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LWVSJC Calendar and Members Only website

For details about upcoming local league events, including voter service activities scheduled for this month, see the calendar on our website, http://sjc.ca.lwvnet.org/

Also, check out our new Members Only website at http://wvnet.org/lwv/ca/sjcmembers/ to see local league reference documents such as our bylaws and our nonpartisan policy.

Holiday Party Time!

Come celebrate the holidays with fellow Leaguers and get ready to say goodbye to that White Elephant that could become someone else's treasure.

When: Tuesday, December 7, 6 p.m.

Where: The Matteuccis' house, 5921 Widgeon Ct., Stockton

What to bring:

- A dish to share (Dee will provide a main dish and beverages)
- A wrapped White Elephant Gift (any item large or small that you already have that needs a new home)

Please RSVP by December 3 to Dee (477-3628) or to <u>LWVSJC@gmail.com</u>. Significant others are welcome. Let us know if you need directions.

Water Wars: The Latest Skirmish

The ballot we just voted on would have been even longer if the Governor and the Legislature hadn't pulled Proposition 18, the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010 and postponed it until November 2012.

- How did it get on the ballot?
- What's in it?
- Will it pay for a Peripheral Canal?

- Why did the League of Women Voters of California oppose it?
- What happens between now and 2012?

Come to Mary Lois and Syd Thompson's home on Wednesday, November 17 to have our local League President Jane Wagner-Tyack clarify these water bond issues and provide critical information for all of us on what happens now.

Details: November 17, 6:30 p.m., 29 Nottingham Drive, Stockton

RSVP to Bea Lingenfelter, 239-3881, beaal@comcast.net

Please come, and bring a guest or two, for some refreshments, discussion and information.

A busy season for Voter Services

by Vickie Markarian, Voter Services Chair

With the midterm election on November 2 came a deluge of candidates running for various U.S., State, and local offices, as well as a number of ballot measures. Consequently, all areas of Voter Services were kept hopping, as noted below:

- <u>Speakers Bureau</u>: In addition to myself, Dee Matteucci, Bea Lingenfelter, Gladys Ikeda, and Jane Wagner-Tyack all pitched in to present the pros & cons on the propositions at nine different venues.
- <u>Candidates Forums</u>: In the south area of the county, I moderated candidates forums for Manteca and Lathrop, which included offices of mayor and city council. Thanks to Cate White and Bea Lingenfelter for helping out as timer and question screener.
- <u>Smart Voter</u>: Our team contacted more than 100 candidates running for positions throughout the county, urging them to set up their sites on Smart

Voter. Lydia Tinder was especially helpful in getting local measures up on the website, and Mary Lois Thompson helped follow up with candidates who had not responded to the initial contact.

We also handed out copies of the "Easy Voter Guides" and "Smart Voter" bookmarks at every event, as well as to Senior Centers, churches, senior communities, and local libraries.

Thank you to those team members who helped things go smoothly. The voting public was grateful for their efforts, and so was I.