



# League of Women Voters Eden Area

# VOTER

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## ANNUAL LEAGUE MEETING

**Saturday, June 10, 2017**  
**9:00am-Noon**  
**Castro Valley Adult School**  
**4430 Alma Ave., Multipurpose Rm.**

### Keynote Speaker



### Assembly Member Bill Quirk

9:30-10:45am: Business Meeting

11am-Noon: Assemblymember Quirk

During the League Business Meeting, members will elect new board members for 2017-18, take action on the budget, and give directions to the board.

Questions and/or RSVP, contact [lwvea@aol.com](mailto:lwvea@aol.com).

Please bring the May VOTER (Annual Meeting Kit) to the meeting. Download the kit here: [www.lwvea.org/files/voterjune2017.pdf](http://www.lwvea.org/files/voterjune2017.pdf)



## AAUW Exhibit at Hayward Historical Society until July 2<sup>nd</sup>

A special exhibit celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hayward-Castro Valley branch of the American Association of University Women is on display until July 2, 2017 at the Hayward Area Historical Society. Located at 22380 Foothill Blvd. in Hayward, the AAUW display describes the group's program and efforts over the past seven decades, including Tech Trek, educational efforts at schools, and involvement in efforts to build Cal State Hayward (East Bay) and Chabot College.

Many LWVEA members are also AAUW members, and often the two groups will cosponsor events and efforts such as voter registration.

The Hayward Area Historical Society building also has a café and other exhibits. For more information, visit their website: [www.haywardareahistory.org/](http://www.haywardareahistory.org/).



## CO-PRESIDENT'S REPORT



*Aiwa Zelinsky and Joanne Young,*

Our upcoming Annual Meeting will be the last official Meeting for Suzanne Barba and Nancy Van Huffel as Board members. Suzanne has moved to Oakland but will continue to volunteer as a resource person. Nancy, as Past President, is assuming an ex-officio position as advisor.

Both Suzanne and Nancy have been League members for over twenty-five years and have served on the Board for most of those years, including multiple terms as President. Both have taken active roles in many distinct functions including production of The Voter, program planning, membership management, etc.

Their contributions to our League have been tremendous and we will miss their service. However, we wish them nothing but the very best and thank them for all their years of service.

Cossette Sun, another active board member, also retired from our board in January 2017 so that she can spend more time with her family. We sincerely give our best wishes for this new chapter of their journey. Finally, we want to acknowledge Terry Guillory, Program Chair, who resigned in April because of a busy schedule.

Last year, our League adopted the team leadership structure in order to engage more members in the work of the League, foster the transfer of knowledge, and develop our future leaders. This leadership structure will be continued for the coming year.

This past year was a pilot experience for us as co-presidents. It was quite a challenging year especially in a very special election year that was full of surprises and excitements. With the generous and

thoughtful support from all of you, we have accomplished quite a lot from voter education and registration, pros and cons presentations, candidate forums, debate watch, programs, legislative interviews, cooperation and collaboration with local organizations, and so on. It was a start and in our opinion, we still have much to accomplish. We believe that the accomplishments we made for the past year were the results of the dedication, hardworking spirits, love for democracy, support for women's rights, as well as every American citizen's rights, and trust and passion for League of Women Voters from our members. We continue to believe that our League will continue to strive and achieve many successes with the strength and passion of our members and community.

This year the nominating committee has recommended that we, Joanne and Aiwa, are to continue our position as co-presidents. We are honored to be nominated and to have another year of opportunity to serve our League. In addition, we have four new board members to join our board and work together with all of us to continue the work of making democracy work. Together, united, we will carry on the mission of League of Women Voters as a nonpartisan political organization to encourage informed and active participation in government, work to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influence public policy through education and advocacy.

### **New Member Social Set**

A small group of our current and legacy leaders invite all of our new members, to join us for wine/coffee and light hors d'oeuvres at the home of our Membership Director, Carolyn Darcey. We want to discuss our priorities for 2017 with you; and to explore how these priorities may coincide with your interests and why you joined this dynamic and respected organization.

**WHERE: Carolyn Darcey's Home,  
20172 Brittany Ct., Castro Valley.  
WHEN: Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:00pm.**

Hope to see you there! Carolyn

## BOARD BRIEFS

May 22, 2017



- Annual Meeting – Finalized plans for the Annual Meeting to be held on June 10 at the Castro Valley Adult School.
- LWVEA Retreat – Reviewed plans for the LWVEA Retreat, scheduled for June 17 at the Hayward Historical Society.
- LWVC Convention June 2017 – Several of our board members, including our three new board members, will be attending at least one day of this convention.
- Next Board Meeting – The next regular board meeting will be held on July 24, 2017. We have our Annual Meeting on June 10, and our Annual Retreat on June 17, so there is no board meeting in June.
- Interested in helping with Voter Registration? Richard Maurer will be asking for volunteers to begin efforts in late August and in September. National Voter Registration Day will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2017, and we plan to be at several venues on that day. Contact Richard at [prmaurer3130@att.net](mailto:prmaurer3130@att.net).

## Women Elected Officials – AAUW

A program featuring three successful women candidates for elected office, along with Alicia Hetman, candidate for American Association of University Women (AAUW) National President, was held on May 9, 2017 at the Castro Valley Library. This AAUW program was co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters Eden Area, and more than 60 people attended the panel discussion, facilitated by former Hayward City Manager Fran David.



Speakers included Judge Jennifer Madden, who was elected this past November, Penny Peck, current President of the San Lorenzo School Board, and Shelia Young, current President of the Oro Loma Board and former Mayor of San Leandro.

The panelists talked about how much it costs to run for office, what inspired them to run, and how sexism is still occurring during elections and when women are serving in office. Fran David advised that using humor during these encounters can help diffuse the situation while still gaining respect from those who say unthoughtful comments.

Many in the audience were surprised at the cost of the candidate statements that come with sample ballots; often this cost is prohibitive for those running. The cost can be unaffordable for even small local elections such as school board.

The goal of the program was to encourage more women to run for elected office, and based on the questions from the audience, it appears that there were women interested in doing just that. Congratulations to Liz Bathgate for organizing such a successful event.

# EDEN AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Consider Participating in LWVGC  
LWV endorses no party or candidate

## What LWV Does & What LWV Can Do for You

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### What LWV Does for Everyone



#### LWV Basics

Encourage informed, active gov't participation  
Assist, register & educate voters  
LWV is political but non-partisan  
LWV studies, informs, & acts  
Educate & form consensus positions  
Influence policy thru education & advocacy



#### LWV Studies Issues

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Immigration, health care & hqwukpi



#### Why Join LWV?

Learn about today's public policy issues  
Help register & inform voters  
Make an impact on Ecrtkqtpk  
Meet those with your interests  
Get to know those in the know  
See What LWVGC Can Do for You

**How to get involved? (510) 538-5567**  
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*LWV Membership Inspires!*

*LWV Participation Unlocks and Open Doors!*

### What LWV Can Do for You



#### Learn Leadership in Action

Become a Political Leader without running for office  
Influence public policy & government officials  
Help voters register and learn how to vote  
Make a difference in our community!



#### Expand Your Resume

Get professional development while contributing to our community  
Practice skills that build careers  
Hands on non-profit administration  
Improve interviewing & communications skills



#### **OTE** Get Ready to Vote

Learn to access mailed & online resources  
Research issues & candidates  
Find out what's fact & who's funding whom



#### Develop Your Personal Strengths

Make a difference and grow yourself  
Enhance your self-esteem & positive attitude  
Work with others toward goals of good government  
LWV participation educates you about you too



#### Make Your One Voice Matter

Learn the power of your one political voice  
Get educated in government, politics, & non-profits  
Join civil voices improving our community

*One person does make a difference!*



## HOW MUCH TIME DOES IT TAKE TO BE ACTIVE IN LEAGUE?

### Short on Time? Does this sound familiar?

- I'm involved with other activities
- I have no time for another organization
- My family responsibilities keep me from joining
- My work or school requires all of my time
- I am away for the winter

### Do you have an extra 5 minutes once a year?

- In 5 minutes you can pay your dues.
- In 5 minutes you can click a League Action Alert button online to make your voice heard.
- In 5 minutes you can check LWV.org or Your local League website or state League website
- In 5 minutes you can join the League on Facebook!

### THAT IS BEING ACTIVE IN LEAGUE

### Do you have an extra 20 minutes a month?

- In 20 minutes you can read what your LWV dues pay for.
- In 20 minutes you can read your local League or State League Newsletter .
- In 20 minutes you can check the LWVC website and see legislative bills.
- In 20 minutes you can see what bills LWVC is following & supporting/opposing .
- In 20 minutes you can draft letter for LWVC to use in support of an issue or effort .

### THAT IS BEING ACTIVE IN LEAGUE

### Do you have an extra hour or two? Look what you can do with that time!

- Distribute Voters' Guides around town.
- Observe a public meeting in your community.
- Do voter registration.
- Staff a League booth.
- Make phone calls.
- Attend a League meeting.
- Welcome guests at a candidate forum or other meeting.
- Join a study committee.

### THAT IS BEING ACTIVE IN THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

### JOIN LWV! PARTICIPATE IN DEMOCRACY IN ACTION!

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Thanks to LWVMetroPhoenix for sharing this document.

## On Future of Water in California Held on April 28<sup>th</sup>

Held on April 28, 2017, the educational forum on the future of water in California offered information on dealing with water shortages, droughts, water storage, and related factors. Organized by Frank Burton and other LWVEA members, featured speakers included Joan Buchanan, President of Restore the Delta, who spoke in opposition of the Twin Tunnels. Frank Mellon, President and Director of East Bay MUD, spoke on their current water situation and plans. Over 40 people were in attendance, and the speakers, lunch, and venue were all well-received.



Suzanne Barba suggests the following article from East Bay Times on the issue:

### ***Preparing for the next drought Reservoir to store farm water***

*Test could help pave way to enlarge man-made lake*

**By Denis Cuff**

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CONCORD — The nation's largest irrigation district will store water in the Los Vaqueros Reservoir in a test of how the lake can be used as drought insurance for millions of Californians.

The cooperative venture is between two past rivals over many Delta water issues:

the Contra Costa Water District serving tap water to 500,000 people, and the Fresno-based Westlands Water District supplying irrigation water to an area with 614,700 acres on the western San Joaquin Valley.

The suppliers are partnering in a pilot project approved Wednesday by the Contra Costa Water District board. Under the deal, Contra Costa is renting out space in its Los Vaqueros Reservoir near Brentwood for Westlands to stash enough water to cover 5,000 acres a foot deep in water. That amounts to roughly a year's supply of water for 10,000 homes in Central Contra Costa County. Westlands doesn't need the water this wet year, but it could use it to irrigate crops if it faces shortages in 2018 or 2019.

Contra Costa Water managers say the project is important to demonstrate how the reservoir can be used to provide drought relief. The deal also could help build the case for an \$800 million Los Vaqueros Reservoir expansion under study as a way to store drought reserves for millions of Bay Area residents, officials said.

"You can develop all sorts of plans, but you really have to test what works, and where are the stumbling blocks you have to deal with," said Marguerite Patil, a special assistant to CCWD's general manager. "We haven't tested use of the reservoir quite like this before." Among the many barriers, water projects can face road blocks due to concerns over impacts on threatened or endangered fish in Delta.

Under the agreement, Contra Costa Water would pump some of Westlands federal water into the reservoir this season in a time of high water flows that minimize risks of harming Delta fish. If it needed the water in the next two years, Westlands would get it from federal pumps in the Delta. Contra Costa Water would reduce its Delta pumping by the same amount, and rely on the water

stored in Los Vaqueros to make up the difference.

Patil said the project could boost Contra Costa Water’s application for up to \$400 million in state bond money for a \$800 million Los Vaqueros expansion to possibly serve several water suppliers. They include the Santa Clara Water District in San Jose and surrounding communities, the East Bay Municipal Utility District, the Alameda County Water District, and Alameda County Zone 7 water agency in Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin.

"It would be a concrete example of how the reservoir can be put to use," Patil said "Water agencies are sometimes accused of doing their own thing. We’re willing to work with partners for the good of the region."

Contra Costa Water spokesman Jennifer Allen said her agency is committed to making sure that its customers’ water supplies and costs are not worsened by storing outsiders’ water in Los Vaqueros. Westlands will pay \$300,000 to Contra Costa Water to store the water.



**EDEN AREA CELEBRATES  
60 years of existence this year.**

And, as can be seen in the following chart, we have “20 for 20” to celebrate as well: twenty members that have been members of our Chapter for twenty years or more. Of those twenty, seven members have been Chapter members for forty years or more, with our longest member, Joan Webber, having joined in 1959.

We are planning a special event in September to celebrate these milestones. We will be having a brief ceremony for the Chapter along with some individual recognitions and would so very much appreciate having as many of our members join us as possible. Please note the upcoming event on your calendars. Specific date, time, and location will be announced at our annual meeting.

FIRST	LAST	YEARS	JOINED
Joan	Webber	58	1959
Evelyn	Cormier	53	1964
Alison	Lewis	49	1968
Jo Ann	Murdach	46	1971
Stephanie	Cartwright	45	1972
Sherman	Lewis	43	1974
Audrey	LePell	40	1977
Nancy	Pretto	39	1978
Janice	Friesen	33	1984
Alice	Sarafian	33	1984
Nancy	Schluntz	33	1984
Julie	Quayle	28	1989
Margaret	Schwab*	28	1989
Jean	West	28	1989
Betty	Moose	27	1990
Nancy	Van Huffel	27	1990
Dorothy	Partridge	26	1991
Angelina	Reyes	24	1993
Suzanne	Barba	23	1994
Ursula	Batz	20	1997

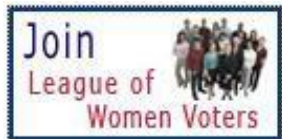


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 Hayward and San Leandro  
 and unincorporated areas of Ashland, Castro  
 Valley, Cherryland, Fairview, and San Lorenzo

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 Treasurer, P.O. Box 2234, Castro Valley, CA 94546

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**Dues:** Regular \$50,  
 2<sup>nd</sup> member same Household  
 \$25, Student \$20



*The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of the public in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.*

**CALENDAR**

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| Sat., June 10, 2017<br>9am-Noon    | LWVEA Annual Membership Meeting | Castro Valley Adult School<br>4430 Alma Ave., CV            |
| Sat., June 17, 2017<br>11am-3pm    | LWVEA Board Retreat             | Hayward Historical Society<br>22380 Foothill Blvd., Hayward |
| Mon., July 24, 2017<br>5:45-7:30pm | LWVEA Board Meeting             | Hayward Historical Society<br>22380 Foothill Blvd., Hayward |

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