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OCTOBER 2012 AT A GLANCE

- Wed, Oct. 3** *Restoring Respect Bfst*
8:00 - 10:30 am *Joan Kroc Center, USD*
- Thurs, Oct. 4** *Pros & Cons • Cardiff*
6:30 - 8 pm *Library, 2081 Newcastle*
- Sat, Oct. 6** *Escondido Unit Mtg*
10:30 - 11:30 am *Pros & Cons • Escondido*
Library, 239 S. Kalmia
- Mon, Oct. 8** *Escondido Cand. Forums*
6:00 pm *City Council • School Bd.*
City Council Chambers

6:30 pm *Solana Beach Cand. Forum*
Boys & Girls Club, 533
Lomas Santa Fe Dr.
- Tues, Oct. 9** *Encinitas Cand. Forum*
7:00 pm *Encinitas Comm. Center*
1140 Oak Crest Park Dr.
- Wed, Oct. 10** *Tri-City Bd. Cand. Forum*
6:30 pm *Carlsbad by Sea, 2855*
Carlsbad Blvd.
- Thurs, Oct. 11** *Pros & Cons • Fallbrook*
6:00 pm *Library, 124 S. Mission Rd.*
- Fri, Oct. 12** *Board Meeting*
10 am - 12 pm *LWD Offices, Carlsbad*
- Mon, Oct. 15** *Book Group*
1:15 - 3:00 pm *Home of Carolyn Taylor*
- Tues, Oct. 16** *Pros & Cons • San Marcos*
6:00 - 8:00 pm *Library, 2 Civic Center Dr.*
- Wed, Oct. 17** *San Dieguito Unit Mtg*
1:30 - 3:00 pm *Pros & Cons • Belmont*
Village, 3535 Manchester
- Thurs, Oct. 18** *Carlsbad Unit Mtg*
10 am - 12 pm *jointly with Oceanside/Vista*
LWV Offices, Carlsbad

7:00 - 8:00 pm *Pros & Cons • Chavez*
Resource Center, 605 San
Diego St., Oceanside

7:00 - 8:30 pm *Meet the Candidates Night*
(County Sup./State Leg.)
St. Michael's Parish Hall,
2775 Carlsbad Blvd.
- Sat, Oct. 27** *Civil Discourse Mtg*
10 - 11:30 am *San Marcos Library*

Confused? Confounded? Perplexed?

We'll help you sort it out at.....SmartVoter.org

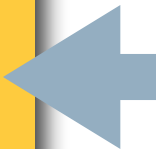
*Joyce Joseph, Smart Voter Coordinator
San Diego County*

SmartVoter.org, the League's popular election website, has again invited all candidates on San Diego County ballots to place their campaign material on the site.

The League of Women Voters never supports or opposes candidates or political parties. Instead, **on Smart Voter we offer all candidates free space to post their own messages to voters.** When voters click on Smart Voter.org and enter their voting address, their personal ballot appears on their screen, including a candidate's biographical highlights, priorities, political philosophy, a photo, list of endorsers, position papers, and importantly, a direct link to individual campaign websites. Voters can visit the site at their convenience, and candidates can edit their spaces until a day before the election.

Extensive information on the state propositions are on Smart Voter.org, as well as the 27 local propositions throughout the county. Volunteer League members will continue to add media links, extensive feedback received, and importantly, will encourage all candidates to take advantage of this service. It is one of the few free ways they have to reach voters and, it is especially useful in local contests. In the last presidential election, over 9 million page views were recorded in counties statewide. Increased traffic is expected this fall.

To get an idea of the size of our county ballot, go to www.smartvoter.org/ca/sd or simply Google "Smart Voter San Diego County". We encourage return visits to the site as more information continues to be added. Finally, pull up your personal ballot and tell friends how convenient and easy it is to be a well-informed voter!



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www.lwvncsd.org

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President's Message

by Mary Crowley, President



Election, November, 2012
– **Did you know?**

Did you know? There is a website called FactCheck.org, a creation of the Annenberg Public Policy Center, University of Pennsylvania, that is well known for evaluating the truthfulness of statements by

politicians. Less well known is **FlackCheck.org**, an entity created to “hold the media accountable for their reporting on political campaigns.” Check them out.

Did you know? Although the California Official Voter Information Guide contains titles and summaries prepared by the Attorney General and impartial analyses of the measures and potential costs to taxpayers prepared by the Legislative Analyst, arguments in favor of and against ballot measures are provided by the proponents and opponents of the ballot measure. To quote the Voter Guide “The submitted argument language cannot be verified for accuracy or changed in any way unless a court orders that the language be changed.”

Did you know? As of September 19th Californians can now register to vote online! When a person registers online, the system will search the DMV database for the applicant's California driver license or identification card number, date of birth, and last four digits of the applicant's social security number. If the information is found and the applicant authorizes elections officials' use of the DMV signature, an electronic image of the DMV signature will be added to that voter registration application. If there is no signature on file with DMV, all of the applicant's information will still be transmitted to the county elections office; the applicant will just need to click “print,” then sign the paper application and mail it. (California law requires that the applicant sign the voter registration application, which is considered a legal affidavit.) County elections officials will contact the applicant when the voter registration application is approved or when more information is needed to confirm eligibility. I *know* everyone reading this *VOTER* is already registered to vote but what about your kids, your grandkids, the college student next door?

Last day to register to vote is Oct. 22nd; last day to request a vote-by-mail ballot is Oct. 30th.

And, of course, don't forget to take full advantage of SmartVoter.org.

The League of Women Voters Recommends – November 6, 2012

PROP	TYPE	TOPIC	REC
30	Constitutional Amendment	Temporary Taxes to Fund Education. Guaranteed Local Public Safety Funding.	Yes
31	Constitutional Amendment & Statute	State Budget. State and Local Government.	No
32	Statute	Political Contributions by Payroll Deduction. Contributions to Candidates.	No
33	Statute	Auto Insurance Companies. Prices Based on Driver's History of Insurance Coverage.	Neutral
34	Statute	Death Penalty.	Yes
35	Statute	Human Trafficking. Penalties.	Neutral
36	Statute	Three Strikes Law. Repeat Felony Offenders. Penalties.	Neutral
37	Statute	Genetically Engineered Foods. Labeling.	Neutral
38	Statute	Tax to Fund Education and Early Childhood Programs.	Neutral
39	Statute	Tax Treatment for Multi-state Businesses. Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Funding.	Neutral
40	Referendum	Redistricting.	Yes
EE		MiraCosta College Facilities Bond Measure.	Yes

For Comprehensive Election Information, Check the Resources Below:

- www.smartvoter.org (LWV website providing comprehensive election information/links)
- www.easyvoter.org (concise facts on statewide propositions in various languages)
- www.CAVotes.org (LWVC Voter Information – up-to-date voter information)
- www.sos.ca.gov/elections (Secretary of State)
- www.sdvote.com (San Diego County Registrar of Voters)
- www.Cal-Access.ss.ca.gov (Secretary of State - information on campaign funding)
- www.lao.ca.gov (CA Legislative Analyst – analyzes all ballot measures)
- www.cbp.org (CA Budget Project – analyzes fiscal effects of statewide ballot measures)
- www.calvoter.org (CA Voter Foundation – data on campaign contributions)
- www.votersedge.org (Voter's Edge California - comprehensive information on ballot measures)

A Fresh Look at the Initiative and Referendum Process

Mary Thompson, Initiative & Referendum Study Group Member

Depending on your point of view, California is blest or cursed with its version of direct democracy – our initiative and referendum process. After wrestling with 11 ballot measures on the November ballot, it's hoped that League members will be ready to take a fresh look at California's initiative process.

At the LWVC Convention in May 2011, members voted to adopt a study to update the League's position on the Initiative and Referendum Process, which may be used to influence public policy. Why did League members around the state ask for an update? One answer is that the public pays significant attention to the initiative and referendum process in California, both because there seem to be more petitions than ever, and because there has been an increased number of proposals to change the system itself.

From November 2012 through February 2013, Leagues around the state will review and discuss the study materials posted on the LWVC members' only website. Reports of consensus are due to LWVC by March 31, 2013.

~ Initiative & Referendum Study continued on p. 6



*DEMOCRACY IN THE BALANCE? GETTING BEYOND THE SHOUTING
SEPTEMBER 6 AND 7, 2012*



**Democracy in the Balance? Getting Beyond the Shouting
September 6 and 7, 2012**



*For More Event Photos, go to:
<http://www.lwvncsd.org/Events.html>*

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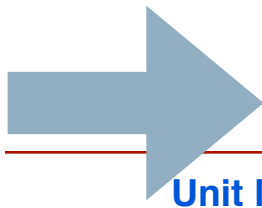
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October Bulletin Board

Unit Meetings... Interest & Study Groups... Special Events...

Carlsbad Unit Mtg.

Thursday, October 18 • 10 am - 12 pm

The Carlsbad Unit will meet on Thursday, Oct. 18th at the Leucadia Wastewater District offices, 1960 LaCosta Ave., Carlsbad from 10:00 to noon.

We will be hosting the Oceanside-Vista Unit to hear Mr. Ronald Wootton, Executive Director of the Buena Vista Lagoon Foundation. He will speak about the history of the lagoon and ongoing studies focusing on its future. This topic has been on the front pages of the local newspaper for many months and has elicited discussions by various citizens of Carlsbad. SANDAG is presently in charge of the project as environmental reports are to be completed soon.

For questions, please contact Carol Grimes-Gartland, Unit Chair, for more information.

Escondido Unit Mtg.

Saturday, October 6 • 10:30 am

The Escondido unit will host a forum on the pros and cons of the upcoming California ballot propositions on Saturday, Oct. 6, at 10:30 am in the Turrentine Room of the Escondido Library, 239 S. Kalmia St., Escondido. Everyone – members and the general public – is welcome. Please spread the word. Contact Escondido unit chair, Yvon Dacayana, for further information.

Oceanside/Vista Unit Mtg.

Thursday, October 18 • 10 am - 12 pm

We will be joining the Carlsbad unit again this month because the topic is of special interest to Oceanside members. Please refer to details above (Carlsbad). *This is not a permanent change for the O/V Unit meetings.*

San Dieguito Unit Mtg.

Wednesday, October 17 • 1:30 pm

The San Dieguito unit will host a forum on the pros and cons of the upcoming California ballot propositions on Wednesday, Oct. 17, at 1:30 pm in the Town Hall Room at Belmont Village, 3535 Manchester Drive, Cardiff. This meeting is open to the public.

Special parking instructions: Please do not park in the Belmont Village parking lot. Park in the Temple Solel lot, just to the north. Walk to the street and turn right until you come to the first driveway. Walk to the end of the driveway and turn left toward the dining room entrance. The door should be open; if not, just

knock, someone will open the door. Ask for the Town Hall room. For further information, call Anne Patton at 858-759-2715.

Book Group

Monday, Oct. 15 • 1:15 - 3 pm

This month's tome will be *"Midnight Rising"* by Tony Horwitz at the home of Carolyn Taylor. Please call 858-792-2012 to RSVP.

Civil Discourse Group

Saturday, Oct. 27 • 10 am - 11:30 am

The next meeting will be held at the San Marcos County Library Branch, 2 Civic Center Dr., San Marcos. At this session we will finalize our roadmap for the group's plans in 2013. Please call Mary Thompson at 760-942-2458 for more information.

Education Group

This group will meet again in January after the election season. For information, please call Carol Grimes-Gartland at 760-729-0278.

Natural Resources • Women's Issues Health Care • Media Monitors

These groups will be on hiatus until January, they will resume after election season. Please call Barbara Lorenzen with questions at 760-305-7842.

Notable Events (please see page 7):

Oct. 3 • 8:00 - 10:30 am • Restoring Respect Fall Breakfast • www.sandiego.edu/restoringrespect/

Oct. 24 • 11:30 am • Lunch with League www.lwvsandiego.org (click on donate button to register online)

~Initiative & Referendum Study continued from page 3

Our League's study group will be forming after the November 6th election. If you are interested in this fascinating topic and would like to participate, please contact Mary Thompson at thompsmg@roadrunner.com.

Follow this link to the Initiative and Referendum study materials:

<http://ca.lwv.org/lwvonly/studies/2011-initiative-and-referendum/index.html>

LWV North County SD Expands the Power of One Through Collaboration!



FED UP? Have uncivil campaigns and negative Ads made you lose your appetite for Politics?

RESTORING RESPECT'S FALL BREAKFAST TO PROMOTE CIVILITY

Wednesday, October 3, 2012, 8:00 am to 10:30 am
University of San Diego's Joan Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice
Cost: \$10.00 per person, payable at the door
MC and Moderator: Former KSTV Anchor Hal Clement

For more information, go to:
www.sandiego.edu/restoring_respect/

Lunch with League
Wednesday
October 24
2012
11:30 am

Is the FDA Giving Us the Drugs We Want or Need?



Many people believe new drugs approved by the FDA are better than existing ones. This talk will explain why they usually are not and will describe the epidemic in harmful side effects caused by physicians who prescribe more and more drugs with few advantages and increased risks of toxic reactions. What could the FDA do to increase the proportion of clinically superior drugs?

For more information, go to:
www.lwvsandiego.org



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Address _____
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LWVNCSD • Attn: Membership
PO Box 131272
Carlsbad, CA 92013-1272

or join online at:
http://www.lwvncsd.org/join_form.html

Dues:

- \$60/year (Oct. 1 - Sept. 30)
- \$30/year for 2nd member, same address
- New members joining after Feb. 1st will pay 1/2 annual dues.

Additional levels of giving (thank you!):

- \$100/year • Suffragist
- \$200/year • Activist
- \$300/year • Advocate
- \$500/year • Founders Circle
- New Member ○ Renewal
- Contributing Member - unable to be active at this time (full membership/benefits).
- Why I'm joining

I am interested in the following (please ✓ interests):

- Provide organizational support
- Participate in Voter Service
- Participate in Interest Groups:
 - ◆ Book Group
 - ◆ Civil Discourse
 - ◆ Education
 - ◆ Natural Resources
 - ◆ Women's Issues

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Civility Matters

"I have found you an argument; I am not obliged to find you an understanding."

~ Samuel Johnson, 1784

Have you checked North County League's website this week?

Stay current, stay active, stay informed!

 www.lwvncsd.org

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www.lwvc.org

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www.lwv.org