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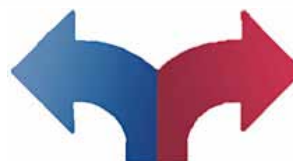
June 5 Primaries



Your Vote Does Count!

Transitional Board Meeting

**Old
Board**



**New
Board**

Home of

President Hana Itani

Wednesday • June 20 • 10:30 A.M.



President's Letter

Thanks to all the members of our Board and those of you who have contributed to Making Democracy Work®. Congratulations to the new Board and thanks to all those who were able to attend the Annual Meeting that was held on May 3 at the Terraces.

I want to express my enormous thanks to all of you, and special thanks to all members I was able to work with directly. I learned a lot and gained lots of experience. I have met wonderful people during my journey with the League. I am proud and honored to have become involved with such a group of individuals who share high values and have a commitment to making a lasting impact on our democracy.

As you all know, our League is strong because so many people contribute. You give your best. Our League and communities receive the benefits. Special thanks to all of those who work tirelessly to engage our communities in our democracy. And thanks to all the donors who gave to the League and participated in the Finance Drive this year and to all the advertisers in our *Voter*. Your contributions in any form of time, money or skills are well appreciated. Your involvement is needed now more than ever.

Six of our members will be attending the national LWVUS Convention in Chicago from June 28-July 1. The three members

who will be delegates representing our League will be the incoming President Eleanor Yick, the incoming Vice-President Gail Nishimura, and myself.

Attending as a voting delegate is an exciting honor and a responsibility. But, whether you attend as a voting delegate or not, a League convention is fascinating. Imagine a large hotel packed with people for whom the pursuit of good public policy is a passion, people for whom an informed electorate is worth a huge investment of their time and resources. You won't agree with everyone there, by any means; the fact that the League is nonpartisan certainly doesn't mean League members think in lockstep! You can enjoy discussions knowing that the people on the other side of the debate brought their hearts and their minds to the conversation and aren't afraid to use them. We are looking forward to fruitful caucuses, and we hope to come back with ideas and suggestions from all over the country, ready for us to put them into practice.

At the Transitional Meeting on Wednesday, June 20, the retiring Board will be welcoming the new Board and will treat them for lunch. This year, the meeting is going to be at my home. Please let me know if you are planning to join us.

This is the last monthly *Voter* for the fiscal year. You will not receive the *Voter* in July so this is the June/July issue. In August we will resume sending out monthly newsletters. To become more familiar with the League's activities and programs, you need to read the *Voter*. The August issue will include informational updates from the convention.

We are aligning our Making Democracy Work® campaign to ensure that our League flourishes for generations to come. We are looking at ways to grow our mission impact by engaging new members, increasing our visibility and sharpening our focus on core issues. We

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"The ballot is stronger than the bullet."

– Abraham Lincoln

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Board Bytes

Meeting of May 3, 2018

• **Treasurer:** Next year's 2018-19 budget was presented by Danice and Tom Picraux. A few items were gone over such as the cost of the new MyLo website transfer costs and LWVUS Chicago Convention expenses. After member questions, the budget voted for approval.

Fund Drive: Tom Picraux announced that our League had met the \$5,000 goal with a few more donations still coming in.

League Goals: Eleanor Yick presented the list of goals arrived at from the Program Planning Meeting. Members voted unanimous approval.

Membership: Barbara Lea reported that membership rose sharply after the fall



Presidential election, with 36 of the 138 total being new members.

Voters Service: Wendy Hendry reported on new-member Claudia Aken having taken the lead to go into high schools to register new young voters. Sue Cooney listed election events happening for the June Primary.

Nominating Committee: Pat White reviewed Board positions still open. Nominations were taken from the floor with Laing Chao becoming the Housing Chair.

Helga Ruby Award: Eleanor Yick presented the award to Danice and Tom Picraux for their work on the Constitutional Convention, Money in Politics, Local Money in Campaign Finance studies as well as their involvement with the local senior citizen community.

Cherri Nelson, Voter Editor

New Citizen's Voter Registration

Thanks go out to our members stepping up to supplement the San Jose/Santa Clara League's volunteers, registering new voters at the April New Citizen Ceremonies: **Claudia Aden, Nicole Jakaby, Marilyn Basham and Sue Cooney.** There have been FOUR ceremonies held on the monthly date lately, each containing approximately 400 new citizens. **Email me if you are interested in volunteering.**

Jackie Costanzo, Voter Registration jjc717@aol.com



President's Letter (Cont.)

are exploring opportunities to make sure to attend to all important current issues.

What issues are important to you? With more member involvement, we can accomplish even more. We always need people to work on short-term projects throughout the year, so please call us or send your message to any member of the Board. We are all trying to keep democracy strong.

Thank you all for all that you do to empower our League during these exciting times. **Have a safe and happy 4th of July.**

Hana Itani, President LWVSWSCV
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Great Decisions

Our Great Decisions for 2018 is over. We had the best discussions ever, with outstanding participation from the groups.

We will start organizing again in October. Think about whether or not you would like to participate next year and be ready to sign up and order your book. This year was a lot of extra work because people were signing up as late as January. Speaking of which, I could use some help. **I need someone to work with me, so they can take over next year.**

Thanks to everyone who participated and helped. We'll order the new books in October and start up again next February.

Terry Zaccone, Great Decisions



Vote With the League

The LWV 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.

Bay Area Measure 3

LWV Bay Area has taken a position to support Regional Measure 3 on our upcoming June ballot. It would increase bridge tolls and generate \$4.45 billion to fund major transportation projects in the toll bridge corridors which would help to 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



- Access your full, personalized ballot by entering their address.
- View candidate biographies, top priorities, funders, and endorsements.
- Read explanations of ballot measures along with who supports, opposes, and funds them.
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How does it work? Enter your zip code and your street address to access your complete ballot.

<https://votersedge.org/ca>



Compare candidates' positions side-by-side, and print out a "ballot" and take it with you to the polls on Election Day. Check out our resources for military and overseas voters!

<http://www.vote411.org>

City & Town Council Observers

Campbell: May 15 - After hearing about a recent poll of registered voters, the City Council directed city staff to prepare a ballot measure proposing a general obligation bond for \$50 million for proposed improvements and updates to the Library, the Police Department and City Hall. The ballot measure would require a two-thirds majority vote to pass.

The Campbell Veterans Memorial received its special paved walkway with pavers set in a Fibonacci Sequence, to complete the project which had begun several years ago. The Campbell Veterans Memorial Foundation will celebrate this event on Memorial Day May 28, at 9:00A.M. The event is open to the public.

Jackie Costanzo, Observer

Los Gatos: Apr 17 - Staff presented Finance Committee's recommendation to make accelerated pension fund payments to reduce pension debt. Current interest on the debt is 7% annually. Current annual payment is \$300,000. Councilmembers

approved increasing 2018 payment to \$690,000. They will consider further pension debt reduction measures at the May 15 meeting.

May 1 - The Alberto Way office project was approved. The developer's revised plan reduced the square footage below 70,000. Original project was 93,000 sq. ft. Neighbors spoke at numerous previous meetings of the Planning Commission and Town Council against the project.

"Support Teacher Housing" was chosen to move forward with development of the Dittos Lane property. Town will include the LGUSD in negotiations as a third party. The group's proposal is to build shared rental homes for local teachers with qualifying incomes.

Lynda Jandron, Observer

Saratoga: May 16 - The Council presented commendations to the Saratoga Youth



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.

Commission with six members taking an oath to serve as commissioners. May 19 was also proclaimed as Kids to the Park Day.

The Council set June 6, 2018, for public hearings on accessory dwelling units.

Raquel Durand, Observer Chair

League Volunteer Opportunities

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

* **Board positions:** Membership Chair is open! Involves recruitment, record keeping, and mentoring of new members. Contact Pat White.

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

* **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, June 11, at 7:00P.M., at Wesley Manor, 1655 Winchester Blvd. The book for discussion is *Political Tribes* by Amy Chau. 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. **Parking:** please drive all the way to the end of the entry driveway and turn left to park behind the Church. Numbered spaces are 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



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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High School Voter Registration

I joined the League after the Parkland massacre because I want to capitalize on the momentum started by the survivors with the goal of taking back the House at Midterms by registering 18 year olds to vote.

Using the Palo Alto *Presentation*, I spoke to seven classes this week at Del Mar High School in San Jose, with Marie Arnold, a member of the SJ Chapter as my backup and wrangler.

The kids were very engaged, and half of them were already registered or pre-registered at two previous ROV table events at their school. A teacher, Kira Durant,

and two others invited me to present to their classes with the short Power Point Program developed by Katharine Miller in Palo Alto who sent it to me.

I've made some alterations to make it my own, but generally introduce who the LWV is, what we do (register, educate, advocate) and why voting is essential to make democracy work.

We succeeded in registering 54 students in our two days and I will go back in September to address the new 16-year-olds who will be ready to pre-register.

Last week Vickie Olvera and I did a cold table reg at Independence High School.

With no heads-up of our impending visit, the kids were unprepared and largely uninterested. They were focused on graduation. I'll go back in September for sure. It is a huge school. Vickie and I signed up five students during our 45-minute lunch period table registration.

I also worked at the Cupertino Community Center New Citizen Swearing-In ceremony in which 1700 new citizens descended upon us. I have no idea how many we registered. The ROV did the heavy lifting that day. There was a group from DeAnza College also registering that day.

Claudia Aden

Covered California

Do you know someone who has no health insurance?

Covered California helps Californians comply with the Affordable Care Act. It's mainly for people who:

- Don't have health insurance
- Aren't offered insurance by their employer
- Aren't included in their spouse's employer's insurance
- Don't have Medicare
- Have pre-existing medical conditions that have made it hard for them to obtain health insurance elsewhere

- Own small businesses
- Have private insurance but are looking for a more comprehensive insurance plan

For Californians with a household income below 400% of the federal poverty level, Covered California may qualify them to get government subsidies that will reduce their monthly premiums. If their income is between 138 percent and 250 percent of the federal poverty level, the marketplace may also qualify them for

extra discounts to reduce the cost of their medical services.

They'll be eligible if they're single and have an income of between \$11,880 and \$47,520 a year, or if they have a family of four and their income is between \$24,300 and \$97,200 a year. The lower their total income, the more subsidies they'll receive.

For information, contact Covered California. www.healthforcalifornia.com or 1-877-752-4737

Barbara Lea, Health Care

The Criminal Justice System

Do We Need a New Criminal Justice System?

At the last meeting of our highly successful Political Book Club, the book *The New Jim Crow* by Michele Alexander was discussed. One of the reasons this particular book was chosen is that it relates to an area that the LWVC is also focusing on. The main thesis of the book is that our current criminal justice system has created a new system of Jim Crow. The statistics cited are alarming, and some fairly recent decisions of the Supreme Court re: broader use of "probable cause" have also contributed to this evolution. At the conclusion of our discussion, the question was posed: "What can be done about this situation?" With that in

mind, the following program being co-sponsored by the LWV Palo Alto might be of interest to our members.

Who Has the Power to Build a New Justice System?

The facts about our criminal justice system are well known and overwhelming. Often, its many intricacies and many branches across our political and economic system can make it seem like solutions that get to the root of the problem are impossible. However, if we look outside of the walls of the judicial system, the prisons, the obvious places, we find that there is incredible potential to not only stem the harm of mass incarceration but build something entirely new. Who has the power to build a new justice system?

The millions of people impacted by mass incarceration.

Monday, June 4, 2018

Palo Alto Art Center

1313 Newell Road, Palo Alto, CA 94303

6:30-7:00 P.M. Registration

7:00-8:30 P.M. Panel and Q&A

Join this incredible group, Ashoka, social entrepreneurs to learn about the biggest, most effective solutions to our national crisis and what the intersections across their work can teach us about empathy, democracy, and power.

Co-Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Palo Alto. For more information and to RSVP, click here:

<https://www.tfaforms.com/4670078>
Contact: aplotkin@ashoka.org

WaterFix: LWVC Said No! Water District Says Yes!

As we all know, the League of Women Voters of California opposes “WaterFix,” a project that would take water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta through two 35-mile long tunnels, each 40-feet wide, for export to the south. LWVC found that better options exist. As our LWVC President wrote, “[w]ater conservation, wastewater reclamation and stormwater capture—long-standing solutions supported by the League—are alternatives to the twin tunnels and form the viable Plan B to create a more reliable water supply than the tunnels for Santa Clara County.”

SCVWD’s bandwagon vote

Nonetheless, on May 8, 2018, the Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD) jumped onto the Southern California WaterFix bandwagon and joined Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) in throwing taxpayer dollars at the ill-conceived tunnels project. This was despite the October 2017 SCVWD vote to support a “lower-cost, scaled-

down and staged project that meets the needs of Silicon Valley.”

Document dump

Building on the “document dump” and scare tactic history of other state and federal water projects in California, SCVWD issued over 700 pages to the public, mostly justification of WaterFix, about three days before their May 8 “yes” decision on WaterFix. Then, little more than a week later, the SCVWD Director who now sits with MWD and others on the WaterFix design/construction team approved a 1,010-page agreement featuring legal and technical documents that will bind Santa Clara County ratepayers to aspects of the WaterFix project that have not even been fully decided. Extricating ourselves from this agreement, if possible, will be costly.

Billions for tunnels

The tunnels are estimated to cost ~\$17 billion, but as SCVWD directors admitted, the real cost is not yet knowable because the

design is so preliminary. Some estimates put the total at up to \$67 billion. SCVWD claimed that they needed to participate in order to have “control” over aspects of the tunnels project. However, SCVWD will have only one vote on the design/construction team that will have five to seven members. “Control” by one vote out of seven is an oxymoron.

Will WaterFix bring us needed water?

No, we discard over five times the amount of extra water expected from WaterFix through discharges to the Bay from our wastewater treatment plants each year.

Stormwater is also an underutilized resource.

As Dr. David Sedlak (UCB distinguished professor) noted at the height of the drought in 2015, “if San Jose could just capture half of the water that fell within the city, they’d have enough water to get them through an entire year.”

WaterFix is risky and a costly mistake?

Meg Giberson, Natural Resources

LWV Palo Alto a Finalist For the LWVUS Strengthening Democracy Award

LWVPA is one of three finalists for the LWVUS 2018 Convention Strengthening Democracy Award which will be presented to the winner at the June 30 Banquet at the LWVUS Convention in Chicago. We are being considered for this award based on the work of our Voter Services team toward the goal of registering 100% of eligible Palo Alto teens. Below is the description of this project submitted to the LWVUS by Kathy Miller:

In June of 2017, the League of Women Voters of Palo Alto Voter Services co-chairs set an intention to register 100% of Palo Alto eligible teens during the 2017-2018 school year. To meet this ambitious goal, they developed a pilot program for registering students during classroom visits, worked with multiple school administrators and teachers to schedule those visits, and then recruited

volunteers to work with students in more than 60 classrooms at two local public high schools and five local independent schools.

The result: From October of 2017 through April 10, 2018, more than 750 students have been registered or pre-registered by Palo Alto’s League volunteers, with an additional 250 likely to be registered or pre-registered by June.

During each senior classroom visit, League volunteers recorded the number of students present, the number registered during that class, the number who had already registered, and the number who were either ineligible (not citizens) or declined to register. For example, during 25 (23 in classrooms, two during lunchtime) visits to Palo Alto High School (Paly), volunteers registered 306 seniors, learned that 52 were already registered, and estimated

that 54 seniors were either non-citizens or declined to register. Thus, of 486 seniors at Paly, they were able to track the voter registration status of 412 students – 85% of the senior class. A similar result is anticipated at Gunn High School when the project is completed there in mid-May.

In the classroom message, volunteers talk about the League’s mission and engage students in a lively discussion about why voting is important and discuss the various voting rights challenges that face our country.

By June 1, 2018, more than 30 volunteers will have participated in more than 60 classroom visits. Since each classroom visit required a four-person team, this means volunteers signed up for over 240 volunteer slots during the school year.

LWVPA Voter June/July 2018



David & Ellen deSimone

Pauline Ferrito

Cynthia Ruby

Advocacy Report

The **Higher Education Legislative Analysts** have been busy analyzing bills that have been submitted either in this legislative session or were put on hold from last year. In addition to the four bills that we recommended support for last year, we have identified eight more that are high on our priority list. Some are still in the suspense file where their financial impacts needs to be analyzed and budget support identified. A future report will include an update on their status and their content.

Thanks to the work of **Lisa Ratner of the LWVPA**, below is a list of bills of interest in the current session of the California Legislature for which the League of Women Voters of California has written a letter of support.

Gun Safety: AB 3. This bill would prohibit the sale or transfer of any firearm by a licensed dealer to any person under the age of 21. Existing law prohibits the sale or transfer of a firearm which is not a handgun to anyone under the age of 18 and the sale or transfer of any handgun to anyone under the age of 21.

Election cybersecurity: AB 3075. This bill would establish within the Secretary of State an Office of Election Cybersecurity to coordinate efforts of the Secretary of State and local election officials to reduce cyber incidents that could interfere with the integrity of the elections.

Security of Voter Registration Information: AB 1678. This bill would require the Secretary of State's office to establish

best practices for the storage and security of voter registration information and would provide that should a security breach occur, the Secretary of State's office be notified.

Social Media Disclose Act: AB 2188. This bill would enhance the public's right to know who is using money to influence elections. It would require online social media platforms to disclose information regarding the funders of political advertisements and keep a database of political ads they run.

Jails and Voter Ed: AB 3115. This bill would require each county jail to allow an organization to provide a voter education program to inmates. The LWVC's letter of support notes that more than half of persons incarcerated in California have not been convicted of a felony (they are awaiting trial or locked up for probation violation) and so are eligible to vote but are unaware of their right to do so.

Coastal protection and global warming: SB 834. This bill would prohibit the State Lands Commission from approving any lease which would increase the production of oil or gas in federal waters. It would protect California from new offshore oil and gas development.

Contribution and Gift Bans: AB 2689. This bill would prohibit gifts or contributions from appointees to Senators or their committees just before a vote on Senate confirmation. Allowing such gifts would give a public appearance of a bribe.

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**.

Subsidized Child Care and Development:

SB 60. This bill ensures that families who receive state subsidized early care and education services can remain in subsidy as their incomes rise up to a cap of 85% of state median income and that families remain eligible for services for a full 12 months before needing recertification. The League recognizes that child care programs are a key supportive service for poor families.

Eleanor Yick, Director Action & Education

~ Helga Ruby Award ~



Award recipients Danice & Tom Picraux

The Picrauxs have held several positions on our Board; Treasurer, Voter's Edge liaison, directing our Annual Fund Drive, and proofreading the *Voter*. Danice and Tom also co-chaired two studies on the Constitutional Convention and Money in Politics. Out of those studies they formed a study on Local Campaign Finances following up with presentation of their research and suggested reforms to our four City & Town Councils along with some School Boards. The Picrauxs have also been heavily involved in our local community serving on the Community & Senior Serves Commission for Los Gatos. They are also active members in Sourcewise an organization providing education, support and advocacy to adults and their caregivers within Santa Clara County. We thank them both for all they have brought to our League exemplifying the spirit of excellence honored by the Helga Ruby Award.

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The 2018 Annual Meeting

If you couldn't make it, you missed a good time which was had by all on May 3. We started with coffee and pastries while members checked in. President Hana Itani called the meeting to order, and a quorum was announced. New members were announced and welcomed along with past presidents. Also introduced

was Zina Lou Dyer, Charter Member and Lifetime Member of our League.

Board reports were given for Membership, Voters Service and on our programs during the year. Eleanor presented the goals from the Program Planning meeting, and both the new budget and the new

Board were voted in. After the Helga Ruby award was presented to Danice and Tom Picraux, we had speakers from LWVUS talk about their advocacy and plans for the League's 100th Anniversary. We had a full house accomplishing a lot of League business.



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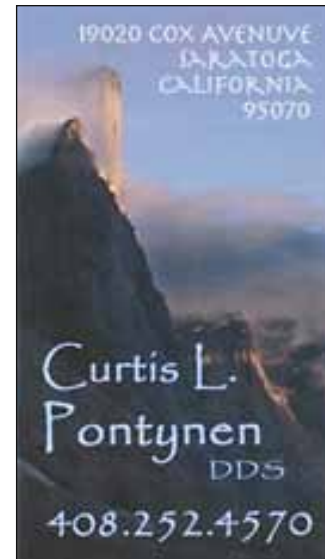
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- June 5 Tue **Primary, !VOTE!**
- June 11 Mon **Political Book Club**, 7:00 P.M. Discuss *Political Tribes*, by Amy Chau, Wesley Manor Library, 1655 S. Winchester Blvd., Campbell
- June 14 Thu **Clip 'n Come**, Noon, Bring Salad/Food & Clipping to Share Home of Sharon Graham, 116 Milmar Way, Los Gatos
Call (408) 799-8390 • **Please let hostess know you will be coming.**
No Clip 'N Come During July & August. Will Resume in September.
- June 20 Wed **Transitional Board Meeting**, 10:30 A.M. Home of President Hana Itani, 16367 Aztec Ridge Dr., Los Gatos

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