

VOTER (11.04.20)

A Message from President Eleanor Yick:

It's been an exciting and challenging Election Season!! Exciting in terms of the numbers we have reached and challenging because we needed to change our usual processes and do everything on line. Scheduling and holding both Candidate Forums and Pros & Cons via webinar sessions was very successful. Not only were there strong registration and attendance numbers but after posting online, numbers of later views are fantastic. We have reached many more people and have provided an incredible number of community members with non-biased, valuable information.

And, out of this Covid-19 crisis, a new way emerged which is actually much more effective. Do take a minuet to examine the chart below to see those numbers!! **Online webinars are the definitely the way to go in the future – we can be much more efficient and reach many more people.**

We have also received fantastic feedback on how well our events were organized and carried out thanks to the skills and talents of Sophia Kao. Sophia organized all of our Candidate Forums and Pros/Cons webinars and also facilitated the translation and subsequent editing of our Pros&Cons into Chinese. Then, along with the team of volunteers, organized two Chinese Pros/Cons webinar events that were extremely well attended!!

Thank you to our Voter Services Team Members who worked with me and made all aspects of the events work so well: Sue Cooney, Jackie Costanzo, Terry Cabrinha, Wendy and Dan Hendry, Sophia Kao, Barbara Lea, Cherri Nelson, Danice and Tom Picraux, Terry Zacccone.

And, Special Thanks to Sophia Kao who organized the whole project to translate our Pros&Cons into Chinese and then, along with Aileen Kao, Qing Bai, Liang Fang-Chao, and Victoria Zhang planned and hosted two (2) extremely successful Chinese Pros&Cons webinars.

STATISTICS RE: CANDIDATE FORUMS AND PROS/CONS EVENTS CANDIDATE FORUMS (11.01.20)

CANDIDATE FORUMS	DATE	# REGISTERED	@ ATTENDED	# Online VIEWS
CA SENATE DIST 15	9/15	144	132	283
CAMPBELL CITY CO	9/16	36	41	100
LG TOWN COUNCIL	9/21	78	83	450
MONTE SERENO CC	9/23	38	47	257
SARATOGA CITY CO	9/28	190	204	584
CAMPBELL UHSD	9/30	31	34	196
SARATOGA USD	10/07	113	91	466
TOTAL NUMBERS		630	632	2336

PROS & CONS (11.01.20)

PROS & CONS EVENTS	DATE	# REGISTERED	# ATTENDED	# Online VIEWS
TUES. @ 10:00AM	9/15	52	49	Not posted
THURS @7:00PM	9/17	64	65	Not posted
SUN @12:00 NOON	9/20	98	87	Not posted
SUN @ 2:00pm	9/27	**	**	224
MON @2:00PM	10/05	88	75	105
Sun @ 1:00pm (Chinese presentation)	10/18	213	327	Not posted
Sat. @7:00pm (Chinese presentation)	10/24	162	197	Not posted
TOTAL NUMBERS		677	800	329
CHINESE PRO/CON MEASURES VIA 14 VIDEOS ONLINE **				OPENING: 213 PROP 14: 181 PROP 15: 197 PROP 16: 142 PROP 17: 128 PROP 18: 95 PROP 19: 167 PROP 20: 141 PROP 22: 128 PROP 23: 98 PROP 24: 98 PROP 25: 99 MEAS RR:93 TOTAL: 1924

**** CHINESE PROS&CONS VIDEOS:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eCgyfgh9hg>

MEMBER SURVEY:

During this Shelter in Place time, we are concerned about keeping our members engaged with the League and have been exploring some options on how best to do that. A very short survey will be coming out within the next week asking for your opinions about what kind of programming you would be interested in attending via zoom. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey by November 23rd so we can utilize the results to develop future webinar events.

GREAT DECISIONS: 2021

The mission of the Foreign Policy Association, which presents Great Decisions, is as it has been for over 100 years! It is to serve as a catalyst for developing awareness, understanding, and informed

opinion on U.S. foreign policy and global issues. Through its balanced, nonpartisan programs and publications, the FPA encourages citizens to participate in the foreign policy process.

Listed below are the discussion topics during the bi-weekly sessions that will be held either in the afternoon, facilitated by Hana Itani, and Wade Ellis, and in the evening, facilitated by Dan and Wendy Hendry. The cost for the registration and booklet is \$25. The sessions will start in February 2021 and scholarships are available.

• IF you would like to sign up for the **afternoon sessions via zoom**, which will take place on the first and third Thursdays from 1:30 to 3:00pm in February, March, April and May, **please send your check by November 24th for \$25 made out to the LWV Southwest Santa Clara Valley to Hana Itani, 16367 Aztec Ridge Road, Los Gatos, CA 95030**. Any questions, please contact Hana Itani at: hana.lwv@gmail.com or Wade Ellis at: wade25@sbcglobal.net

• The **evening sessions via zoom**, which will take place on the first and third Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00pm in February, March, April and May, will be facilitated by Wendy and Dan Hendry. **The evening session is already at capacity due to re-enrollment of last year's participants. Separate directions have already been sent to that group.**

TOPICS 2021:

Week 1: Global supply chains and national security

Week 2: Persian Gulf security issues

Week 3: Brexit and the European Union

Week 4: Struggles over the melting Arctic

Week 5: China's role in Africa

Week 6: The Korean Peninsula

Week 7: Roles of international organizations in a global pandemic

Week 8: The end of Globalization

Additional information about each topic can be found at:

https://www.fpa.org/news/index.cfm?act=show_announcement&announcement_id=451

WOMEN WHO WIN NOBEL PRIZE

Among the 2020 awards made by Sweden's Royal Academy of Sciences, four of the winners are women. They include Louise Gluck in literature; Dr. Andrea M. Ghez in physics for her work on black holes; and Dr. Jennifer Doudna and Dr. Emmanuelle Charpentier in chemistry for their work on CRISPR-Cas9 gene editing. This is the first time a Nobel science prize has been given to an all-female group. Dr. Charpentier commented, "I hope this provides a positive message to young girls. Women in science can also be awarded prizes. But more importantly, women in science also have an impact."

SOME INTERESTING ONLINE PROGRAMS:

1. "How to Be an Antiracist" featuring Ibram X Kendi

This program on **Wednesday, Nov. 11th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm** features the author of the last book our Political Book Club read and discussed. Join PACT, the American Leadership Forum, and the City of San Jose in conversation with Boston University Professor Ibram X. Kendi, author of the bestselling book, *How to Be an Antiracist*, and the founding director of the Boston University

Center for Antiracist Research. To register for this free online presentation, go to this link:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/how-to-be-an-antiracist-featuring-ibram-x-kendi-wednesday-november-11th-tickets-125545374595>.

Be sure to register early since they are limiting the number in attendance.

2. Scenario Planning for Post Election Period

The LWV Cupertino/Sunnyvale is hosting a meeting on **Saturday, November 14, 2020 from 2:00-4:00pm** that will focus on a conversation around the Election aftermath – What Will We Do If...?

- a. Violence breaks out on or right after election day as we wait for results
- b. Post election healing – between those who are pleased and those who are distressed about the results
- c. Nearly half of the country one way or the other distrusts the results
- d. Another scenario?

Register for this event at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZUrduGorDksGNbQESJnB7QrwYffdINNEcT5>

3. Democracy Matters: Big Challenges for the Next Decade

The webinar on **Tuesday, November 17th from 12:30pm -1:50pm** is open to everyone, including Stanford community members and the general public. The webinar will not be livestreamed. Please register for the free Zoom webinar at: <https://events.stanford.edu/events/887/88704/>. The video of the webinar will be posted to humsci.stanford.edu after the event.

Speakers for 11/17 include: Ran Abramitzky; Steven Chu — What the World Needs to Become Carbon Neutral; Gretchen Daily — How to Stop Environmental Destruction; Fei-Fei Li — The Future of Human Centered AI; Walter Scheidel — Will the Pandemic Remake Society?

Should the U.S. close its border to immigrants? What are the ramifications of income inequality? How has COVID-19 changed life as we know it? Why are Americans so politically polarized? How can we address racial injustice?

4. LWV Bay Area Hosts a Community Dialogue on Regional Decisions

The LWV Bay Area is hosting an educational forum entitled **“A Community Dialogue on Regional Decisions” on Saturday, Nov. 21 from 10:am to Noon via Zoom**. This forum is designed to provide important information on regional decisions regarding regional planning, housing and transportation and their impact on local communities. If you have questions or suggestions, contact Roma Dawson, LWVBA Housing Director, at romadawson@yahoo.com . **Register for this event at:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZYIde6rpjotGNXwTUVp-2oyq3W9WN7YYmDM>

5. 100th Anniversary History of the League of Women Voters

IF you haven't already seen Gail Nishimura's video collage about the 100th Anniversary of the History of the League of Women Voters, you can access it here:
<https://my.lwv.org/california/southwest-santa-clara-valley/take-walk-through-league-history>.

As you probably recall, Gail had made arrangements to have the display mounted in the Saratoga Library (which did take place), the Los Gatos Town Council Chambers and in the Campbell Historical Museum but the latter two needed to be cancelled due to the shelter in place mandates. Hopefully, when this crisis is over, we can still display this outstanding video collage.

6. “When Women Won the Vote” Video Is Ready

The Sunnyvale-Cupertino Branch of AAUW has written and performed a Reader’s Theater video called “When Women Won the Vote.” National leaders and local women are brought to life to tell the story of the effort to win voting rights. Their live performance in March was cancelled due to the order to shelter-in-place; the video, about 30 minutes long, is now available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3bZuqgKY6w0> . Enjoy the show!

BOARD BYTES: Oct. 7, 2020

Discussion Items: Treasurer’s Report: Helen Wang reported that we have received \$4,000+ membership dues. We also received a \$275 donation for the Education Fund. Our League’s total assets are \$34,717.90.

- Sophia Kao suggested the possibility of using the hundreds of email addresses collected during online events in activities such as Finance Drive and newsletter blast. Eleanor will make it an agenda item for future Board Meetings to discuss how to make use of this asset.

- Hundreds of Easy Voter Guides, both in English and Chinese, were delivered. Sophia Kao, Wendy and Dan Hendry, and Jackie helped distribute them to local libraries and senior living communities/centers.

Election Measures The following county wide measures were discussed: Measure RR, Measure S, and Measure T. In addition, Local Measures A, B and L were discussed. Full details about these measures can be found in the official minutes of this meeting, which are posted in our google doc folder.

Election Events: The League conducted a series of Candidate Forums in the past month. During the Candidate Forums, candidates were asked if they support Propositions 15 and 16 that strongly supported by the LWVC. There appeared to be a general lack of support for Proposition 15 and the lukewarm support for Proposition 16.

- Sophia Kao is working with Qing Bai from Civic Leadership USA to translate the Pros and Cons presentation into Chinese. A group of high caliber volunteers were recruited to do the translation. Local elected Chinese speaking officials were tapped to present the ballot analysis. The preparation for a press release is under way.

- All Election Recordings are available at lwv-swscv.org/2020ElectionRecordings.

Director Reports: Barbara Lea reported that the Healthcare Committee got involved with an active group in San Jose working on a resolution to promote Medical for All. Aileen suggested to engage our new treasurer Helen Wang, who has had a long career in healthcare, in the Healthcare Committee’s work.

- Meg Giberson is disappointed that the League’s Voter Guide is not as neutral towards Measure S as it should be. She is interested to find out why and Eleanor will investigate.

•Membership Chair Aileen Kao reported that as of this morning 87 members had renewed their membership. We potentially have 106 members although some of them have not yet paid this year's membership fee. Those who have not renewed will be contacted.

THE POLITICAL BOOK CLUB

The next Political Book Club discussion via zoom will be held on Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00pm. The selected book for November is *Ten Lessons for a Post-Pandemic World* by Fareed Zakaria

If you wish to participate and are new to the group, please contact the host, Wade Ellis, at wade25@sbcglobal.net for the URL link to the zoom meeting.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thurs	Nov. 12	1:30pm	Clip n' Come
Wed	Dec 2	10:00am	Board Meeting

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