



## DO WOMEN NEED A MORAL EARTHQUAKE?

In 1879, National City's Founder Flora Kimball wrote, "I wished—oh, so ardently—that a moral earthquake would startle the women in this country who are in a death-like sleep, oblivious to the laws that suppress them. Shocks are harmful, but on the contrary may have the effect of showing us more clearly the 'wrongs we know of' in our very midst'."

The September Unit meetings' discussion will center on women's issues, responding to Mrs. Kimball's strong assertion, written in 1879, that we women are unaware of the inequities in our society. Haven't the feminists of the Women's Movement achieved all rights in full equality with men? If we don't have equal rights, what else should be pursued, and what have we accomplished in the past one hundred years?

Using a multiple-choice format, a survey will be used to steer the discussion, which begins with a review of women's right to vote in California and concludes with the most recent legislation of importance to women.

**California Women's Suffrage Movement:** The first "vote for women" amendment in California occurred in 1896, with San Diego men voting in favor of women's suffrage; it was defeated statewide. Fifteen years later, the amendment passed statewide by a relatively narrow margin of 3,500 votes. Who were the San Diego suffragists who campaigned in 1896 and 1911? Who opposed women's right to vote and why?

**Legislation Supporting Women's Rights:** On February 14, 1920, Carrie Chapman Catt announced the founding of the League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan, political organization dedicated to educating voters about issues and to push actively for passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment granting women the right to vote throughout the U.S., which was ratified on August 26, 1920. When was the LWVSD founded? What legislation was enacted to promote women's rights between 1920 and 1960?

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# VOTER

## Education Study Meeting

**WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE  
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT  
IN PUBLIC EDUCATION?**



Wednesday, September 14, 2011  
6 - 7:45 p.m.

Serra Mesa - Kearney Mesa Library  
**See page 4 for details**

## TRANSPARENCY IN REDISTRICTING

Saturday, Sept 10, 2011, Noon - 2 p.m.  
Serra Mesa - Kearny Mesa Library

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California  
**COMMON CAUSE**  
Holding Power Accountable



## SAVE THE DATES



Saturday, Oct. 1, 1 p.m.  
"Walter Cronkite is Dead" See page 6

## CELEBRATING 100 YEARS of Women's Suffrage in California

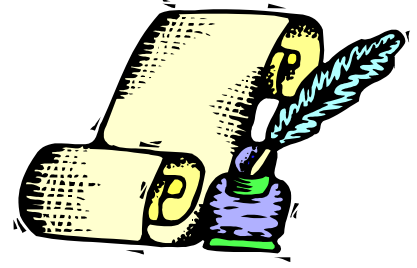
See page 5 for full list of activities  
Sunday, Oct. 9, 3 p.m. "Iron Jawed Angels"  
Wednesday, Oct. 26, 11:30 a.m., Luncheon

Thursday, Oct. 6, C3 50th Anniversary Gala  
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Thursday, Dec. 8, HOLIDAY PARTY  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

September is here and all of us on the Board are looking forward to an interesting and productive year for the League. While the Units have been on summer hiatus, the Board and committees have been hard at work organizing for the year ahead, planning programs and carrying out action on city issues.



During the summer the Public Policy Committee gave testimony at the City Council Rules Committee meetings regarding privatizing the city landfill operation and at the Rules Committee meeting regarding the Jacobs Balboa Park proposal. Members of the committee also met with Councilperson Todd Gloria to discuss the Balboa Park Conservancy issue.

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The Program Committee has been working on the Unit presentations for the LWVUS study, "The Role of the Federal Government in Education." Anne Hoiberg has been planning gala fall celebrations by the League in recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women receiving the right to vote in California. The Education Committee interviewed local legislator Chris Kehoe during the summer. The Nominating Committee chair has begun reviewing the job descriptions of Board directors and officers for possible revision.

Our *Local Positions* book has been edited to include updated positions on Balboa Park and Education and has gone to the printer. It is already available on our website.

The Membership Committee expects to have the Yearbook/Membership Roster ready for the September Units. It will include the program for the coming year, so be sure to take a look to see what has been planned. We think you will find some interesting topics to be explored.

The Finance Committee has met to discuss fundraising and expenses. Both are crucial topics to be dealt with in order for the League to continue to be a force in the community and beyond.

It is League members who make it all happen, though. So we hope that the work that has been done this summer will inspire you to participate in your Units, join committees to help with the work of the League, say yes when asked to take on a task, and invite some of your friends and neighbors to attend our events and become acquainted with our efforts. Maybe they will want to become a part of League, too.

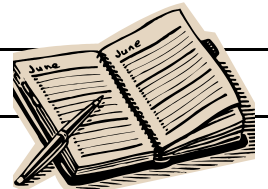
— Mary Jean Word, Co-President, LWVSD

## UNIT CALENDAR — SEPTEMBER — WOMEN'S ISSUES

Saturday, Sept. 10 10 a.m.-noon	Southeastern	Malcolm X Library, Multi-media Room 5138 Market Street San Diego, CA 92105	Robin Loving 619-947-9717 La Quita Robbins 619-470-9095
Monday, Sept. 12 9:30-11:30 a.m.	Rancho Bernardo and Scripps Ranch	The Gateway – TV Room 12751 Gateway Park Rd. Poway, CA 92064	Claire Weiner 858-679-7350 Betsy Stevens 858-451-5653
Monday, Sept. 12 2-4 p.m.	Coronado	Coronado Public Library Police Department Community Room 700 Orange Avenue Coronado, CA 92118	Nancy Cuddy 619-437-4597
Tuesday, Sept. 13 9:30-11:30 a.m.	La Jolla	Riford Center 6811 La Jolla Boulevard La Jolla, CA 92037	Joan Dahlin 858-454-5019
Tuesday, Sept. 13 1-3 p.m.	University City	North University City Community Library 8820 Judicial Drive San Diego, CA 92122	Shirley Larson 858-272-9752 Mariette Kobrak 858-450-1521
<b>Tuesday, Sept. 13 5:30-7:30 p.m. One-time change</b>	Mission Valley	Meeting Room Mission Valley Library, Fenton Pkwy Ikea side of shopping center San Diego, CA 92108	Debra Blum 619-225-0353
Wednesday, Sept. 14 1-3 p.m.	Tierrasanta	Tierrasanta Library 4985 La Cuenta Drive San Diego, CA 92124	Carole Porter 858-279-5474
Thursday, Sept. 15 9:30-11:30 a.m.	East San Diego	College Rolando Library 6600 Montezuma Road San Diego, CA 92115	Barbara Evje 619-462-4772

## LWVSD CALENDAR — SEPTEMBER 2011

6	T	LWVSD Board, LWVSD Office, 4 p.m. <b>Please note time change</b>
8	Th	Unit Chair Meeting, LWVSD Office, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
9	F	Public Policy Committee, Balboa Park, LWVSD Office, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
10-15		Unit Meetings (see above)
10	S	<b>Transparency in Redistricting</b> (with Common Cause), Noon-2 p.m., see p 6
14	W	<b>What is the Role of the Federal Government in Public Education?</b> 6 p.m., see p 4
19	M	Membership Committee, Amy Hjerstedt's home, 3621 Grim Ave., San Diego CA 92104, 10 a.m.
21	W	Education Committee, LWVSD Office, 9:30 a.m.
23	F	Program Committee, LWVSD Office, 10 a.m.



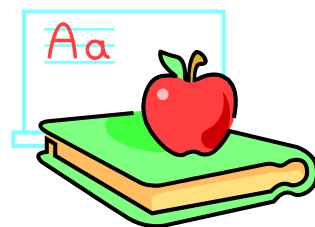
## EDUCATION STUDY MEETING

# What is the Role of the Federal Government in Public Education?

### ◆ National Common Core Standards?

#### ◆ Funding?

#### ◆ Equity?



**Wednesday, September 14, 2011**

**6 - 7:45 p.m.**

**Serra Mesa - Kearney Mesa Library  
9005 Aero Drive, San Diego 92123**

Jennifer Imazeki, Professor of Economics, Specialist on Education Financing  
San Diego State University

Bill Kowba, Superintendent and former Chief Financial Officer  
San Diego Unified School District

Debbie Beldock, Senior Director, District and School Improvement  
San Diego County School District

## Anne Hoiberg Chosen for Freedoms Foundation Medal

Last year, on August 26, the U-T published Anne Hoiberg's op-ed piece, "Women's Struggle for the Right to Vote." An officer of the San Diego Freedoms Foundation Volunteer Chapter contacted her and asked if the article could be submitted for consideration for an award with the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge. Last week Anne received a letter from the President and CEO congratulating her as having been chosen to receive the George Washington Honor Medal, to be presented at an awards ceremony in November.



# Save the Dates

## CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE IN CALIFORNIA

### LUNCHEON — Looking Backward and Forward!

**Wednesday, October 26**      **11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

Tom Ham's Lighthouse Restaurant, Harbor Island

**Buffet Lunch 11:30 - 12:10**      **Program 12:10 - 12:25**

Who were those feisty San Diego suffragists who "encouraged" men to vote for the Women's Vote Amendment? . . . a dramatic reading of the story about San Diego Suffragists who campaigned for women's suffrage in 1896 and 1911.

**12:25 - 1:15**      What has been accomplished since 1911? —  
What needs to be accomplished? — What did the Women's Movement achieve? —  
Is the Women's Movement dead? —

. . . a conversation between Anne Hoiberg and Dr. Doreen Mattingly, Associate Professor, Department of Women's Studies, San Diego State University

**1:15 - 1:30**      Let's Celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the LWVSD . . .  
A commemorative booklet of our history will be available

**Lunch and Program: \$23**      You can reserve on our website: [www.lwvsandiego.org](http://www.lwvsandiego.org)  
Click on donate button; \$23 (or more) for the amount, October luncheon for the purpose.



**Sunday, October 9, 3 p.m.**

Special viewing of **Iron Jawed Angels** about the suffrage movement

La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Ave, La Jolla

Membership drive activity — Bring a friend — Discussion and refreshments



**Monday, October 24.....Reception**

Noon-time in the City Hall lobby for the unveiling of Women's Vote Centennial Exhibit



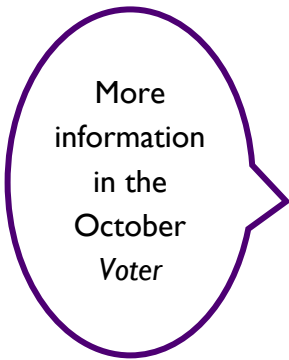
**October 24 - November 4.....Exhibit**

commemorating the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in California, located in the City Hall lobby



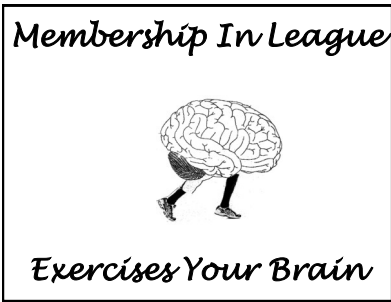
**Saturday October 29.....Suffrage Ball**

Balboa Park Club Ballroom — food, costumes, and dance from 1911.      \$40 - \$60.      RSVP: 619-233-7963.





# MEMBERSHIP



## What Kind of Leaguer Are You?

People join the League for several reasons:

- they want to do something
- they want to learn something
- they want to make new friends with similar interests
- they support good causes and the work being done

Do you know someone who might like the League to be part of their lives? Now is the time to invite them to a meeting or talk with them about the League.

## What is the Role of the League At This Time in Your Life?

- providing much needed lively discourse during the childrearing years
- providing ways to build skills or expand a resume
- providing a way to be engaged and work with a group of people for the greater good during your retirement years

Involvement in the League ebbs and flows throughout membership. It is difficult for us to know of your life-changes, so please contact a Board member or the office if you would like to get more engaged in our work as a new year begins.

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We have several new members this month — please look for them at Unit meetings and welcome them.

Laura Cachan	92117	Jim Kidrick	92101
Eleanor Shorter	92037	Carol Waltz	92101

The updated roster of members and "Yearbook" containing the calendar and other information about the League should be distributed at the September Unit meetings.

## Would You Be a Buddy for a New Member?

The Membership Committee would like members to adopt a new member and offer to take her/him to a meeting or event. Membership information will be discussed half an hour prior to the start of the event. If there is a cost involved, members could offer to pay for the new member. If you would like to reach out to our new members in this way, please contact Beryl Flom, 312-218-6444 (cell phone) or [edflom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:edflom@sbcglobal.net) Possible events are the Education meeting on September 14 at 6 p.m., the play on October 1 at 2 p.m., and the showing of Ironed Jawed Angels on October 9 at 3 p.m. See this Voter for details.

— Beryl Flom, Vice President/Membership  
858-459-4406 or [edflom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:edflom@sbcglobal.net)

## REMEMBER THE LEAGUE

As we look back on the many rights women have gained over the last century, we also reflect on the major contributions the League of Women Voters has made toward these accomplishments, how much voter education the League has done over the years, and how influential the League can be in shaping our government. People who really care about the League's work want to keep it going for future generations. We ask you to seriously consider designating the League of Women Voters of San Diego or the League of Women Voters Education Fund (tax deductible) designated for LWVSD in your will or estate planning. Contributions we receive from members' estates help a great deal in sustaining the League especially in these times of difficult fundraising, corporate donations, and grant awards. If you have questions, please contact Beryl Flom, [edflom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:edflom@sbcglobal.net), 858-459-4406.



## Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011 Meeting

Noon - 2 p.m.

Serra Mesa - Kearny Mesa Library  
9005 Aero Dr. San Diego 92123

# TRANSPARENCY in REDISTRICTING

The Citizens Redistricting Commission has completed its mission of redrawing the boundaries for California's Assembly, State Senate, Congressional, and Board of Equalization Districts. The County and City of San Diego have likewise completed their remapping process.

Ten years ago the statewide districts were drawn in secret by the legislature, away from public scrutiny. The results were splintered, gerrymandered communities and safe districts for incumbents. Now it is time to assess whether our efforts to bring transparency to the process have been successful.



### Our Speakers



Libert "Gil" R. Ontai, Commissioner, Citizens Redistricting Commission  
Lori Shellenberger, American Civil Liberties Union

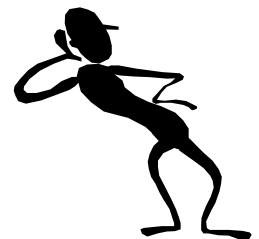


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## LISTENING TO THE LEAGUE

Last month's question asked about the importance of having private vehicles crossing the bridge into Balboa Park from 6th Ave. (west side). Respondents to this question on Facebook and in the Voter overwhelmingly said that it was not important. However, one theatre-goer is concerned about nighttime walking and people who have babies, wheelchairs, or a lot to carry such as a picnic; she thinks the tram will not work for them. Another member suggested that private cars could come across the bridge only at night.



Please respond to this month's question by emailing Beryl Flom, [edflom@sbcglobal](mailto:edflom@sbcglobal), or answering on Facebook:

1. **Do you read the newspaper daily?** Yes or No
2. **What other ways do you get your news?** List all that apply.
  - a. online newspapers    b. magazines    c. friends    d. TV    e. radio    f. other (please list)

## Role of the Federal Government in Public Education

One thing that the Education business is known for is a lot of terms and acronyms. So as we listen to speakers and read articles, we are bound to come across a lot of these. Let's practice in order to prepare ourselves. And what better way to learn some of them than with a vocabulary quiz. Let's see how you do.

Match the term with the description that is closest to its meaning:

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|----------------------------|--|
| 1. AYP                     | A. Non-competitive awards based on formula                   |
| 2. Categorical Funding     | B. How much a student must know to be considered proficient  |
| 3. Common Core Standards   | C. Federal funding aimed at instructional materials          |
| 4. Compensatory Education  | D. List of what students are expected to learn               |
| 5. Content Standards       | E. Referring to the process of teaching                      |
| 6. Curriculum              | F. State account checking progress of students               |
| 7. Cut Scores              | G. Federal funding aimed at low-income students              |
| 8. ELL                     | H. Education awarded to special-needs students               |
| 9. ESEA                    | I. Educational plan including goals and objectives           |
| 10. Formula Grant Programs | J. Scores that separate test-takers into categories          |
| 11. IDEIA                  | K. Federal funding aimed at women's sports                   |
| 12. No Child Left Behind   | L. Law that is the major federal fund for education          |
| 13. Norm-referenced tests  | M. Federal funding aimed at educational research             |
| 14. Pedagogical            | N. Federal funding for specified high-needs students         |
| 15. Performance Standards  | O. Federal law requiring education for disabled children     |
| 16. Race to the Top        | P. Goals of learning   |
| 17. Title I                | Q. Compares students with their peers by percentile rankings |
| 18. Title II               | R. Students who do not have English as first language        |
| 19. Title IV               | S. ESEA reauthorization act by President Bush                |
| 20. Title IX               | T. ESEA reauthorization act by President Obama               |



Key: 1.f, 2.n, 3.d, 4.h, 5.p, 6.i, 7.j, 8.r, 9.l, 10.a, 11.o, 12.s, 13.q, 14.e, 15.b, 16.t, 17.g, 18.c, 19. m, 20.k

### Citizens Coordinate for Century 3 (C3) 50th Anniversary Gala

Thursday October 6, 2011, from 6 - 9 pm.

Balboa Park House of Hospitality Grand Ballroom



6:00 ~ Reception with bar, heavy hors d'oeuvres and carving stations 7:30 ~ Program  
Members, friends, and supporters of Citizens Coordinate for Century 3 are invited to celebrate its 50-year commitment to making the San Diego region a better place to live through smarter land use planning, better public policy, and sustainable development.

Tickets: Registration through 9/9/2011 ~ \$75 per person Registration after 9/9/2011 ~ \$85 per person  
You can register online <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/2001395227>  
or with a check payable to C3 sent to 5252 Balboa Ave #207 ~ San Diego CA 92117

## WHY ARE LEAGUERS ACROSS THE COUNTRY STUDYING THE FEDERAL ROLE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION?

We all know that local Leagues study public education issues. For example, the LWVSD at the last annual meeting adopted a position on Early Childhood Education based on three years of study of the issue.

League members are aware that the California state government has the principal responsibility to provide for the public education of all its students. Recognizing that fact, the LWVC undertook an update of its educational positions in 2004.

That study motivated California's delegates to the last LWVUS convention to lead the push for the adoption of the current national item, the Role of the Federal Government in Public Education. The majority of delegates to that convention agreed with the California delegation that the LWVUS has not kept pace with the growing importance of federal activities in public education, and a new LWVUS consensus needed to be developed around the major issues facing public education in United States today. Joanne Leavitt, from the LWV Santa Monica, became the co-chair of this national study. She had been the chair of the LWVC updated study of education

The LWVUS has actively supported public education since it was founded. At the present time, the LWVUS is working on several positions on education that were adopted by national consensus in previous years. A short summary of these positions follows:

- **INTEGRATION** "The League is committed to racial integration of schools as a necessary condition for equal access to education. Bussing became one of the

means of achieving school desegregation."

- **QUALITY EDUCATION** "The 1974-75 LWVUS program included the phrase 'equal access to... quality education' reflecting League recognition that 'equality' and 'quality' are inseparable."

- **TUITION TAX CREDITS** "The 1978 convention directed the national board to oppose tax credits for families of children attending private elementary and secondary schools. The League is concerned about the negative impact that tuition tax credits would have in the public schools by encouraging flight, particularly from desegregated schools."

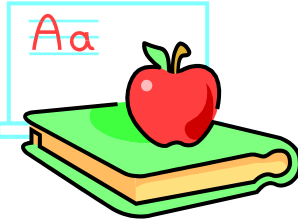
- **FEDERAL PROGRAMS** "The League supports a range of federal education programs. Some are designed to meet the special needs of the poor and minorities. Others are designed to give women and minorities equal educational opportunities."

- **TITLE IX** "In 2003 the League responded to an effort to scale back Title IX" (the women's equity in sports law).

For a more complete list of the many activities that the LWVUS has taken on education issues, google League of Women Voters United States Education Positions or click on <http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=14208>

This fall is our opportunity to join with Leaguers throughout our country as we grapple with the challenges facing public education in our nation.

— Fran Venn, Education Committee



### Announcing New Office Hours for Secretary

Beginning Thursday, August 18, the secretary will be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 7 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Please remember to call or E-mail work requests to Ruberta Castro, Vice President/Administration, [ruberta1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ruberta1@sbcglobal.net) as she will continue to organize the workload for the secretary.



# LUNCH WITH LEAGUE

June 29, 2011

Democracy in Crisis



Speaker Steve Freeman, PhD

Jeanne Brown, Co-President-elect, Vice President Program

Thanks so much to 'retiring' President, Anne Hoiberg, chairing her final event and sporting a League banner, 'Votes for Women.'

Taking a break from other volunteer efforts to be League co-president, Jeanne Brown was presented with a cake from Common Cause for her efforts with that organization.





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### LWVSD Diversity Policy

The LWVSD, in both its values and practices, affirms its belief and commitment to diversity and pluralism, which means there should be no barriers to participation in any activity of the League of Women Voters on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability. LWVSD recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision making. LWVSD subscribes to the belief that diversity and pluralism are fundamental to the values it upholds and that this inclusiveness enhances the organization's ability to respond more effectively to changing conditions and needs. LWVSD affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of Americans in its Board, staff, and programs.

### JOIN THE LEAGUE

Individual Membership \$65     Additional Household Memberships \$35   

I am unable to join at this time, but I am enclosing a tax-deductible\* contribution of:

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