>. Smart Voter was listed as an election resource for NBC Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Diego and San Jose-Oakland-San Francisco Web sites.

The LATimes.com listed Smart Voter at the top of the list of Non-partisan sites on its "Political and Campaign Sites" Web page.

CaliforniaConnected.org prominently displayed Smart Voter and

Easy Voter as election resources. California Connected is a weekly news magazine program that is produced through a collaboration of Public Broadcasting stations KCET-Los Angeles, KPBS-San Diego, KQED-San Francisco and KVIE-Sacramento. California Connected is seen throughout the entire state.

The Secretary of State listed Smart Voter on its "Find Your Polling Place" Web page.

MoveOn.org sent many of its members to Smart Voter from an embedded Smart Voter "My Ballot" lookup on their home page.

Janice Edwards, NBC11 producer and host of "Bay Area Vista", interviewed Trudell Een for her show. It aired in the San Francisco Bay Area on Sunday, October 5. A Tech Museum Award

winner from 2002 and a Tech Award judge were also interviewed for the show.

Kitty O'Neal and Jay Allen, radio personalities for KFBK-Sacramento, interviewed Een for their afternoon rush hour show on September 24.

Stan Lane, early morning host for KPSI Palm Springs, asked Een about the history of the League and Smart Voter election information on October 7.

The October 2 Smart Voter News article was featured in the Fresno Business Council's "Weekly Bulletin" - Early Edition for October 6.

Many counties and cities embedded the Smart Voter "My Ballot" lookup on their home pages.

Budget Accountability Act qualifies for March ballot

Californians for Budget Accountability announced that the Secretary of State's office certified the Budget Accountability Act for the March 2004 ballot. The coalition submitted one million signatures in only 60 days to qualify the initiative, with one in five coming from volunteers.

"We are thrilled that the Budget Accountability Act has officially qualified for the March ballot and are kicking the campaign into high gear to educate voters across the state about this initiative," said Jacqueline Jacobberger, President of the League of Women Voters of Cal-

ifornia, one of the many of groups backing the initiative. "Clearly the million signatures we were able to gather for this initiative show that voters are tired of business as usual and desire real reform and accountability."

The Budget Accountability Act is a comprehensive reform package to fix the state's budget process, end the partisan games and hold legislators accountable for passing a responsible budget on time.

"This initiative is moving forward full-steam ahead. Not only has the Budget Accountability Act officially qualified for the ballot,

the coalition of concerned citizens who want change in Sacramento continues to grow everyday," said Anthony Wright, Executive Director of Health Access.

In addition to many individuals, hundreds of organizations are backing the Budget Accountability Act, including the AARP, PORAC, the California Professional Firefighters, the California State PTA, the Latino Issues Forum, the Sierra Club and California Church IMPACT, to name a few.

The Budget Accountability Act withholds the Governor's and legislators' pay when they don't pass a budget on time

and forces them to stay in session and complete their work on the budget until they do. It reduces the vote threshold for legislators to pass a budget from two-thirds to 55%. Only two other states routinely require a two-thirds vote to pass a budget: Rhode Island and Arkansas.

It will keep voters more informed of how the state spends its funds in the voter pamphlet and on an easy-to-use web site, hold elected officials accountable for their actions, restrain partisan extremes, ease budget gridlock, and require a real "rainy day" fund to help balance the budget in hard times.

Tea educates potential members

An Open House Tea was held Oct. 4 at the home of Jean Fong, Boardmembers attended to provide an overview of League as well as specific activities and interests in which the Alameda League was engaged. There were five potential members who attended.

The intimate setting allowed for a

dialog among all participants. This certainly stimulated many questions and responses challenging all present to not only present the facts but the spirit of League as well.

There was a well-balanced presentation to a group of interested potential members.

Funding the Help America Vote Act (HAVA)

Election officials and local Leagues have been looking forward to programs for training pollworkers and educating voters about the new voting procedures created by the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). Full funding of HAVA is critical to establishing these programs.

In mid-August, the LWVUS issued a Call to Action, asking local Leagues and League members to urge their members of Congress to fulfill the promise of HAVA by providing full funding for it in fiscal year (FY) 2004 appropriations. League members were urged to point out that:

*without funding from Congress, financially strapped states may not be able to fully implement HAVA and

*because the FY '03 appropriation was not fully funded, it is par-

ticularly important to have full funding in the FY '04 appropriations bill.

HAVA authorizes a total of \$3.9 billion over three fiscal years, including \$2.16 billion for fiscal year 2003 and \$1.045 for fiscal year 2004. So far, only \$1.5 billion of fiscal year 2003 funding has been appropriated.

League members should continue to press members of Congress to fund HAVA and continue with the Voters Service efforts they are now doing in collaboration with elections officials and community organizations without expecting an immediate infusion of funds to help in this work.

The LWVC is joining other members of the California Voter Empowerment Circle in writing to the California members of Congress to urge full funding.

Membership news; deadline for dues Dec. 10

By Jean Fong
Membership Chair

Our membership drive is underway! We started with a bang in October with an Open House for new and prospective members. From that event our ranks swelled by four. In our small League, that's four percent! - more than half of the annual number of new members in any given year.

Our officers did a masterful job of presenting how the League works and opportunities to get

involved. Thanks to Kate Quick, Miriam Schiffman, JuelleAnn Boyer, Pat Caito, and Luann DeWitt for their help in making this event a success.

And, welcome to new members: Alice Chalip, Richard Dorn, Marie Gilmore, Stefani Komaru, and Marilyn Ng. You'll learn more about them in our new members profiles in the future editions of the Voter.

Current members should have all received membership renewal letters in the mail. Your generous

Handy Websites

- Oakland League:
www.lwvoakland.org
- Bay Area League:
www.lwvba-ca.org
- State League:
www.ca.lwv.org
- National League:
www.lwv.org
- LWV Smart Voter:
www.smartvoter.org
- LWVBA Monitor:
www.bayareamonitor.org
- Sen. Barbara Boxer: senator@boxer.senate.gov
- Sen. Diane Feinstein:
senator@feinstein.senate.gov
- The White House:
www.whitehouse.gov

Keep in touch with your League

Have you moved? Have you changed your phone number or email address? Does your League have the best ways to get in touch with you? Don't let the League lose contact with you.

Send any new contact information to Jean Fong, membership director. Write her at 734 Palmeta Court, Alameda, CA 94501. Call her at (510) 522-7797. Or email her at jsfong1@comcast.net

contributions this year made it possible to keep our dues steady at \$50 for a single membership and \$70 for a household membership. Please note there was a typographical error in the household dues - the correct amount is \$70, not \$60.

Send your dues by Dec. 10, and your name will be entered in this year's raffle for a lovely quilt made by Lynn Groh.

Please call or email me if you have any questions at 522-7797 or jsfong1@comcast.net.

Calendar of events

Nov. 20, Thursday , 7:30 p.m – General meeting, Third Floor, Alameda City Hall. Alameda's new parking structure will be discussed.

Nov. 22, Saturday, 9:30 a.m. - LWVBA Education Fund and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission present a TRANSPORTATION 2030 PUBLIC FORUM at Vallejo's former City Hall, 734 Marin Street .(See cover story for more information.)

Dec. 3, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. - Board Meeting, home of Luann DeWitt, 2917 Central Ave.

The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major policy issues, and influence public policy through education.

Join the League of Women Voters

Cut out, fill in and mail this coupon with your check to: League of Women Voters of Alameda, P.O. Box 1645, Alameda, CA 94501.

Dues: \$50 for a single membership; \$20 for an additional membership at the same address. Make checks payable to League of Women Voters of Alameda.

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