



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF PLACER COUNTY

Mission Statement

“To encourage the informed and active participation of citizens in government and to influence public policy through education and advocacy.”

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President's Message

We're starting a new year of League activities, and I think it's going to be an exciting one. Our new board of directors had a planning session this summer and came up with a calendar of meetings and events that fit in with the issues of emphasis we approved at the Annual Meeting in May. We hope you will find the calendar lineup interesting and educational.

We also look forward to a very exciting election this November. Not only will the ballot contain a lot of elected offices, it will also contain ten ballot measures. Our League has already received several requests to present the pros and cons of the ballot measures to several organizations. We are also reaching out to other organizations offering our voter education services. We could use more volunteers to help present this information. Please see the article in this newsletter calling for volunteers and consider helping out. It's a great way to learn the ballot measures in more detail and promote the League's mission of voter education.

One of my goals for our League this year is to collaborate with other organizations on educational projects. We have enjoyed a great relationship with the American Association of University Women (AAUW), whose mission of



Kathy Souza
President

education is very similar to ours. We are co-sponsoring a ballot measures presentation with the Roseville Chapter of AAUW on October 2 at Maidu Community Center (please see the article regarding our 2010-2011 calendar) and hope to work with the Auburn chapter on our forum on education in March. We plan to reach out to other organizations in our area as well to provide more voter service opportunities and education about the League as an organization.

This is shaping up to be a potentially visible year for the League, and we can use your help. As you read this edition of our newsletter, please consider some of the volunteer opportunities available to get involved. (We even need a newsletter director!) I'm looking forward to getting more volunteers involved to energize our organization and serve our community.

Highlights from 2010 Convention

Here are a few highlights from the LWV national convention held June 11-15 in Atlanta, GA:

- There were over 740 people in attendance
- Delegates adopted 2 studies for 2010-2012:
 - Federal Role in Public Education
 - Privatization of Government Services
- Delegates adopted the following changes to our positions via concurrence:
 - Add Marriage Equality to our Equality of Opportunity position
 - Add support of state National Popular Vote Compact to abolish electoral college in Selection of the President position
- Several resolutions were approved:
 - Lift travel restrictions to Cuba
 - Safe drilling and mining practices for energy resources
 - Limit the use of the filibuster in Congress
 - Add “transparency” to the Security, Accuracy, Recountability, Accessibility (SARA) resolution
 - Advocate for “improved Medicare for all”
 - Hold those responsible for the gulf oil spill accountable for cleanup
- Delegates approved Per-Member Payment (PMP) of local Leagues to LWVUS from current \$29.20 to:
 - \$29.70 for 2010-11
 - \$30.00 for 2011-12
- Guest Speaker: Kathleen Sebelius, Health and Human Services Secretary

Introducing Our New Board of Directors

Our League has a new board of directors for 2010-2011. We have some returning board members, as well as some new ones, which is always exciting. Here is the list of members that will be serving the organization this year:

Kathy Souza, President
 Candace Massey, First Vice President
 Marie Seward, Second Vice President
 Valerie Anderson, Treasurer

Norma Brink, Secretary

Mary Ellen Oliveira, Director

Patty Lomanto (Suzanne Woodhead, alternate),
 Truckee Unit Chair

Pam Hart is serving as our Voter Service Chair in an off-board capacity.

The board has already been hard at work this summer, putting together an exciting calendar of events for the year. They are all looking forward to serving and working with you this year.

Volunteers Needed for November Election

The November election promises to be a very busy one. Not only will we be electing a new governor and other elected officials, there are ten measures on the ballot.

We need volunteers to help present ballot information to area organizations in public forums. The League of Women Voters has a very well-earned reputation of presenting ballot information in a concise, unbiased manner. Speakers will be provided training and detailed information about the ballot.

We also need volunteers to work at the two polling places that our League staffs each election (in Auburn and Roseville). This is the only source of fundraising for our League. We earn approximately \$1,400 each election when League members volunteer their time to provide this civic service. Volunteers also have a lot of fun in the process.

If you can help out as a speaker or a poll worker, please call me at (916) 791-5187 or email me at kathysouza2003@yahoo.com.

Help Wanted!!!

We have a few positions open for League-minded volunteers. Please consider joining our new board of directors in setting the stage for a positive year of education, activity and growth. Here is the list of volunteers needed:

- Membership Director
- Finance Director
- Newsletter Editor
- Unit Leaders (Auburn, Roseville and Lincoln)

If you are interested in joining the leadership team or can recommend someone, please call me at (916)791-5187 or email me at kathysouza2003@yahoo.com.

2010-2011 Calendar of Events

The new board of directors met this summer to put together an exciting calendar of events for the coming year. We developed programs around the issues for emphasis that were approved by members at the annual meeting (see article on annual meeting).

Here is an outline of the activities planned for this year. This information will be posted and kept updated on our website (www.lwyplacercounty.org).

Date	Time	Place	Description
Saturday, October 2, 2010	9:30 a.m.	Maidu Community Center	Public Forum: November 2010 Ballot Measures
Thursday, October 7, 2010	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Crush 29 1480 Eureka Rd Roseville, CA 95661	General Meeting: LWVC positions on November Ballot Measures
Tuesday, November 2, 2010			General Election
Thursday, November 4, 2010	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Crush 29 1480 Eureka Roseville, CA 95661	General Meeting: Homelessness
Thursday, December 2, 2010	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Crush 29 1480 Eureka Rd Roseville, CA 95661	General Meeting: League Update and Holiday Party
Thursday, January 6, 2011	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Crush 29 1480 Eureka Rd Roseville, CA 95661	General Meeting: Utility Costs
Thursday, February 3, 2011	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Crush 29 1480 Eureka Rd Roseville, CA 95661	General Meeting: Utility Costs
Thursday, March 3, 2011	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Crush 29 1480 Eureka Rd Roseville, CA 95661	General Meeting: TBA
Saturday, March 12, 2011	10:00 a.m.—noon	TBA	Public Forum: Education
Thursday, April 7, 2011	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Crush 29 1480 Eureka Rd Roseville, CA 95661	General Meeting: Recap of Education Forum and Discussion
Saturday, May 21, 2011		TBA	Annual Meeting.



Come and learn about the November 2nd Ballot Measures

Pros and Cons of the November Ballot Measures

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2010

9:30 AM - NOON

**MAIDU COMMUNITY CENTER, MEETING ROOM
#1**

**1550 MAIDU DRIVE
ROSEVILLE, CA 95661**

The League of Women Voters of Placer County and the Roseville/South Placer Branch of the American Association of University Women are proud to sponsor this educational event for voters of Placer County.

The meeting is open to the public

Admission is free