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September 2011 Calendar

- Thurs., Sept. 1 Natural Resources Group
Noon Leucadia Wastewater Offices

- Thurs., Sept. 8 Board Meeting
9:15 AM Leucadia Wastewater Offices

- Sat., Sept. 10 Escondido Unit Meeting. Time and
place to be determined.

- Mon., Sept. 12 Oceanside/Vista Unit Meeting
11:30 AM Buena Vista Audubon Center,
Oceanside

- Thurs., Sept. 15 Carlsbad Unit Meeting
10 AM Leucadia Wastewater Offices

- Friday, Sept. 16 Women's Issues Group
10 AM Leucadia Wastewater Offices

- Monday., Sept. 19 Book Group
1:15 - 3:00 PM At the home of Anne Patton

- Wed., Sept. 21 San Dieguito Unit Meeting
1:30 PM Belmont Village, Cardiff

- Sunday LWV North County
September 25 Kick-off Event - Reception
5:30-7:30 PM LWV Information Fair
Speaker: Peter Kaye**

- Wed., Sept. 28 Civil Discourse Group. At the home
10 AM to Noon of Mary Thompson



Renew Friendships Make New Acquaintances at the League's Fall Kick-off Event

You are invited to celebrate with League friends and prospective members at this year's Fall Kick-off and Expo, Sunday, September 25, at Carlsbad's Dove Library.

A food and wine reception will be held in the library's courtyard at 5:30 PM, followed by an "Evening with Peter Kaye" presentation in the Schulman Auditorium at 6:30 PM. Mr. Kaye, a newspaper reporter, television producer, and political commentator, has been an eyewitness to history for over 50 years. He has an amazing story to tell.

All of the League's interest groups will have display tables in the courtyard with information about their various activities and accomplishments for your viewing. Invitations and flyers are being distributed to local organizations and city officials to encourage them to join us. This event is a great opportunity to increase the League's exposure in the surrounding communities. It will be a stimulating evening and an exciting way to start the League year.

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**President's Message
from
Mary Crowley**

When George and Ira Gershwin penned the words "summertime and the living is easy" they certainly didn't know about us. That's because in our League the work has been non-stop. The government does not take summertime into consideration so Treasurers Martha Cox and Arlene Meadows have been up to their green

visors in merging the two leagues and getting our filings done. For all their hard work they were rewarded with nothing short of a miracle – new board members Peggy Crane and Barbara Lorenzen, both with tons of financial experience, did the review of the books. This is a very time consuming task and can be quite expensive. So, thank you both; we are all very grateful.

Also the kick-off committee has been hard at work making sure that everyone is going to have a wonderful time at our event on September 25th. This is a big undertaking so if you can help in any way please contact Leita McCormick or Barbara Lorenzen.

By the time you get this you may have already received your membership renewal form. This will be a very labor intensive time for our new membership chair, Peggy Crane, so please help by getting your renewal back to her as soon as possible.

In other news, League members Joan Surridge and Mary Thompson have been appointed to the LWVC Initiative and Referendum Study Committee. There were only 9 members selected from Leagues throughout California and two of them are from our League – pretty impressive, I think. Also one of our newer members, Robin Iveson of Vista has been appointed to the Community Healthcare Alliance Committee of the Tri-City Healthcare District. She joins another of our League members, Julie Nygaard, on this committee.

And now things really start to get rolling with our units and interest groups getting into full swing this month. Whew!

Mary

A "Thank You"

from Edie Appel

During the course of my recent illness, I received an abundance of supportive messages and offers of help. They raised my spirits and bolstered my resolve to get through this difficult time more than you can ever realize. I thank you all.

After ten years as membership chair, I am pleased to turn over the reins to Peggy Crane, who will do a super job. I plan to continue to be an active League member and look forward to seeing you all at many events, starting with the September kick-off.



The Education Study: How Members can Prepare

by Peggy Dornish

The Education Study Committee will lead individual Unit meetings in October in order for members to discuss the issues selected by LWVUS for the Study of the Federal Role in Public Education. Committee members Peggy Dornish, Carol Grimes-Gartland, Phyllis Rosenbaum, Roni Seay, and Jackie Stone ask that you read the Study papers on the LWVUS website as preparation for the Unit discussions and subsequent Consensus meeting in November.

The twin emphases of this study are: funding and equity issues addressed under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act; and Common Core standards and assessments which are required for many federal grant programs but at present are “national,” not federal. We address the latter in this article. Funding and equity will be addressed in the October VOTER.

Common Core Standards & Assessments

In an effort to bring more rigor and consistency to student proficiency and to foster improvement

in college-and-career readiness across the nation, the National Governors Association Common Core Initiative of 2010 was instituted for all states except Alaska and Texas. For details, see the Common Standards Initiative website. www.corestandards.org

The primary issue is whether or not these standards work, and it would appear that they are successful only in a system in which there are aligned assessments and curriculum, accountability for both educators and students, aligned professional development, managerial autonomy for school leaders, and of course, good teachers. And it's not simple: related issues are how to assess, how to use assessments, and the notion of merit pay.

Secondly, what would/should be the role of the federal government with respect to accountability? Here we need to address No Child Left Behind, Title I funding, and adequate Yearly Progress regulations.

As you can see from these brief remarks, we all have homework to do prior to the Unit meetings. Carol Grimes-Gartland and Phyllis Rosenbaum will present and lead the discussion on Common Core, and Roni Seay and Jackie Stone will present and lead the discussion on Funding and Equity.

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Food for thought: should opportunities for learning, expectations for achievement, and standards for performance depend upon

where students in our increasingly mobile and still unequal society happen to live?

Website Information

Please go to the LWVUS website to find the background papers for this study.

- enter: www.lwv.org
- pull down: For Members
- click: Projects and Programs
- click: Education Study
- find: Background Papers
- click: Get informed



Appreciation for Natsuko Mizuno

The LWV Board gratefully thanks Natsuko Mizuno for preparing the League mailings for more than five years. She was tireless, prompt and accurate and now will have to be replaced by a committee. Thank you so much, Natsuko!

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Please Help

We all know from the Observer Luncheons that League members prepare delicious food!

We need your contributions for the Sept 25 Kick-off Party!

Finger foods only—appetizers and sweets.

Please email or call Barbara Lorenzen.

LWVUS and LWVC Report Clearing the Air – The League and the Clean Air Act

The LWVUS came under scrutiny recently following the airing of “People Not Polluters” television ads highlighting votes on the Clean Air Act by two U.S. senators: Scott Brown (R-Massachusetts) and Claire McCaskill (D-Missouri). Controversy about the ads has centered on the tone of the ads, the focus on individual senators, the seeming departure from the League’s nonpartisan stance, the lack of full transparency in financial disclosure for funding of the ads, and the LWVUS policy of informing LWV membership.

The rationale for the campaign is that LWVUS supports clean air as a matter of public health, and clean air has been a national action priority since 2006. An April vote in the Senate on two amendments to the Clean Air Act – one to gut the EPA’s ability to enforce regulations, another to delay enforcement ability – came close to passing. The coalition of which LWVUS is a part felt that a hard-hitting and emotional message had the best chance of informing the general public about the connection between Congressional votes and the air they breathe.

As a result of the ads, the League had over 100 major media mentions, including the front page of the New York Times and the Boston Globe. Other papers discussed the nature of the League; coverage was mixed but did raise awareness of the LWV and air pollution as a public health issue.

The League of Women Voters of California did not approve or disapprove of the ads. LWVC President Jennifer Waggoner, and Helen Hutchison, VP Advocacy & Program, attended the LWVUS Council on June 17-19, where a thoughtful and spirited discussion about the ads and the internal and public reactions was held.

While awaiting guidelines from LWVUS following the Council session, Waggoner and Hutchison’s report called for a review by LWVC of League guidelines and values: What are we willing to do in order

to be effective? What is the balance between voter service and advocacy? For our campaign for civility? For transparency? For nonpartisanship?

On July 28, LWVUS published new guidelines for major LWVUS/Education Fund initiatives, including consultation with state and local leagues, with sufficient and timely supporting materials to ensure the League speaks with one voice. In addition, LWVUS/EF will monitor the progress of major initiatives, leading to adjustments if necessary.

Also in July, a new Clean Air Promise campaign was announced by LWV President Elisabeth MacNamara, asking Americans from all walks of life to make the ‘Clean Air Promise.’ In August, LWV members announced statewide events in Montana, Michigan and Ohio related to the Clean Air Promise and supporting the EPA.

To access the “Clean Air Promise,” click on www.peoplenotpolluters.org

All September Units Civil Discourse Presentations and Discussions

From its first meeting in March, the Civil Discourse interest group has explored what seems to be a growing epidemic of incivility in our country. The group has studied the causes of polarization and researched other ongoing efforts to promote civility throughout our society. The group has also studied and discussed the basic elements of debate and how to present a fact-based argument.

At the September unit meetings, members of the Civil Discourse group will present the group’s efforts to date and ask members for their suggestions about possible next steps for the League.

Because Civil Discourse is the new focus adopted by members at the Annual Meeting in May, the Civil Discourse group is eager to share their presentation on this interesting topic and to receive feedback at the unit meetings. All members are invited to be a part of this discussion.

Escondido Unit**Saturday, September 10**

At their meeting on the afternoon of Saturday, September 10, the Escondido Unit will learn about water resources and receive an update on current water policy in California from a University of California Librarian. Escondido members have made the investigation, monitoring, and promotion of wise water use and planning their first issue for education and advocacy this year.

The Unit will also hear a presentation from the Civil Discourse Committee. The exact time and place are to be determined. Call Arlene Meadows, 760-751-2049 for more information.

Oceanside/Vista Unit**Mon., Sept. 12 at 11:30 AM**

The Oceanside/Vista Unit meeting will be held at the Audubon Center, 2202 Pacific Coast Hwy., just south of West Vista Way on the north side of the Buena Vista Lagoon. Our September meeting will include a presentation by our Leagues' Civil Discourse interest group and also a discussion of the results from our Unit survey.

Carlsbad Unit**Thursday, Sept. 15 at 10 AM**

The Carlsbad Unit meets at the Leucadia Wastewater offices in the Albertson Shopping Center at the corner of La Costa Avenue and El Camino Real. Come and hear a presentation on Civil Discourse by Martha Cox and Mary Thompson. This topic will be our issue for emphasis for the coming year. There will be time for discussion. Also bring your ideas for city topics for future meetings and discussion throughout the year. Coming November 17, "Meet the Mayor."

Bulletin Board**San Dieguito Unit****Wed., Sept. 21 at 1:30 PM**

The San Dieguito Unit will meet at Belmont Village, 3535 Manchester Drive, Cardiff. We look forward to seeing and hearing from you at a discussion of Civil Discourse after a presentation on the subject.

Parking instructions: Park in the south end of the Temple Solel parking lot (directly to the north of Belmont Village). Walk a short distance to Manchester, turn right at the FIRST DRIVEWAY, walk to the end (a cul-de-sac) then turn left to the sidewalk. Walk a short distance, veer left. You will see the entrance to the dining room. Enter and ask staff to direct you to the Town Hall Room. (League members will help direct you.)

Cookies will be served, please bring your own drinks.

Anne Patton apatton@ucsd.edu

Natural Resources Group

(Formerly the Sustainability Group)

Thursday, Sept., 1 at Noon

Meetings will be held at the Leucadia Wastewater Offices on the first Thursday of the month. Please join us for the first meeting of this new year. The group decided to study the Ocean, the most significant Natural Resource in our area. Please join us to discuss our approach to studying this huge, but very interesting, subject.

We will also discuss the status of our 2010 survey report. Call Diane Mochizuki for more information.

Book Group**Mon., Sept. 19, 1:15 to 3:00 PM**

We will discuss *War*, by Sebastian Junger. Anne Patton will host. Call Anne Omsted if you are not on the email list for the group.

Women's Issues**Friday, Sept. 16 10 AM to Noon**

For information contact Evelina at evelinahamilton@gmail.com

Civil Discourse Group**Wed., Sept. 28 at 10:00 AM**

The group is working to broaden its understanding of civility in public discourse and how to promote it. *All are welcome.* Contact Mary Thompson at 760-942-2458 for meeting information.

Education Group

The Education committee will not meet until January, after completion of the LWVUS Education Study. Contact Carol Grimes-Gartland at 760 729-0278 or clgspeced@sbc-global.net for further information.

Health Care Interest Group

If you are interested in participating in the group, please contact Barbara Lorenzen for further information.

Media Monitors

Contact Joyce Joseph at 858-229-9638 for meeting information.

Missing

Our League is missing two "Tabling Kits." The kits include table cover with large logo, LWV sign on an adjustable stand. They are used for registering voters and LWV events.

Each is stored in a long, brown cardboard box.

Please search your garage or storage space!

Observer Reports - June 2011

Carlsbad Library Board of Trustees

observer Naomi Marblestone reports that budget was a prime topic for the Trustees this year as the city has a budget gap of 3 million dollars. Some library positions are frozen, but the library wants two positions unfrozen: Technology librarian and Business Systems Associate. There is a new volunteer coordinator, an hourly position..

Fees for copies have been raised slightly. Library Director, Heather Pizzuto reported that Carlsbad is in line with other libraries in our area in our fees charged.

The Library Budget Priorities and Objectives include upgrading the library's wireless services to implement downloadable e-book services, provide the option for wireless users to print to library public access printers directly from their laptop computers.

The Friends of the Library Holiday Book Boutique took in \$7,000. There will not be a 2011 home tour, but on September 18, the third Annual Mini-Golf program will be held.

In April, Julia Child's *My Life In France* was chosen for Carlsbad Reads. Nearly 800 attended events such as book discussions and food tasting.

The Summer Reading Program took place June 20-August 5 with the theme this year, "One World, Many Stories." Adults, teens and little ones will be included in the summer program.

Oceanside Unified School Board

observer Marileen Johnson reports that since Oceanside District anticipates revenues will be less than expenses for the current

year, they plan to spend \$3 million less in 2011-12 than last year. The money to fill the shortfall will probably come from Education Reserves. School officials say that numbers will change as the California legislators approve the state budget so they may remain flexible.

Most of the budget goes to teachers and support staff salaries with the remainder going to administration and counselors. Employee benefits will increase while salaries will be lower. Cutting staff has offset the cost of routine raises. Operating expenses will be lower due to cuts in department budgets and savings realized from energy conservation on many campuses. The District Board administrators and staff continue to look at back-up plans.

On the positive side, the district can take pride in: Camp Pendleton's all-day kindergarten; increased student attendance at high school social events, and the creation of the Guaranteed Admissions Partnership with Cal State University, San Marcos which initiated the student tracking system guaranteeing Oceanside graduates admission to the University.

The Theater Department's students created dramas, built sets, raised funds and sent 16 students and 6 adults to the International Drama Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland this spring to present their dramas in four performances. They transported the materials to build their own sets.

Palomar Airport Advisory Committee

observer Connie Ulrich reports that the PAAC meets at 7:00 PM on the third Thursday of the month in the Carlsbad City

Council Chambers.

During the meetings members of the public are given the opportunity to ask questions or comment on agenda items. No matter how intense the public remarks are, PAAC members have managed to maintain an atmosphere of civil discourse.

Palomar's noise level is monitored by the Airport Noise and Operations Monitoring System-Geographic Information System (ANOMS-GIS). A recent Part 150 Study indicated the noise level at Palomar Airport does not meet the FAA criteria for mandatory noise abatement procedures—which would require an airport curfew. The problem lies in the public misperception that the quiet hours are mandatory rather than voluntary.

Palomar, however, is designated a "noise sensitive airport," which means any resident located within its noise foot-print (this includes Carlsbad, parts of Oceanside, San Marcos, and Vista) must, when they sell their property, notify potential buyers that said property is located in a Noise Impact Notification Area [NINA]. This notification remains part of the deed.

The airport staff is now able to research all noise and safety complaints using WebTrak and ANOMS. WebTrak allows direct community input by tracking the flight patterns of local aircraft. Users type in their address and the time of day of an overhead flight; the resulting map will identify the aircraft and show its altitude and point of origin and destination. Most members of the public now file their complaints via WebTrak. *Continued on p. 8*

LWVNCSD 2011-2012 Master Calendar at a Glance

Welcome to a new year of activities, meetings, and events. To assist you with the task of getting your League calendar in order, the following information provides a condensed "at-a-glance" master calendar for the year, with **recurring meeting schedules listed for your convenience**. We have listed specific dates if they are known at this time; however **please note that any meeting date listed here may change due to holiday adjustment or circumstances beyond our control**. Before attending any meeting listed here, please refer to the calendar section in your most recent **VOTER** or our local League website at: www.lwvncsd.org to confirm up-to-date information. Many events will be added throughout the year, so keep checking - we want you to be involved and informed. Your participation will play a significant role in our success.

2011

- Sept.** Unit Meetings* Civil Discourse
25 Kick-off – 5:30 PM
Dove Library, Carlsbad
- Oct.** Unit Meetings* Education Study
22 Celebrating 100 Years of CA Women
Voting luncheon - 11:30 AM
- Nov. 19** Consensus Mtg – Education Study
- Dec.** Observer Meetings - tbd

2012

- Jan.** Unit Meetings*
- Feb. 14** General Mtg – Program Planning
- Mar.** Unit Meetings*
- Apr.** Unit Meetings*
- May 19** Annual Meeting
- June** Observer Meetings – tbd
5 CA Primary Election
8-12 LWVUS Convention – Washington, DC

*Some Unit Meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Carlsbad** 3rd Thursday of the months noted here at 10:00 AM
- Escondido** at press time, not all meeting times have been scheduled
- Oceanside/Vista** 2nd Monday of the months noted at 11:30 AM
- San Dieguito** 3rd Wednesday of the months noted at 1:30 PM

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Interest Group Meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Book Group** 3rd Monday of the month at 1:15 PM
- Civil Discourse** 4th Wednesday of the month at 10:00 AM
- Education** (meetings will resume in January following Education Study)
- Natural Resources** 1st Thursday of the month at 12:00 PM
- Women's Issues** 3rd Friday of the month at 10:00 AM

Calendar Dates for Escondido

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Escondido will hold its LWVUS Education Study meeting on Friday, October 14, from 10:00 to 12:00, place to be determined.

At their Friday, December 9 meeting, the Unit will hear a presentation from the Sustainability Committee about that committee's current issues and projects.

On Saturday, January 21, 2012, the Escondido Unit in conjunction with the Escondido Women's Club, and the Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee will sponsor a forum on water sustainability, human impact, and the status of wildlife in San Diego County.

The Forum will feature three local experts. It will be held at the Escondido Women's Club from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

At their March 9, 2012 meeting, the Unit will celebrate Women's History Month and winning the vote in California a century ago.

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Observer Report of Palomar Airport Advisory Committee continued from p. 6

In 1995, one of the airport's busiest years, an average of 60 complaints a month was received. By contrast, in 2010, the airport recorded their lowest number of annual operations (a take-off or landing) and received an average of 545 monthly complaints. Although the number of callers can vary, 80-90% of the complaints

Come to the LWV Fall Kick-Off



**Sunday, September 25, 5:30 to 7:30 PM
Refreshments • LWV Happenings**

**Peter Kaye speaking on the
Media, Political Candidates, and Voters**

Join the League of Women Voters

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Membership is open to all U.S. citizens of voting age. Others are welcome as Associate Members.

Dues:

- () \$60/ year (Oct.1 to Sept. 30)
- () \$30/year for 2nd member, same address.

New members joining after Feb.1 will pay one half the annual dues.

Additional levels of giving:

- () \$100/year Suffragist () \$200/year Activist
- () \$300/year Advocate () \$500/year Founders Circle

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to LWV-NCSD and mail to: LWV-NCSD, PO Box 131272, Carlsbad CA 92013

Please contact Membership Chair Peggy Crane, at peggycrane@hotmail.com for more information.