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President



Well it has been a busy year so far, the California Centennial in October was a huge success, Thanks to our very own Diana Madoshi, who assisted in coordinating this event. We also completed our first study and consensus on Education and the role of the federal government. This was accomplished Thanks to Pam Hart! We also learned about the National Popular vote from Paula Lee.

Originally one of my goals for this year was to develop an Observer Corp. At the time I did not realize we would have the opportunity to participate in two League studies; Education and Privatization. These studies will take up most of this year's special committee efforts so hopefully we can do this in the 2012-2013 session.

We will be kicking off our Privatization study at our Jan. 5th lunch meeting. For more information see the article below.

In February Jim McCauley, Placer County Clerk will be speaking at our Crush 29 lunch. Hopefully he will let us know how the new open primary election system or "top two" will affect his office. This will be in effect for our June primary. Under the Top Two candidates open primary Act, all candidates running in a primary election, regardless of their party preference will appear on a single primary election ballot and voters can vote for any candidate. The top two overall vote getters, not the top vote getter from each qualified political party will move on to the general election. This process does NOT apply to the presidential election or county central committee offices.

As you can see we have lots coming up so check out our calendar for all events and don't forget to renew your membership!

I hope all of you have a wonderful Holiday season. Be safe and enjoy your friends and families.

Visit our website to learn about our League. It contains information about our League, a calendar of events, contact information, and links to other League websites. We update it regularly. Visit our website www.lvvplacercounty.org to learn more about our league.

Mission Statement

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

Welcome to New Members

NAME	HOME
Susan Alongi	Lincoln
Patrice Davison	Truckee
Kathleen Goode	Roseville
Phyllis Morel	Roseville
Rosalie Wohlfromm	Auburn
Diana Madoshi	Rocklin
Jennifer Montgomery	Soda Springs
Suzanne Gazzaniga	Auburn
Susan Rohan	Roseville
Terri Ciau	Granite Bay



Privatization Study; Call for Committee Members

Submitted by Candace Massey, President

We will be participating with the League of Women Voters of the United States in the study of the privatization of government services. The purpose of this study is to identify those parameters and policy issues to be considered in connection with proposals to transfer federal, state or local government services, assets and/or functions to the private sector. It will review the stated goals and community impact of such transfers, and identify strategies to ensure transparency, accountability, and preservation of the common good.

We look forward to League of Women Voters of the United States providing study materials including:

- 2 papers on the history and evolution of privatization efforts and policy; the legal background/framework between public and private entities;
- a paper describing various types of privatization undertakings;
- actual case studies on 5 or 6 different privatizing undertakings; a survey of state laws regarding privatizing; and strategies for best practice.

There are about 6 “areas,” each of which a member could read and discuss. Ultimately, we will have all of the papers posted on the LWVUS website, along with a Leaders Guide that helps local study leaders direct the discussion when League members do consensus, and then the actual consensus questions will follow. The responses to the consensus questions will be done electronically via a link to the LWVUS website.

The first background paper, The Legal Framework of Transparency and Accountability within the Context of Privatization, can be found at the League of Women Voters website For Members, Projects and Programs, or copy the following in your web browser:

<http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Projects2&Template=/TaggedPage/TaggedPageDisplay.cfm&TPLID=112&ContentID=17900>

This paper and forming our committees for the Privatization study will be our focus at the **January 5th meeting at Crush 29**. Please join us and be part of this very important consensus process.



Sacramento Celebration Marks Centennial of Women Winning the Vote in California

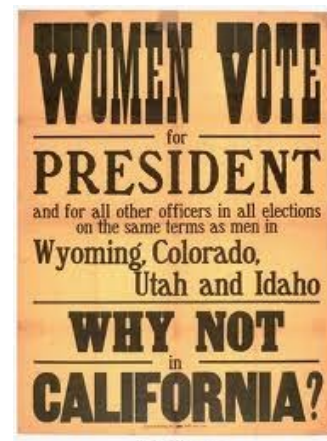


Candace Massey, president of Placer League of Women Voters and Pat Burke, PLWV board secretary, joined 150 women and men of all ages and strolled in unrelenting rain from the California Museum in Sacramento to the State Capitol on Monday, October 10, to celebrate the Centennial of Women Suffrage in California.

The marchers, many in period dress including reams of lace, ruffles, and few top hats, gathered in the beautiful Capitol rotunda for the celebratory start of a day full of activities. They heard the stirring words of Legislators members, centennial organizers, and vocalists Belinda Li, Rev. Janice Steele, and a troupe of "suffrage singers." It was a moving tribute to the courage of women a century ago, and their faith in men and in the ideal of American democracy. The tribute touched many participants and had fueled their desire to recognize this historic anniversary.

Festivities actually started the previous day with a Suffrage Tea at the Stanford Mansion attended by Secretary of State Debra Bowen. Visitors from throughout the state enjoyed a gala show at Sacramento's historic Crest Theater that included the world premier of director Martha Wheelock's film, "California Women Win the Vote." Louise Vance screened her modern documentary "Seneca Falls," and Los Angeles performers staged the lively, historic and entertaining musical "We Did it For You," written and directed by Dr. Thea Iberall.

A full day of re-enactments, exhibits, receptions, shows and suffrage singing followed Monday's early morning ceremony in the Capitol rotunda. In the state house, events included an exhibit of rare suffrage movement memorabilia and a reading of the original amendment that appeared on the 1911 ballot. At the Museum of California, Women and History, a final, rousing evening reception featured a host of actors, authors, activists, and politicians, again including the Secretary of State, whose office paid particular attention to this celebration of women voting.



Throughout the two days, participants learned more about the state and national suffrage movements of the early 1900s, and celebrated the historic and remarkable achievements of our courageous foremothers. Speakers and literature outlined what California women went through to win the vote, highlighting notable leaders and describing the nationally influential electoral drive.

In 1911 California became the 6th state where women had won the right to vote. In an eight month "whirlwind campaign," from January to October, suffragists mobilized over 10,000 local supporters - teachers, college women, wage earners and veteran activists - to carry out the vast statewide drive.. Suffragists spoke to voters in the street and from automobiles; they held mass rallies, picnics and small meetings. They addressed congregations, union members, factory workers, women's clubs and any audience they could find. Experienced speakers from other states came to work alongside local women, and supporters across the country contributed funds.

The final, close victory on October 10, 1911, made California the most populous state where women could vote equally with men, and created greater momentum nationwide to make equal suffrage, guaranteed by the 19th amendment in 1920, the law of the nation.

The two-day centennial celebration closed with a reaffirmation of the faith suffragists exhibited 100 years ago. Centennial co-chair Diana Madoshi captured the theme best when she reminded the crowd that "voting is our right, voting is our privilege, and voting is our duty."



Events Calendar

DATE	TIME	PLACE	AGENDA
Thursday, January 5, 2012	11:30am-1pm	Crush 29 Restaurant 1480 Eureka Rd. Roseville, CA 95677	Monthly Meeting - Privatization Study Review.
Thursday, February 2, 2012	11:30am-1pm	Crush 29 Restaurant 1480 Eureka Rd. Roseville, CA 95677	Monthly Meeting - Election. Special Guest Speaker is Jim McCauley, Placer County Clerk
Thursday, March 1, 2012	11:30am-1pm	Crush 29 Restaurant 1480 Eureka Rd. Roseville, CA 95677	Monthly Meeting + Mental Health Issues. Guest Speaker Carolyn Fink
Saturday, March 24, 2012	10am - noon	Sierra Pines Club House 7600 Whistle Stop Way Roseville, CA 95747	Public Forum - Mental Health Issues: Panel presentation and discussion of mental health issues in Placer County. This is currently being planned by Monica Otis.
Thursday, April 5, 2012	11:30am-1pm	Crush 29 Restaurant 1480 Eureka Rd. Roseville, CA 95677	Monthly Meeting - Pros & Cons of the Ballot Propositions. Guest Speaker Kathy Souza will make a presentation.
Saturday, May 19, 2012	TBD	TBD	Annual Meeting.

Reminder to Rejoin

Hello to everyone! Just a reminder our membership dues are due by December 31, 2011. If you have not received your renewal form, please contact me at (916) 772-1004 or by email at deilers@comcast.net. Our goal this year at our annual meeting was to increase membership by 10% - so make sure you contact your friends, and family to invite them to join our organization! A renewal form and a new member form will be included with our newsletter.

Have a happy holiday!

Diane Eilers, Membership Director



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County**

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Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

Email: _____

Renew My Membership;

Individual \$60.00 _____

Household Membership \$90.00 _____
(2 people)

Additional donation: _____

If interested, please indicate where you would like to serve;

Board Member ____

Nominating Committee ____

Budget Committee ____

Membership Committee ____

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Other _____

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