

## The Voter

## SUSAN LOYKO TO RECEIVE SUSAN B. ANTHONY WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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his is such a humbling experience!" That was Susan Loyko's reaction to being nominated by the League for the San Joaquin Commission on the Status of Women's Susan B. Anthony Woman of Achievement recognition.

The League nominated Susan for the recognition in the category of Community Service. "In 1995, I made a deliberate decision to live and work in Stockton," Susan said. And she's been committed to her community ever since, through her job and her volunteer community service.

As the City of Stockton's Stormwater Outreach Coordinator for their Municipal Utilities Dept., Susan ran programs to educate the community about water pollution prevention and water conservation. This led to her leadership role in the partnership with the Peace & Justice Network to coordinate Stockton's Earth Day Festival since 2001. Her environmental vocation has "spilled over into my personal life as my avocation" in efforts with the Concerned Citizens Coalition of Stockton (CCCoS),



Susan B. Anthony Dinner Friday, February 15, 2008 Grace Covell Hall, UOP

Reservations due by 2/8. Tickets are \$40. Call: 209-471-0404

the Social Justice Ministry of Presentation Catholic Church, the Environmental Justice Committee of the San Joaquin Catholic Diocese, Restore the Delta—and, of course, the League.

A founding member of the CCCoS, Susan has been an activist for local control of our water, a mission that has had global ramifications. With the Social Justice Ministry, she has coordinated the Giving Tree projects, providing clothing and other essentials to community agencies such as St. Mary's Interfaith Dining Room, Dawn House, and the Tran-

sitional Learning Center, and the Advent Angel Tree Project to bring Christmas gifts to children who have one or more family members in prison.

Environmental justice has become a passion, educating the community about global warming and energy conservation and advocating for universal health care.

Susan has been on the League Board for the last four years, serving as Secretary and on the Environment/Water Committee.

Susan has said that "Stockton is my community and my community is me. Every event is an opportunity to empower women to understand they can make a difference in whatever they choose to do."

Susan Loyko is definitely a Woman of Achievement—and has been recognized as such by the SJ Commission. Congratulations, Susan, from all your League

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## **CALENDAR**

Susan B. Anthony Award Banquet, Grace Covell Hall, University of the Pacific February 15, 2008

5:15: Recipient Reception; 6:00 Dinner; 7:00 Program

Earth Day: Sunday, April 20, 2008: 11:00-5:00, Victory Park

LWVC Leadership Council is scheduled for May 16-18, 2008 in Sacramento.

LWVUS Convention: June 13-17, 2008, Portland, Oregon

## **Board Meetings**

All League members are welcome to attend Board meetings. Board meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month.

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