



November 2022 VOTER Newsletter

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IN MEMORIAM - DALE HILL



We have recently lost a beloved and long-time LWV leader, Dale Hill (1928-2022). As a 50+ year LWV member and the first recipient of our Southwest Santa Clara Valley League's Helga Ruby Award, Dale was our "tribal memory." She could remember everything! Dale recruited, inspired and mentored so many of us and was always able to give sage advice and recall what we needed to know no matter how far back that was.

As a League member and friend Dale was so down to earth and unassuming that it is amazing to know all that she had achieved. She started her very active life by graduating Phi Beta Kappa from UC Berkeley, followed by a Physical Therapy Certificate from UCSF. She and her husband Bob had three sons, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Dale was never satisfied just belonging to a group—her natural leadership abilities and hard work always took her to the top. Among other positions, she was president of our League from 1971-1973 and VP for Management and Training on the State Board of the League of Women Voters of California from 1981-1985.

Dale was also active in our local Association of University Women and on the Board in the 1960's and 1970's. She served on the Los Gatos Planning Commission, the Los Gatos Union School District Facilities Committee, the Live Oak Adult Day Services Board, the Library Board of the Town of Los Gatos, and as President of the Friends of the Los Gatos Library. At the County level, Dale

chaired the Santa Clara County Charter Review Committee, was a member of the Santa Clara County Open Space Task Force and served as the Forewoman of the Santa Clara County Grand Jury.

How could one person achieve so much? Our communities recognized her achievements with the following honors and awards:

- 1976 – San Jose Mercury News Woman of Achievement in Community Service Award
- 1978 – AAUW Named Grant Honoree
- 1990 – Santa Clara County Human Relations Commission, Award of Special Recognition
- 1990 – Los Gatos Senior of Distinction
- 1991 – San Jose Junior League “Silver Bowl Award” for Volunteer Recognition
- 1997 – Live Oak Adult Day Services, Board Leadership Award

This is a picture of a highly accomplished public person, but Dale was so much more than that. She was a warm, loving person, and a great friend. She was truly one of our all-time very best members—a special person. Dale recently passed away peacefully in the presence of her family. She is survived by her children Barry, Allan, and Lorin, as well as eleven grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

SPECIAL COFFEE TALK

Discussion of the Election Results



*A casual discussion with other League members on **Wednesday, Nov. 9 @ 11 a.m.***

Share your feelings of surprise, happiness, disappointment, or maybe even puzzlement, over who won/lost and what passed/failed out of the November 8, 2022 election. Each attendee should bring an election results related news article which s/he summarizes before the group. The topic will then be opened up for a group discussion before moving on to the next member's article. Please note that there is a hard stop to this meeting at 12:30 p.m. Coffee/water provided by the host.

If interested in attending, rsvp to nishimura.gail@gmail.com.
If you are not currently a League member, but wish to attend, you will need to be accompanied by a League member.

All attendees should be fully vaccinated (including the Bivalent COVID-19 booster).

ELECTION UPDATE

GENERAL ELECTION: NOVEMBER 8, 2022
Mail-in Ballots were sent out the week of Oct. 10, 2022
Are you ready to vote?



ARE YOU READY TO VOTE ON NOV. 8, 2022?

Mail in ballots were sent out starting the week of Oct. 10th. If you have not received your ballot, contact the Registrar of Voters office now to secure your ballot.

Our League has proudly hosted and/or co-sponsored 9 Candidate Forums: Saratoga City Council; Los Gatos Saratoga HSD; Los Gatos Town Council; Campbell Union HSD; SCC Sheriff; CA Assembly District 28; SC Valley Water Board Dist. 7; Congressional District 16; and CA Assembly District 23.

All the Candidate Forum recordings are posted here:

<https://my.lwv.org/california/southwest-santa-clara-valley/article/lwv-southwest-santa-clara-valley-candidate-forums>

Our League also presented two (2) live presentations on the Pros and Cons on the 7 state propositions on the ballot. The Pros and Cons recording is posted here:

<https://youtu.be/2VC1UJgBEys>

VOTE WITH THE LEAGUE:

The League recommendations on the 7 state ballot measures can be found

here: <https://lwwc.org/sites/default/files/Vote%20with%20the%20League%20Proposition%20Recommendations%20November%202022.pdf>

COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM SUPERVISOR JOE SIMITIAN (District 5)

Now that Los Gatos, Monte Sereno and Saratoga are in Supervisor Joe Simitian's Board of Supervisor District, many of our League members may be interested in attending this event!

I'm excited to announce the date for our annual Community Conversation – Sunday Brunch, November 13th. Invitations will be mailed soon. [But you can get tickets here today.](#)

This year we'll be having a hybrid event, held both in-person and via Zoom. To ensure a healthy environment for all participants, in-person attendance will be capped at 200.

Event Details:

Date: Sunday, November 13th

In-Person Time: Starting at 11:00 a.m.

Zoom Time: Starting at 11:30 a.m.

Where: Palo Alto Elks Event Center, 4249 El Camino Real, Palo Alto

This Year's Topic: "Who's Winning the Culture Wars?"

RSVP Here: <https://secure.actblue.com/donate/2022conversation>

If you are attending virtually, you will receive your Zoom link via email after you register for the event.

I hope you can join us for brunch on Sunday, November 13th. Don't forget to mark your calendar and reserve your tickets now.

See you soon,

Joe

P.S. Watch for more announcements soon on panel speakers.

NATURAL RESOURCES



High temperatures exacerbate climate change and make our drought even more serious.

<https://www.worldweatherattribution.org/high-temperatures-exacerbated-by-climate-change-made-2022-northern-hemisphere-droughts-more-likely/>

Here are ten steps that can help us mitigate climate change by lowering our carbon footprints (from the Washington Post):

1. Create less food waste.
2. Ditch your grass.
3. Save coral reefs by packing smartly for your beach vacation.
4. Shop sustainably by buying less.
5. Protect our forests.
6. Trade in for an electric car.
7. Weatherize your home. "According to the Energy Department, 25 to 30 percent of household heating and cooling is lost through windows."
8. Learn about the link between climate change and racial equity.
9. Consider carbon offsets.
10. Pass along the information (educate your peers).

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-solutions/2022/02/22/climate-change-actions-carbon-footprint/>

To see why we need to act, check the status of the severe drought in California:

<https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/CurrentMap/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?CA>

Meg Giberson, Natural Resources-Water

CITY NEWS & UPDATES



Campbell City Council

Campbell is in the process of adopting Objective Residential Design Standards consistent with state law. Having the Objective Design Standards will enable the City to provide significant control over site layout and architectural design of new housing projects. It currently has limited or no control over them. The process includes numerous avenues of outreach to the community for feedback on the new Design Standards. The first phase will focus on priority housing types (townhomes/rowhomes, multi-family and mixed-use) for identified Housing Opportunity Sites.

October: During the month's Council meetings no new topics were introduced which fall within those areas of special interest designated by our League. However, work and public input continues on the Objective Residential Design Standards to coincide with the adoption of the new General Plan & Housing Elements, due in March, 2023.

Jackie Costanzo, Campbell Observer

Los Gatos Town Council

October: A resident group's referendum gathered the required number of signatures to suspend the Land Use Element and the Community Design Element of the adopted 2040 General Plan. Consequently, the Town Council voted to continue the use of the 2020 General Plan's Land Use Element and Community Design Element. This enables Town staff to proceed with their current work issuing building permits, reviewing subdivision maps, etc., without interruption. The Town will notify the California Department of Housing and Community Development about progress. The other elements in the adopted 2040 General Plan remain unaffected.

The Town Attorney outlined three actions councilmembers must consider in the next few months: (1) rescind the Land Use Element and Community Design Element of the adopted 2040 General Plan and develop them anew; (2) hold a special election in 2023 for all residents to vote on the two elements as they are written in the adopted 2040 General Plan; or (3) hold the vote on the same issue instead in the 2024 general election to avoid the cost of a special election.

Town staff reported they anticipate completing the Housing Element in the first half of 2023. It will be submitted to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for review and correction prior to bringing it to the Town Council for adoption. The Housing Element is the plan for meeting the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) for Los Gatos for 2023-2031. It is not part of the Town's 2040 General Plan. However, the two documents should be in alignment with one another.

Lynda Jandron, Los Gatos Observer

Monte Sereno City Council

October: On the occasion of its 75th anniversary, the Santa Clara County Fire Department (SCCFD) presented a report on its services to the Monte Sereno Council. M.S. does not have a fire department of its own; it contracts services from SCCFD. The informative report can be viewed as an attachment to the Council minutes of October 4, 2022, and can be found on the web at: <https://montesereno.civicweb.net/document/16874/?splitscreen=true&media=true×>

Fifty-nine percent of Fire Department responses to unique incidents in Monte Sereno are emergency medical (EMS) calls. Others include: customer services (24%); responses to fire alarms (7%); fires (3%); hazardous conditions (2%); and rescues (0.3%). Calls for emergencies in all categories are randomly distributed throughout the city, which reflects its mostly residential character. The SCCFD is well positioned with fire stations and equipment to respond to Monte Sereno emergencies in a short amount of time, even though the city has no fire department of its own.

At its October 18, 2022, meeting the City Manager reported that Monte Sereno has reached its goal of receiving 225 written notices by property owners stating that they intend to create an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) on their property in the next seven years. These 225 property owners are entitled to a 50% discount on building permit and plan review fees if they are issued a building permit for the creation of a new ADU by the end of 2029. It is not too late for property owners to sign up for a wait list. Details are being worked on. Encouraging ADU's is part of Monte Sereno's process for achieving agency mandates for increasing municipal housing densities.

During the next seven years, Monte Sereno residents may schedule a City representative to visit their home to answer questions regarding building an ADU on their property.

Linda King, Monte Sereno Observer

Saratoga City Council

The General Municipal Election of the City of Saratoga will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, for the purpose of filling three Council Member seats and submitting to the voters the following Ballot Measure regarding City Council term limits:

“Shall the City of Saratoga adopt an ordinance establishing term limits for members of the Saratoga City Council, limiting individuals to serving two terms and specifying the duration of various types of partial terms that are considered a term for the purposes of term limits?”

October: On October 5th the Saratoga City Council reconsidered and confirmed findings pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 of the continued public health officials' recommendation to social distance and to therefore continue the option of holding City of Saratoga Brown Act meetings by teleconference and move to the hybrid option for future meetings beginning with the 7:00 p.m. session on November 2, 2022.

Michelle Shimada, Saratoga Observer

BOARD BYTES

October 12, 2022



1. The LWV-SWSCV 2021-2022 financial reports have been audited and presented to the Board.
 2. The Board has amended the LWV-SWSCV Bylaws regarding the frequency of the Treasurer's Report. Going forward, the Treasurer shall report the status of the League budget to the Board on a quarterly basis, instead of monthly.
 3. The Voter Services team successfully hosted 9 Candidate Forums and 2 State Propositions Pros & Cons presentations. A big thank you to Eleanor Yick for leading this effort and all League members who contributed to the success of these voter information programs.
 4. The Board passed a motion to donate \$100 to LWV-Diablo Canyon for sharing their Pros & Cons material with us. The donation will go towards a stipend to college students who prepared the materials.
 5. League member Hana Itani will lead and coordinate a Great Decisions program for our members.
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2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT

An audit of the SWSCV financial records for 7/1/21 to 6/30/22 was conducted by L. Marinsik and the records were found in order.

Annual Fiscal Report
Audited Financial Statement for Fiscal Year 07/01/2021 - 06/30/2022

Category	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income			
Dues	5,701.37	8,360.00	(2,658.63)
Contributions and Finance Drive	237.40	4,600.00	(4,362.60)
Great Decisions	-	500.00	(500.00)
Other Income - Holiday Event	1,705.00	-	1,705.00
Total Income	7,643.77	13,460.00	(5,816.23)
Expenses			
A. Administration			
1. General Supplies & Fees	371.00	150.36	(220.64)
2. Officers	-	50.00	50.00
3. Finance Drive	-	80.00	80.00
4. Membership	180.00	100.00	(80.00)
5. Public Relations	-	80.00	80.00
6. Website maintenance	-	350.00	350.00
7. Board meeting/Zoom subscription	79.00	220.00	141.00
8. Liability Insurance	752.38	724.14	(28.24)
9. Professional/Govt Fees (e.g. 501c3)	635.00	-	(635.00)
B. Service and Educational Activities			
1. Voters Services	-	50.00	50.00
2. General meetings, Program	149.90	200.00	50.10
3. Annual Meeting	-	450.00	450.00
4. Study Materials	-	20.00	20.00
5. Voter's Edge	-	500.00	500.00
6. Position Support (Advocacy, Action)	-	30.00	30.00
7. Great Decisions	254.60	620.00	365.40
C. Delegates/Travel			
1. Bay Area Council	-	150.00	150.00
2. Convention	2,179.57	3,200.00	1,020.43
D. Financial Support			
1. Santa Clara County Council	100.00	100.00	-
2. LWV Bay Area Per Member Payment	280.50	295.50	15.00
3. LWVC Per Member Payment	2,968.00	2,758.00	(210.00)
4. LWVUS Per Member Payment	2,992.00	3,152.00	160.00
5. Dues Assistance	-	80.00	80.00
E. Helga Ruby Award	255.71	100.00	(155.71)
F. Other Expense - Holiday Event	1,993.81	-	(1,993.81)
Total Expenses	13,191.47	13,460.00	268.53
LEAGUE ACCOUNTS		7/1/2021	6/30/2022
Wells Fargo Bank - Checking		25,857.56	20,880.23
Fidelity Investments - Cash Fund		3,530.82	3,534.48
Education Fund		7,319.90	6,859.13
Balance		36,708.28	31,273.84

UPCOMING EVENTS

LWV SWSCV
Thurs. Nov 3

Board Meeting
7:30 p.m. via Zoom

LWV SWSCV
Wed. Nov 9

Special Coffee Talk: Discussing Election Results
11:00 a.m. in person

LWV SWSCV
Sun. Nov 13

Joe Simitian: Annual Community Conversation
11:00 a.m. in person & Zoom

DONATE

We rely on dues and donations to support our programs. Please consider making a donation to our local League of Women Voters general fund now. If you prefer to donate to our 501(c)(3) tax-deductible account, please indicate that.

League of Women Voters SWSCV Donation

JOIN US

Come to a LWV-SWSCV team meeting and learn about important issues affecting you and your community. You can make a difference! **Learn More About Our Work and Programs** [on our Website!](#)

LWV SWSCV BOARD & ELECTED OFFICIALS 2022-23

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