



League of Women Voters  
Of San Joaquin County

2012-2013  
Annual Report  
&  
2013  
Annual Meeting Kit

BRING THIS KIT TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

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## Message from the President

I am pleased to report that the League of Women Voters of San Joaquin County is still going strong after nearly 80 years! While our entire history is one of ongoing activity, Autumn of 2012 was a particularly busy and productive quarter for us.

We were off and running in September with our annual Kick-Off Meeting and fundraiser. Held at Delicato Vineyards in Manteca, the event - featuring Environmental Working Group food and agriculture analyst Kari Hamerschlag, and "Farmer Bob" of Fresh Edible Farms in Lathrop - focused on the federal Farm Bill and the effects of farm policies on community-supported agriculture.



Then, with barely a moment to breathe, we jumped into the 2012 election season. Our candidate forums with community co-sponsors, covering Congressional District 9, State Senate District 5, Assembly District 13, Supervisory District 5, and the Stockton mayor and city council races, were extremely well attended. The community was very appreciative of our efforts, since many other local organizations that sponsored candidate forums in past election years did not do so in 2012. Voter Services also had an exceptional year, with Pros & Cons presentations providing in-depth information to over 500 individuals on the eleven state ballot initiatives. For the first time this year, our forums and one Pros & Cons presentation were videotaped and made available online through links from our website and our very own YouTube channel!

Just as we thought we were done with candidate forums, the election of Susan Talamantes Eggman to the newly formed California Assembly District 13 left a vacant seat on the Stockton City Council. In January, the League stepped up once again - along with the North Victory Park Neighborhood Watch group and University of the Pacific's Jacoby Center for Public Service and Civic Leadership - to provide applicants for the seat a public forum where they answered a series of prepared questions before an open audience.

The League remains an important source for comprehensive, nonpartisan information on a variety of topics of significance to our county's residents, as evidenced by the attendance at our weekday Lunch & Learn series and our more in-depth Saturday morning programs, including an excellent one in February featuring Vic Singh, the county's Director of Behavioral Health, on access to mental health services and the particular challenges faced by residents of San Joaquin County.

So now we come full circle, with our Annual Meeting featuring two impressive speakers: Assemblymember Susan Talamantes Eggman, Ph.D., and David Siders, *Sacramento Bee* political reporter and Stockton resident. This year's event promises to be enjoyable, enlightening, and stimulating.

I wish to thank our rotating presidents for 2012-13 - Diane Park, Kathy Casenave, and Bea Lingenfelter - as well as our hard-working Board, our off-Board leaders, and you, our members, for your continued support of the League of Women Voters of San Joaquin County.

- Katrina Alison Jaggears  
President, Spring 2013

## Reports on our League Year

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT FY 2012-2013

Information as of 5/7/2013

58 - Individual local members  
 26 - Household members (13 households)  
**84 - Total members**

### FINANCES

This past October, members received 2011-2012 year-end financial reports for LWVSJC and the Ed Fund, as required by the bylaws. The fiscal year for both entities ends June 30. LWVSJC net worth as of 6/30/2012 was \$836. The General Fund balance was \$4,919.39. Ed Fund net worth as of 6/30/2012 was \$11,127.

Following the passing of Sylvia Kothe, the board of directors established a memorial scholarship fund in her honor. To date, donations to the fund total \$2725, and \$200 from that fund was given to Delta College this past September for use as a scholarship.

The budget in the Annual Meeting Kit is based on the 9-month period ending 3/31/13 plus estimates for the fourth quarter of this fiscal year. As always, the Ed Fund grant will come from Ed Fund monies that are in excess of the \$10,000 principle. We encourage those who itemize their donations at tax time to make donations to the Ed Fund.

National per member payments are now \$31. State PMPs are \$23 for individual members. Our individual dues of \$60 thus generate only \$6 for our local league. Therefore, individual membership renewals at a higher "sustaining" level are very much appreciated.

- Jane Wagner-Tyack, Treasurer

### FUNDRAISING

For a number of years, the Asparagus Festival has been LWVSJC's major fundraising activity. We are paid a percentage of the festival's total income based on the number of our volunteers who work the festival. For our volunteer efforts in 2011-12, we made \$568, less than usual because we were unable to fill the total number of volunteer spots available to us.

Thanks to Bea Lingenfelter for coordinating volunteers, and to all the League members and friends who worked at the Asparagus Festival for the League this year, filling all our available volunteer spots.

In addition to the Asparagus Festival fundraiser, our kick-off meeting in September 2012 generated \$795 in revenue. Our most successful fundraising effort was the Circle of Support organized by Diane Park. Donations this year to the Circle of Support total \$1,340 as of April 2013.

- Jane Wagner-Tyack, Treasurer

## VOTER SERVICES AND SMART VOTER

The November 2012 General Election brought a lot of challenges to Voter Services due to the number of candidates involved, the issues relating to Stockton and all of San Joaquin County, and the number of state-wide propositions on the ballot, which totaled eleven propositions in all. Fortunately, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Bea Lingenfelter pulled together a committee made up of at least twelve active members who divided up the work of presenting the ballot measures' pros & cons, as well as holding important candidates forums and distributing "Easy Voter" guides.

Our "Speakers Bureau" team, consisting of Vickie Markarian, Gladys Ikeda, Dee Matteucci, Kathy Casaneve, Katrina Jaggears, Jane Wagner-Tyack, and Bea Lingenfelter, covered the pros & cons presentations of the ballot measures at approximately fourteen different venues. They included, just to name a few, the Del Webb Community, Lifelong Learning programs at Delta College and the Lao Community, senior centers, O'Connor Woods (in conjunction with AAUW), church and school groups, and retiree groups.

In the south area of San Joaquin County, Vickie Markarian, with the help of Bea Lingenfelter and Cate White, also held candidates forums for several local elections. The first was for the Escalon School Board, sponsored by parent groups of several schools; the second was for the Ripon City Council, sponsored by the Ripon Chamber of Commerce and *Ripon Record*; the third was for the Lathrop City Council; and the fourth was for the Lathrop Mayor's race, both sponsored by the Lathrop Chamber of Commerce.

In the Stockton and North San Joaquin County areas, well-attended candidate forums were held for state legislative elections in both established and newly-drawn Assembly and State Senate districts. Forums were also held for Stockton City Council and Mayoral elections and for the Congressional candidates in the newly formed Congressional District 9. We also had media coverage by *The Record* and TV Channel 10. We appreciated having broad representation on our forum panels from outside LWVSJC and strong cooperation from California State University Stanislaus, Delta College, and the University of the Pacific.

**Smart Voter:** Keeping up with the League's "Smart Voter" website is always a challenge in a presidential election year, and November 2012 was no exception. As a county coordinator, Bea Lingenfelter contacted all candidates running for office in the San Joaquin County area and encouraged them to set up an individual page on the website. We are responsible for elections not only in the U.S. House of Representatives but also in the State Assembly and Senate, supervisors districts, Delta College Trustees, almost every city council and school district throughout the area, and the rural fire departments, irrigation and sanitation districts. The communities that were included were Stockton, Manteca, Lodi, Tracy, Ripon, Escalon, Lathrop, Linden, Galt, Woodbridge and Lammersville. Bea contacted a total of 106 candidates in 38 contests, and about one-third responded. Interestingly, those who put their pages on our website were also those who were ultimately elected, attesting to the value of "Smart Voter" as a means of informing voters.

A hearty "thank you all" to our hard-working committee members. Wherever we represented the League, attendees were most appreciative of the work we were doing and lauded our efforts.

- Vickie Markarian, Voter Services Chair & Bea Lingenfelter, County Coordinator

## ∞ ACTION AND ADVOCACY

Our advocacy efforts took a backseat to Voter Services in the 2012 election year. Then, at the beginning of 2013, we concentrated on the state-sponsored Initiative and Referendum study. That culminated with a lively Consensus Meeting and a report to LWVC (more information elsewhere in this publication). LWVC will be releasing the statewide findings from this study and an updated Position later this year.

Our main Advocacy effort on the local level for this year was to support Lincoln School District's Measure A on the June ballot, a bond measure aimed at building maintenance and improvement, including installing solar panels at some school sites. Happily, Measure A passed.

At the state level, the issues we have been following are changing direction. The push for a Single Payer Healthcare System has taken a back seat to monitoring implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA, referred to as Obamacare). In fact, LWVC recently resigned from Campaign for a Healthy California, the coalition of groups promoting Single Payer care. In a letter to the coalition, LWVC President Jennifer Waggoner and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP for Program and Advocacy Helen Hutchison, wrote "While the League definitely agrees that single payer care is the best long-term solution for health care in California, we are determined to work to ensure that all Californians have the best health care possible now under the Affordable Care Act . . . At the same time, we will continue to advocate for single payer health care and educate Californians about the help that a single payer system would provide for all of us." It appears that the League will regard the Single Payer as primarily an educational function, while working to ensure that the ACA is implemented to its fullest extent in California.

Another issue we have been following at the state level is The California Disclose Act, which would have required more complete information about the funding of political ad campaigns. The original bill died in the legislature last summer. So far, the League has not taken a position on any new bills being proposed.

These and other issues will be addressed at the LWVC state convention in mid-May, which I will be attending. I hope to have new information to report after the Convention's conclusion.

- Cate White, Advocacy Chair

## ∞ SYLVIA KOTHE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



On July 5, 2012, Sylvia Kothe our friend and longtime League mentor passed away. She served our local League for over 40 years and always set the bar high for those who followed. In her memory, we established a scholarship fund at San Joaquin Delta Community College. Each year, this fund will enable a student to continue his or her higher education. Many sincere thanks to all who contributed to this fund.

## CIRCLE OF SUPPORT

Through our dues, all members of the League contribute to League programs and lobbying at the local, state and national level. Unfortunately, only six dollars of your individual dues stays at the local level.

This is why we are particularly grateful to those of you - members and nonmembers - who have contributed to our *Circle of Support*. The funds donated to the *Circle of Support* enables us to engage in local action - to conduct candidate forums, study public policy issues, and provide public access to San Joaquin County government.

Thank you for your commitment to good government.

### CIRCLE OF SUPPORT 2012-2013

Lauren and Denny Ah Tye	Margaret Miller
Nancy Ballot	Sally Miller
Mary Bava	Leslie Oliver
Bev Blum	Bette Outlaw
Janet Bonner	Diane Park
Ann Cerney	Anne Ramacher
Tola Martin Eley	Raul Sanchez
Ella Evans	Eleanor and Clark Shimeall
Fran and Harvey Gottlieb	Stephen Stocking
Lee Hemminger	Mary Lois and Syd Thompson
Gladys Ikeda	Van Ha To-Cowell
Dee Matteucci	Barbara Walker
Loralee and James McGaughey	Mary Westin

## 2012-2013 EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

### **Kick-Off Meeting**

Please see the President's Message for a report on this year's Kick-Off meeting on the federal Farm Bill and the effects of farm policies on local community-supported agriculture.

### **Annual Holiday Party**

On December 12<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated our annual holiday party at Dee Matteucci's charmingly decorated home. League members enjoyed an entertaining White Elephant gift exchange and catered dinner.

## February Program on Mental Health Issues

A program focus for LWVSJC this year was how to pay for local government activities in the face of state funding cuts. At our February meeting, Vic Singh, LCSW, Director of San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Services, gave an overview of the history of mental health services in California and talked about how the promises of the 1960s were never realized and how poorly funded mental health services are in California. He spoke of the passage of Prop 63 in 2004 (The Mental Health Services Act) and the hope of a new source of funding for providing services to the unserved and underserved populations. Unfortunately, that effort has been eroded as monies to provide core services to seriously mentally ill adults and older adults, and children with emotional disorders, have diminished.

Audience members heard a broad overview of innovative programs available to the people of San Joaquin County. Mr. Singh did his best to answer questions regarding access to private insurance for mental health treatment, but he indicated that his agency only has authority with services provided through public funding sources.

Unfortunately, time ran out and there was only a brief mention of the often-misunderstood link between mental illness and violence. People with mental illness are usually the victims of violence rather than the people that commit violent crimes. This subject warrants our further attention.

- Daphne Shaw

## LWVC Initiative and Referendum Study

The LWVC Initiative and Referendum Study was led, researched, presented, and organized by committee leader Cate White and fellow committee members Bea Lingenfelter, Jane Wagner-Tyack, Mary Lois Thompson, Diane Park and Stina Va. LWVC initiated the study of the Initiative and Referendum process in California to consider an update to the state League's current position.

This study, which our local League began in late Fall of 2012, led to a consensus meeting on February 9, 2013, which was attended by a lively group of 16 members and nonmembers. As the LWVSJC Committee presented background information on each question set by the LWVC, this group willingly shared their perspectives on each step and impediments to the initiative and referendum process. Consensus by members was achieved on a majority of questions and topics. Some LWVC questions that focused on simplicity of language in an initiative or referendum or on the accessibility of input into a referendum or initiative did not receive consensus by the group. Suggestions that were not a part of the LWVC study questions, such as an optional indirect initiative, were also made and noted for the state League. Thanks to Colleen Foster and Kathy Casenave for volunteering to take notes and to Patricia Voss for acting as a timer in this insightful and important discussion.

- Stina Va



**Annual Meeting**  
**League of Women Voters of San Joaquin County**  
**and**  
**San Joaquin County League Education Fund**  
**June 6, 2013**

Welcome and Introductions

Speakers

California District 13 Assemblymember Susan Talamantes Eggman  
and  
*Sacramento Bee* political reporter and Stockton resident David Siders

**“Representing San Joaquin County: What the State Should Know About Us”**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Call to Order

Quorum Count Report  
Adoption of the Rules of the Day  
Adoption of the Order of Business  
Appointment of Committee to Approve 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes  
Appointment of Timekeeper

President’s Report

Treasurer’s Report

Presentation of Recommended Program  
    Consideration and Adoption of 2013-2014 Issues for Education and Advocacy

Presentation of Proposed Budget

Report of the Nominating Committee  
    Nominations from the Floor  
    Election of Officers and Directors

Introduction of the New Board

Directions to the Board

Helen Pearson Award

Announcements

Adjournment

## **ANNUAL MEETING PROCEDURES**

### **VOTING**

Voting is limited to members of the League of Women Voters of San Joaquin County.

### **QUORUM**

Fifteen percent of members in good standing shall constitute a quorum.

### **ADOPTION OF BUDGET**

Requires a majority vote of members present and voting.

### **ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS**

Requires a two-thirds vote of members present and voting.

### **CONSIDERATION OF NON-RECOMMENDED PROGRAM ITEMS**

Program items submitted by voting members two months prior to annual meeting, but not recommended by the board, require a majority vote for consideration.

### **ADOPTION OF PROGRAM**

A majority vote of members present and voting is required for adoption of program proposals.

### **NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

Immediately following the presentation of the nominating committee report, nominations may be made from the floor, provided that the consent of the nominee shall have been obtained.

## **RECOMMENDED PROGRAM**

### **► MOTION: Adopt 2013-2014 Issues for Education and Advocacy**

- Water issues – Exploring all the options being proposed for the Delta and for water resources as a major element in California’s future
- Fracking and what it means for the Central Valley, for California, the environment, and energy needs
- Regional issues related to crime, gangs, policing, prison realignment, and making Stockton and other regional communities safer

## PROPOSED BUDGET

Category Description	Estimated* 2012-13 Income/Expense	Proposed 2013-14 Budget	Expense as % of Income	Allowable Ed Fund Grant (%) and Amount
<b>INCOME</b>				
Dues	3500*	3600		
Donations	1600*	500		
Kick-off Meeting	795	750		
Annual Meeting	1,500*	1,500		
Ed Fund Grant	500*	1,000		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>7,895*</b>	<b>7,350</b>		
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>Administrative</b>				
Rent	600	600		
Website Fee	160	160		
Mailbox Fee	136	136		
Sect'y of State Info Filing Fee	20	20		
Insurance Premium to LWVC	124	124		
Endorsement Stamps	38	0		
Awards	26	30		
<b>TOTAL Administrative</b>	<b>1,104</b>	<b>1,070</b>	<b>15%</b>	(45%)482
<b>Meetings and Events</b>				
Kick-off Meeting	100	250		
Annual Meeting	1,300*	1,300		
Workshops, Convention	1,020*	600		
<b>TOTAL Meetings and Events</b>	<b>2,420*</b>	<b>2,150</b>	<b>29%</b>	
<b>Publications</b>				
Year-End Financials/Newsletter	69	125		
Annual Report/Meeting Kit	190*	190		
Other Printing and Postage	232*	200		
<b>Total Publications</b>	<b>491*</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>7%</b>	(45%)232
<b>Membership</b>				
Membership (SJCCSW and other))	110	50		
National and State PMP	2,916	3,000		
<b>TOTAL Membership</b>	<b>3,026</b>	<b>3,050</b>	<b>41%</b>	(50%)1,525
<b>Voter Service</b>				
Candidate Forums	188	0		
Smart Voter	100	100		
<b>Total Voter Service</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1%</b>	(100%)100
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>7,329*</b>	<b>7,185</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>2,289</b>
<b>Unallocated Reserve</b>		<b>165</b>	<b>2%</b>	
<b>ADJUSTED INCOME</b>	<b>566*</b>	<b>0</b>		

\* Estimates as of April 2013

*Submitted by the 2012 Budget Committee: Dale Stocking, Patricia Voss, Bill Loyko, and Jane Wagner-Tyack.*

► **MOTION:** Adopt the 2013-2014 Budget

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee submits the following slate of LWVSJC Officers and the Board of Directors for 2013-2014:

### Officers

- President (2013-2014)** ..... **To be rotated: July-Sept., open; Oct.-Dec., Diane Park; Jan.-June, Dee Matteucci**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (2012-2014) ..... Bea Lingenfelter
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (2013-2015)** ..... **Kathy Casenave**
- Secretary (2013-2015)** ..... **Colleen Foster**
- Treasurer (2013-2015)** ..... **Jane Wagner-Tyack**

### Directors

- Bill Loyko (2013-2015)**
- Diane Park (2012-2014)
- Ronda Sanders (2012-2014)
- Kathy Schick (2012-2014)
- Patricia Voss (2013-2015)**

**NOTE: Those candidates printed in BOLD are to be elected at the Annual Meeting.**

### Off Board

- Voter Services/Speakers Bureau - Vickie Markarian, Dee Matteucci, Delores Carter
- Finance - Dale Stocking
- Advocacy - Cate White
- Webmaster - Walt White

### 2014 Nominating Committee

- Susan Loyko, Chair** ..... **(to be elected)**
- Daphne Shaw** ..... **(to be elected)**
- Ellen Powell** ..... **(to be elected)**
- Two members of the Board to be selected during the year

### 2014 Helen Pearson Award Committee

- Vickie Markarian, Chair** ..... **(to be elected)**
- Lauren Ah Tye** ..... **(to be elected)**
- Two members of the Board to be selected during the year

*Submitted by the 2013 Nominating Committee, Susan Loyko, Chair*

► **MOTION:** Elect Officers, Board of Directors, and Nominating Committee and Helen Pearson Award Committee