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## **JOIN LEAGUE MEMBERS FOR OUR SECOND ANNUAL THEATRE PARTY**



***THE BACHELORS - A MUSICAL***  
**Thursday, February 19, 7:00 PM**

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## **VOTERS SERVICE IS ACTIVE IN PLANNING FORUMS AND DEBATES FOR THE MARCH 2 ELECTION**



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## LWVUS CO-SPONSORS MARCH FOR WOMEN'S LIVES

**Sunday, April 25, 2004, Washington, DC**

The League of Women Voters is a co-sponsoring organization for the March for Women's Lives to take place in Washington, DC on Sunday, April 25, 2004. For twenty years, LWVUS has worked to preserve the right to privacy in reproductive choice, so we are proud to join with the Feminist Majority, NARAL Pro-Choice America, the National Organization for Women and Planned Parenthood Federation of America and hundreds of other organizations for the March.

The March will begin at noon at the Lincoln Memorial, although participants may begin assembling as early as 10 AM. After the March, a rally will be held from 1- 4 PM on the National Mall. Special seating will be available for people with disabilities. The rally program will be signed for the hearing impaired. The route is wheelchair accessible and transportation will be provided for those who cannot negotiate the route.

Today, a woman's right to choose is threatened at all levels of government. From 1995 through the present, more than 350 anti-choice legislative measures have been enacted at the state level. At the federal level, legislation banning so-called "partial birth abortion" was signed into law without an exemption to protect women's health as required by the Supreme Court. Many other restrictions on reproductive choices are currently pending before Congress. Now is the time to demonstrate widespread support for the right to make reproductive choices!

Lynda Hungerford from LWVSC will be attending. You may contact Lynda at 539-5770 for more information

## BAY AREA LEAGUE DAY

**Friday, January 30, Oakland**

This year the focus is on state and local finance. Fred Keeley, director of the Planning and Conservation League, will give an overview. This will be followed by a panel discussion of the financial crisis from the view of cities, counties, schools and the state. Peter Schrag, a columnist for the *Sacramento Bee*, will moderate a panel discussing fiscal reforms and the pros and cons of various possible reforms. This will wrap up the day.

This is a great opportunity to learn about issues that affect us locally as well as throughout the Bay Area. The cost of the symposium is \$35, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. The meeting starts at 9:00 AM and ends at 3:00 PM. For more information, go to [www.lwvba-ca.org](http://www.lwvba-ca.org) or call Nancy at 575-7160. There will be a carpool from Santa Rosa.

To register, mail a check for \$35 to: LWVBA-BALD, 1611 Telegraph Avenue, Suite 300, Oakland, CA 94612.

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## DESSERT WITH THE LEAGUE National & Local Program Planning

**Thursday, February 26, 2004 1:00 – 3:30 PM**  
**Rohnert Park-Cotati Regional Library**  
**6250 Lynne Conde Way, Rohnert Park**

**(Off the north side of Rohnert Park Expressway, just past State Farm Drive. If you are coming from Highway #101, you may have to make a u-turn at the next street.)**

Chase the February blahs away with dessert, a tour of



the new Rohnert Park Library, and a great discussion about the direction of our Country and County.

We will be reviewing our LWVUS and LWV Sonoma County positions, discuss what is happening, where League is effective, issues for emphasis and potential studies in the next two

years. This is grassroots at its best!

Please bring a dessert/fruit/goodies to share and have a rousing good discussion. Tour will follow our program at 3:30 PM.

**For further information, call Corol Ann Fontana at 773-4510 or Susan Gorin at 525-8335.**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Although March 2nd may seem a long way away, if you are trying to organize ways to inform the voters and to get out the vote, it is much too near. While Voters Service is working on forums and registering voters, the Action arm of the League is working on generating support for Prop. 56, a ballot initiative co-sponsored by the California League.



The California budget has been a top news item for many months. One of the forums that League will present is about the budget and its effects locally and statewide. "No new taxes" is always a welcome slogan for voters. But with the horrendous deficit California is experiencing, is "no new taxes" an answer to the problem? Effects of this deficit are being felt by cities and counties.

It is important for citizens to understand the budget issues because all four of the measures on the ballot are budget related. When Prop. 13 passed, property tax revenues shifted from counties, cities and school districts to the State, which in turn returned some of those revenues to local governments. Less of those funds are now returning to the local governments. The Vehicle License Fee (VLF) has helped to offset this decrease. Since, the full VLF was not reinstated, there is little revenue from the VLF to local government. Therefore, cities and counties that must pay for police and fire protection, children's services, health care, as well as all the other services they provide, must make drastic cuts.

Is it realistic to want good roads, safe communities, and good schools without being willing to pay the cost? Can we meet our moral obligation to provide services to address basic human needs without being willing to pay the cost?

I urge you to view the League forum on the budget January 26 or attend one of the rebroadcasts (See p. 5) and to carefully read your sample ballot. Consider each measure. What will be the real long-term effects of each measure? What organizations or individuals support or oppose each measure? Which measures do you believe are in the best interest of California and its residents?

On a final note, I urge you to vote for Prop. 56. It goes a long way toward making legislators accountable and toward repairing a state budget process, which at present is severely broken.

**Nancy Richards**

## MARCH BALLOT MEASURES

### LWVC supports 55 and 56, but is neutral on 57 and 58.

As League members know, LWVC supports two of the March ballot measures: Proposition 55, Statewide School Bonds and Proposition 56, Budget Accountability Act. A "Vote with the League" flyer about these two measures was included in the November 2003 UPDATE and will soon be posted on the website.

The LWVC Board has decided to be neutral on the other two March ballot measures: Proposition 57, Economic Recovery Bond Act and Proposition 58, California Balanced Budget Act.

Go to the LWVC website for additional information: <http://ca.lwv.org/>.

## SELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

### An Update on the National LWV Position

League members will soon be receiving a proposed new LWVUS position on the Selection of the President. It will appear in the January-February issue of the *National Voter*. We have had a national position on the Selection of the President for 30 years, so this is an update. This position supports direct election of the president and supports abolishing the Electoral College. Members are asked to read the discussion and the proposed position in the *National Voter* and to fill out the brief concurrence form.

We will be discussing this issue at our Program Planning meeting on February 26. You may bring your form to that meeting and complete it after the group discussion.

The National League believes that this method of concurrence provides for more flexibility in reaching consensus on an issue. However, it is critical that there be a high level of member participation to insure that there is wide member agreement. So please plan to come to the Program Planning meeting to participate in a discussion of this issue. If you are unable to attend, send your form directly to LWVUS.

The curtain is going up on our second annual Actors Theatre party and League fundraiser.

# THE BACHELORS

A musical with book and lyrics by Fred Alley and music by James Kaplan

Join us and bring your friends to a whole evening of good food, good wine, good company and good theatre. The Actors Theatre is presenting this musical which starts out in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, portrays an Ophelia-style death, leaps to the 21<sup>st</sup> century, intertwines intrigue, seduction, poisonous tuna salad, a dream ballet and a comic conclusion. Music goes from old world to doo-wop. You won't want to miss it. What a great way to enjoy a fun evening while helping League to continue its important work.



**When**      **Thursday, February 19, 2004**  
**What**      **Delectable refreshments at 7:00**  
**PM**  
**Performance at 8:00 PM**  
**Where**     **Merlo Theatre, Luther Burbank**  
**Center**  
**How**      **\$35.00/ticket for refreshments**  
**and musical**

Make your reservations today. send your name, address, phone number and email address along with \$35 for each ticket with checks made out to:  
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For information, call 546-5943 or 792-2660.

## FORUMS AND DEBATES MARCH 2, 2004 ELECTION



### SANTA ROSA CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

#### BROADCAST LIVE ON SANTA ROSA CHANNEL 70

Sponsored by:  
League of Women Voters of Sonoma County  
Santa Rosa Junior College Social Science Department  
American Association of University Women, Santa Rosa Branch

January 26, 7:00 to 8:00 PM

Democratic Primary for 7th Assembly District  
Candidates: Noreen Evans and Jim Leddy

Rebroadcast:

Wed. Jan. 28 4:00 PM  
Sat. Jan. 31 6:00 PM  
Sun. Feb. 1 10:00 AM

January 26, 8:00 to 9:00 PM

Local Effects of the California Budget

Panel Members:

Jeff Kolin, Santa Rosa City Manager  
Carl Wong, Sonoma County Superintendent of Schools  
A representative from the County of Sonoma

Rebroadcast:

Wed. Jan. 28 5:00PM  
Sat. Jan. 31 7:00 PM  
Sun. Feb. 1 11:00 AM

February 2, 7:00 to 8:00 PM

Sonoma County 3rd District Supervisor  
Candidates: Tim Smith and Veronica Jacobi

Rebroadcast:

Wed. Feb. 4 4:00 PM  
Sat. Feb. 7 6:00 PM  
Sun. Feb. 8 10:00 AM

February 2, 8:00 to 9:00 PM

Santa Rosa Measure F - Referendum on Fireworks  
Three opponents and three proponents

Rebroadcast:

Wed. Feb. 4 5:00 PM  
Sat. Feb. 7 7:00 PM  
Sun. Feb. 8 11:00 AM

### BROADCAST LIVE ON KRCB TV CHANNEL 22 (IN SANTA ROSA, COMCAST CHANNEL 8)

Friday, February 6, 8:00 to 9:00 PM

Democratic Primary for 7th Assembly District  
Candidates: Noreen Evans and Jim Leddy

Moderator: Betty Ann Bruno

Questions may be submitted by telephone or e-mail.

Rebroadcast Sunday, February 8, 11 AM-12 PM

Friday, February 6, 9:00 to 10:00 PM

California Budget

Panel to be announced

Moderator: Jonathan Blease, KRCB

Rebroadcast Sunday, February 8, 12 PM - 1 PM

### DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY DEBATE

The LWVUS is sponsoring the Democratic Presidential primary debate to be televised live and broadcast on NBC stations across the country as well as MSNBC and Telemundo nationally. It will be presented before a live Los Angeles audience on February 22.

**Please check your local listings for the time and station.**

### SANTA ROSA CANDIDATES' CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS NOW ON CITY WEBSITE

Go to the City of Santa Rosa website at <http://ci.santa-rosa.ca.us>. Click on "City Hall" and "Campaign Information."

## LEAGUE INTERVIEWS JOE NATION

Three members of the Sonoma and one member of the Marin County League interviewed Assemblyman Joe Nation December 12, 2003, the morning after the Assembly passed the \$15 billion bond and spending limit bills and before the Senate voted on them. If passed by the voters in March, the bond measure will solve California's immediate cash flow problem. However, there is still a \$14 to \$17 billion shortfall in next year's budget. The measures are a critical first step, but only a minor step toward the needed reforms. They do not address the state/local and school funding issues.

### 1. Structural reforms in the budget

Joe Nation:

- Supports Proposition 56 and favors reducing the two-thirds majority requirement to pass the budget in the legislature.
- Believes we "absolutely ought to" return to local governments the property taxes shifted to schools in the 1990s.
- Does not favor making permanent the "swap" of property taxes for sales taxes used this year.
- Thinks that any attempts to revise Proposition 13 property taxes, including rates for commercial property, will fail.
- Indicated that if both the full Vehicle License Fee and Burton's increase in the income tax on the rich had been in force in recent years, the state would now have money in the bank.

### 2. Education

Nation strongly supports the California Master Plan for Higher Education. It is not possible to improve the economy without education. It is essential to pass Proposition 55 (School Bonds).

Nation indicated that "categorical funding" of education is a problem. Cottage industries that no longer serve a purpose have grown up because of some funding categories. He also indicated that Community Colleges ought to be included in the Proposition 98 guarantee.

### 3. Workers Compensation

Workers Compensation insurance rates are a terrible problem in California. The California system encourages worker fraud. When asked, he indicated that one example of a needed reform is the criteria for permanent partial disability. Workers are collecting payments for

partial disability even though they are fully employed. Objective criteria for partial disability are needed.

### 4. Water

Nation favors conservation and re-use before the development of additional supplies – it is less expensive. More dams should be built only as a very last resort. Underground storage deserves attention. He supported the recent statewide legislation that requires the larger water districts to install water meters. He also favors a tiered structure for water rates, in which the rate increases as the use increases.

### 5. Major issues, and his priorities

The top issue is fiscal stabilization. Next year's budget has a \$14.7 billion problem. The measures approved by the Assembly last night are a first step in the right direction, but they do not address the needed structural reforms.



From left to right: George Ellman, Don McEnhill, Joe Nation, Willard Richards, and Susannah Likins

Perhaps \$2 to \$3 billion in spending cuts could be found by a top to bottom budget review. There is some fraud and waste, but the majority of the savings would come from ending programs we do not need any more. He said the legislature identified those opportunities last year.

His top priorities are workers compensation reform, education, funding of local government (e.g., police and fire protection), and health and human services. In the long run, it will be necessary to have new revenue.

There were two bills in special session on workers compensation insurance last year, and his was the only Democratic bill. He favors reducing the vote requirement for increasing revenue for schools and transportation to 50%.

He is considering fewer than normal bills because of fiscal restraints. One of his bills will require that a warning of the hazards of tanning be posted in tanning salons. This is part of his commitment to cancer bills for prevention and detection. He knows of a young woman who frequented tanning salons as a 17-year old and as a result, died of melanoma.

He is interested in giving local government a louder voice in the siting of casinos. He also thinks the SUV tax break for businesses that purchase vehicles weighing more than 6,000 lbs. should be modified (See AB 848). He would like to see the reporting requirements for small school districts simplified – now the reporting requirements are the same for all sizes of districts. The deadline for submitting new bills is February 28.

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## MEMBER PROFILE

In 1979, in China, Margaret Millner stunned her guide when she told him what she really wanted to see—a city council meeting. Not that she hadn't observed government meetings right here in Sonoma County. In fact, as a League observer, she was so faithful in her school board attendance that one of the school board members assumed that she was a member of the administrative staff.



Photograph by Todd Cary

Millner's passion for government goes back to her high school civics class. She loved it. Students in the class actively worked on a child labor law, and Millner, as president, got to sign the law. At UC Berkeley, she didn't connect "political science" with "civics" until the end of her sophomore year when she attended a lecture on government and realized immediately that this was what she wanted to study.

She emerged from Berkeley with an MA in political science and a thesis on the enduring subject of state finance. In addition to studying political science, Millner worked for four years on the *Daily Californian*, serving as night editor for the last year. From Berkeley she went to Washington to work and ultimately to marry.

She and her husband first came to Santa Rosa in 1959. In 1961 they moved to England for two years, and then returned here to settle down. On their return, she notes, one weekend when they went looking for a house, there were only three for them to look at that could fit their needs.

It was after the return to Santa Rosa, that Millner joined the League. A friend from her Berkeley days paid her first year's dues so that she would chair a study on local government. Since then she has worked on numerous studies, most with a relationship to state and/or local government. Just last year she chaired our local study of the Community College System.

The topics she has studied remained thorny. For example, she chaired a study on district elections for Santa Rosa. Then the League study concluded that the combination of demographic and voting patterns was such that the choice of district or at-large voting would not remedy the imbalance on the city council. Similarly, as the Board of Supervisors moves to holding one monthly evening meeting, she recalls working as staff for a 1974 Bay Area League study of attitudes toward local government. "The big complaint then," she says, "was that people couldn't get to meetings that were held during the day."

Millner not only *studies* government, she also *serves*. Highlights of her service to the County include: terms on the County Grand Jury, the Revenue Sharing Com-

mittee, the Arts Council, and the County Library Board. She also served on a Santa Rosa Charter Review Committee.

A veteran of a three-year tenure as President of our League, Millner says it is easier to list the jobs that she has not done rather than the ones that she has. In spite of her experience on the *Daily Californian*, she has never edited the VOTER.

It appears that a passion for government is perfectly compatible with happiness. Margaret reports that she has a good life. She is proud of her two girls; she enjoys her travels; she is having a good time.

Lynda Hungerford

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS STUDY GROUP

The International Relations study group meets the second Tuesday of the month in the Santa Rosa League office. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 10, 2004 at 12:00 noon. The topic planned for the Great Decisions discussion is: "The Media and Foreign Policy. The media has had a significant role in influencing citizens' views of foreign policy. As the U.S. becomes increasingly engaged in more diplomatic challenges and conflicts abroad, what role will the media play in its coverage of international issues?" Please feel free to bring current material from publications or invite anyone who is knowledgeable about the topic so we can learn more and add to our lively discussion. It is a brown-bag lunch session. All members are welcome.

If anyone is interested in ordering the 2004 Great Decisions briefing book, you may do so by calling the Foreign Policy Association at 1-800-477-5836. The topics for 2004 are: (1) Media and Foreign Policy; (2) The Philippines; (3) Weapons of Mass Destruction; (4) The United States and Europe; (5) Diversity in Islam; (6) An American Overview; (7) Middle East Reform, and (8) Public Diplomacy. The cost of the briefing book is \$16.50.

If you have any questions, please contact Rosalie Gillmore at 769-8826 or Gillmore\_R@msn.com.

Rosalie Gillmore

## JOE NATION INTERVIEW (continued)

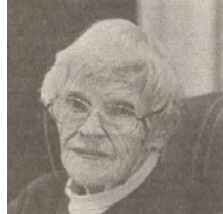
He is interested in shutting down San Quentin and moving death row instead of expanding and modernizing it, as Governor Davis proposed. This is favored by the Attorney General and by Presley, who is the former head of the prisons. It is opposed by Burton, who wants death row close to Bay Area attorneys. Residents and officials in Folsom oppose moving death row there; they do not want to increase the prison town image. Decreasing property values in Folsom has been mentioned as a problem, but property values in Marin County seem unaffected by San Quentin. Folsom is near Sacramento, which has an adequate supply of attorneys.

Willard Richards

Voters Service Chair

## AN APPRECIATION OF JEAN RICHARDSON

Jean Richardson's epitaph could easily be Active Citizen, although her life included many other interests. She was a role model for what the League of Women Voters stands for.



Even when well along in years, Jean kept informed about local and national issues. She took pen in hand regularly to write to elected representatives. She had learned the power of letters when she served as LWVUS observer in Washington D.C. many years ago.

In their retirement years, Jean and her husband John could always be found on Tuesday mornings at the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors' Chambers. While some Board Watchers can be annoying cranks, Jean and John were well respected as intelligent, informed citizens speaking in the public interest. The Supervisors listened and appreciated their comments.

The Richardsons often worked with our League in studies of local issues, giving us the benefit of their knowledge. In her last years, Jean was active in promoting single-payer health care, about which she was deeply concerned. We need more people like Jean Richardson.

Caroline Ramberg

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL HAVE EVENING SESSION

In early January, the Board of Supervisors announced that there would be one evening session a month. This followed a recommendation by the grand jury. A letter from League was sent commending Chairman Reilly for this decision. The letter also recommended that these meetings be publicized and controversial issues be agendaized for these sessions.

### EARLY DEADLINE FOR MARCH VOTER

Due to delays in bulk mailings right before an election, we have moved up the deadline for March article submissions. That deadline will be February 8.  
-The Editors

## LWVSC ENCOURAGES

This letter was sent to the Board of Public Utilities (BPU) and to the Santa Rosa City Council requesting that the BPU televise their proceedings. It was followed up by public appearances by League at both meetings. There will be *extremely* important decisions made by the BPU in the near future—extremely important not only to Santa Rosa but to other cities and the county—in terms of large increases to the ratepayers and the environment.

## TELEVISION BPU HEARINGS

As a result of the League request, the BPU, at their January 15 meeting, approved televising the meetings that include public forums for a six-month trial period.

December 10, 2003

Santa Rosa Board of Public Utilities  
69 Stony Circle  
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Santa Rosa City Council  
100 Santa Rosa Avenue  
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Dear Members of the City Council and Board of Public Utilities:

The selection of the Incremental Recycled Water Program (IRWP) is one of the most important decisions you will make for the ratepayers of the subregional area. Its importance is underlined by the fact that \$100,000 is budgeted for public outreach during the selection process. Yet you are ignoring the easiest, most effective outreach—taping, televising and rebroadcasting the selection meetings.

Your meetings usually occur during the day, when most residents and ratepayers cannot attend the meetings. Unlike City Council meetings your meetings are not televised in any way. Citizens appreciate being able to watch City Council meetings at home in real time or in rebroadcasts at later, more convenient times. In contrast to the Council meetings, the Board of Public Utilities meetings seem shrouded in secrecy.

We encourage you to begin immediately to broadcast the meetings of the Board of Public Utilities, especially those meetings dealing with the IRWP selection process.

Ratepayers will have to finance the \$100 million plus cost for this program. They deserve full access to the discussions and debate.

Sincerely,

Nancy Richards, President

League of Women Voters of Sonoma County

## BOARD BRIEFS

The following are the key points from the December 3, 2003 board meeting:

- Approved board policies for 2003/2004.
- Heard plans for a Cities General Plan Study led by George Ellman.
- Heard plans for the Holiday Party.
- Authorized Will Richards to draft a letter asking that S. R. City Council include pending resolutions in the Agenda packets on the Internet.
- Clarified that according to League policy all members speaking for the League must have board approval for their speeches.
- Heard from Will Richards that plans for such Voters Service activities as Speaker's Bureau are in the works.

The following are the key points from the January 6, 2004 board meeting:

- Heard that our letter to the Board of Public Utilities encouraging more accessibility for its meetings, with a specific request that they televise the proceedings, has been presented.
- Heard that a small committee from Sonoma and Marin County Leagues interviewed Assemblyman Joe Nation to pose questions asked by the LWVC to all California incumbents.
- Decided on a reduced "trial membership" fee for new members joining from January to March.
- Heard a report of the successful Holiday Party with its silent auction, which netted \$350 for our local work.
- Approved a letter to LWVUS respectfully disagreeing with its position on a Voter-Verified Audit Paper Trail and requested that, at least, a neutral position be taken.
- Heard that the Government Guide to Sonoma County distributed a couple of years ago is still almost correct, and has been updated by changing the name of the governor from Davis to Schwarzenegger.

**Phyllis Clement,**

Secretary

### MISSION

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the 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.

## LEAGUE HOLIDAY PARTY - HUGE SUCCESS!

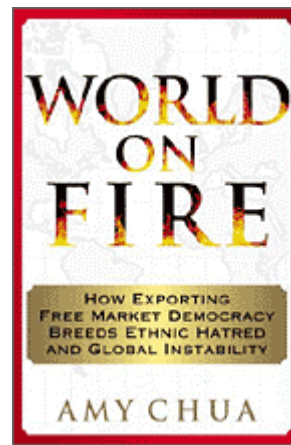
Sandy Benson opened her beautiful home for League members to gather on December 7. Development efforts by Phyllis Clement and Janie Hawker resulted in a rewarding silent auction.



Pictured here, Ethel Schy, Lynn Camhi, Ruth Belmont, Corol Ann Fontana, and Phyllis Stanley admire the many auction items. Photograph is courtesy of Todd Cary.

## BOOK CLUB CORNER

The next meeting of the League's book club will be Thursday, February 19, at 10.30 a.m. at 87 Greenrock Court, Santa Rosa. All members and guests are welcome to join in the discussion of the selected book.



The book for March is *World on Fire: How Exporting Free Market Democracy Breeds Ethnic Hatred and Global Instability* by Amy Chua, Yale University Professor of Law.

*World on Fire* is a critique of globalization. Chua argues that the export of democracy and a free market economy to the third world spurs income disparity thereby fueling ethnic hatred and revolution.

Often, book club members donate selections to the League office after the book club discussion, so many past selections are available for League members to borrow. The book for March is Ron Suskind's *The Price of Loyalty: George W. Bush, the White House, and the Education of Paul O'Neill*.

**Lynda Hungerford**

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**TRIAL MEMBERSHIP**

**Attention: League Members**

Do you know anyone who thinks she/he might like to join League, but is still on the fence? This offer might be just the thing. The local League is offering a trial membership for \$15 during the months of February and March. The membership is good until the end of our fiscal year, June 30, 2004. This might be just the right enticement for a friend of yours to join at a bargain price to learn what League is all about. If you have questions, call treasurer Susannah Likins at 792-2660.

**OAKMONT UNIT MEETING**

**02/13/04**

Member Claire Golding will host a coffee for League members and prospective members in her home at 6511 Pine Valley Drive (Oakmont) on Friday, February 13, at 10:00 AM. Willard Richards, Voters Service chair, will discuss League activities for the upcoming election. Instituting a monthly or bimonthly Oakmont unit meeting will be discussed.



**League of Women Voters® of Sonoma County Membership Application**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I want to join the League of Women Voters. Enclosed is my check for dues. (\$49.00 for individual annual membership, \$70.00 for household, and \$35.00 for limited income. The membership year is July 1 to June 30.) Please mail check to LWV Sonoma County, 100 E Street, Suite 209, Santa Rosa, CA 95404. Thank you.

I am interested in the following areas:

Program \_\_\_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Speakers Bureau \_\_\_\_\_ Social Policy \_\_\_\_\_

Natural Resources \_\_\_\_\_ Voters Service \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_ Fundraising \_\_\_\_\_

Cable TV \_\_\_\_\_ Smart Voter \_\_\_\_\_

Community Outreach \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

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