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YOU ARE INVITED TO LUNCH WITH THE LEAGUE

Topic:

**“What's Really Happening in Santa Cruz County Classrooms
as a Result of Deep Budget Cuts?”**

Speaker:

**Teresa Rouse, Assistant Superintendent
Educational Services Division,
Santa Cruz County Office of Education**

When: Saturday, September 26, 2009, 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

**Where: DeLaveaga Golf Lodge Restaurant
401 Upper Park Road, Santa Cruz**

**Cost: Lunch is \$15, including tax and gratuity,
to be paid at time of check-in, make checks payable to LWVSCC**

RSVP: (831)426-VOTE by September 19

This is the first in a series of “Lunch with the League” programs sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz County. These lunches are open to League members, guests, and the general public.

Menu choices: Chinese Chicken Salad with Fresh Mixed Greens and Tender Grilled Chicken Breast; Shrimp Louie; French Dip Roast Beef Sandwich on Francesi Roll with Au Jus, Swiss Cheese, and fruit salad as a side dish; or Veggie Salad (a vegetarian specialty of DeLaveaga); coffee or tea are included.

RSVP by September 19 to 426-VOTE. Leave a message with your name and the names of your guests. An approximate number count is required by DeLaveaga Restaurant one week in advance. You may make your menu selection upon check-in at the event.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to the 2009-2010 League year! LWVSCC is trying some new ways of doing things in this new year. I hope you are feeling flexible, ready and willing to work in new ways.

One of the biggies is greater use of the computer to communicate. As stated in my summer letter to you, LWVUS (hyperlink www.lwv.org/lwvonly) and LWVC (hyperlink www.ca.lwv.org/lwvonly) are using the computer as their way for you to receive information from them and to participate in advocacy on issues League cares about. I hope you have gone to each "members only" site and signed up for what you want to receive. Remember, there will not be a National Voter or a LWVC newsletter in the mail.

Locally, we have moved to an eVoter with a hard copy going to those members without a computer. This is our first edition. What do you think? Be sure to let us know so we can continue to make improvements.

Also on our local agenda is a web site. We (Jan Karwin) are working on it. When the site is in order, it will go Live. We will let you know when it is Live with an announcement in the eVoter. Again, comments and feedback as well as suggestions are welcome. The Board and I will make decisions about what is on it, and what is not.

The third change we are introducing is "Lunch with the League." I hope this will better meet your availability and time constraints in attending League events. I'm looking for greater attendance at our meetings. We are scheduling issues that we hope will peak your interest and attention. I look forward to seeing you at our Kick-Off on Saturday, Sept. 26. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to these very informative Lunches.

**Ann Wise
President**

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JOINT BOARD DINNER

Thanks to April Bartal's generous hospitality, members of the 2008-09 and 2009-10 Santa Cruz County League Boards enjoyed a delightful summer evening together.

April prepared a delicious dinner in a lovely and relaxed Bonny Doon setting so that old and new Board members could get acquainted and discuss the exciting plans for the coming year. It was a delightful way to bridge past and future.

MEMBERSHIP

Thank you, League members, for renewing your memberships on time. We will be mailing a membership list to all current members - so for any stragglers, please mail your dues to Ruthann Amsel , 1 Paradise Park, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 ASAP.

We certainly appreciate our members who added donations to their dues: Joyce Aoyagi, Phyllis Rosenblum, and Suzanne Sheurman. Our Life members Barbara Oldden and Ilse Rowe were generous along with Board members who made monetary donations and/or in-kind contributions.

Welcome back to renewing members Michele and Ben Finch and Bob Lewis. A big welcome to new members- Denise McMillan, Jeanette Muten, Mary Nelson, Lynn Houser and Dinah Sapia.

If I have left out anyone, please let me know before the next Voter.

Laura Grossman
Membership 475-9442

Successful Fund Raiser

Many thanks go to the hardworking and generous local League members who contributed time, energy and items to our August yard sale. With Morgan Rankin and April Bartal at the helm, we raised \$345 for our treasury. Special thanks are due Marge Leavitt and Laura Grossman for storing donations, Jan Karwin and April Bartal for delivering them, and for the Circle Church for hosting the event.

Those who worked at the sale were Sandy Warren, Evy Brown, Marge Leavitt, Morgan Rankin, Aidan Rodriguez, Pam Newberry, Laura Grossman, Kathy Van Horn and Jan Karwin. Your time is much appreciated.

Donated treasures were provided by Barbara Oldden, Evy Brown, Morgan Rankin, Candice Walker, Laura Grossman, Eloise Graham, Sandy Warren, Jan Karwin, John Karwin and Helen Palmer. Hopefully the names of all donors and workers have been included. Please forgive us if we missed you. We couldn't have had a sale without you!

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Join the League of Women Voters

Membership in the League of Women Voters is open to men and women of voting age who are U.S. citizens. Others are welcome to join the League as associate members.

Send your check payable to the League of Women Voters with this form to LWVSCC, Box 1745, Capitola, CA 95010-1745.

____ \$65 Individual annual membership Name: _____

____ \$97.50 Two members in a household Address: _____

____ Contribution \$ _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Checks made out to LWVSCC are not tax deductible. Telephone: _____

To make a tax-deductible donation, write a separate check to LWV Education Fund. E-mail: _____

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September

Wed., Sept. 9, 1-3 pm

League Board Meeting at Santa Cruz County Bank,
720 Front Street, Santa Cruz

Sat., Sept. 26, 11:30 am-1:30 pm

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“What's Really Happening in Santa Cruz County Classrooms
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Speaker: Teresa Rouse, Assistant Superintendent, COE
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October

Wed., Oct. 14, 1-3 pm

League Board Meeting at Santa Cruz County Bank, Santa Cruz

Sat., Oct. 31, 11:30 am-1:30 pm

Lunch with the League
Topic: Plans for Redistricting, Legislative Boundaries
Speaker: Trudy Schafer, Sr. Program Director, LWV of California
DeLaveaga Golf Lodge Restaurant, 401 Upper Park Road, Santa Cruz

November

Wed., Nov. 11, 1-3 pm

Board Meeting at Santa Cruz County Bank, Santa Cruz

Date to be announced.

Lunch with the League
Speaker from California Forward to discuss proposals for reforming the
state budget and fiscal system.

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