



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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## MEMBER COMMENTARY BY **LYNNE ROBERTS**

The League of Women Voters is primarily devoted to the premise that not only should American citizens be active well-informed voters, but that voting should be accessible and convenient to all. Most League of Women Voter chapters sponsor and staff voting precincts across the nation. The Placer County League of Women Voters has long sponsored two precincts – one at Cirby and Sunrise in Roseville and the other on Bell Road in Auburn, and has provided the volunteers to staff them. We were able to schedule 4 hour shifts, instead of the more traditional 8 hour shifts, because so many



members participated. In addition, because the Placer County Elections Office pays the nonprofit sponsoring agencies for each person participating in the training, and for the volunteers working at the polls, this provides a significant contribution to the chapter bank account.

We have two elections in 2016 – the primary in June and the presidential election in November – and the chapter would like to sponsor and staff the two usual precincts and hopefully add one additional precinct. This would not only help the Placer County Elections Office which is currently soliciting for additional help, but it would increase the chapter income and it would allow more members to participate in the primary purpose of the League – supporting the voting process.

If you haven't already been contacted, you soon will be. We are polling our members to determine whether or not we have members who are willing to volunteer in sufficient numbers to cover the third schedule. Obviously, we can't tell the elections office we will sponsor another precinct without ensuring that we can provide the staffing needed. If you haven't been contacted, and would like to volunteer for a four hour stint at one of the precincts for both elections next year, please email Lynne Roberts at [lnr@surewest.net](mailto:lnr@surewest.net) – or phone her at (916) 782-4116.



## First Thursdays

11:30am - 1:00pm

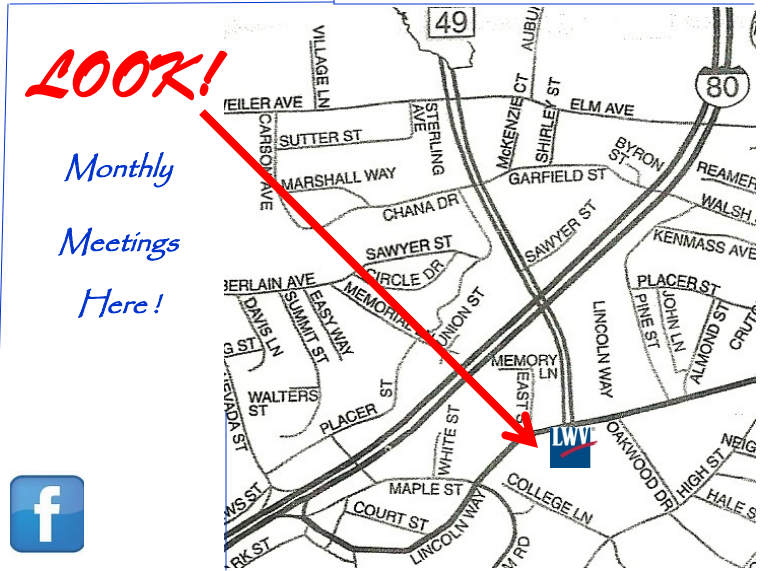
Room #10  
Auburn's Civic Center  
1225 Lincoln Way

*Schedule on next page...*

*See you there!*

optional lunch available

Hwy 49 exit; Right on 49;  
straight thru light into driveway



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## MEMBER PROFILE **PAM HART** BY SHEILA REYNOLDS

Pam Hart was born in Auburn and attended all the local schools. She received her degree in psychobiology from UC Davis, an area of study dealing with how hormones in the mind and body effect each other.

She worked at Sierra Labs and became a part owner. The lab was sold in 1993, and Pam went to work at Hewlett Packard as a Business Analyst for 15 years.

Pam's husband, Dan, invented "The Strong Arm Pitching Machine" and opened a manufacturing plant in Mississippi. The plant had originally made Schwinn Bicycles, and Richard Schwinn was a great help in providing information



on the machinery, and names of previous employees. While Dan was in Mississippi getting the plant going, Pam stayed in Auburn with their school age son. Due to costs associated with making the product in the U.S., they moved their manufacturing operation to China. Pam made several trips to China with the start-up of the operation.

Seeing a need for unification of the local school districts, Pam and Margie Spalding set out to change the current structure and worked together on that goal for 5 years. Although, the districts never were unified, they both felt they made a great team and they continued a long friendship.

Pam is an amazingly civic-minded person, and attends numerous public meetings. It bothers her that public community meetings are taking place and no one from the community is sitting in the audience. She feels that to end the lack of public participation we need more education of the public, and that's what LWV provides.



**New Members**

**Maudine Zub**

**Kathleen Goode**

**Beth Gonzalez**

**Michael Garabedian**

**OUR LIVES BEGIN TO END  
THE DAY WE BECOME  
SILENT ABOUT  
THINGS THAT MATTER.**

*Martin Luther King Jr*

### Monthly Speakers

**PCWA—Water  
March 3rd**

PCWA'S Einar Maisch speaks on Placer County water rights, state of the water sheds, where most of the water goes and how the twin tunnels will affect our County and PCWA's organization.

**County Transportation  
April 7th**

Placer Co. Transportation Agency explains transportation plans and funding and answers questions .

**Ballot Props: Pros & Cons  
May 5th**

LWVPC Speakers Bureau presents unbiased Pros & Cons of June ballot measures.



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## MEMBER PROFILE **KAREN TAJBL** BY SHEILA REYNOLDS

Karen Tajbl was born on a farm in Illinois. She grew up and lived in suburban Chicago. She also lived in New Jersey for eight years when her husband was working for Mobil Oil.

After teaching math for 13 years, Karen returned to school and received her MBA. Joining the business world, she got a job with Unical and spent the next 12 years working in the oil industry.

Karen and her husband relocated to Auburn 12 years ago to be closer to their son living in the Bay Area. Their daughter went to college in Syracuse, N.Y. and lives on the East coast.

Karen keeps busy with her involvement with the AAUW, like so many of our LWV members. She chairs 2 walking groups; one is a conditioning



walk and the other is a more casual long walk. She also is involved in a non-fiction book club that currently is reading "The Notorious Ruth Bader Ginsberg". On the lighter side, she belongs to a sing along group. They visit nursing homes and assisted living centers providing musical enjoyment for the residents. As part of the company chorus group when she

worked at Unical, the highlight of her time with them was when they sang "The Star Spangled Banner" at the Chicago Cubs baseball park!

Karen belonged to the League of Women Voters for a short time in the 1970's, but returning to work didn't allow for her to continue. When she moved to Auburn she joined our League in the 2nd year of its inception. She values the education and information she receives from the speakers program and especially learning what's happening in our County. In addition, she values the information she receives from The Pro's and Con's Presentations.