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**Helen
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LWVC President

Speak On

Thursday • January 24
7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

League Transformation

Plans for the League's Future!

In Preparation for Program Planning

Register at:

<https://my.lwv.org/california/southwest-santa-clara-valley/event/league-transformation-presented-helen-hutchison>

Cupertino Quinlan Center
10185 N Stelling Road, Cupertino



Annual Program Planning

Saturday • February 2
9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

St. Luke's Church
20 University Ave., Los Gatos

Come to Our Most Important Meeting of the Year! Contribute Your Ideas & Vote on the Future Programs & Actions of LWV

Further details For These Programs On Page 4

Mission Statement: The League of Women Voters is a diversified, nonpartisan political group of women and men, influencing public policy through education and advocacy and encouraging informed and active participation in government.



President's Letter

I hope everyone enjoyed a Happy Holiday season and also enjoys a most Happy and Healthy New Year in 2019. After attending the LWVUS Convention last June and continuing throughout the months since, we have been hearing a lot about the League's **Transformation Journey** and inviting you to participate!! Out of curiosity, I looked up an actual definition of transformation and was interested to read: *Definition of Transformation*—in an organizational context, a process of profound and radical change that orients an organization in a new direction and takes it to an entirely different level of effectiveness.

As the League anticipates its second century of existence beginning in 2020, it has determined that in order to remain an effective, well-respected organization it needs to undergo a **transformation**. How exactly will that look. In support of this **transformation** work, LWVC has developed a program focus called DEI, which means **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**. Leagues at all levels need to reflect the changes that have occurred in our country's demographics so that everyone's voice is heard and respected.

Members of the State Board, in its commitment to LWVUS work on transformation and focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, recently spent board time to discuss the book *White Fragility: Why It's so Hard for White People to Talk about Racism*, by Robin DiAngelo—a recently-published book that is frank, blunt and very controversial. It led to a lot of self-examination and questions examining white privilege

Great Decisions 2019!

The LWV **Afternoon Group** will meet at the Saratoga Senior Center, across from the Post Office in Saratoga. The Afternoon Great Decisions sessions will be held in the Magnolia and Oak rooms from 3:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. on the following Thursdays: February 7 and 21, March 7 and 21, April 4 and 18, and May 2 and 16. Books will be distributed on Thursday, January 31, 2019 from 3:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. in the Magnolia Room.

The LWV **Evening Group** will meet at the Los Gatos Methodist Church located at 111 Church Street in Los Gatos on Wednesday evenings from 7 P.M. to 9 P.M. The session dates are February 6 and 20, March 6 and 20, April 3 and 17, and May 1 and 15. Books will be distributed on Sunday, February 3, 2019, from 12:00-1:00 P.M. outside the Chapel.

When picking up your books, please consider signing up as a session leader

for one topic on the sheet provided. As you know, this program is not a lecture series but a discussion program led by volunteer participants.

If you have forgotten to sign up and really want to join us, that is still possible. You will need to order and pay for your book directly to the Foreign Policy Association at www.fpa.org. Click on Great Decisions and you will get to the page for ordering the book and do so. Then send a check for \$10 per person made out to Terry Zaccane to 13046 Anza Drive, Saratoga, CA 95070. Be sure to include your phone number, address, and email, and whether you want to attend the LWV afternoon or evening session.

There is a great array of challenging topics this year and we are looking forward to great discussions!

Terry Zaccane & Eleanor Yick
Great Decisions Coordinators

and unconscious bias. The discussion was part of the Board's on-going work to address how they on the State Board address equity, inclusion and diversity.

A state committee, Diveristy & Equity Task Force, chaired by LWVC VP Gloria Chun Hoo has been formed. Those League members who wish to further this committee's work are invited to participate. If interested, contact the Committee at: ghoo@lwvc.org.

In preparation for our Program Planning on February 2, we are encouraging as many of our members as possible to also attend the program hosted by Helen Hutchison on January 24 at which she

will further detail this **Transformation Journey**. (See page four for more details and the link for the required registration.)

We want to be sure that the work we do at our Program Planning on February 2 is aligned with the work of LWVC and also aligns us with the work that will be done at the LWVC Convention in June.

So, if you have not signed up for the January 24 event, please consider doing so right now. Also, please be sure to come and attend our Program Planning on February 2. Our vice president, Gail Nishimura, will be facilitating the Program Planning meeting.

Eleanor Yick, President

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

Our LWV Book Club will meet again on January 14 at 7 P.M. The location continues to be at Wesley Manor library, 1655 S. Winchester Blvd., Campbell.

Come and join in the interesting discussions the selected books inspire.

The book selected for January's meeting is *War on Peace* by Ronan Farrow. The group selected *Becoming* by Michelle Obama for February.

Dan Hendry, Coordinator,
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Board Bytes - Meeting of December 4, 2018

Reports

- A Report on Natural Resource given by Meg Giberson
- Barbara Lea gave a report on Health Care
- Eleanor Yick reported on Santa Clara County League Council activities.

Discussed:

- How to recruit for new members and to develop leadership in our League.
- The holiday party and details for the program planning event next year.
- The status and updating of Board job descriptions and the By-Laws.

Voted To Approve:

- Paying an annual assessment fee of \$100 to the LWV County Council

Sophia Koa, Secretary



4 Key Elements of HR1

Strengthening Voting Rights

12-11-18 – The upcoming 116th Congress could make history with the first comprehensive package of democracy reforms scheduled for 2019, *HR1*. Since the announcement of *HR1*, LWVUS has been talking to folks on the Hill and working with partner organizations to help shape the bill's language and ensure that voting rights are strengthened by this important legislation.

The League of Women Voters is very excited at the prospect of *HR1* because it aims to include elements that align with many of the League's long-held positions, like election modernization

and redistricting reform. As we work with legislators to craft *HR1*, LWV is advocating for the prioritization of the following essential elements of the bill:

1. Expand Voter Registration
2. Implement Fair Redistricting
3. Outlaw Illegal Voter Roll Purging
4. Restore the Voting Rights Act

Read more at, www.lwv.org/blog/4-key-elements-hr1.

Take Action at, http://participate.lwv.org/c/10065/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=13540&ga=2.205083216.1111321933.1545844526-1496899726.1430253167.

Celine Stewart, LWVUS

Voters Service – Midterm Results

With the mid-term elections behind us, it's interesting to look at some statistics and analyses. One interesting site that has several articles on the subject is www.pewresearch.org/topics/voter-participation. There are several links

to interesting articles such as how votes were cast... divisions by race, gender, education, how religious groups vote, and why some people find it difficult to vote.

LWV San Jose/Santa Clara December Voter



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.

Email subscriptions to the Monitor are monthly or weekly, both in print and online and provided to readers for free at www.bayareamonitor.org

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League Transformation

Thursday • January 24

7:00–9:00 P.M.

Quinlan Community Center

10185 N. Stelling Road, Cupertino

In preparation for Program Planning, Helen Hutchison, LWVC President, will discuss the actions the League is taking, nationally and statewide, to meet the challenges of the future. What will the League look like in its next century? What can we do now to assure the continued relevance and visibility of the League of Women Voters? All area League members are invited.

Biography

Helen Hutchison, Oakland League, first joined the LWV California Board as the Government Director, then Second Vice President for Advocacy and Program in 2008. While serving the state League, she has been active in strategic planning, initiative and referendum reform, human resources, training, legislation, ballot measures, and redistricting.

She has been a member of the League of Women Voters since 1969 and has served on the Boards of the Claremont, Clackamas County Oregon, and Oakland Leagues in a variety of roles.

Directions: To find the Quinlan Community Center, from Stevens Creek Blvd., make a right turn, north, onto N. Stelling with the Center located between Alves and Christiansen Drives. There is ample **parking** along N. Stelling and Alves Drive.

Sponsored by LWV Santa Clara County Council, all League members are invited and attendance is **FREE**, but **registration is required**. Go to <https://my.lwv.org/california/southwest-santa-clara-valley/event/league-transformation-presented-helen-hutchison> to register for this event.

Gail Nishimura, Vice President

Annual Program Planning 2019

Saturday • February 2

9 A.M. • Noon

St. Luke's Parish Hall

20 University Avenue, Los Gatos

The Program Planning Meeting is the process by which we decide where and how we will focus our resources—member time, money, and reputation for the coming year. At this meeting, we align our League's work with the mission and priorities set forth by National and State LWV. In addition, we identify and set goals on how best to support our

local communities. All League members are encouraged to attend, voice their opinions, and vote on our future programs and actions.

In mid-January, members will receive an email blast with the Program Planning Agenda and a packet attached. **PLEASE** print out a copy to read and bring to the meeting.

Note: You do not need to worry about bringing food. There will not be a potluck lunch at the end of this meeting as it will end at noon and there are numerous eateries nearby.

If you would like to assist with the morning coffee service, please contact Gail Nishimura, gailnishimura@me.com

This is our most important meeting of the year! Be a part of determining where our League can have the most impact, build its reputation, and grow as an organization in 2019.

St. Luke's Church is in downtown Los Gatos a block north of Main Street. It's on the east side of University across the street from Sur La Table.

Gail Nishimura, Vice President

Bay Area League Day 2019



A LWV Bay Area Symposium

Equity in Action • Equity in Practice

Saturday • February 9 • 9:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Google Community Space

188 Embarcadero, San Francisco

How to make Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion come alive in our local Leagues! Explore with Key Thought Leaders

Tickets \$45, without lunch \$30. Registration is required

We'll shine a spotlight on what's been done and where we need to go. Registration at: www.eventbrite.com/e/diversity-equity-inclusion-in-the-bay-area-dei-in-action-dei-in-practice-tickets-52767598307.

LWVBA is also recruiting volunteers—both for the event day and to assist with earlier logistics. Please send your inquiries

regarding volunteering to Veda Florez at vedaart9@gmail.com. Volunteers are eligible for 1/2 off their registration fee, \$15 of the \$30 registration fee.

If financial assistance is needed to pay for your ticket, send an email directly to Madeline Kronenberg, Mkronen@aol.com, to request a scholarship.

City & Town Council Observers

Campbell: No report this month.

Los Gatos: Town Council and staff members explored financial matters: budget policy, arrangement of reserve funds, scope of the Finance Committee's work. Finance Committee members shared their thoughts during the public hearing. These topics will be further addressed at Town Council meetings in early 2019.

Lynda Jandron, Observer

Saratoga: Under the Housing Element Law, the Council voted to support the Regional Housing Needs Ordinance.

The mid-December meeting covered the Ceremonies declaring the results of the November 2018 public elections. The outgoing Mayor, Mary-Lynne Bernal, will remain elected as a Member of the City Council. Elected candidates Rishi Kumar and Yan Zao, will function as current council members of the City of Saratoga. Former City Council member Manny Cappello was appointed as the current Mayor, and City Council member Howard Miller, appointed as Vice-Mayor.

Reaquel Durand, Observer Chair

Monte Sereno – Observer needed. You can access the meetings at: <http://cityofmontesereno.org/2148/citycouncil>.



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.

LWVPA Advocacy Training Day Advocacy Workshop

Hosted by LWV Palo Alto

Cubberley Community Center
Room M4

4000 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto

Saturday • January 12

9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.



Helen Hutchison, LWVC President
will lead this How-To for local advocacy.

Bring Local Advocacy Issues to Work On!

Learn How to Sharpen Your Local Advocacy Skills
For Effective Engagement.

Register early via Eventbrite at this link:

www.eventbrite.com/e/advocacy-training-day-with-lwvc-president-helen-hutchison-tickets-53938739221

Directions: Driving north on highway 101, exit the first San Antonio Road right staying in the left turn lane, turning left onto E. Bayshore Road.

View Map: www.eventbrite.com/e/advocacy-training-day-with-helen-hutchison-tickets-53458011351. Rooms 2, 3, and 4 on the Cubberley campus are behind the theater which faces Middlefield Road parking lot.

Note: The Eventbrite registration web site and the venue location changed as of December 22 from earlier announcements for this event. Please now use the current URLs and map directions on this announcement.

LWVUS Take Action: Citizenship Question

It is Bad for the Census

U.S. Commerce Secretary Willbur Ross has chosen to include a question on the U.S. Census pertaining to citizenship. Including this question on the Census will discourage participation and impact the data collected in every community across the country.

This decision is bad for the census, bad for our communities and bad for America.

The Census occurs once every ten years, so it is imperative to get the most accurate count. Every community relies on Census data—from apportioning our national representatives to making decisions about public safety and neighborhood resources—this information impacts every aspect of our lives. A fair and accurate

count lets our leaders and businesses make sound investment decisions that keep our communities thriving.

Including a citizenship question on the Census undermines the rights of eligible voters and threatens a process vital to our democracy. We will do everything in our power to correct this issue before it's too late.

Sign our petition to say you stand with the League as we fight back against this decision, http://participate.lwv.org/c/10065/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=13327&ga=2.261773131.715146886.1543431809-930222465.1524336833&okay=true.

Refugee & Immigrant Forum (RIF) of Santa Clara County

RIF is a mix, a coalition of non-profit organizations, governmental agencies, churches and active individuals who deal with refugees and immigrants. They meet monthly to facilitate the successful integration of refugees and immigrants into local communities through collaboration, resource sharing and fostering community awareness.

Refugees in Santa Clara County are from many regions of the world—including Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Asia—and are part of the region's diversity. The Santa Clara County refugee

population includes asylees, victims of human trafficking, survivors of torture, unaccompanied undocumented children and victims of work slavery and sexual and gender-based violence. Many refugees lived in camps for decades, where they were deprived of basic human rights, including the freedom of movement and access to adequate medical care. Despite adversity, refugee communities heal, contribute, grow and flourish.

Joining the United Nation's declaration of June as World Refugee Month and June 20 as World Refugee Day, Santa

Clara County commemorates this special day annually. World Refugee Day events highlight the plight and the many contributions of the millions of refugees all over the world. This Day promotes understanding of the reasons people seek sanctuary and how they integrate into their new communities through arts, culture and education. Members of diverse refugee communities, including artist and entertainers, gather to celebrate the diversity, strength and beauty of refugee communities living, working and thriving in Santa Clara County.

Hana Itani, Immigration

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County, Bay Area, State, and National. Financial assistance is available; please address questions regarding membership to the LWVSWSCV at, lww.swscv@gmail.com. Your contact information will be added to our membership database and our published *Membership Directory*.

❧ Event Calendar ❧

- Jan 2 Wed **Board Meeting**, 10:00 A.M. Saratoga Fire Station
- Jan 10 Thu **Clip 'n Come**, Noon, Bring Salad/Food & Clipping to Share Home of Gail Nishimura, R.S.V.P. patwh.athome@gmail.com
- Jan 12 Sat **Advocacy Workshop**, 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Cubberley Community Center, 4000 Middlefield Rd. Palo Alto
- Jan 14 Mon **Political Book Club**, 7:00 P.M. *War On Peace* by Ronan Farrow, Wesley Manor Library, 1655 S. Winchester Blvd., Campbell
- Jan 24 Thu **League Transformation**, 7:00–9:00 P.M., Quinlan Community Center, 10185 N. Stelling Road, Cupertino
- Jan 26 Sat **Celebration of Life for Jane Ellis**, 11:00 A.M.–2:00 P.M., Westin Hotel, San Jose
- Feb 2 Sat **LWV Program Planning**, 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon
St. Luke's Parish Hall, 20 University Ave., Los Gatos

❧ Save the Date ❧

- Feb 9 Sat **Bay Area League Day, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion**
Google Community Space, 188 The Embarcadero, San Francisco

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