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League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz County

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Local Program Planning

April 27, 2010, 1-3 PM

150 Scenic St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Current Local League positions, available on our website @ <http://lwvscc.org/positions.html>, will be reviewed. We welcome new ideas for 2010-2011 studies and program suggestions. New members should find the meeting very informative.

PROS & CONS PRESENTATION

Sat., May 1, 11:00 A.M. to Noon

We'll meet at Gigi's Bakery & Café, 500A River St., Santa Cruz, 95060 where our League's Voter Service Committee will present the Pros & Cons of the five state propositions which will be on the June 8, 2010 primary election ballot. Copies of the League's *Easy Voter Guide* will be available.

Climate Change--A World View and Personal Action

Thursday, May 20, 1:30-3:30 PM

Central Branch Library Meeting Room

224 Church Street, Santa Cruz 95060

Our speaker, Michele Whizin, has trained with Al Gore and the Climate Project. Currently teaching health science, biology and physiology at Santa Cruz high school, her varied background ranges from park ranger to nurse to musician to teacher. Michele's talk includes a power point presentation, focusing on what governments are doing world-wide. She'll speak on what is happening in the world with legislation, business action, and individual action to combat the problem of climate change. Participants will have an opportunity for discussing their own solutions in small groups, reporting back to the group as a whole. This important program is open to the general public. You are encouraged to bring friends.

LWV of Santa Cruz County's Annual Meeting

"Looking to the Future--Let's Start Our Next Ninety Years"

June 12, from 10 AM to Noon, Marie Callender's Restaurant, 3400 Clares, Capitola, 95010

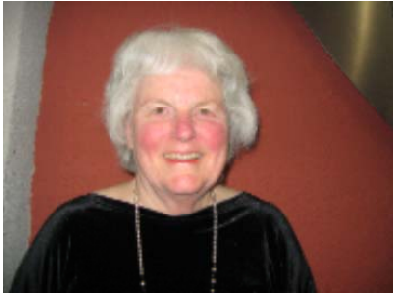
This buffet brunch will include an overview on our new web site, election of the 2010-2011 local Board as well as discussion and voting on next year's program and budget. The Annual Meeting Kit and Fund Raising Drawing tickets will be sent to you early in May.

Please send your check for the brunch made out to LWVSCC for \$20 per person to:

Sandra Warren, 150 Scenic Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Pre-paid reservations will be greatly appreciated. Allow time for receipt of your reservation by June 4 or call 426-VOTE by that date to reserve your place.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Spring is here. Activities have geared up. League is no exception. I hope you are ready to help us through Local Program Planning, the June Election, and the Annual Meeting. Come help us look through our Local Positions at the April 27th Planning meeting and decide if there is a burning issue you would like to study during the 2010-2011 year.

The June Election is important. Locally we have County Supervisor races (Santa Cruz and Watsonville) and two Superior Court Judge races. You'll want to be informed.

Then there are the State Propositions. The LWVC has taken a position of SUPPORT for Prop 15 - Public Funding for the Secretary of State's Office. This is a pilot project that could lead to more offices being covered by public funding. Let's get rid of the exorbitant fundraising and have the candidates speak to the issues.

The LWV has an OPPOSE position on Prop 16. This proposition is sponsored by PGE and gives them a free ride in the electricity business. It has nothing to do with your right to vote as their ads suggest. It just eliminates their competition.

At the Annual Meeting we will be starting our next Ninety Years. Come and share your vision for this new time. Be sure to send in your Raffle Tickets (which will be available in May) and your reservation. We have many fine prizes. This is a good way to support our local league and all the work we do.

Thank you for your support of the League.

Ann Wise, President

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May 15 Yard Sale

9 AM to 1 PM
The Circle Church
111 Errett Circle, Santa Cruz 95060

Donate your books, knick knacks, small toys and gently used clothing to benefit our local League. Call Morgan at 426-6412 to tell her what you can contribute. Can you help staff our League sale table too? Call Morgan!

Important Reminder

Our League Membership List is confidential and for League use only. Please do not share membership information or use for solicitation for any other organization.

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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

**Joyce Anderson Amelia Erickson Rose Filicetti
and renewing member Natalie Oliver.**

Again a reminder that members may update their own information by visiting "login" on the <http://www.lwvus.org> website. In addition to our wonderful local website, check out the user friendly national LWVUS and state www.lwvc.org websites.

Laura Grossman laura@baymoon.com

In Memorium

We will greatly miss Ruthann Amsel who passed away April 17. For years, Ruthann was the quiet voice in your email box, sending you reminders of important League events. Ruthann was incredibly organized, keeping track of our data base as well as being Dues Secretary and a member of the local League Board. She loved being part of the League of Women Voters. It was a privilege to know her.

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Biggest Fundraiser Of The Year!

Tickets available online next week for the June 12 Drawing for Annieglass, Bonnie Doon Lavender Farm gifts, books, plus wine, coffee and garden baskets and more!

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 League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz County or LWVSCC with this form to LWVSCC, Box 1745, Capitola, CA 95010-1745.

___ \$65 Individual annual membership

___ \$97.50 Two members in a household

___ Contribution \$ _____

Checks made out to LWVSCC are not tax deductible. To make a tax-deductible donation, write a separate check to LWV Education Fund.

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[Vote with the League](#)

SUPPORT Proposition 15: California Fair Elections Act

OPPOSE Proposition 16: Imposes New Two-Thirds Voter Approval Requirement for Local Public Electricity Providers

No Recommendation on the other measures on this ballot

PROPOSITION 13: Limits on Property Tax Assessment. Seismic Retrofitting of Existing Building

PROPOSITION 14: Top-Two Candidate Open Primary

Proposition 17: Auto Insurance Pricing

For details go to www.lwvc.org

Mark Your Calendar

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426-9389 for directions

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Michele Whizin, The Climate Project
Central Branch Library, 224 Church St.,
Santa Cruz 95060

JUNE

Tuesday, June 8

Statewide Primary Election – VOTE!

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Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of
Santa Cruz County
Marie Callender's Restaurant, 3400 Clares, Capitola 95010