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## Program Planning "Souper" Lunch

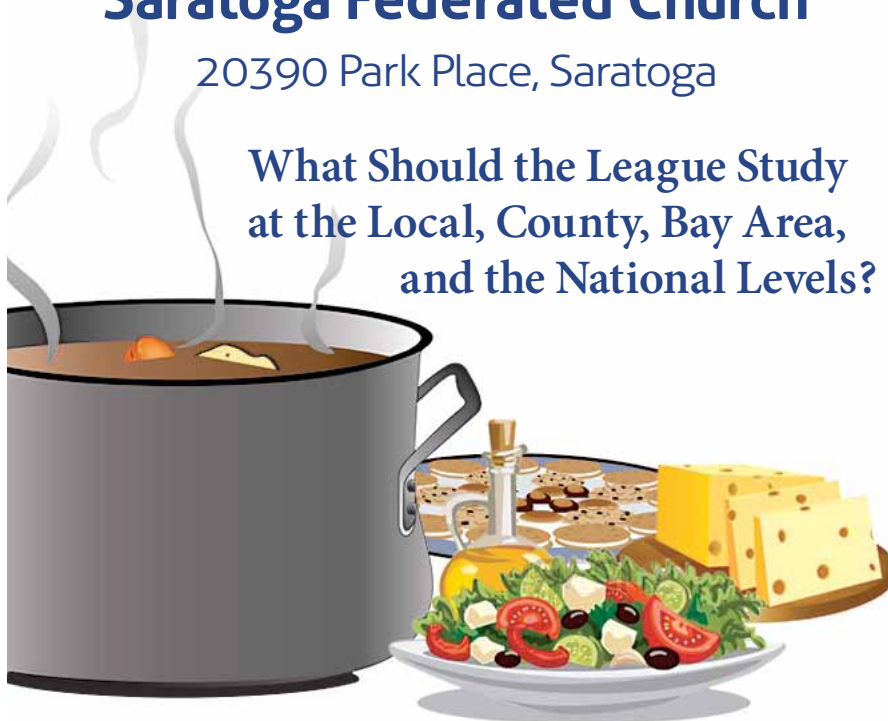
Friday • January 22

9:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

### Saratoga Federated Church

20390 Park Place, Saratoga

What Should the League Study  
at the Local, County, Bay Area,  
and the National Levels?



See page 4 for more information.



## President's Letter

For 2018, I wish for a more peaceful compassionate world, the enjoyment of good health, and a very happy new year for each of you. I wonder if you have felt like me that 2017 went by very fast! I hope that you and your family are enjoying the blessings of this season together and remembering those who are less fortunate. At this time of gratitude and thankfulness, I want to thank all Board and Off-Board members, all the volunteers, and all the donors for their generous contributions and continuous support in keeping our League engaged and growing.

Welcome to all our new members. Thank you for joining the League and helping us extend our unbiased programs to our four communities. The League of Women Voters is undertaking a transformational journey to strengthen our brand and establish a continuum to engage new and future activists around the League's core issues. As we head into our 100th anniversary, we need to grow our mission's impact, support our work, and make a lasting impression on our democracy.

Special thanks to Jackie Costanzo for her continuous commitment to organize volunteers to help new citizens register to vote. To meet and assist these new citizens is one of the most rewarding experiences for League members who cherish this right of voting. It certainly puts a smile on the volunteers' faces and a joyful contentment in their hearts.

It was a joy to see so many of you at our Holiday Party. Thanks to Judy and Terry Zacccone for opening their warm

hearts and their beautiful home to have another memorable League event. Our guest Senator Jim Beall shared with us several statistics about California spending. It was outrageous to know that our state spends six times more on prison inmates than on college students. We need to work together and participate in the readjustment of the American legislative priorities.

Bay Area League Day will be held on February 3, 2018, from 9:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at Laney College, which is one block from the Lake Merritt Bart Station in Oakland. The program topic is Bay Area Regional Governance, which covers developing and implementing regional policies on land use, transportation, housing and more. It has extremely broad implications, impacting many areas of interest to our Leagues. You can register online at <http://lwvbayarea.org/2018-league-day-regional-governance>.

The Bay Area League Board has also passed a motion to increase the annual PMP by \$1 a year, each year for two years, leading to a total PMP of \$3 per year per member by 2019. The last Bay Area increase was 25 years ago.

Our member and a former League president **Margaret Bard will be leading a program on Fake News at Saratoga Library on Saturday, March 10, 2018, at 3 o'clock.** John McManus spoke at the LWVCA convention in San Jose a few years ago to a standing-room-only crowd. He's really informative on the subject of figuring out what fake news is and has just published the second edition of his news and information literacy book, *Don't Be Fooled: A Citizen's Guide to News and Information in the Digital Age*. It has a new focus on the fake and misleading news spread online, especially in social media and in talk radio.

In the coming months, state and local Leagues and Inter-League Organizations (ILOs) across the nation will have the opportunity to offer program planning input for the 2018-2020 biennium. The program planning process is one of the important ways we focus our grassroots work to align the organization on our issues of priorities and our mission. I

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## 2017-2018 Board of Directors

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Voter Registration, Jackie Costanzo

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[www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov)

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### SCC Registrar of Voters

Locate your elected officials by your street address:

<http://www.sccgov.org/sites/rov/Pages/Registrar-of-Voters.aspx>



## Board Bytes

Meeting of Dec. 6, 2017

• **Programs:** The successful new **Book Club** will continue and has generated some new members.

Eleanor discussed new strategy/format for **Program Planning** to include a survey and strong member outreach ideas. Goals at all League levels, including our own, will be reported on. More detail to come at January Board meeting.

**Great Decisions** details for the new evening sessions were organized.

Margaret Bard will be organizing a program on **Fake News** for March. She'll work with Gail Nishimura on working with libraries, high schools and colleges for public awareness for this important subject.

• **Natural Resources:** Meg Giberson will be attending and write up an article on an upcoming water storage conference that many big High Tech companies will also be participating in. She hopes to acquire some new interesting speakers for water programs.

• **Local Campaign Finance Study:** Tom Picraux and Eleanor Yick will work on



writing an op-ed piece about the study for our four cities *Weekly Newspapers*. A committee will be formed to follow up with Councils and School Boards on recommendation implementation. Article for Voter to be submitted.

• **Voters Services:** Training for moderators and question sorters will be explored for the upcoming 2018 election season. Wendy will work on article for June/July 2018 on various jobs needed to cover election programs for Pros & Cons and Candidate Forums.

• **PR:** Gail Nishimura reminded Board to send her information on events for Facebook postings.

• **Voter:** Barbara Lea was directed to send a letter or holiday card to our business ad donors.

• **Membership:** It was decided to have a laptop set up for filling in an interest survey at the Program Planning meeting. This would help both the Nominating Committee and volunteer interest.

• **Nominating Committee:** Off-Board person is still needed for a Housing and Transportation Chair.

Cherri Nelson, *Voter Editor*

## President's Letter (Cont.)

invite you to review the Leaders Guide to LWVUS Program Planning 2018-2020. This guide provides information about the program planning process, reports on our activities in voting rights, election reform, campaign finance/money in politics and redistricting in the current biennium, and presents recommendations for education and action in the next two years. Program planning will culminate with adoption of a program of education and action at the 2018 LWVUS Biennial National Convention in Chicago, Illinois, happening from June 28 to July 1.

We all have the opportunity to participate in this very important process. Thanks to Eleanor Yick who will be leading us in reviewing our Local, Bay Area, State and National League positions. I am looking forward to seeing you all at our Program Planning event on Monday, January 22, at 9:00 A.M. at the Federated Church in Saratoga.

Again, many, many thanks to each and every one of you for all the work you do for our League.

Hana Itani, President LWVSWSCV  
408-lwv-1842, [hana.lwv@gmail.com](mailto:hana.lwv@gmail.com).



## What is Program Planning?

Our League's most important meeting of the year, Program Planning, is scheduled for **Monday, January 22, 2017**. Many new and sometimes even long-time members will ask, "What exactly is Program Planning and how is it different from a program event?" A program event is what we call our regularly scheduled public events that may occur monthly. These sometimes monthly events are usually related to a current area of League focus, i.e. water, voting rights, money in politics, etc.

**Program Planning:** In the League, this is the annual process by which we (members) jointly decide where and how we will focus our resources—member time, resources, reputation—over the next year. This process is what makes the League a grassroots organization—**everyone's voice counts!** In the past, we typically did this by reviewing our local, bay area and state or national positions depending on which level of the League (national or state) was hosting a convention that year. But, once again this year, a more

streamlined process will be followed as we better coordinate our efforts and goals with LWVUS and LWVC.

**At this year's Program Planning, the following will be covered:**

- review what the State and National Leagues have accomplished in the Campaign for Making Democracy Work®! The League's work to champion voting rights is more important now than ever.
- review what we have accomplished in the four areas we identified as areas of focus for 2017: Money in Politics (Local



Election Finance Study), Voters Services, Natural Resources and Membership.

- discuss and consider member-nominated proposals for local areas of focus in 2018.
- consider proposals for support that have come in from other Leagues.
- identify our goals for 2018.

**In mid-January, members will receive an email blast with the Program Planning Agenda and Packet attached. PLEASE print out a copy to read and bring to the meeting** on Monday, January 22, 2018 from 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. at the Saratoga Federated Church located on Saratoga-Los Gatos Road.

This annual meeting has traditionally been referred to as our Souper meeting. It is a soup potluck provided by the Board and it is free. All members are welcomed and encouraged to participate in setting the political direction in the League for the coming year. **We hope to see you there!**

Eleanor Yick, Director: Action/Education

### 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).

### Welcome! New Members

**Ann Clarkson**  
**Sophia Kao**  
**Saratoga Councilman**  
**Rishi Kumar**  
**Barbara Merrill**

**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).



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

**Campbell:** January, 2018 – Dollinger Properties is continuing to work with the City Council and Planning Commission city staff who were not happy with the five-story building proposed on Dell Avenue, near the Los Gatos border. The plans presented a 75 foot tall building with 14.5 feet for mechanical equipment for a total of 89.5 feet.

The City Council has directed staff to move forward with exploring a potential Civic Center Master Plan parcel tax. The Master Plan includes construction of a new police department building, the renovation of City Hall and the library. Voters will be polled on how much of the Master Plan should actually be implemented and what combination of the three building projects the voters would be willing to pay for and what type of tax would garner enough support at the ballot box.

Jackie Costanzo, Observer

**Los Gatos:** November 14 – A consultant report on the North 40 hotel site assessment allows for development of an upscale, 200-room hotel, on 2-4 acres. Town Council voted to amend the specific site plan accordingly.

Nov. 21 – Council member Rennie was appointed mayor for the next year. He spoke of focusing on the Town's emergency

preparedness, traffic, small businesses, seniors. Council member Leonardis was chosen vice mayor.

December 5 – The Veterans Memorial plan for a walled area with a sculpture was approved with, however, objections from some residents regarding the size and scale of the memorial. The group's foundation will raise the \$1.5 million estimated cost. The location is at the civic center, in the redwood grove. Some benches and sculptures already occupying that space will be moved. They hope to have the project completed by Veterans' Day, 2018.

Lynda Jandron, Observer

**Saratoga:** December 6 – Remarks were made by outgoing Mayor Emily Lo and newly appointed Mayor Mary-Lynne Bernald and Vice-Mayor Manny Cappello.

Modifications were proposed to the Sign Ordinance (article 15.30) about lighting on signs and enforcement and prohibiting off-site signs in areas of public right of way.

The Council recommended conducting a public hearing



## 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.

to update various provisions of the City Code and issuing the final report on the cultivation of marijuana interim urgency ordinances.

Action was taken to approve and authorize the City Manager to enter into contract with BKF Engineers for the 90% Design of the Guava Court Pedestrian R.R. crossing, for \$135,380.

Approval was granted to allocate funding for various aspects of the Safety Task Force plan and a Fund-Raising Plan for the Saratoga Fair.

Raquel Durand, Observer Chair

## Voter Registration of New Citizens

Thanks to those who agreed to volunteer to register new citizens at the four ceremonies on Tuesday, November 28 (the last ceremonies of 2017): Kay Duffy, Laurel Smith, Terry Cabrinha, Sue Cooney, Nathera Mawla, Carol Barmeier, Lili Poelman, Faith Mackarness, and Helen Athey.

The next scheduled ceremonies are Thursday, January 18, 2018. San Jose/Santa Clara League is in charge of supplying volunteers that day, but anyone who is interested from our League is more than welcome to help. Things have been a little unsettled since the ROV is no longer allowed to set up in the lobby of the theater. I have been told that we would be in Room 80 (next to the theater) if it was cold outside. I look forward to seeing many of you in the New Year when you volunteer to register new citizens to vote!

Jackie Costanzo, Voter Registration [jjc717@aol.com](mailto:jjc717@aol.com)



LWV BAY AREA  
LEAGUE DAY  
2/3/18

[Get Ticket](#)

## Regional Government – Winds of Change

Panel & Roundtable Discussion

Saturday • February 3, 2018 • 9:30A.M. – 3:00P.M.

Laney College | Oakland, CA | Free Parking

\$35 Advance | \$40 Same Day

Continental Breakfast & Lunch Included

## Local Election Finance Study Findings Promoted with Local Officials

We have now presented our League's 2017 Local Election Finance Study to all four city and town councils and to the two high school boards in our area. The study focused on a review and assessment of current election financing and reporting processes for city council and school board elections in Campbell, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, and Saratoga. The results for the November 2016 election were analyzed. There were 14 candidates contending in the four city council races and 10 candidates contending for three school board positions. All races were contested. One city council race was decided by a margin of only 10 votes. The study analyzed the results of election finance reporting, interviewed at least one candidate from each race, studied local election campaign requirements, and compared local campaign practices to those of the other cities in Santa Clara County.

The purpose of the study was to understand best practices, to educate our membership, and to explore ways to increase transparency and encourage participation in our local elections. The study was completed in March of 2017. Since that time, we have provided and personally presented the study and its findings to the city and town councils of Campbell, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, and Saratoga as well as to the Boards of the Campbell Union High School District and the Los Gatos Saratoga Union High School District. The presentations were made by Tom Picraux and Eleanor Yick and were attended by League President Hana Itani, study member Danice Picraux and others from our League. In addition, a news article on the study, "League of Women Voters steps into the Spotlight" (9/8/17), as well as letters to the editor by Barbara Lea and Jackie Costanzo were published in local Silicon Valley Community Newspapers.

As a result of the study, we have several major findings that we believe may promote participation and transparency in our local

elections for both voters and candidates. These findings include:

- We recommend that cities scan and post all candidate expenditure reports on their city website within 48 hours of the filing dates. Currently, the method by which voters are able to view candidate contribution and expenditure reports is different among the four cities in our area and none are posted on the city website. In contrast, nine nearby cities make this information available online, thus providing greater transparency in the election process.
- We encourage our cities to increase the amount of candidate information they post on their website during city council election season. For example, other cities post the candidate statement, links to the candidate's web page, and the location and date of upcoming candidate forums. Also, the League of Women Voters "Voter's Edge" website could be posted as a trusted source

of unbiased information for voters. Making candidate information easily available will promote citizen awareness and participation in city elections.

- We suggest that cities and school boards consider bearing a portion of the cost (currently about \$1,500 to \$1,800 for our local cities and school boards) of the candidate statement for the Voter Information Pamphlet that is mailed to all voters. The goal is to encourage candidates to participate in elections and to increase the information available to voters. The importance of the candidate statement in the sample ballot is that voters often perceive a lack of seriousness on the candidate's part if the statement is missing. In reality, the cost can be a serious consideration for low-budget campaigns. We consider as a best practice the approach taken by the city of Campbell, where the candidate pays a \$300 filing fee and the city then pays for the candidate statement fee.
- We encourage our cities to discuss and consider the relative merits of voluntary spending limits and/or (non-family) campaign donation limits. Such donation limits can serve to mute outside influence that may occur in cases of extreme campaign spending. Some nearby cities have adopted voluntary spending limits or limits on the total donation amount from a single source. Partial support of the cost of the candidate statement fee could be used to encourage candidate acceptance of voluntary spending limits. This approach could encourage participation of qualified candidates with limited resources.

A copy of the completed Study can be found on our SWSCV League website. The study Committee was composed of Tom Picraux and Danice Picraux (co-chairs), Meg Giberson, Kathy Murtfeldt, Pat White, and Eleanor Yick. We thank the many League members whose encouragement and support were crucial to the completion and promotion of the study.

Tom and Danice Picraux





## Great Decision 2018

In February the day-time Great Decisions series will meet in the Arts and Crafts Room of the Joan Pisani Community Center across from the Saratoga Post Office. This is the same building the Fireside room is in, but toward the back.

**The day sessions for 2018** will be the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of February, March, April, and May, from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M. There will be no breakout sessions. The group will stay together for the discussions.

**The evening sessions** will be the same days from 7 P.M. to 9 P.M. They will meet at Wesley Manor, 1655 S. Winchester Blvd., Campbell.

**Workbook pickup** will be Thursday, January 25, 2018 from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M. at my house, 13046 Anza Drive, Saratoga. Evening group members call Barbara Lea if you'd like her to pick up your workbook for you.

**As you may have noticed**, we have lost our priorities at the Saratoga Area Senior Center. We need help for 2019 to find a facility that will hold about 40 people, and can be reserved for the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of February, March, April, and May at no cost. We have not been paying for rooms for Great Decisions, but in 2018, that has changed. Fortunately, we had enough in the coffee and refreshments fund to cover the cost for 2018. The price you paid did not include the cost of paying for a room. So, rack your brains to think of places or people who may know of places where we can have the Great Decisions series in 2019.

I have sent out an email to the group containing the roster I have now. If you paid to get a book, but did not get the email, please let me know. Also, in the email, I asked for people to send me an email if there are changes or corrections.

Terry Zaccone, Coordinator

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

The League of Women Voters' Book Club had a lively discussion on *Listen, Liberal* by Thomas Frank at its meeting last evening. We extend an open invitation to members and non-members alike to join us at our next meeting scheduled for Monday, February 12, when we will be discussing *No is Not Enough* by Naomi Klein. The book club meets at Wesley Manor at 1655 Winchester Blvd. at 7:00 P.M. on the second Monday of the month. Please note that the Book Club will not be meeting in January which gives those wishing to participate an extra month to read our book about resisting Trump's shock politics. For more information, contact Dan Hendry at [wenhendry@comcast.net](mailto:wenhendry@comcast.net). Dan sends out a list of discussion questions prior to each meeting so make sure you are on his contact list.

Wendy Hendry, Coordinator

## Thanks to League Activists

### Advertising Regulations Online 11/16/2017

Today, the Federal Election Commission (FEC) unanimously voted to move forward with updating and strengthening regulations for online advertisements. They are taking the first steps to update our outdated transparency rules—which still include references to telegrams and typewriters—while requiring adequate disclosure for online ads. It's a great step in our efforts to increase transparency and prevent foreign influence in our elections.

All of this happened because of the almost 13,000 League members and supporters who joined us by sending comments to the FEC during our comment campaign last week. Together with other partner groups, we were able to collect over

150,000 comments and send a strong message on the need for reform.

The most important thing we can do to preserve the integrity of our electoral process is to increase transparency and let the sunlight shine in. Transparency is the key to allowing voters to make their own decisions and guards against the inevitable corruption that comes with secret money. Fair and clean elections, determined by the votes of the American people, should be at the center of our democracy. Enhanced transparency is the most basic step toward protecting the role of voters and ensuring that they can make informed decisions.

The League will work to make sure that this rulemaking process moves forward. Stay tuned for additional information as the rulemaking process moves forward.

**“A man without a vote is a man without protection.”**

– Commonly attributed to President Lyndon Johnson

## LWV Top 7 Moments in 2017

From the rising tide of state voter suppression laws... to ongoing partisan gerrymandering schemes... this has been a very difficult year for our democracy. But if our opponents thought we were going to sit by and watch while they tried to strip away our voting rights... you proved them wrong!

In Congress, the courts, and communities across the country, we have stood up and fought back. And, with your continued support, we will work even harder next year. I want to share some of our top moments from the past year when you and other League supporters rallied to restore power in our democracy:

1. Women's March: In January, thousands of League supporters were among the marchers in Washington, DC, and cities and towns across the country — sending a powerful message that women's rights are human rights.
2. National Voter Registration Day: For the 6th year in a row, the League of Women Voters was the largest on-the-ground participant in National Voter Registration Day, registering more than 11,000 voters.
3. VOTE411.org: More than 1 million people used the League's VOTE411.org website to find election information and search on nearly 13,000 candidates in over 7,000 races.
4. Gill v. Whitford: In October, the League rallied outside the Supreme Court as it heard oral arguments in Gill v. Whitford, a landmark case challenging Wisconsin's congressional redistricting process.
5. President Trump's 'Election Integrity' Commission: The League mobilized thousands to rally against this Commission's voter suppression efforts—from calling on state leaders to oppose the voter data requested by this Commission, to getting over 9,000 signatures on our online petition.
6. Changing the Rules at the Federal Election Commission: The League collected over 12,000 petition signatures asking the FEC to require online campaign ads to include disclaimers about who is paying for them. The FEC unanimously agreed

to move forward with updating the rules so that we know who is paying for online political ads.

7. Defending the Affordable Care Act: All year long, the League mobilized our networks to defend the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and ensure those in need of insurance were informed about the ACA's open enrollment period.

This year, you helped the League of Women Voters prove that we have the resolve, the vision, and the capability to defend our democracy.

In the months ahead, we will be ramping up our efforts to protect the integrity of our elections... register hundreds of thousands of voters... and combat any and all efforts to restrict our constitutional right to vote.

With deep gratitude,



Chris Carson  
President, LWVUS

## Join the League of Women Voters or Give a Gift of Membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Membership year is from July 1 to June 30. Members joining after January 1 shall pay one-half the annual dues amount. Dues and contributions to the League are not tax deductible. Contributions to the Education Fund are deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Joining at the local level makes you a member at all levels: County, Bay Area, State, and National. Financial assistance is available; please address questions regarding membership to at [barbara.lea@comcast.net](mailto:barbara.lea@comcast.net) or call 408-354-2287.



## Support LWV SWSCV Supporters!

We appreciate the support of the following businesses and business professionals!  
Please remember to mention seeing the ad in our *Voter* when you utilize their services.

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Hair Colorist

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## ❧ Event Calendar ❧

- Jan 3 Wed **Board Meeting**, 10:00 A.M. Saratoga Fire Station
- Jan 11 Thu **Clip 'n Come**, Noon, Bring Salad/Food & Clipping to Share Home of Jane Voigts, 120 Carlton Ave., #18, Los Gatos  
Call (408) 358-8082 • **Please let hostess know you will be coming.**
- Jan 22 Mon **Program Planning "Souper" Lunch**, 9:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.  
Saratoga Federated Church, 20390 Park Place, Saratoga

## ❧ Save the Date ❧

- Feb 3 Sat Bay Area League Day, Regional Government–Winds of Change  
9:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M. Laney College, Oakland
- Feb 12 Mon **Political Book Club**, 7:00 P.M. Discuss *No is Not Enough*,  
by Naomi Klein, Wesley Manor Library,  
1655 S. Winchester Blvd., Campbell
- Mar 10 Sat **Fake News**, Dr. John McManus, 3:00 P.M., Saratoga Library

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