



# *The Beach Voter*

**League of Women Voters of the Beach Cities**

**Serving El Segundo, Hawthorne, Hermosa Beach, Inglewood, Manhattan Beach & Redondo Beach**

## **Holiday Luncheon**

**Saturday, December 11th, 2010—10 AM to 1:30 PM**

**Home of Ann Martin, 921 Rowell Ave., Manhattan Beach**

**Members: A-L Hot dish - M-Z Salad**

Please join us for our annual program planning/holiday luncheon. This is an especially good meeting for newcomers or prospective members. We will review our California State Positions as well as find time to socialize and get to know each other. See Article below for more details on program planning.

### TIME FOR STATE PROGRAM PLANNING

If you followed the "Vote with the League" for the last election, you joined in the process of taking action on the League of Women Voters of California (LWVC) positions. These positions were adopted following study and consensus from the grass-roots members and approved by the State Board.

It is that time of year again when we are asked to do Program Planning for the next two years at the state level. Come to the holiday party at the lovely home of Ann Martin and share your ideas and opinions about League policy and positions at the state level. Should we recommend a new study? Is there an urgent issue to be addressed?

Where should the League focus its energy over the next two years? We will review the existing positions in three major areas: Government, Natural Resources and Social Policy. Which will we recommend to retain, drop, update or choose for action and advocacy?

The enclosed "Positions in Brief" will help to refresh your memory before our in-depth review. More information can be found on [beachvoter.org](http://beachvoter.org) or [www.lwvc.org](http://www.lwvc.org). [lwvc@lwvc.org](mailto:lwvc@lwvc.org).

If time permits, we will discuss suggestions for a local study, and if recommended by the LWV Beach Cities board, will be placed on the agenda for our annual meeting in May.

Let your voice be heard and enjoy the pleasures of the holiday party on December 11th.

Jan Nathanson  
Program Vice President

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The League affirms our belief in our commitment to diversity and pluralism. There shall be no barriers to participation in any activity of the League on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability. The League recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision making.

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For **membership**. Send check in the amount of \$55.00 (payable to the League of Women Voters –Beach Cities) to Peggy Bartlett at 701 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266)

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## VOTER SERVICE

Barbara Arlow

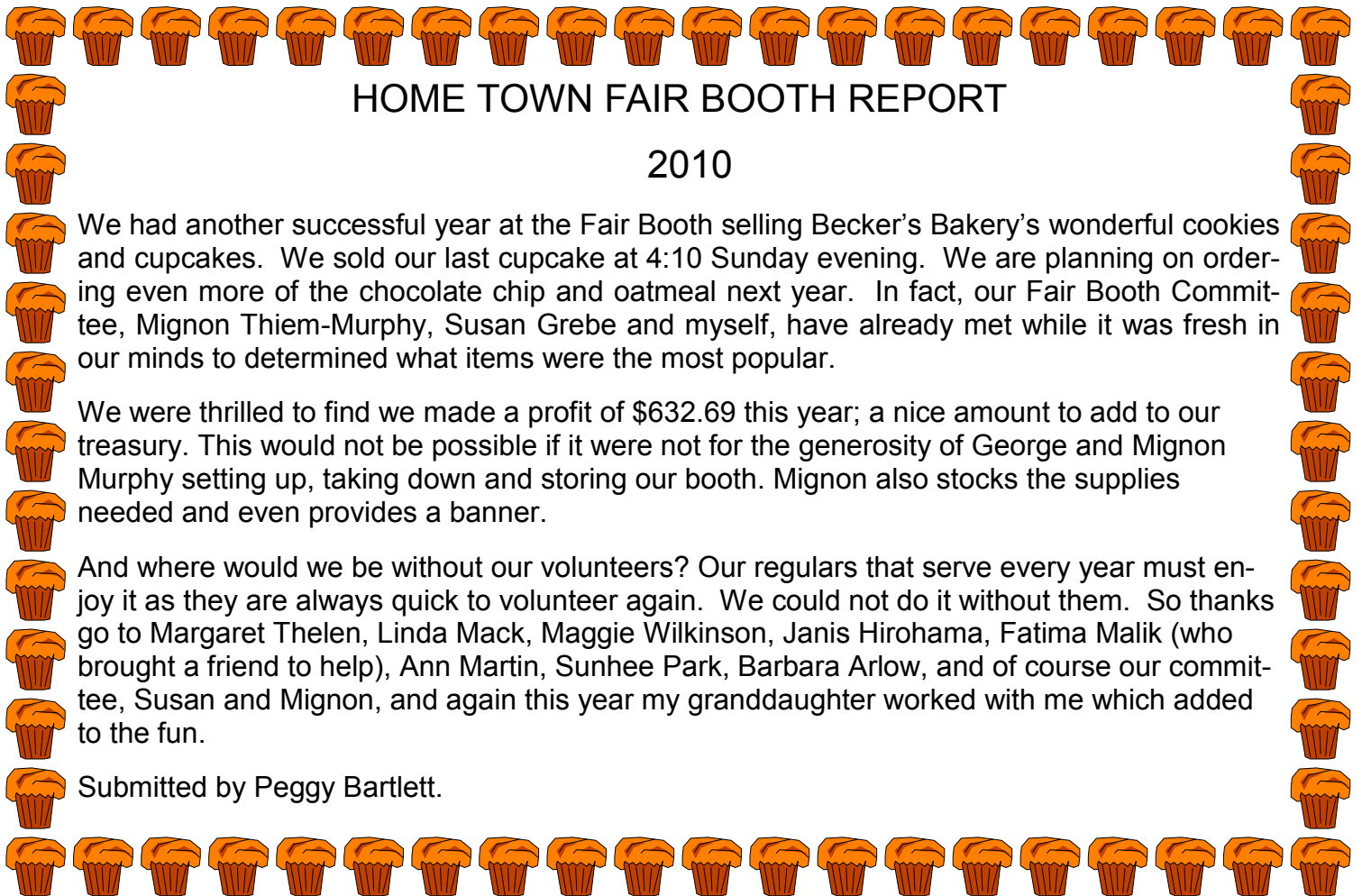
Susan Grebe, Margaret Thelen, Joan Arias, Janelle Freeman, Wendy Phillips and Barbara Arlow presented Pros and Cons for the Nov 2nd election to 10 groups. We spoke to approximately 300 people.

We distributed 1,350 Pros and Cons and 500 English and Spanish Easy Voter booklets to libraries and Senior Centers in Hawthorne, Lawndale, Inglewood, Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach and El Segundo, to the Manhattan Beach Coordinating Council and to participants at our Pros and Cons presentations.

Paulette Caudill, Susan Grebe, Jan Nathanson and Irma Cohen volunteered to register voters at 2 DMV locations.

As part of the national High School Registration Project Peggy Bartlett, Susan Grebe, Joan Arias, Margaret Thelen, Wendy Phillips and Barbara Arlow registered 640 seniors at Inglewood High School, Lawndale High School and Redondo Union High School.

Doris Rosenberg provided voting information to those who called Beach Cities League.



### HOME TOWN FAIR BOOTH REPORT

2010

We had another successful year at the Fair Booth selling Becker's Bakery's wonderful cookies and cupcakes. We sold our last cupcake at 4:10 Sunday evening. We are planning on ordering even more of the chocolate chip and oatmeal next year. In fact, our Fair Booth Committee, Mignon Thiem-Murphy, Susan Grebe and myself, have already met while it was fresh in our minds to determined what items were the most popular.

We were thrilled to find we made a profit of \$632.69 this year; a nice amount to add to our treasury. This would not be possible if it were not for the generosity of George and Mignon Murphy setting up, taking down and storing our booth. Mignon also stocks the supplies needed and even provides a banner.

And where would we be without our volunteers? Our regulars that serve every year must enjoy it as they are always quick to volunteer again. We could not do it without them. So thanks go to Margaret Thelen, Linda Mack, Maggie Wilkinson, Janis Hirohama, Fatima Malik (who brought a friend to help), Ann Martin, Sunhee Park, Barbara Arlow, and of course our committee, Susan and Mignon, and again this year my granddaughter worked with me which added to the fun.

Submitted by Peggy Bartlett.

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## Environmental News

By Maggie Wilkinson

### November election results:

Proposition 23, the Texas Oil companies' initiative to disable California's global warming law (AB 32), was defeated. Leagues around the state worked to defeat the measure, as did our league. However, Proposition 26 passed which requires a two-thirds vote of the Legislature to enact any regulatory fees. Proposition 26 could therefore create legislative gridlock over fees as the Legislature implements AB 32 to cut greenhouse gases.

### On the national scene:

Scientists are joining a campaign against Congressional conservatives who have threatened to kill regulations to reduce man-made greenhouse gas emissions. The scientists are trying to reach legislators and political leaders who may not have an opinion or an opinion based on limited information.

### In California:

A task force of politicians, business people, academics and environmentalist are asking Jerry Brown to appoint a climate risk council to serve within the Governor's office to monitor sea levels and water supply. If created, this task force will help to focus statewide attention on adapting

to the effects of global warming.

### Alternative Sources of Energy:

Final approval has been given by the federal government for the world's largest solar power plant to be built on public land in the Mojave Desert. The Blythe plant will use solar power technology to generate as much electricity as a typical coal or nuclear plant – enough to power 300,000 homes.

Another major solar project is being planned by AV Solar Ranch One for the Antelope Valley. The LA County Board of Supervisors is moving forward with the plan for the solar project in spite of a request from Northrop Grumman Corp. to delay final approval.

The use of turbines to harness the ocean tides to produce electricity are also being explored.



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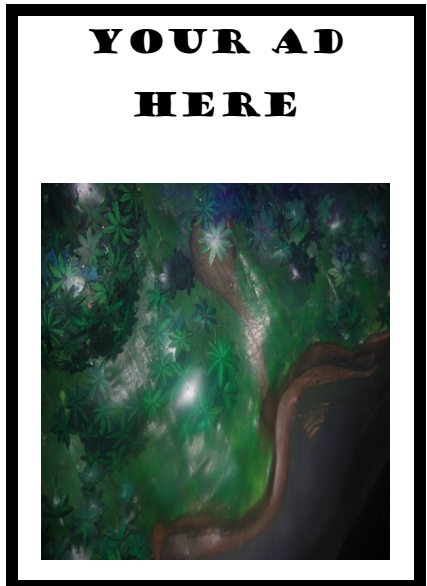
## Ready to give your business some big time attention? Advertise with the League!



We are now accepting submissions for ads to be introduced into our January 2011 Voter for introductory price of \$35 per 3.5" x 2" of advertising space (business card size). The Voter reaches approximately 200 members and supporters via direct mail and hundreds of visitors to our BeachVoter.org website. It's a great way to reach your target audience and support the league!

All ads must be submitted for consideration by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Ads must either be sent via email to [rgrebe6072@aol.com](mailto:rgrebe6072@aol.com) or by post mail on a non-returnable CD as a jpeg file no larger than 50k and a resolution of at least 72 dpi. Discs should be sent to LWVBC , 629 19<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. All ads must be submitted as the final version of the advertisement. Please include your full name, the name of your company, type of business and industry, phone number, address and email address and a check made out to LWVBC with submission. If you are submitting via email, please send check by post to **League of Women Voters of the Beach Cities, 629 19th Street, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266.**

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**CALENDAR**

<b>Dec 11th</b> <b>Saturday</b>	<b>10 AM -</b> <b>1 :30 PM</b>	<b>Program Planning</b> <b>Holiday Luncheon</b>	<b>Home Ann Martin</b> <b>921 Rowell Ave., MB</b> <b>310 372-2823</b>
<b>Jan 11th</b> <b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7 PM</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Home of Joan Arias</b> <b>720 8th St., HB</b> <b>310 798-8797</b>
<b>Jan 26th</b> <b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7PM</b>	<b>Membership Meeting</b> <b>"Jail Study"</b>	<b>Manhattan Beach Library</b> <b>1320 Highland Ave.</b>
<b>January 29th</b> <b>Saturday</b>		<b>LWV/LAC Winter League Day</b> <b>"California Budget"</b>	<b>Rio Hondo Country Club</b> <b>Downey</b>

**Happy Holidays**

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