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YOU ARE INVITED TO

THE ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday • May 3 • 9:45A.M.-2:00P.M.

SPEAKERS

Kate Kennedy & Kim Lauth

LWVUS Chief
Development Officer

LWVUS
Board Member

**LWVUS UPDATE Plus
100Yr Anniversary Plans**

The Terraces

800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos

\$20 BUFFET • R.S.V.P. As Soon As Possible

Further details on page 4.



President's Letter

Thanks to the hard work of many volunteers and generous donors like you, we are able to bring great programs to our communities. At the same time, this year more than ever before, we noticed that the public has more interest in using League services and requesting League material. Thanks to all those involved who are committed to providing the best events and information in a non-partisan way to our citizens.

Recently we had an outstanding controversial program about water rates. Thanks to the Program Leader Meg Giberson and to all the other volunteers, the event was a great success.

May is the time for wrapping up the League year. We have accomplished many things this year, and there is much more to do—especially in planning for the

election season from Candidate forums to Pros & Cons presentations.

During this election season, I encourage all Leaguers to continue to support voter registration momentum by talking to their families and friends and reminding them that their vote is their voice. If you feel that you need assistance, please contact our Voters Service Team. It is becoming vitally important that we increase voter registration and participation in the electoral process. Thanks to the incredible student-led grassroots movement, our League has been very successful in registering students to vote. With these efforts, we should stress women's political equality and provide models for similar efforts across the region, state and country.

The U.S. Census is proposing a question that asks citizenship status in 2020. The League called the addition of the question a step that would undermine the rights of eligible voters and threaten a process vital to our democracy. Further action will be taken by the League to make sure that everyone is counted. The Census occurs once every ten years, so it is imperative to get the most accurate count. The United States Constitution mandates an accurate count of all people living in the United States—not all citizens. For more than 200 years, the Census has collected information about the geographic distribution of our population so we can provide representation and invest in our communities equitably.

This year we will have our Annual Meeting earlier than usual on Thursday, May 3. It will take place, like last year, at the Terraces in Los Gatos. Join us at this important meeting to elect a new President and slate of Board Members, to adopt next year's budget, and to vote on issues that were recommended at our January 22 Program Planning Meeting. This is a meeting for **YOU** to be able to voice your opinion. By now, you should have received the *Annual Meeting Kit*. Please print it out to bring with you to the meeting. Along with the business meeting, we have invited two guest speakers from the National League, Kate Kennedy and Kim Lauth. Their talk should be of great interest to all of you. Lunch will be self-served in buffet style starting

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Los Gatos: Lynda Jandron

Monte Sereno: **TBD**

Saratoga: Raquel Durand

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Voters Service

Pros & Cons, T. Zacccone, E. Yick

Voter Registration, Jackie Costanzo

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Cherri Nelson, Gail Nishimura

Welcome!

New Members

Evelyn Mitsunaga

Robert Rowlands

Mary Rubino

We're so glad you have
joined the League!

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2. Like us on Facebook, www.facebook.com/LWVofCA.

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SCC Registrar of Voters

Locate your elected officials by your street address:

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Board Bytes

Meeting of Apr. 4, 2018

• **Treasurer:** After listing the major expenses, one being the MyLo website transfer fee, the budget is still stable. Thank you, Danice and Tom Picraux.

• **Annual Budget:** Eleanor Yick along with the Picrauxs discussed the 2019-2020 budget proposal. The Board voted approval for presentation at the Annual Meeting.

• **AB 2352:** This bill is in regard to district boundaries and reportable errors with voting. LWVC is still analyzing this bill.

• **Yearly Goals:** Eleanor presented the 2018 Goals, and they were adopted as amended by a unanimous Board vote.

• **D.C. Statehood:** Gail Nishimura explained Washington, D.C.'s bid for statehood. LWVUS supports this and our Board voted approval.

• **Great Decisions:** Eleanor Yick volunteered to administer the evening program.

• **The Annual Meeting:** Details were set for the May 3 meeting and are in this *Voter*.



• **Proposition 13:** The signature gathering period is extended to June.

• **Nominating Committee:** Pat White needs help with the new Nominating Committee and will search for volunteers. Job descriptions will need to be revised next year.

• **Finance Drive:** We're at 87% of our goal. Thank you letters will be sent out with an appreciation page to donors in *Voter*.

• **Privacy Policy:** A committee was formed with Barbara Lea, Cherri Nelson, Pat White and Eleanor Yick to create a procedure around privacy issues.

• **Voters Service:** Many teens registered at the March for Lives event at a table with Jackie Costanzo, Wendy & Dan Hendry, and Maria Simon.

A meeting with all County League Voters Service Chairs will be held by County League during April to coordinate election events.

Terry Zaccone and Eleanor Yick will set up Pros & Cons events in time to inform Vote-by-Mail voters.

Nancy Rucker, Secretary

President's Letter (Cont.)

at 12:00 noon. Please make sure it is on your calendar, and let Barbara Lea know that you are planning to attend. **We need your support, we need your voice and we need your presence.**

The Nominating Committee has done a great job finalizing its mission. But there is still time to put your name in for nomination. If you want to take a more active part in supporting the League's work, call Pat White and let her know what you are willing to do. We have seen a noticeable increase in membership, and I am delighted see our new members volunteering to help in any way possible. As a grassroots organization, policy and financial decisions are made by members like you at the Annual Meeting; then we select delegates to represent our League at conventions and councils.

The Regional, State, and National Leagues hold conventions and councils to conduct the same activities. These conventions are held every other year. State conventions are held in odd numbered years, and

national and regional conventions are held in even numbered years. Councils are also held in the years. So this year 2018, we are having the 53rd National Convention in Chicago from June 28-July 1. This year we have four delegates representing our League at the Convention: Eleanor Yick, Barbara Lea, Gail Nishimura and myself. The number of delegates is proportional to League membership. **We look forward to bringing back new ideas on how we can keep democracy working in our area.**

We have organized files and gathered materials for the *Annual Meeting Kit*, which is quite impressive. So join us on May 3 to participate in making important decisions, enjoying a wonderful lunch, and networking with your fellow League members. **WE NEED YOUR HELP** to accomplish many worthwhile objectives. I am looking forward to seeing you as we prepare for another successful year ahead.

Hana Itani, President LWVSWSCV
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ANNUAL MEETING – Update on LWVUS Including 100th Anniversary Plans

The time has come already for our Annual Meeting, which will be held at the **Terraces**, 800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos, on **Thursday, May 3**, from **9:45 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.** Registration & Social Time (with coffee and pastries) will be from 9:45 A.M. – 10:15 A.M., the **Business Meeting** from 10:15 A.M. – 12:00 P.M., and a **Buffet Lunch** will be followed by our **Speakers** including a **Question & Answer** time.

Two speakers from National LWV will be joining us to give an update on the national program plans, including resources for all local Leagues' for celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the League. They are looking for questions from **YOU** about these topics—please send them to Gail Nishimura at gailnishimura@me.com so the speakers can prepare ahead of time.

Speakers

Kim Lauth was the 2015-2016—First Vice President, LWV Tennessee and 2013-2015 President, LWV Knoxville/Knox County, Tennessee. Kim has over 25 years of experience in non-profit management and fundraising and is currently CEO of Kim Lauth Consulting, LLC. She has held the Certified Fundraising Executive (CFFRE) certification since 2002 and has served on numerous non-profit boards.

Kate Kennedy, MBA, CFRE, began as the Chief Development Officer of the League of Women Voters of the United



States in January of 2017. Kate brings more than 14 years of experience as a nonprofit executive in fundraising, community organizing, volunteer development, and membership recruitment. Previously she served as Major Gifts Officer at Women for Women International. Kate also spent eight years at The Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital where she worked in membership, annual giving, and major gifts and was on the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouting team.



Buffet Lunch Reservations

Shrimp Louis, Asian Chicken Salad, and Vegetarian Cobb Salad

will be served buffet style.

Please send your \$20 check made out to LWV-SWSCV to Barbara Lea, 121 Strathmore Place, Los Gatos, CA 95032 or Pay \$22, if you are using the PayPal account on our website: www.lwv-sw-santaclara-valley.org. Please R.S.V.P. by April 25 so we can give a count to the Terraces for the lunch.

For more information, contact Barbara at 408-354-2287 or barbara.lea@comcast.net.

Barbara Lea, Vice President

Volunteer to Circulate Petitions for Proposition 13 Reform!

The League of Women Voters of California and our League are backing the *California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act of 2018*, a long-sought reform of Proposition 13. The League needs to get a huge number of signatures by June 30, 2018, in order to qualify for the 2020 November ballot.

About the Act:

The *California Schools and Local Communities Funding Act of 2018* would create a split-roll tax system that would increase taxes on commercial and industrial properties while not touching Proposition 13 tax protection for homeowners and residential properties. It would raise over \$11 billion yearly, to be divided between schools and local agencies.

Please email our Education Chair, Eleanor Yick, at egyick@icloud.com to volunteer.

Please join us to circulate petitions by responding now! If you have contacts in our local elementary and high school districts—teachers, PTA Presidents, etc.—please let Eleanor Yick know so they can be informed of this initiative and their support requested.

Eleanor Yick, Action

Eileen Barnes Honored at Luncheon



On April 17, Eileen Barnes received a Certificate of Appreciation for her volunteer activities from the Junior League of San Jose. Nominating her was Shannon Penick of the Santa Clara Methodist Retirement Foundation. Pat White, Eileen Barnes, Eleanor Yick, Hana Itani, and Barbara Lea attended the very lavish luncheon at the Villa Ragusa in Campbell to help Eileen celebrate this honor.



L-R: Eleanor Yick, our award recipient Eileen Barnes, Barbara Lea, and Pat White



L-R: Eleanor Yick, President Hana Itani, Barbara Lea, and Pat White

City & Town Council Observers

Campbell: Feb 20 – No report

Los Gatos: Feb 20 - Mar 20 - Town Council revisited a developer's proposal for an office building on Alberto Way with the Planning Commission denying approval of the original plans of 2017. Early 2018, the Planning Commission reviewed the developer's revised plans which showed a reduction in size of the building; again, they denied approval of the project. The developer is appealing to the Town Council for approval of the project. Many Alberto Way neighborhood residents attended the meeting and spoke against the project. The matter will be continued.

Apr 3 - Councilmember Spector announced that the developer of the Alberto Way proposal had suggested a further reduction in size of the building since the previous meeting. Town Council voted to have the town staff review new plans, once submitted. The matter is for Council reconsideration on May 1, 2018.

Lynda Jandron, Observer

Saratoga: Mar 21 – The Council amended the Capital Budget to \$125,000 for the

Guava Court Pedestrian crossing. There is local support for the Metropolitan Transportation commission's grant of \$1,070,000 for the Prospect Road Improvement Project. Acquisition was approved and authorized for the City Manager to accept an Easement in Real Property, for the Quito Road Bridges project, plus fee interests.



The Council reaffirmed the city's commitment to the community firearm safety and desire to eliminate gun-related deaths.

Apr 4 - The City Council received a presentation by Dr. Tim Kelly, acting Chair of the West Valley College Global Citizenship Committee on the Seventh Annual Global Citizenship Conference at West Valley College, which was also Holocaust Remembrance Day, the subject being The Faces of Genocide.

A presentation was received by United Way Bay Area 211 providing direction to staff on their services as a call line for a variety of basic needs resources such as mental and employment needs, etc.

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 Wednesdays – 7:00P.M.

Approved the City Manager to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Metropolitan Planning Group to prepare graphics and text amendments to the City's Village Design guidelines authorizing an amount not to exceed \$34,000.

Adopted a resolution in support of safe routes to walk or bike to schools by increasing awareness, removing barriers and defining routes.

Raquel Durand, Observer Chair

League Volunteer Opportunities

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

* **Board positions:** Membership Chair needed! Involves recruitment and mentoring of new members. Contact Pat White

* **NextDoor.com,** Members to post our programs to San Jose and Cupertino. Contact Gail Nishimura.

* **Observers,** Attend or follow Monte Sereno Council Meetings. Submit a report to the *Voter*. Contact Raquel Durand at sra_durand@yahoo.com

* **Housing Chair,** Update League on current housing issues. Submit occasional *Voter* articles. Contact Pat White.

* **Hospitality Chair,** Off-Board position coordinates food, beverage logistics for programs. Contact Gail Nishimura.

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

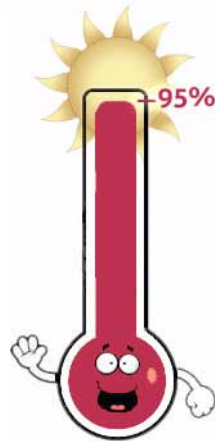
The next meeting of the League of Women Voters Political Book Club will be Monday, May 14, at 7:00P.M., at Wesley Manor, 1655 Winchester Blvd. The book selected for discussion is *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander. If you are new to the book club and would like to be included in e-mails about the book and questions for discussion, please e-mail Dan Hendry. A reminder on parking; please drive all the way to the end of the entry driveway and turn left behind the Church. Parking to the right behind the Manor is reserved for residents.

To enter the building ring the doorbell on the pillar in front of the main entry doors. Eileen Barnes will open the locked doors; so if we're punctual she can join the group as it begins.

Wendy Hendry, Coordinator, wenhendry@comcast.net

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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). Subscribe to the Monitor; bayareamonitor.org/subscribe. Like us on Facebook: facebook.com/bayareamonitor.

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How Do We Know What's True Anymore?

This event was hosted by LWV Palo Alto on May 9 and cosponsored by the Palo Alto PTA Counsel. Tips and tools from experts at Snopes, Google, Facebook, Stanford University, Data for Democracy, and the Institute for the Future were presented on how to assess the accuracy of information.

"An awesome group of speakers were presented at our event on April 9 at the Paly Performing Arts Center, focused

on information credibility. About 200 community members attended, learning about the global and US environment of election meddling, propaganda, fake news, misinformation and disinformation. The audience took away some practical advice and tips that we can use in our daily lives, as well as an LWVPA-provided handout with useful tips and tools for assessing information. This can also be found online at: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kjjwJeBjIHtkPFtaXutbiRBbkSwMM0D-7/view>.

[com/file/d/1kjjwJeBjIHtkPFtaXutbiRBbkSwMM0D-7/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kjjwJeBjIHtkPFtaXutbiRBbkSwMM0D-7/view).

The event was recorded and can be found here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=3fO6_ZhfMHs&feature=youtu.be&t=20s. This recording is thanks to the generosity of Dana Sahae, Executive Director of the Millbrae Community Television (mctv.tv). Dana plans to share this locally, and we hope to share this within the LWV more broadly."

LWVPA Voter May 2018

Statehood for Washington D.C.

LWVUS supports this proposal. For over 200 years, the residents of the District of Columbia have been denied a voice in our national government and sovereignty over state and local affairs. The people of Washington, D.C., deserve the same rights that the people in all 50 states enjoy. District residents are required to fulfill all the obligations of U.S. citizenship—paying taxes, voting, and serving on juries and in the military. But they don't have the same equal representation in Washington.

This is why the League of Women Voters of Southwest Santa Clara County supports statehood legislation for the District of Columbia. Statehood legislation, which requires a simple Congressional majority vote and cannot be repealed, is the way that every state, except for the original 13, became part of the United States. The residents of the District of Columbia have voted in support of statehood, approved a state constitution, a representative form of government and proposed boundaries. The next step is Congressional passage of statehood legislation.

The League of Women Voters of the District of Columbia and the League of Women Voters of the United States have put together information on their websites about the continuing fight for full rights for the District. Read more at www.lwvdc.org/dcstatehoodtoolkit.

Gail Nishimura, Public Relations

What is a Recall Election?

The League of Women Voters has been asked if we plan to take a position on the recall of Judge Arron Persky. We do not plan to take a position but felt that an explanation of the recall initiative would be helpful.

In 1911, California voters approved three state constitutional amendments that have been coined as direct democracy. These amendments established the initiative process, procedures by which voters could revoke laws and the power to recall elected officials. (California Constitution, Article II, sections 13 and 14) The June 2018 primary ballot presents a vote on the recall of Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Aaron Persky.

How is a Recall Placed on the Ballot?

- Proponents of a recall file a *Notice of Intention to Recall* with the local Registrar of Voters (ROV). The *Notice*, containing a statement by the proponents of the reasons for the recall, is published and delivered to the incumbent of the office.
- The ROV approves the *Petition for Signature Gathering*. Only registered voters in the local jurisdiction are allowed to sign the petition. 20% of the number of votes cast in the last vote for the office is required to qualify the recall.

- After inspecting a 5% sample of the signatures and finding that there is a sufficient number of valid signatures to hold a recall election, the ROV officially qualifies the recall for the next scheduled election in the jurisdiction.

What happens when you vote in the June 2018 Election?

- The *Voter Information Guide* will include the question "Shall Judge Aaron Persky be removed from the office of Superior Court Judge in Santa Clara County?" The guide will include the proponents' statement of the reasons that the recall was initiated and the incumbent's answer. Candidates for the office, if it is vacated, may also file a candidate's statement.
- The ballot contains two items related to the recall:
 - The question stated above. Answer: "Yes" or "No"
 - Vote for one of the candidates to replace Judge Persky should the recall succeed or write in a candidate.
- Voters may vote only on the first item, only on the second item, or on both.
- A majority vote is required to recall the incumbent. If the recall passes, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes will take the office.

"Civility costs nothing and buys everything."

– Mary Wortley Montagu

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lady_Mary_Wortley_Montagu

Election Events

Pros & Cons

Tues • May 8 • 7:00 P.M.

Los Gatos Methodist Church

111 Church St, Los Gatos, CA



Pros & Cons

Wed • May 16 • 10:30 A.M.

Saratoga Library • Room E

13650 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga

Candidate Forum

Santa Clara County Sheriff

Wed • May 16 • 7–8:00 P.M.



Pros & Cons

8–9:00 P.M.

Cupertino Community Hall

10350 Torre Ave., Cupertino

Pros & Cons

Monday • May 21 • 11:00 P.M.

Loma Prieta Community Room

23845 Summit Road, Los Gatos

To the right of Building Block Preschool

Pros & Cons

Mon • May 21 • 7 P.M.

Campbell Library • Room E

77 Harrison Ave, Campbell

Bay Area Measure 3

The Bay Area League of Women Voters has taken a position to support Regional Measure 3 on our upcoming June ballot. The measure increases bridge tolls. It would generate \$4.45 billion to fund major transportation projects in the toll bridge corridors and help solve some of the Bay Area's growing congestion problems.

We have drafted a set of Pros & Cons to inform you regarding the details of the issue and refer you to the information available from the proponents and opponents. <http://files.constantcontact.com/e3791c20601/b00115ad-9bae-482d-8a79-da85cea22ab0.pdf>

Madeline Kronenberg, President LWVBA



Vote With the League

LWVC Positions on the June 5, 2018 Election Ballot Measures

The LWVC Board took final positions on the measures scheduled for the June ballot. We only take positions on ballot measures based on current policy positions and League principles. Positions are developed based on grassroots member study and consensus.

PROPOSITION 68 - SUPPORT

California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access for All Act (SB 5)

This measure would authorize California to issue general obligation bonds, with the money used to finance state and local parks, water conservation measures, water reliability to disadvantaged communities, and flood protection projects. California parks provide open space and recreation, improving health and community well-being. The water projects funded by this bond are forward thinking and are a key part of our state response to climate change.

PROPOSITION 69 - SUPPORT

Motor Vehicle Fees and Taxes (ACA 5)

If passed, this constitutional amendment would ensure that the existing transportation revenues we pay at the pump and when we register our vehicles can ONLY be used for road and transportation improvement projects. This amendment protects these transportation funds by prohibiting the state legislature from using these revenues for non-transportation purposes. ACA 5 protects existing taxes and fees we are already paying. It does not raise taxes one cent. The League supports measures to ensure adequate revenue to support needed services, including safe roads and good public transportation.

PROPOSITION 70 - OPPOSE

Greenhouse Gas Reduction Reserve Fund (ACA 1)

This measure would add a requirement that two thirds of legislators approve the first appropriation of any money collected from the sale by CARB (California Air Resources Board) of Cap-and-Trade allowances after 2024. At a time that we need efficient and effective investments in climate change solutions, this requirement could lead to deadlocks, inefficiency, and poor decisions.

PROPOSITION 71 - SUPPORT

Effective Date of Initiatives (ACA 17)

Currently, an initiative that is approved takes effect the day after the election unless the measure provides otherwise. Election results are not officially certified until five weeks after the election. While most election results are clear shortly after election day, that is not always the case. Prop 71 would provide that an initiative would take effect 5 days after the Secretary of State certifies the election results. This is a common-sense measure, ensuring clarity about what is—and is not—California law.

PROPOSITION 72 - SUPPORT

Property taxation: new construction: rain water capture system

This measure would allow an exclusion from additional property taxes for construction or installation of rain water capture systems. These systems capture, store and use otherwise wasted rain water for landscape irrigation and similar uses, saving more conventional water for personal use. With traditional water sources becoming less dependable, this is one more way we can diversify sources of usable water.

League Advocacy Tracking Legislation

Bill Status Report - LWV California

Based on **our positions**, League of Women Voters California (LWVC) periodically reviews bills before the California State Legislature and makes recommendations.

2017-2018

- **Bill Status Report:** Bills on which the LWVC has taken a position and recommends action.
- **Bills of Interest 2017-2018:** This report includes bills being "followed" by the League, on which no formal position of support or opposition has been taken, as well as bills on which the LWVC has taken a position and recommends action.

Need help with legislative terms?
Try this useful **glossary**.

LWVUS Statements

To League Members:

It was announced that the Commerce Department has made the decision to include a question pertaining to citizenship in the 2020 Census.

Make no mistake: this decision isn't about improving demographic data on citizenship.

It's designed to frighten immigrants—citizens and noncitizens alike—so they won't participate in the Census. It's a blatant political maneuver meant to disenfranchise these groups and deny them equal representation.

Including this question on the Census undermines the rights of eligible voters and threatens a process vital to our democracy.

For more than 200 years, the Census has collected information about the geographic

distribution of our population so we can provide representation and invest in our communities equitably.

Without a complete count of our nation's people, businesses will not have the tools to make sound investment decisions that keep our communities thriving.

The United States Constitution mandates an accurate count of all people living in the United States – not all citizens. Non-citizens are an integral part of our economy and need to be included in the 2020 Census to paint a complete picture of our great country.

The clock is ticking toward 2020.

Stand with us as we call on Congress to take action to correct this issue before it's too late.

Chris Carson President, League of Women Voters



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

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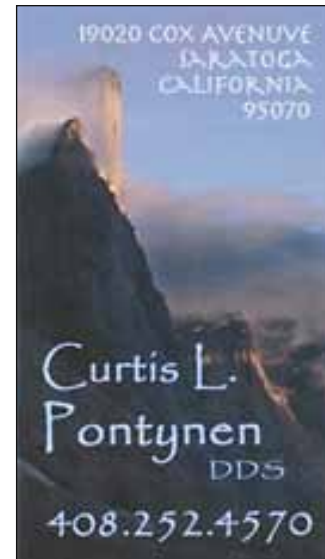


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❧ Event Calendar ❧

- May 2 Wed **Board Meeting**, 10:00 A.M. Saratoga Fire Station
- May 3 Thu **Annual Meeting**, 9:45 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. The Terraces
800 Blossom Hill Road, Los Gatos
- May 3 Thu **Great Decisions – South Africa's Fragil Democracy**
3:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M. Joe Pisani Community Center, Saratoga
7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. Wesley Manor, Campbell
- May 10 Thu **Clip 'n Come**, Noon, Bring Salad/Food & Clipping to Share
Home of Pat White, 1754 Glen Una, San Jose (Willow Glen)
Call (408) 799-8390 • **Please let hostess know you will be coming.**
- May 14 Mon **Political Book Club**, 7:00 P.M. Discuss *The New Jim Crow*
by Michelle Alexander, Wesley Manor Library,
1655 S. Winchester Blvd., Campbell
- May 17 Thu **Great Decisions – Global Health**
3:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M. Joe Pisani Community Center, Saratoga
7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. Wesley Manor, Campbell

❧ Save the Date ❧

- Jun 20 Wed **Transitional Board Meeting**, 10:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

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