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# Holiday Party

Saturday • December 2 • 5-8 P.M.

Home of

## Terry & Judy Zaccone

13046 Anza Drive, Saratoga

Visit With Old Friends!  
Bring Prospective Members!  
& Meet a Surprise Guest!

**!Finger Food Potluck!**



More Details on Page 4.



## President's Letter

The Holiday Season is upon us, hectic but also festive and fun. This is the traditional season for families and friends to gather, share and reconnect. This is also the season to share our blessings with those for whom it may not be a joyous season but rather a cold and hungry one. Let me add our thoughts and prayers which continue to be with all those impacted by the devastating North Bay fires.

To celebrate this year's work together, we are having our annual Holiday Party on December 2, from 5:00–8:00 P.M. at Judy and Terry Zaccone's residence. We really appreciate their generosity in welcoming the Leaguers, for three years, at their home to celebrate and connect. This year we are having a surprise guest; join us and enjoy the celebration of our accomplishments and each other.

During the past few months, our League was able to present several quality programs to our communities. Thanks to all those who participated. Also, I want to thank all of you for all the hard work you have done during the year ensuring that our communities have a chance to become better informed and make better decisions on issues that impact their daily lives.

On Wednesday, November 15, Our League also participated in an "On The Table" Housing Conversation at Ginger Good's beautiful home. It was great to be able to share different opinions and observations about this urgent regional issue that affects all of us in the Bay Area.

The LWV of California supports measures to increase the supply of safe, decent, adequate housing for all Californians. On

September 29, Governor Brown signed four major housing bills, all of which LWVC supported and which will help make more affordable housing available. At this time, thousands of individuals all over the United States are getting together to counter divisiveness and participate in civic engagement to find solutions to tough reality problems arising everywhere in our country.

Looking ahead to the New Year, I want to remind you of four important events coming up in 2018.

On Monday, January 22, our Leaguers will meet for our important Annual Program Planning to set our goals for the next year. The meeting will be held at the Federated Church in Saratoga from 8:30 A.M.–1:30 P.M. Then the Bay Area League Day will be held Saturday, February 3; the LWVBA Convention will take place on Saturday, April 28; and next summer's Biennial National Convention will be held from June 28–July 1. More specific information on these events will be coming. Please schedule them on your calendars now

In addition, let me also take this opportunity to share the Bay Area Monitor website with you. The Bay Area Monitor was launched in 1975 and is published six times a year, primarily covering transportation, air quality, water, open space, and land use. The publication is distributed in print and online to elected and appointed officials, government staff, business and community leaders, nonprofit affiliates, library patrons, engaged residents, and League members. Subscriptions are free. You can read the Monitor here: <http://bayareamonitor.org/read>.

I wish you all a safe and happy Holiday Season and thank you all for your continuous support. I am grateful for and acknowledge the work of each of our dedicated League members who made our program goal of Making Democracy Work a reality. Our League is strong and effective with your participation. I'm hoping that you'll enjoy the season with family and friends and that you'll be able to join and meet our surprise guest at this year's Holiday Party.

Hana Itani, President LWVSWSCV  
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Locate your elected officials by your street address:

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## Board Bytes

Meeting of Nov. 1, 2017

### Treasurer's Report:

Though expenses outweighed income, finances are still healthy. The largest expense was for printing/mailing costs for the *Member Directory* and new-member packets.

**Publications:** Gail Pedersen will be mailing the new *Member Directory* to members.

**Great Decisions:** We will ask Terry Zaconne if scholarships might be available for some seniors.

**High School Volunteers:** After discussion on use of student volunteers, Gail Nishimura agreed to contact Los Gatos High School Head of Student Interact Club, Tanya McQuade, on engaging students.

**Programs:** It was suggest that we have a Fake News program in the spring, and Meg Giberson was encouraged to organize another Water program to include maintenance and rate history.

Gail Pedersen was directed to send an email blast reminder for the **Electoral College Program** in a week and inform members of overflow parking at St. Andrews Church with a suggestion for car pooling.

Patty Weber is securing the Saratoga Federated Church for the **Program Planning "Souper"** again for Monday, January 22.

Wendy Hendry reminded everyone that the **Book Club** is also intended to be an introduction to the League.

Hana Itani talked about the upcoming **On the Table** nationwide organization



with 300 events planned in the Bay Area. Our League will host a conversation on November 15.

Gail Pedersen announced a program on **Aging in Your Home** by AAUW. She'll give the information to put in the December Voter.

**The Holiday Party** has been organized for December 2 at the Zacones' with a finger food potluck again. Information on page four.

**Natural Resources:** Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) voted to support a reduced plan Water Fix (twin tunnels) project. Meg Giberson also believes that SCVWD needs more pressure to consider alternatives. Suggested reading is *Water 4.0* by Sedlak for the Book Club.

**Voter:** Tom Picraux, as Finance Director, agreed to take over organization of business donation ads for the *Voter* with Board approval. A script for requesting ads was suggested for the Board to use.

**Local Money in Politics Study:** Presentations have been made to three cities and school boards with Monte Sereno still to be scheduled. The Board agreed on follow up calls to Mayors. Summaries of the Wstudy will be put on the web and sent as an addendum with the December *Voter*.

**Membership:** After reporting totals, Board agreed to invite members to the Holiday Party with personal phone calls.

**Nomintating Committee:** A Voter's Edge Representative is needed. Possible members were suggested to Pat White for recruitment.

Cherri Nelson, *Voter Editor*

## Obamacare in California – Spread the word!

### Open Enrollment Runs Through January 31, 2018

Open enrollment for health coverage in 2018 is happening NOW and will end on January 31, 2018. Current members can renew or change their health plans until January 31, 2018.

Medi-Cal and Covered California use the same application. When you apply, depending on factors such as your family size, income and citizenship or immigration

status, you will find out whether you qualify for:

- A Covered California health plan, with or without financial assistance
- Medi-Cal
- County Children's Health Initiative Program
- Medi-Cal Access Program for pregnant women

For complete enrollment instructions, see [www.coveredca.org](http://www.coveredca.org).



# Holiday Party Saturday, December 2, 5:00-8:00 P.M.

Mark your calendar for our Annual League Holiday Party, one of our most popular and well-attended events of the year. And why not? There will be good food to enjoy and you can connect the names you recognize to the faces you may not know. Come and get acquainted and re-acquainted with everyone (almost) in our entire League.

Again this year Judy and Terry Zaccane will be hosting us at their home at 13046 Anza Drive in Saratoga, near Cox Avenue from 5:00-8:00 P.M. Following our usual tradition, please bring your favorite finger food—either sweet or savory.

Unlike many other splashy events, there will be NO charge. You, and your spouse, a friend, a family member, a prospective member—anyone you want to have with you is invited! **And, we will be having a special surprise guest this year!** All we ask is that you bring your favorite hors d'ouvres, your favorite holiday cookie/candy or a plate of your favorite crunchy vegetables and dip. The League Board will provide the beverages. Most of all, put on your best smile and be prepared to enjoy yourself!

This is an especially good time for our many new members to get acquainted with everybody and for all of us to get together

with old friends we may not have seen for awhile. It's also a wonderful time to bring prospective members—the more the merrier!

**Directions:** Driving south on Saratoga Avenue, turn right onto Cox Avenue. Driving north on Saratoga Avenue, from highway 85, turn left onto Cox Avenue. At the third street, turn left onto De Havilland Drive. Anza Drive is the second street on the left and only a left turn.

For questions, contact Terry and Judy Zaccane at (408) 257-6575 or email [tzaccane@pacbell.net](mailto:tzaccane@pacbell.net).

## League Volunteer Opportunities

Below are a few ways to participate and/or contribute to our League:

- \* **Board Positions:** Program Chair & Immigration Director needed!
- \* **NextDoor.com:** Members to post our programs for their community. Contact Gail Nishimura.
- \* **Voters Service:** Register voters at the New Citizen ceremonies. Contact Jackie Costanzo at [jjc717@aol.com](mailto:jjc717@aol.com).
- \* **Observers:** Attend the Monte Sereno Council Meetings. They can also be listened to on tape. Contact Raquel Durand at [sra\\_durand@yahoo.com](mailto:sra_durand@yahoo.com)
- \* **Voter's Edge:** Representative needed. To learn more, contact Pat White [patwh.athome@gmail.com](mailto:patwh.athome@gmail.com).

## Housing Committee

**Volunteer participation needed—LWV Leagues of Santa Clara County**

The goal of the Housing Committee (HC) is to identify issues related to affordable housing upon which the County Leagues could educate the public and potentially advocate for change to local governments for change.

The HC will work with affordable housing providers and policy advocates to identify the issues that could broadly benefit the cities in the County. An example for the kind of issues we might study and then advocate for would include more standard zoning requirements for accessory dwelling units.

Working together on affordable housing, we will be smarter, stronger, and more

## Welcome! New Member

**Dee Howard**

We're so glad you have joined the League!

**Two easy things new members can do for further participation:**

1. Sign up for LWVC newsletters and action alerts, [lwvc.org/stay-informed](http://lwvc.org/stay-informed).
2. Like us on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/LWVofCA](http://www.facebook.com/LWVofCA).

effective. Please contact Tracey Edwards at [tkaye752@gmail.com](mailto:tkaye752@gmail.com).



The League of Women Voters of the Bay Area Education Fund publishes the *Bay Area Monitor* six times a year. The publication covers policies, plans, programs, and legislation that affect quality of life in the Bay Area and beyond. The *Monitor* is provided to readers for **free**, both in print and online ([www.bayareamonitor.org](http://www.bayareamonitor.org)). Subscribe to the Monitor; [bayareamonitor.org/subscribe](http://bayareamonitor.org/subscribe). Like us on Facebook: [facebook.com/bayareamonitor](https://facebook.com/bayareamonitor).

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## City & Town Council Observers

**Los Gatos:** Oct. 17 – Concerns were heard and addressed regarding safety of pedestrians and bicyclists using Highway 9. Town Council approved hiring a consultant for a study of Highway 9, from the Monte Sereno border to Los Gatos Boulevard to identify possible improvements. Highway 9 is under Caltrans jurisdiction however.

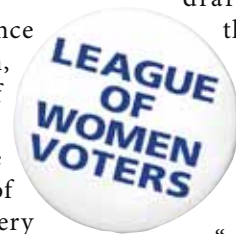
The Council agreed on an ordinance prohibiting commercial cultivation, processing, delivery, or trade of recreational and medical marijuana usage within Los Gatos. Residents are allowed indoor home cultivation of 6 plants for personal use and delivery from outside of the town per state law.

Oct. 24 – State Senator Beall joined the Council in public discussion on mitigation measures used to address traffic congestion at Wood Road and Santa Cruz Avenue near the Highway 17 ramp. Many favored

construction of a permanent traffic circle at that intersection.

Nov. 7 – Finance Committee proposed raising revenue through a 1/8% sales tax which equates to 12.5 cents per \$100 dollars. It is anticipated to raise \$800,000 a year for either general funds or specific purpose. Town Council approved drafting ballot language for the November 2018 election.

Lynda Jandron, Observer



**Saratoga:** Oct. 18 – The Council approved the Traffic Safety Commission recommendation to install “no stopping signs”, 8A.M. to 4P.M. restriction, at Fruitvale and Montaux streets near Redwood Middle School to alleviate traffic congestion and facilitate safety for children crossing those roads.

## City & Town Councils

Members are encouraged to attend the Council meetings of the cities that our League serves.

### Campbell City Council

1st & 3rd Tuesdays – 7:30P.M.

### Los Gatos Town Council

1st & 3rd Tuesdays – 7:00P.M.

### Monte Sereno City Council

1st & 3rd Tuesdays – 7:00P.M.

### Saratoga City Council

1st & 3rd Tuesdays – 7:00P.M.

A contract for installation of a polyurethane foam cool roof on the Saratoga Senior Center building was approved.

The City Manager was authorized to agree on the renewal of the facilities to operate a Book Store at the Saratoga Historical Park for the use of the Book-Go-Round.

Raquel Durand, Observer Chair

## Legislative Update: K–8 Education

Many times the adoption of state wide curricula materials is controversial, particularly in a large state like California. Since most states have state level Boards of Educations which must approve these adoptions, the larger states (California, New York and Texas) can strongly influence the materials that are finally made available by the main publishing houses.

**Fair, Accurate, Inclusive, and Respectful Education Act, also known as the FAIR Education Act** (Senate Bill 48) is a California law passed in 2011 which compels the inclusion of the political, economic, and social contributions of persons with disabilities and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people into educational textbooks and the social studies curricula in California public schools by amending the California Education Code.

The Bill revised the previous designation of **black Americans, American Indians, Mexicans, Asians, [and] Pacific Island people** in that list into **Native Americans, African Americans, Mexican Americans,**

**Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, and European Americans.** It also amended an existing law by adding sexual orientation and religion into a list of characteristics (which already includes race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, and disability) that schools are prohibited from sponsoring negative activities about or teaching students about in an adverse way.

In particular, according to chief author Sen. Mark Leno, the bill “ensures that the historical contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people are accurately and fairly portrayed in instructional materials by adding LGBT people to the existing list of under-represented cultural and ethnic groups already included in the state’s inclusionary education requirements.”

Recently, after 8 hours of public testimony, the California State Board of Education rejected two history textbooks from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, but approved 10 others based on the new history social sciences guidelines.

The vote marked the first time textbooks were adopted in the state under the *FAIR Education Act*, passed in 2011. In addition to the revisions and inclusions mentioned above, texts are also required to portray people from different backgrounds and religions fairly and accurately based on social content regulations.

The State Board agreed with recommendations of its Instructional Quality Commission to approve K-8 texts by National Geographic, McGraw-Hill, Pearson and other publishers, saying they adhered to the new History-Social Sciences Framework adopted by the Board last year.

Districts are free to choose their own materials, but they must also ensure they teach history and social science according to the new guidelines. Some speakers said they would next approach their local school district boards too.

Eleanor Yick, Education Director

## Natural Resources and WaterFix/Twin Tunnels

### Urban Slobber... in our area?

Well, yes. "Urban slobber is any runoff that comes from irrigation, from washing our cars, watering our lawns, bird waste, dog waste, anything that then washes onto our roads that haven't seen rain for a long time. And whatever is on our roads [think oil and gas drippings, etc.] is delivered in highly concentrated form by our storm [drain] system to our water bodies." See, <https://news.uci.edu/2014/12/03/small-drains-mean-big-problems-at-baby-beaches>.

According to UC Irvine's 2014 study, high fecal counts at beaches in the summer may actually be the result of the "urban slobber" that comes from wasteful water use.

While prohibitions against wasteful urban water use practices, enacted during the recent drought, are in effect through November 2017, such prohibitions would become permanent under proposed State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) regulations. The SWRCB quotes EPA statistics showing as much as 50% of

water used outdoors is wasted and lost to wind, evaporation or runoff.

### So, what can we do about our slobber problem?

A UCI scholar suggests "green" remedies like "bioswales made of drought-tolerant plants in medians and other areas above the estuaries to naturally capture and filter urban slobber before it reaches drainpipes. Of course, drought-inspired reductions in irrigation runoff could be the best solution of all..." Reportedly, 3.5 million acre-feet were conserved between June 2014 and April 2017.

### WaterFix Update

The League of Women Voters of California and the Santa Clara County Leagues continue to oppose the twin tunnels (WaterFix) being promoted by the state. Some prospective agency funders of the tunnels have also decided not to support WaterFix. Westlands, for instance, the largest U.S. agricultural water district, has voted to oppose the tunnels—at least for now—as too expensive, saying

the proposed financing structure of the project doesn't work for it.

Questions linger about whether financing might be altered to fund the project. Currently, costs would be shared, with 55% coming from mostly urban State Water Project (SWP) contractors and 45% from the mostly agricultural districts of the Central Valley Project (CVP), which includes Westlands. Santa Clara Valley Water District is a water contractor that receives water from both SWP and CVP (more of our water comes from CVP).

These funding questions join the long list of unknowns regarding the tunnels: project only 5-10% designed; geology uncertain; legal status as part of SWP not yet determined; unknown borrowing costs; uncertain amounts of water that may actually be produced and uncertain cost per acre-foot of such water.

The Leagues' suggested better choices—local reuse, recycling, stormwater capture, leak repairs, conservation—make more sense than ever.

Meg Giberson, Natural Resources



## Health Care Repeal in Tax Bill

November 15, 2017

### Shameful Effort by Congress to Weaken the ACA

Washington, D.C. – League of Women Voters president Chris Carson issued the following statement in response to the Senate's plan to repeal the Affordable Care Act as part of a tax overhaul bill:

"After repeatedly failing to move forward with a misguided attempt to repeal the Affordable Care Act (ACA), Congress is once again attempting to undermine a law that provides quality, affordable health care to millions of Americans.

"Under the guise of cutting taxes for everyday Americans, this newest attack on

the ACA would cut health care coverage for 13 million people and increase premiums by double digits. It would also trigger \$25 billion in cuts to Medicare and raise costs for middle class families and seniors with high medical expenses.

"It's time for Congress to start listening to the American people, who have rejected attempts to roll back provisions of the ACA multiple times this year. We need to fix the Affordable Care Act so that it works for the millions of Americans who need quality affordable care, not cut coverage and raise costs for those who really need it.

"It's time to stop playing political games with people's lives."

## Conversation on Immigration

If you missed this recent Palo Alto League event on immigration with Ali Noorani and Evelyn Rengal-Medina—a conversation moderated by Raj Mathai, primary news anchor at NBC-owned KNTV—no problem! Watch the whole event here, [www.betham.org/sermon/conversation-immigration?utm\\_source=LWVLAMV+Members+and+Email+Subscribers&utm\\_campaign=5c98bf756b-e\\_Voter\\_November\\_2017&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_a785d73132-5c98bf756b-114065133](http://www.betham.org/sermon/conversation-immigration?utm_source=LWVLAMV+Members+and+Email+Subscribers&utm_campaign=5c98bf756b-e_Voter_November_2017&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a785d73132-5c98bf756b-114065133).

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## Climate Action: Book Review – *The Madhouse Effect*

I am reading a book titled the *Madhouse Effect—How Climate Change Denial is Threatening Our Planet...* The authors are Michael Mann, award-winning climate scientist and Director of Earth Systems Science at Penn State, and Tom Toles, Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist. Following is an Amazon review by Thomas Wikman...“There’s no reasonable doubt climate change is happening. It is potentially devastating, and the reason for it is us. Luckily mitigation is in general not very harmful to the economy, but we need to act sooner rather than later. Unfortunately, we are living in a political madhouse.

Science is a self-correcting process used for acquiring knowledge, and yet Climate Science has become very controversial in the political arena. This book explains why. The light-hearted cartoons provided by Tom Toles help make this important book entertaining.

The book starts out by briefly explaining how science works and the basics of Climate Science. A lot of people with strong opinions on Climate Science do not know anything about it, so this is

a very important section of the book. The book only covers the necessary basics of the science, and the explanations are easy to understand so not being science minded is not a reason not to read this book...

Next the book discusses the background of what could be described as a war on climate science. This includes misrepresentation of the science, deception, manufactured fake scandals such as “climate-gate,” the slandering of climate scientists, campaigns seeking to discredit climate science and climate scientists in the eyes of the public, intimidation of climate scientists and the fossil fuel money behind it. This part may make the book seem **political**, but remember that politics was thrust onto the climate scientists. Towards the end of the book, the author discusses potential solutions and mitigation plans, including the risks related to suggested Geo-Engineering schemes.

This book should be very informative for readers who have picked up most of what they know about climate science

from the main stream media (or worse from political blogs and shows). The author explains the difference between good-faith skepticism and denialism. He explains why any assertion of climate change being a **hoax** is entirely untenable. He discusses the science, the evidence, the 200-year long history of climate science, the hockey-stick controversy, and some common fallacious arguments against climate change. He includes a very substantial list of footnotes for reference and further reading.

As a short introduction to climate change and the unfortunate political controversy around it, this is an excellent book. It is well written, well organized, entertaining, short, and easy to read. The author, Michael Mann, has personal experience of harassment by politicians and other public figures, which gives him some interesting insights. At the same time, he is not indulging in petty revenge attacks but instead taking the high road, with humor. It is a great book for anyone with the slightest interest in the topic.”

Dave Yick, Environment

## FEC & Online Ads

### Take Action: Sign the Petition

*The LWVUS urges you to take action: Tell the FEC to require disclaimers for online ads.*

No matter if it's organizations with ties to foreign governments or wealthy special interests at home, the FEC should require online campaign ads to include disclaimers about who is paying for them—as is required for television and print advertisements.

In the 2016 election, 65% of Americans identified the internet, or an online platform, as their leading source of information. Yet our outdated transparency rules—which still include references to telegrams and typewriters—don't require adequate disclaimers for online ads.

A recent Marist poll found that more than three in four Americans, 78%, want full disclosure of who paid for political ads posted to social media platforms. That includes 80% of Republicans and 82% of Independents.

Tell the FEC that Americans have a right to know who is paying for online political ads. To sign a petition go <http://bit.ly/2Ilt7vY>.

From the LWVUS Website

## Save the Date

### 2018 Bay Area League Day

## Regional Government, Winds of Change

Saturday

February 3, 2018

9:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Laney College

Oakland, California

## LWVUS News

**League Urges U.S. Senators to Cosponsor *We the People Act*** The League sent a **letter to the U.S. Senate** urging Senators to cosponsor and support the We the People Democracy Reform Act of 2017. This legislation will include reforms to empower citizens and remove barriers to participation for all Americans, irrespective of political party. Members of the LWVUS Lobby Corps will be visiting Senators to address this legislation.

**Healthcare.gov Outages** The League joined in a letter sent to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services urging outage restrictions to typical website management efforts so that consumers shopping for, enrolling and re-enrolling in Marketplace health insurance are not affected.

**League joins the legal fight to overturn Voter Records Maintenance** League of Women Voters became the latest voting rights advocacy groups to latch onto the legal fight against an Ohio Board of Elections voter records maintenance process created in 2005 that has allowed multiple Ohio secretaries of state to purge thousands of people from Ohio's registered voter rolls, according to the American Civil Liberties Union. **Read more here!**

**League Supports Honest Ads Act** The League supports the bipartisan Honest Ads Act, legislation introduced in the U.S. Senate that addresses the need for new rules to expose efforts undertaken by foreign interests to intervene in U.S. elections and that will improve transparency of online political ads. The **League joined 27 reform groups** calling on Senators to support and cosponsor the legislation.

## Let's Read • Let's Meet • Let's Talk A Political Book Club

The Book Club met for a second time, and the discussion over *Strangers in Their Own Land* by Arlie Hochschild was a lively one indeed. The group was tackling questions on how to bridge the gap between political parties and how to climb the empathy wall. Is there a compromise beyond empathy? Is there a way to find common ground? How do we get beyond the informational filters on both sides? Many ideas and frustrations were talked about. The group did get a sense that there's a human story and reaction to all this beyond statistics and data.

The next book to be read and discussed is *Listen, Liberal: Whatever Happened to the Party of the People* by Thomas Frank. Amazon describes the book as, "the story of how the Party of the People detached itself from its historic constituency among average Americans and chose instead to line up with the winners of our new economic order."

The next meeting will be held Monday, December 11, 7-9 P.M. at Wesley Manor, 1655 S. Winchester Blvd., Campbell. This is a great venue for inviting a friend you would like to introduce to the League and its members. **I Hope to See You at Our Next Book Club Discussion.**

Cherri Nelson, Voter Editor

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## ❧ Event Calendar ❧

- Dec 2 Sat **Holiday Party**, 5:00 P.M. Home of Judy & Terry Zaccone  
(408) 257-6575, 13046 Anza Dr., Saratoga
- Dec 6 Wed **Board Meeting**, 10:00 A.M. Saratoga Fire Station, Saratoga
- Dec 11 Mon **Political Book Club**, 7:00 P.M. Discuss *Listen, Liberal*, by Thomas Frank, Wesley Manor Library, 1655 S. Winchester Blvd., Campbell
- Dec 14 Thu **Clip 'n Come**, Noon, Bring Salad/Food & Clipping to Share  
Home of Gail Nishimura, 81 College Ave., Los Gatos  
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## ❧ Save the Date ❧

- Jan 22 Mon “Souper” **Program Planning**, 9:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.  
Saratoga Federated Church, Saratoga
- Feb 3 Sat **2018 Bay Area League Day**, 9:30 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.  
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