



The Beach Voter

League of Women Voters of the Beach Cities

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ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Saturday December 12th. 2009

10 AM to 1:30 PM

921 Rowell Avenue Manhattan Beach

310 372-2823

We will be meeting at the home of Ann Martin. Come join us for a morning of National and LWVLAC program planning followed by food and fellowship. Members are asked to bring either a salad for 6 or a hot dish for 6.

If your last name begins between A—L please bring a salad.

If your last name begins between M—Z please bring a hot dish.

PROGRAM PLANNING

It is that time of year again when we can make our voices heard at the national level of League in anticipation of the LWVUS convention in June 2010. Every two years local Leagues participate in the program planning process by making recommendations concerning program issues—”this is how we remain a grassroots organization.”

Program, a three part process that is a core component of the League’s mission, is composed of program planning, study and consensus, and advocacy.

At our program planning meeting combined with our festive holiday luncheon (see above) we will have an opportunity to review existing National positions and discuss a possible new study. This year we are being asked to either recommend a new study or to recommend review of one of our existing National positions and discuss a new study. To preview the positions in brief go to http://www.lwv.org/Content/ContentGroups/ImpactIssues/Impact_Positions08.pdf

Please come and bring friends for good food and lively discussion.

June Eicker & Jan Nathanson

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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 13th Street, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266)

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LWVLAC Program Planning

The Los Angeles County League is recommending a continuation of the Jail Study for the years 2010 to 2012 in order to complete the work started when the study was adopted in 2008. It will be up to the delegates at the March 2010 convention to continue the study or not.

The existing County positions can be found at <http://lacilo.ca.lwvnet.org/about.html>. Although we will not be reviewing the positions at our December 12th meeting, if you have suggestions to retain or review any of the existing County positions, please e-mail Jan at rjnathanson@yahoo.com or call 310 643-6247.

SAVE THE DATE

2010 Census and Happy 90th Birthday to the League

Tuesday, February 23rd, 2010 at 7:00 PM

Speaker and place to be announced



January Membership Meeting on City \$\$\$\$\$

On January 26, 2010 we are scheduling an informational meeting for the League and the public in cooperation with the Manhattan Beach Residents Association. We plan to invite representatives from three local governments (possibly Manhattan/Hermosa/Redondo) to discuss what their cities are doing in the current financial climate. We have hopes that the governments as well as we excited onlookers will learn some frugality tricks that might be shareable to help each government, or possibly even interested citizens learn to cope in this brave new world of lowered financial expectations. The site for the meeting and the invited guests are yet to be determined, but pencil in the date (January 26, 2010) for a fascinating look at \$\$\$ and our local governments.

Michelle Murphy

Why I Joined the League

By Harriet Chase

I was living in Tucson, Arizona; it was the 70's... I had three young children under the age of four and I was looking for some meaningful adult interaction. The League fit the bill. It offered me a chance to make new friends while learning more about the workings of government and how one informed person can make a difference. In 1985 we moved to Palos Verdes, California and I joined the PV League and became involved in the League's Los Angeles County Foster Care Study. That led to our family taking in a foster son who was 17 at the time (he is now a full-fledged member of our family). Since that study I have been following the Los Angeles County's foster care system by observing the Los Angeles County Commission for Children and Families. I also joined many children's advocacy groups and attended conventions and forums relating to foster care. This involvement led to my position at the State League as Foster Care Consultant. In 1989 we moved to Manhattan Beach and I joined the League of Women Voters of the Beach Cities where I have held the position of Social Policy Chair for many years. In that position I have chaired committees to create forums for the League and the South Bay community on senior care, health care, foster care, mental health, and education. In summary the League has provided me with a wonderful platform for community involvement as well as creating an opportunity to develop my leadership skills.

Harriet Chase

HOME TOWN FAIR BOOTH REPORT

2009

We had another successful year at the Fair Booth selling Becker's Bakery's wonderful cookies and cupcakes. Both days were a sell out and we are planning on ordering even more of the mini cupcakes to sell next year. In fact our Fair Booth Committee, Mignon Thiem, Susan Grebe and I have already met while what items were the most popular was fresh in our minds. .

We were thrilled to find we made a profit of \$602.00 this year almost a hundred dollars more than last year. A nice amount to add to our treasury.

George and Mignon are such experts when it comes to setting and taking down the booth. They tell me they can do it in record time because of all their past experience. The League is so grateful to them for not only installing and dismantling the booth but storing it in their garage all year.

And where would we be without our volunteers manning the booth. Our regulars that serve every year must enjoy it as they are always quick to volunteer. We couldn't do it without them. So thanks go to Margaret Thelen, Linda Mack, Maggie Wilkinson, Janis Hirohama, June Eicker, Wendy Phillips, Michelle Murphy, Janelle Freeman, Harriet Chase, Fatima Malik, Phyllis Appel and of course our committee, Susan and Mignon. Again this year my granddaughter worked with me which added to the fun.

Peggy Bartlett

Climate Change & Our Oceans Meeting

Our LWV November 16th membership meeting, postponed from October due to a wind caused power failure, started with the movie, “Acid Test, the Global Challenge of Ocean Acidification” to introduce us to the problem of how climate change is affecting our oceans. The Acid Test movie gave us an overview of how carbon dioxide is making our oceans more acidic. Following the movie Jane Lee, Program Manager for the USC Center for Ocean Sciences Education Excellence, spoke to us about global climate change and the oceans. She has personally done ocean research in the waters of Monterey Bay as well as other ocean sites. She gave us a good overview of what we can expect to happen as a result of global warming – more wildfires, stronger hurricanes, etc. – and then talked about how the warming and acidification of ocean waters are affecting fish and other sea animals. Her guidance to all of us on what we can do to help solve this problem is:

1. Be informed and pass information on
2. Eat sustainably caught seafood
3. Save electricity – turn off lights and appliances when not needed
4. Reduce, reuse and recycle
5. Take a hike or a bus ride rather than driving your car.

Following Jane’s presentation Fatima Malik, a member of our League, gave a presentation defining the buzz words associated with global warming and climate change and what we can do to reduce green house gases. Her presentation was very helpful and included definitions of words such as sustainable, green, renewable, Energy Star, etc. Our website people are going to try to put her presentation on our website – Beachvoter.org. If you would like to see the Acid Test Movie, it’s at www.acidtestmovie.com. or if you are a member of a group that would like a copy of the DVD to show to your group please give me a call.

Thanks to everyone who made this meeting so interesting and so relevant to those of who live near the ocean: Michelle Murphy, Fatima Malek, Janelle Freeman (who did the flyers and postcards), our guest speaker Jane Lee, and the National Resources Defense Counsel who provided the movie and the projector for showing the movie.

Maggie Wilkinson

CALENDAR

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| Dec 12th Saturday | 10 AM to 1:30PM | Program Planning and Holiday Lunch | Ann Martins 921 Rowell Ave Manhattan Beach |
| Jan 12th Tuesday | 7:00 PM | Board Meeting | Home of Jan Nathanson 13731 S. Rossburn Ave. Hawthorne |
| Jan 26th Tuesday | 7:00 PM | Membership meeting City Finance | TBA |
| February 9 | 7:00 PM | Board Meeting | Home of Peggy Bartlett 701 13th Street Manhattan Beach |
| February 26 Tuesday | 7:00 PM | Membership Meeting 2010 Census Happy 90th Birthday League | Manhattan Beach Library 1400 Highland Ave |



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