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## **2008-09 MEETING SCHEDULE**

See page 7 for this year's schedule of Board and committee meetings that occur each month.

## **PROS AND CONS TRAINING**

On Thursday, September 18 at 1:00 PM, Amy Southwick will instruct interested members on how to present the Pros and Cons of ballot measures. At each election, the League receives requests from various groups to explain these measures, presenting both sides of the issues. Members are invited to come and learn how to do this. It's a great way to really understand the ballot measures and to help others understand them as well. The meeting will be held in the League office.

## **SEPTEMBER KICKOFF MEETING**



**Chris Coursey**

**Community Outreach Manager for SMART passenger train and pathway will explain the project and answer questions**

10:00 AM to 12:30 PM Saturday, September 13, 2008  
Forum Room at the Central Library  
Third and E Streets, Santa Rosa

Doors open at 10:00 AM. Come and enjoy refreshments. Bring a friend. Meet long-time, new, and prospective members of the League. The program begins at 10:30 AM.

Read more about Chris Coursey on page 5.

## **SEPTEMBER ELECTION FORUMS**

September 22 Candidates for County Supervisor  
Santa Rosa City Council Chambers  
7:00 PM First District  
8:00 PM Third District

September 24 Petaluma Measure K. Water/Sewer Rate Rollback  
7:00 PM Lucchesi Community Center

September 29. Candidates for Santa Rosa City Council.  
7:00 PM Santa Rosa City Council Chambers

September 30 Candidates for Windsor Town Council, School Board, and Fire District.  
6:00 PM Windsor High School

See page 11 for October election forums

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**BOOK GROUP**

League members and the public are invited to join the book group at 10:30 AM, Thursday, September 18, for a discussion of *Supercapitalism: the Transformation of Business, Democracy, and Everyday Life*, by Robert Reich. The book group will meet in the League office, Suite 209, 100 E Street, Santa Rosa.

Reich was United States Secretary of Labor from 1993 to 1997. He is the author of eleven books, a political commentator, and Professor of Public Policy at UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy. In *Supercapitalism* he addresses issues such as globalization, the distribution and redistribution of wealth, and civic engagement.

The Book Group normally meets at 10:30 AM in the League office on the third Thursday of the month. The schedule for all of 2008 can be downloaded from the [calendar page](#) of the League Website. Go to the monthly entry for the Book Group.

If you have questions about the group, please call or send me a message.

*Lynda Hungerford*

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



Even though you selected me to be your president this coming year, I bet there are many of you who do not know much about me. This is my fifth year as a member of League. For two years I served on the Board as League Secretary and last year I chaired the Action/Advocacy

Committee. My past lives include teaching special education at the elementary, middle and high school levels. I have worked as an administrative assistant for church offices and non-profits. For seven of my retirement years I taught after-school piano to many young students ranging from preschool to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. In my last job I managed a Sunday school program, mainly supervising the teachers. I have raised a son and a daughter and have enjoyed watching my granddaughters become teenagers. Now I'm exploring new vistas and learning new skills by presiding over your elected Board. Thank you for the opportunity.

Now looking ahead, your Board has planned a very interesting and exciting year for you. We begin with focusing on the SMART (Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit) issue with our Kick-Off meeting in September. The November ballot contains the Redistricting proposition written by the California State League which we petitioned for last year. As part of our effort to promote this proposition, we have scheduled an issues forum in October to explain this measure. There are a number of candidate forums planned. Our favorite Silent Auction and Holiday Party will be in December followed by our Theater Party in January. You will be able to put these on your calendar and invite all your friends. We are planning a tour of the Sonoma Mountain Village, which promises to be an example of the finest in green building. And we will have a lunch with a County Supervisor as we did last year. So you see there are many events to work on to make this a productive year.

I welcome hearing from you. We need ideas and suggestions from you. Let me know how you feel, what we should be doing, what issue concerns you the most.

*Chlele Gummer, President*

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## VOTER REGISTRATION – CONTINUES

Your Sonoma County League does not shut down during the summer. Gloria Norton and Rosalie Gillmore joined other organizations on June 29 to register voters at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Petaluma. Anita Lytle, Gloria Norton and Eve Roberson were at the Bicycle Coalition's Fourth of July event in Julliard Park in Santa Rosa to register voters.

Soon the November election will be upon us, but before then the League has already committed to register voters at various venues and we could REALLY use some help. A few hours commitment on your part would help ever so much.

**Week of September 15th** We have agreed to have a League table at a number of Exchange Banks in Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, and Windsor during National Voter Registration Week, September 15 - 20. Exchange Bank would like us to spend 2 or 3 hours one day at each of their branches. Contact Gloria Norton at 431-8657 if you can help and for more information.

**October 3, 4, & 5 - Harvest Fair** Sonoma County asks the League each year to have a voter registration table at the Harvest Fair. We need a lot of volunteers because we usually have 2 people for each time block. On Friday afternoon, Oct. 3, we need people willing to "man" the table for each shift. On Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 4 & 5, the shifts last 3 hours. And we need someone to help organize all of the volunteers. Because this is a presidential election year, we expect a lot of activity at the registration table. Also, you get in free so you can enjoy the whole fair before or after your 2 or 3 hour stint, compliments of the County. Contact Willard Richards at 575-7160 to sign up.

League wears many hats but registering voters is a very high priority. During the next 2 months League really needs YOU to step forward and help make democracy work. Call Gloria or Willard and sign up.

## LWVUS RECOMMENDS AN MRI

To promote a long and healthy life for all levels of League, the National LWV is working on a **Membership Recruitment Initiative**, and all of us can help! First, just ask women and men to join us. Tell friends, relatives, new and long time neighbors **your** story about what League membership means to you. Try to have

applications handy, and if one is not available, cut it out of this newsletter or direct them to [www.lwvsonoma.org](http://www.lwvsonoma.org).

Have you ever thought about giving a gift membership to a first time voter or a new resident of Sonoma County? You can also offer to subsidize a membership for a student or other young person. Don't forget to tell the largest segment of the population—baby boomers—about the advantages of membership. The more diverse we are in every area, the stronger we will be, so ask for and distribute our new translated application form and other publications.

Additionally, we'll be looking for ways to become better acquainted without wasting fossil fuel. We'll have more unit meetings for new and existing members in as many different parts of our huge county as possible. We encourage you to notice who lives nearby and invite a new member or one who doesn't drive to accompany you to an event.

Lastly, please consider joining the Membership Committee, which will usually meet on the third Tuesday at 10:00 at the League office. Call me if you have questions or suggestions. Together we can have an MRI that contributes to our strength!

*Ethel Schy*, Membership Chair  
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## HEALTH CARE REFORM IS ALIVE AND WELL

All Oakmonters and their guests are invited to attend a meeting of The Oakmont Unit of the League of Women Voters of Sonoma County. All are invited to hear a presentation on single-payer health care on Tuesday, September 16, 3:00 to 4:30 P.M. at the Berger Center, Room G. League member Stan Gold will explain the California Health Insurance Liability Act (Senate Bill No. 840), a bill to guarantee all Californians access to health care as well as access to choice of doctors and hospitals. Mr. Gold will discuss its status, answer questions, and provide handout literature. Supporters of the group cite a groundswell of interest in health care reform. A report of the Public Policy Institute of California indicated that 71% of California voters would support a national health insurance system. The Lewin Group, an independent analyst, has estimated that California businesses now covering their employees would save nearly \$8 billion a year if the bill becomes law. Further, the bill is supported by the LWVC and many other advocacy groups.

## ELECTION ISSUES PROGRAM AT SONOMA STATE

This fall our League is cosponsoring a program with Sonoma State University (SSU) in Rohnert Park coordinated by the University Library at SSU. Titled, ***It Matters! Engage. Participate. Vote.*** it is designed to provide students, faculty, staff and the community an opportunity to explore together many of the "hot" issues in the November election. Given that young people have the lowest voter turnout rate of any major demographic group in the nation, regardless of race, gender, or class, this program is designed to help increase participation by those young voters.

Following is a list of the lectures and discussions to be presented **Wednesdays at Noon in Schulz 3001 on the SSU campus:**

### **September 17 - War and the Economy**

David McCuan, moderator, Assoc. Prof., Political Science Dept.

Paul Gullixson, Editorial Director, *The Press Democrat*  
Steve Cuellar, Assoc. Prof., Economics Dept.

### **September 24 - Oil and Energy**

Ian Feinhandler, Asst. Prof., Geography Dept.  
Sascha von Meier, Prof., Environmental Studies and Planning Dept.

### **October 1 - The Environment**

Laura Watt, Assist. Prof., and  
Caroline Christian, Assist. Prof.,  
Environmental Studies and Planning Dept.

### **October 15 - Pre-Election Ballot Discussion**

Students from the Political Science Department in  
POLS 484 Elections and Voter Behavior class.

### **October 22 - Race and Gender**

Catherine Nelson, Professor, Political Science Dept.  
Don Romesburg, Asst. Prof., Women's and Gender  
Studies

### **October 29 - Immigration**

Daniel Malpica, Asst. Prof., Chicano and Latino  
Studies Dept.  
Patricia Kim-Rajal, Assoc. Prof., Chicano and Latino  
Studies Dept.

### **November 5 - Post Election**

David McCuan, Moderator,  
Ruben Armñana, President, SSU  
Pete Golis, Columnist and Blogger, *The Press Democrat*

Coordinated by the University Library, this is a collaborative project of the SSU Department of Political Science, the STAR, Associated Students, and the Sonoma County League of Women Voters (LWV). For more information, contact Carol Adams or visit the website at: <http://library.sonoma.edu/>

## ACTION/ADVOCACY

Our Action/Advocacy Committee meets on the second Thursday of the month at 10:00 AM in the League office. You are all invited to come and listen and to participate. Some of the issues we will be dealing with this year are Redistricting (which is on the November ballot), Clean Energy, Water, Single Payer Health Care, Campaign Finance Reform, and we will continue following local Juvenile Justice and SMART proceedings.

The over-arching environmental issues of concern that impact us are climate change, water management, and AB 32 implementation. The California Air Resources Board (CARB) released its Draft AB 32 Scoping Plan outlining how to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. The final plan will be adopted this fall. Unfortunately, the state's draft plan for climate change barely mentions public transit or the climate benefits of better community design.

We will keep updating our legislative agenda and answering "Calls for Action" from both State and National League offices. This month we were asked to write to our legislators concerning SB 840, Senator Sheila Kuehl's landmark bill to establish a single payer health insurance system for California, which came before the Assembly Appropriations Committee on July 16. Letters were sent to all three of our Assembly members, Noreen Evans, Jared Huffman, and Patty Berg, who are co-authors, urging their continued support for this important legislation.

*Phyllis Stanley*

## NINTH ANNUAL SONOMA COUNTY BOOK FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 20, 2008

10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Old Courthouse Square in Santa Rosa

Produced by the Literary Art Guild, the Book Festival features more than 60 locally and nationally acclaimed authors. Hear staged readings and panel discussions. There will be a children's and teens' activities tent and staged programs of art and music. For more information contact Cathy Balach at 527-5412 or see this year's program at [www.socobookfest.org](http://www.socobookfest.org).

**CHRIS COURSEY**



Chris Coursey is the Community Outreach Manager for the Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit District, a public agency working to develop a 70-mile passenger train and bicycle-pedestrian pathway project in Marin and Sonoma Counties.

He is responsible for coordinating and implementing SMART's outreach and education efforts, including working with local governments, community groups and individuals who seek a better understanding of the project.

Prior to coming to SMART in September 2007, he was an award-winning columnist for the Santa Rosa Press Democrat, often writing about transportation, land use and environmental issues.

He earned a BA in journalism from the University of Northern Colorado. He and his wife, Theresa, live in Santa Rosa.

**JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITTEE CONTINUES STUDY**

Since reporting at the LWVSC Annual meeting in May, JJIG's committee of ten has been working hard as a team to complete this complex study. We continue meeting at least twice a month and interviewing key people from the Juvenile Justice System. Recently Sheriff Cogbill gave us two hours

of his time answering multiple prepared questions. We also met with Kim King, Director of Juvenile Hall, on August 11th.

Pending is an interview with District Attorney Stephan Passalacqua, and in addition, questions are going out to schools and police departments. Answers from these will fill some gaps in our two year study.

Meanwhile, the writing of the final report is in process. We anticipate its completion in the fall, thanks to the encouragement and support from the LWV and others. It will be presented with recommendations at a consensus meeting for LWVSC approval.

The JJIG committee usually meets the first and third Mondays of the month at 1:00 PM, in the League office. However, meetings in September will be on the second and fourth Mondays (Sept. 8 and 22) because of Labor Day which falls on the first Monday. Time and place of JJIG committee meetings sometimes change. You can contact Ann to confirm a particular time and place.

*Ann Berens* - Chair  
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**FROM STATE LEAGUE**

The LWV Board has decided on the League positions on the following ballot measures:

Prop No.	LWV Position	Description
1	Pending	High-Speed Train Bond Act.
2	No Posit'n	Standards for Farm Animals
3	Support	Children's Hospital Bond Act
4	Oppose	Waiting Period and Parental Notification prior to termination of minor's pregnancy
5	Support	Nonviolent Drug Offenses. Sentencing, Parole and Rehabilitation
6	Oppose	Police and Law Enforcement Funding. Criminal Penalties and Laws
7	Oppose	Renewable Energy Generation
8	Oppose	Eliminates Right of Same-Sex Couples to Marry
9	Oppose	Criminal Justice System. Victims' Rights. Parole
10	Oppose	Alternative Fuel Vehicles and Renewable Energy Bonds
11	Support	Redistricting (California Voters FIRST Act)
12	No Posit'n	Veterans Bond Act

The State League expects to focus its advocacy efforts on Prop 11. For more information, see the [Government UPDATE](http://www.ca.lwv.org) at [www.ca.lwv.org](http://www.ca.lwv.org) and visit [www.yesprop11.org](http://www.yesprop11.org).

## NOTES FROM THE 2008 NATIONAL LEAGUE CONVENTION

Four members from our Sonoma County League attended the National League Convention held in Portland, Oregon in June. From the Friday evening caucuses to the adjournment Tuesday noon, we all were busy attending various workshops as well as plenary sessions and caucuses. Following are a few thoughts and ideas that we brought back to Sonoma County:

CHLELE GUMMER - Attendance should be a must for new members to get an idea of how League works at all levels, local, state and national. Each member chose different workshops to attend.

Because I am concerned about declining membership in LWV, locally as well as nationwide, I attended a workshop on recruitment of new members. Briefly, here are some successful strategies that any member can use.

1. Prepare a personal story about what League means to you, why you joined, what projects you have worked on and what values League represents to you.
2. Use your story when you invite a friend or an acquaintance to join the League. Emphasize that LWV is an organization where your hands-on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement.
3. Have the website address ready to give out and always carry a few membership brochures. You may meet someone who will be interested.
4. Speak with enthusiasm and commitment. Bring your friends to one of our League events so they can meet us. Be proactive.
5. Volunteer to be a mentor to a new member.

Following these 5 strategies will certainly increase our membership. Think of yourself as a member of a team who works to maintain democracy and fairness in local government. Let's wave our banner and ask our friends to join us.

DEE DEE BRIDGES - For a first time attendee the Convention was a thrilling way to see how the League of Women Voters Works! One part of the convention that was fascinating was the Plenary Session dealing with a List of Not-Recommended Items. These are topics that State or Individual Leagues want to promote, but that were not recommended by the National Board. These items can be brought to the floor for discussion. What a sharp group of people. Listening to the pros, you hear good solid valid arguments on why it should become a recommended item. Then, other delegates with opposing points of view present their arguments against it and again, there are good solid arguments.

It was a terrific education in terms of the process for selecting additional programs for study or review.

Such topics as Arms Control, Department of Peace, Gun Control, Living Wage, and others were on the List of Not-Recommended Items. Items from the Not-Recommended List that were finally added after much discussion were National Popular Vote and education and advocacy on Global Climate Change. I would encourage all of you to consider attending the 2010 Convention in Atlanta, GA. What a wonderful learning experience.

NANCY RICHARDS - This was an extremely well organized and well-run convention. Although it was long, it offered much to the attendees. Three of the work shops I attended that were especially interesting and relevant were:

1. *Massachusetts Health Care Reform*, focused on the realities, the achievements and the pitfalls, of the "Massachusetts miracle."
2. *Homeless Youth: Tomorrow's Burden or Tomorrow's Citizens* outlined a four year study by the Oregon League that has contributed to the increased awareness and help for these young people.
3. *Writing Fundraising Letters for Impact* offered some excellent tips on how to perform a task that no one really enjoys doing but which is necessary to keep League afloat.

I was impressed by how National League President Mary Wilson conducted the entire convention, intelligently, efficiently, fairly, but with a sense of humor. Because of the procedure, with anyone allowed to speak and with votes taken or consensus reached, the League of Women Voters indeed speaks with one voice. It is a voice that is heard and often heeded.

## RECEIVE LEAGUE UPDATES

You can sign up to automatically receive updates from the National and State Leagues informing you of action items and current news.

For updates from the National League, go to [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org) and click on news and events at the bottom left. Then enter your email address in the Stay Informed box at the bottom left.

For the California League, go to <http://ca.lwv.org/>, click on News/Newsletters on the left sidebar, and then follow the instructions.

*Willard Richards*

## INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The International Relations discussion group will meet on **Tuesday, September 9, 2008, at 12 noon in the Santa Rosa League office**. It is a brown-bag lunch session.

The topic for discussion is: **“Latin America: Shift to the Left?”** What factors have prevented the U.S. and Latin American countries from forging a strong relationship? What challenges confront U.S. policy in Latin America? Can the U.S. offer an alternative to the influence of left-leaning leaders like Venezuela’s Hugo Chavez? Check the website at [www.greatdecisions.org](http://www.greatdecisions.org).

Everyone is welcome with or without the *Great Decisions* briefing book. Printed media articles on the topic of discussion are welcome.

*Rosalie Gillmore, 769-8826*

## IN MEMORIAM

Elynor Weeks joined the League in 1991 after retiring from a career of teaching. She was in the first graduating class at Sonoma State, majoring in history. She served as a co-president of the League in 1994-95 and maintained her membership until 2002. Elynor died this spring following a long illness.

Martha Bentley joined the League a few years ago because she believed it was an organization that she should support. Martha was a community leader in Sonoma County, best known for being instrumental in the founding of the Bird Rescue Center where she worked tirelessly until her death on May 26, 2008.

Anne Hudgins was a League member for only a few years but her work in the community reflected many of League ideals. She often addressed the City Council and Board of Supervisors advocating for issues that were similar to League positions, especially on environmental issues. Anne died on August 9 after a short battle with cancer.

Elynor, Martha and Anne all represented League values in contributing to their community and they are deeply missed.

## VOTERS SERVICE

The General Election is less than 70 days away and once again Voters Service is hard at work putting together local forums on issues and candidates so that our members and the general

public will be more informed when we cast our ballots.

During September and October we will be presenting candidate forums for the First, Third, and Fifth District Supervisors races, for the City Council races in Cotati, Petaluma and Santa Rosa, and Town Council, School Board and Fire District races in Windsor, and the Petaluma Health Care District.

In addition, we will conduct forums on the Petaluma Water/Sewer Rate Rollback measure, Proposition 11 – Redistricting, and a presentation on the Pros and Cons of all the State ballot measures. The dates and times for all of these programs are listed in the calendar.

On October 3, 4, and 5 we will be registering voters at the Harvest Fair and we need volunteers to help for 2 hour shifts on Friday or 3 hour shifts on Saturday and Sunday.

The Voters Service Committee meets the first Thursday of the month in the League office at 10 AM. We welcome your attendance and support. Assistance in helping with developing questions, timekeeping, moderating, and attending forums is always appreciated. No task is too small or insignificant. If you can help or have any questions, please contact DeeDee Bridges, Chair, at [deedeebridges@sbcglobal.net](mailto:deedeebridges@sbcglobal.net) and 591-0632, or Alice Richardson at [amr36@prodigy.net](mailto:amr36@prodigy.net) and 527-9946.

*Alice Richardson*

## 2008-09 MEETING SCHEDULE

This is the meeting schedule of the LWVSC Board and committees that meet monthly for the coming year:

Juvenile Justice Interest Group: 1:00 PM first and third Mondays. (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays in September.)

Board: 10:00 AM to noon, first Tuesday. Open to League members only except by invitation.

Voters Service: 10:00 AM, first Thursday

International Relations: Noon second Tuesday

Action/Advocacy: 10:00 AM second Thursday

Membership: 10:00 AM, third Tuesday

Book Group: 10:30 AM, third Thursday

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are in the League office and open to the public.

**BOARD BRIEFS – JULY 19, 2008**

The Board appointed a Computer Proposal Committee: C. Adams, Chair, S. Likins, W. Richards, and Lynda Hungerford.

It was announced that Lynda Hungerford will resign as web master for Smart Voter. She will mentor a replacement. She will continue to produce the local League website.

Due to current inaction, the League will no longer contribute to Family Action.

Board members D. Bridges and C. Gummer were appointed to the nominating committee.

The following Board members were appointed to the Executive Committee; President C. Gummer, VP G. Norton, VP P. Stanley, Treasurer S. Likins, and Past President C. Adams.

Member coffees with emphasis on new member orientation will be scheduled for North, South and East Counties during the fall.

C. Gummer spoke to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors on behalf of the League urging them not to eliminate campaign contribution limits.

**BOARD BRIEFS – AUGUST 5, 2008**

Susan Eveleth, our MTA (Membership Training Advisor) attended our Board meeting and complimented the Board on its enthusiasm. Susan, a member of the Mendocino League, emphasized that she is available to advise our local League on questions that might arise in the future.

*Policies and Guidelines for 2008-2009* were approved by the Board.

The Board was reminded that the Community Media Access Center will only pay for two League programs in November. Additional live programs will cost about \$230 each.

G. Ellman and W. Richards attended a Marin County League meeting where there was a unanimous vote to recommend to their Board that LWVM support the SMART ballot measure. The Board voted to approve a joint letter in support of the SMART ballot measure.

It was agreed that members who have not paid their dues by the publication date (early September) will not be included in the new Roster.

The Board agreed to co-sponsor a program which will be presented on October 30 by the United Nations Association. John Kamm will speak on China and Human Rights.

**THANK YOU - THANK YOU**

We are grateful to the following people for their generous donations to the League. As you may know our dues do not cover all the expenses of running the local League. From each single member's dues of \$60 (or \$40 for limited income), \$28.00 goes to National League, \$21.00 goes to State League, and \$1.00 goes to Bay Area League. This leaves \$10.00 per member (or a \$10 loss per limited income member) for all operations locally. To continue our work and be able to offer membership to all who wish to join, we must rely on the community to supplement our budget. The League Board thanks one and all.

- Larz & Glenice Anderson
- Dina Angress
- Joanne Argyres
- Mildred Benioff
- Barbara Biebush
- DeeDee Bridges
- Ellen Brosbe
- George & Lymona Castleberry
- Carol Ann Cary
- Robert & Phyllis Clement
- Joan Dickerson
- Jack & Marsha Vas Dupre
- Carroll Estes
- Mary Fricker
- Pat Geis
- Stan Gold
- Zelma Gordon
- Susan Gorin
- Greta Goulden
- Chlele Gummer
- Laurie Hall
- Elizabeth & Robert Hawthorne
- Lynda Hungerford
- Elizabeth Jean Keefauver
- William & Lucy Kortum
- Louisa Leavitt
- Nancy Lewis
- Susannah Likins
- Dorothea Lyman
- Hilda Mansfield
- Edith Mendez
- Maurine Olson
- Nancy & Willard Richards
- Nancy Richardson
- Ethel & Stuart Schy
- Sue Scott
- Muriel Smith
- Patricia Spicer
- Irene & Roger Stewart
- Virginia Thornthwaite
- Priscilla & Joe Vivo
- Judith Voigt

## NEW MEMBERS

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and email addresses have been redacted  
in this version for the LWVSC website.

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Sebastopol 95472

C. Lampson  
Geyserville 95441

Donna Main  
Santa Rosa, CA 95409

Claire F. May  
Sebastopol 95472

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Rohnert Park 94928

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### MISSION

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. We do not support or oppose any political party or any candidate. We do, however, take action on selected government issues in the public interest.



There's something special in your own backyard.

Be a part of it!  
Become a member.  
Become a volunteer.

For Membership call Emily  
@ 579-4452 # 108  
To Volunteer call Kristi  
@ 579-4452 ext. 116

or visit [www.SchulzMuseum.org](http://www.SchulzMuseum.org)  
click on "Membership" or "Volunteers"



HURRY TO THE MUSEUM AND REMEMBER WHY YOU LOVE PEANUTS!

**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2007-2008**

		Budget	Yr to date	% of Budget
	<b>OPERATING FUND</b>			
Notes	<b>Income</b>			
1	Dues	<b>\$10,000</b>	\$9,557.00	96%
	Member Contributions	<b>\$1,600</b>	\$1,862.00	116%
2	Nonmember Contributions	<b>\$2,000</b>	\$885.00	44%
3	Sonoma County Contract	<b>\$4,000</b>	\$4,375.00	109%
5	Fundraising Events (gross)	<b>\$4,000</b>	\$2,901.00	73%
6	Hope Washburn Endowment	<b>\$2,000</b>	\$2,100.00	105%
	Miscellaneous	<b>\$50</b>	\$90.20	180%
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$23,650</b>	\$21,770.20	92%
	<b>Expense</b>			
	Board Expense	<b>\$200</b>	\$67.17	34%
7	Membership Expenses	<b>\$500</b>	\$552.44	110%
	Committees' Expenses	<b>\$150</b>	\$220.63	147%
	Program Expenses	<b>\$300</b>	\$408.55	136%
	Annual Meeting	<b>\$100</b>	\$100.00	100%
8	Conventions, Workshops	<b>\$2,000</b>	\$1,413.65	71%
	Liability Insurance	<b>\$780</b>	\$864.00	111%
	Equipmt Maintenance	<b>\$100</b>	\$144.51	145%
9	Office Supplies, Equipmt	<b>\$400</b>	\$940.02	235%
10	LWVBayArea Dues	<b>\$178</b>	\$177.00	99%
11	LWVCalifornia Dues	<b>\$3,735</b>	\$3,717.00	100%
12	LWVUS Dues	<b>\$4,757</b>	\$4,473.60	94%
13	Position Support	<b>\$200</b>	\$200.00	100%
14	Postage	<b>\$1,000</b>	\$375.00	38%
15	Communicatons, web	<b>\$300</b>	\$225.00	75%
16	Office Rent	<b>\$5,350</b>	\$5,040.00	94%
	Telephone	<b>\$300</b>	\$247.75	83%
17	"The Voter" newsletter	<b>\$2,000</b>	\$1,430.27	72%
	Voters Service	<b>\$800</b>	\$326.90	41%
	Fundraising Expense	<b>\$500</b>	\$270.32	54%
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$23,650</b>	\$21,193.81	90%
<b>EDUCATION FUND: Restricted Fund held by LWV California for our Education Projects</b>				
	<b>Income</b>			
18	Donations	<b>\$2,500</b>	\$1,454.19	58%
	<b>Expense</b>			
	Smart Voter	<b>\$750</b>	\$750.00	100%
	Publications--new Board members			
	Pros & Cons	<b>\$700</b>	\$432.00	62%
	<b>Operating Fund (Checkbook) Balance end of month balance:</b>			\$7,670.93
19	<b>T. Rowe Price (Savings) end of month balance:</b>			\$10,026.95
	<b>Education Fund end of month balance:</b>			\$3,368.72

See the following page for notes.

No.	Notes for the Treasurer's Report
1	Our dues: Individual \$60, Households \$90, Limited Income \$40. We have to pay full State and National dues for Limited Income Members. We pay \$50.00 per member to other levels of League. We have Individual Members 131 (13 are Limited Income) plus 29 Households (58 people) = 189 people as of Jan 08
2	Nonmember contributions include business card ads in newsletter, Spring letter community donations, Water document donations
3	Sonoma County Contract: Voter registration project countywide. Members fill registration boxes in post offices, etc. Amt increasing this year.
4	open category
5	Fundraising Events include Holiday party auction, Spring theater party. We need to increase efforts in this area.
6	Hope Washburn Fund is a restricted Endowment Fund which disbursed \$2100 this year Mar 08.
7	Membership Expenses: New & prospective member packets and postage, dues notices, membership book
8	Conventions: Members will attend National Convention May 08 in Portland, Oregon
9	Office Supplies: Stationery, office needs
10	Bay Area League is \$1 for Individual and \$1.50 for household
11	State PMP is \$21 for Individual and \$31.50 for household ( 1 1/2 time Ind. Rate)
12	National PMP is \$28.00 for Individual and \$42.00 for household (1 1/2 times Ind. Rate) Per Member Payment dues are based on membership figures as of February 1, 2008. Individuals: 131 Household individuals: 58
13	Position Support: Member dues to Sonoma County Conservation Council \$75, SC Literacy Foundation \$25, Family Action of SC \$25
14	Postage: Bulk mail for newsletter, mailings, annual bulk mail fee increasing to \$180 in new budget cycle
15	Communications, web: Community Media Center \$65, LWVC \$160 for website maintenance
16	Rent: \$420 lease expires April 1, 2009. New owners as of May 1, 2008, Lafranchi Development
17	This item for printing costs. Encourage members to receive online version to cut costs.
18	Donations to the LWV Education Fund are tax deductible and held in a LWV California Fund for our league.
19	T. Rowe Price: \$8,000 shall be minimum balance held for a contingency fund and a reserve fund. A contingency fund of \$2,000 shall be maintained. The contingency fund is for 3 months rent, phone, office expenses, and moving expenses. A 3 month reserve fund of \$6,000 shall be maintained for operating expenses.

## COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

See the calendar for the current month on the back of this issue to learn the schedule of meetings of the Board and committees that meet every month. Meetings are open to the public unless otherwise noted.

Date	Time	Place	Description
Wednesday, October 1	6:00 -9:00 PM	Petaluma City Council Chambers	<b>Candidates Forums 6:00 to 6:45 Petaluma Health Care District 7:00 to 9:00 PM Petaluma City Council</b>
Wednesday, October 1	7:00-9:00 PM	Cotati Room behind City Hall	<b>Candidates Forum - Cotati City Council</b>
Monday, October 6	7:00-8:30 PM	Santa Rosa City Council Chambers	<b>Advocacy Forum on Proposition 11. Redistricting</b>
Wednesday, October 8	7:00 PM	Graton Community Center	<b>Candidates Forum - 5th District Supervisor</b>
Saturday December 6	2:00 PM	Home of Phyllis Clement	<b>Holiday Party</b>
Wednesday January 14	7:15 PM	6 <sup>th</sup> Street Playhouse	<b>Theater Party <i>The Scene</i> by Theresa Rebeck</b>
Saturday January 31		Bay Area Model	<b>Bay Area League Day</b>

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## SEPTEMBER 2008 CALENDAR

*Unless otherwise noted, meetings are free and open to the public.*

Date	Time	Place	Description
Tuesday September 2	10:00 AM to Noon	League Office 100 E Street, Suite 209 Santa Rosa	<b>LWVSC Board Meeting</b> First Tuesday of the month League members only except by invitation
Thursday September 4	10:00 AM to Noon	League Office	<b>Voter Service</b>
Mon Sept 8	1:00 PM	League Office	<b>Juvenile Justice Interest Group Meeting</b>
Tuesday September 9	Noon	League Office	<b>International Relations Study Group</b> Second Tuesday. See page 7
Thurs Sept 11	10:00 AM	League Office	<b>Action/Advocacy Meeting</b>
Saturday September 13	10:00 AM to 12:30 PM	Central Library Third and E Streets, Santa Rosa	<b>Kickoff Meeting - General Membership</b> <b>Chris Coursey speaks on SMART rail and trail</b>
Tues Sept 16	10:00 AM	League Office	<b>Membership Committee</b>
Tues Sept 16	3:00 to 4:30 PM	Berger Ctr., Room G, Oakmont	<b>Oakmont Unit - Single-Payer Health Care</b>
Thurs, Sept 18	10:30 AM	League Office	<b>Book Group.</b> See page 2
Thurs, Sept 18	1:00 PM	League Office	<b>Pros and Cons Training</b>
Mon Sept 22	1:00 PM	League Office	<b>Juvenile Justice Interest Group Meeting</b>
Mon Sept 22	7:00 to 9:00 PM	Santa Rosa City Council Chambers	<b>Candidates Forum -</b> <b>First Dist. 7:00 PM; Third Dist. 8:00 PM</b>
Mon Sept 24	7:00 to 8:30 PM	Lucchesi Comm. Ctr., Petaluma	<b>Petaluma Meas K. Water/Sewer Rate Rollback</b>
Mon Sept 29	7:00 to 9:00 PM	Santa Rosa City Council Chambers Parking lot on First St east of D St.	<b>Candidates Forum - Santa Rosa City Council</b>
Tuesday September 30	6:00 to 9:00 PM	Windsor High School	<b>Candidates Forum - Windsor Town Council, School District, and Fire District</b>

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