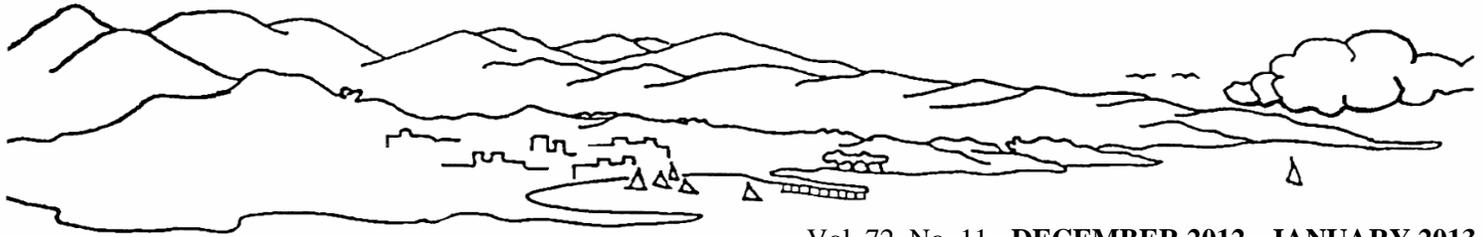




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January Community Forum: Initiative and Referendum Reform

Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2013, noon-2 p.m.

Free and Open to the Public

Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De La Vina St.

Now that the election is over, the League is turning its attention to California's initiative and referendum process. The January Community Forum will give members an overview of what to expect from the statewide update study—and how you can participate. A speaker, to be announced, will explain the role LWVSB will play in the study.

During the LWVC Convention in May 2011, delegates adopted a study to update our position on the initiative and referendum process in California. The state study committee has been developing the study material that all local Leagues in California will use to come to consensus. Helen Hutchison, LWVC Vice President for Program and Advocacy, met with LWVSB members to explain how this study is being prepared.

The study committee divided into subgroups, each taking a topic to research:

- History of the initiative and referendum process, with an emphasis on California

- Description of the initiative and referendum process as it exists today in California
- A comparison of other states and how they are using the processes for direct democracy
- Identification of key issues with the process
- Ideas or methods for reforming the process

They are seeking to identify the deeper policy-based issues that will help shape the League's position on California's initiative and referendum process in the future. The reform ideas being examined cover a wide range of possibilities, from throwing out the whole process as suggested by Peter Schrag in *Paradise Lost* to an embrace of the growing trend of direct democracy. Here are some of the more popular themes:

- Level the Imbalance of Money Interests
- Increase Transparency
- Engage Citizens
- Think Slowly; Work Together
- Technology Impacts

There are many ways to find out more about the

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Holiday Luncheon: Celebrate with Members and Elected Officials

Wednesday, December 12, 2012, noon-2 p.m.

Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De La Vina St.

This party is one week earlier than our usual community forum date.

Don't miss our annual Holiday Luncheon. Enjoy a delicious potluck luncheon and an opportunity to mingle with your League friends and special guests—your elected officials. There won't be a formal program this year so you'll have plenty of time to socialize and to discuss local issues with our guests. Please invite your friends, family and League coalition partners.



League Members enjoy last year's party.

Message from your Co-Presidents

Membership Directory

The LWVSB 2012-13 Membership Directory is being updated. We thank the LWV of Santa Barbara Education Fund, Inc. for continuing to underwrite some of the cost of the directory. We are looking for other contributors to help underwrite the cost of publication.

If you own a business, the Membership Directory is a great way to gain visibility and support your League. Or if a business you frequent seems a good prospect, recommend they contact us. Underwriters receive business card descriptions and are also thanked as supporters of the booklet. Rates are: full-page ad, \$250; half-page ad, \$125.

Of course, if you would simply like to make a gift to help underwrite the cost, your support would be most appreciated. Your contribution to the Ed Fund for this purpose will be tax-deductible.

Renew Your Membership

In the Directory, we aim to include as complete and up-to-date a membership roster as possible. Our Annual Membership Renewal date was Sept. 1. If you are unsure of the status of your 2012 dues payment, please call the office, (805) 965-2422. Your membership may have expired Nov. 1.

If you do not renew now, this will be the last Channel Voter you receive. We do not want to lose our valued LWVSB members. Scholarships are available. Even if you are unable to be active, we hope you value the contribution League makes to our community, including the information shared in these pages, and will continue your membership.

Holiday Party

This edition of the Channel Voter covers December and January. Remember, there are no units in December. Our annual Holiday Party/Potluck will take place on Wednesday,



Dec. 12 (one week early in consideration of the Christmas Holiday). This festive forum will include opportunities to mingle with League friends and to meet and greet local elected officials. More informal and fun than the usual community forum, this might also be a great occasion to invite friends to come along... and join the League. Please join us in welcoming our elected officials.

January Forum

Our January Community Forum will be a panel on the LWV California Initiative and Referendum update study. After the recent election we are all reminded of how much education it takes to understand our ballot measures. Our state update study committee has already provided us with a Study Guide for our local committee with history of the initiative and referendum process, why an update on our state program position is needed, and what the study includes. If you wish to join this study contact: Joanie Jones, 683-1937 during December. The LWVC website connects members to the above information.

The 40th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

Looking ahead, mark your calendars for Sunday, Feb. 3, 2 to 4 p.m., when we will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision. This event is hosted by the Santa Barbara Pro-Choice Coalition, of which LWVSB is a member. None other than Sarah Weddington, the lawyer who argued the case before the Supreme Court, will be our honored guest. The event will feature a multi-generational dialogue considering where we have come since this landmark decision secured the right to safe, legal abortion for women in the United States, and the challenges we face in ensuring this right remains the law of the land.

Joanie Jones, Co-President, Membership, Administration & Community Education
Beth Pitton-August, Co-President, Program & Action

January Discussion Units: Time to Make Your Voice Heard

There are no units in December

Even though the long 2012 election season is over, you can still make your voice heard about important policy issues. The January 2013 discussion units on State Program Planning will be your chance to talk about what you think the state League should be doing in the future.

Issues we decide are a priority for study, education, or advocacy will be recommended to the LWVC in preparation for its convention next May. We usually also give our local League's recommendations for this year's LWVC legislative priorities. Using the League's current positions, what hot issues should we be focusing on in the next two years? If the League doesn't have a position on something you think is important, should we have a new statewide study? Is there a need to update an old position, as we're currently doing with the Initiative and Referendum position? What are the statewide issues we care most about on the Central Coast?

The League sets its agenda through this program planning process, which leads up to the LWVC Convention in San Jose. It's your chance to participate at the grassroots level and help shape the state League agenda for 2013-2015. (See Calendar on the back page for January unit dates).

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What Happened on Nov. 6? State League Vice President Tells All

Helen Hutchinson, LWVC Vice President for Program and Advocacy, came to Santa Barbara to give us some valuable insights into how supporters and opponents structured their campaigns on the Nov. 6 ballot measures.

At our November Community Forum, she told us that in some cases (e.g. Prop. 34: political contributions by payroll deductions) the opposition spent a year in planning and considerable money and effort in their campaign. Hutchinson pointed out that money is important, but a good message can overcome money. A short simple message is the key. She gave the example of the opposition argument on 32: "It is unfair."

Supporting Prop. 40, the referendum on redistricting, was the League's highest priority and it passed by a large majority. The League has had notable success on redistricting in the last two years. Hutchinson said the League message and name usually helps a measure pass, but Prop. 34, "Repeal of the Death Penalty," was one proposition where the League's support was unsuccessful. She said that the League will continue its efforts to repeal the death penalty.

Prop. 30, tax increases to fund education, was the League's second highest priority. We supported it, as did Gov. Brown, and it passed. Hutchinson said that although most of the revenue from Prop. 30 will go to the schools, it will result in only a modest increase in the total amount that goes to schools. It will also allow for increases in other programs such as public safety services transferred to local governments ("realignment") and human service programs.

The League took stands on five of the 11 propositions on the ballot, and succeeded with four of the five. (The exception was Prop, 34, repeal of the death penalty). The League only takes stands when we have an applicable position on the issue, and so we had no recommendations on 33 (auto Insurance rates), 35 (human trafficking), 36 (three strikes reform) and 37 (genetically engineered foods).

Helen Hutchinson was president of the Oakland LWV from 2003 to 2007 when Jerry Brown was Mayor of Oakland. She interacted with him on occasion during that time, commenting, "Jerry Brown dances to his own drummer."

Susan Shank, Vice President, Local action & Program

Helen Hutchinson visits Santa Barbara for forum and dinner with League members



From top, left: Beth Pitton-August, Hutchinson and Bev King; Hutchinson; Susan Shank; Shank, Janice Rorick, Connie Hannah and UCSB intern Hannah Brown;

Jan. 31 Forum: The High Cost of Gun Violence

The Coalition Against Gun Violence and LWVSB is holding a forum on "The High Cost of Gun Violence," Thursday, Jan. 31 at 7 pm at the Faulkner Gallery, Main Library. A panel of three experts will discuss the topic from the criminal, mental health/medical and social perspectives. The forum is free and open to the public. Please invite your friends.

League Attends UCSB's Symposium: How Will We Adapt to Rising Sea Level?

The UCSB Critical Issues in America theme for 2012-13 considers how California communities will adapt to the predicted rise in sea level. The most recent symposium on Nov. 9 was prefaced with this excellent introduction:

"Sea levels are rising and all coastal communities will have to deal with higher water levels, more extreme storm surges, coastal erosion, and the intrusion of saltwater into coastal aquifers and wetlands. Santa Barbara is no exception."

Five members of the League's Sustainable Communities Committee attended this symposium, and the Central Coast Sustainability Summit on Oct. 25. Hurricane Sandy coming just before this long-planned series added new urgency in considering how local communities can cope.

The November meeting was based on a new study published in January 2012 for the California Energy Commission by UC Scholars. That report is titled "Adapting to Sea Level Rise: A Guide for California's Coastal Communities." Gary Griggs, the senior author and a professor in Marine Sciences at UC Santa Cruz, explained the findings. He was joined by Professor Edward Keller, a UCSB geologist, and Marc Fisher, Senior Associate Vice Chancellor and Campus Architect at SCBS.

Professor Griggs says sea level has been rising slowly for many years. Because of changes in earth climate, it will continue to ramp up, increasing the impacts from storm surges of up to 25 feet, and some tsunamis with up to 25-foot flooding. All coastal areas must begin to consider how infrastructure damage could occur as sea levels rise. Such damage would include public buildings, highways and utilities. In addition, private homes could be lost. This latter question produced a lively discussion with the audience about how, or whether, property owners should be compensated for their losses.

Professor Keller showed revealing slides about the Santa Barbara topography, and the rate of cliff erosion in various places. Some areas erode a foot a year, and all areas erode periodically. Sea level rise means increases in beach and cliff erosion. He stressed the need for the community to decide what to protect, and what to let go.

To make his points more visual, Dr. Fisher demonstrated how the UCSB campus might become an island during periods of flooding or sea level rise because it is completely surrounded by low lying areas. They also know that cliff erosion may present particular problems on campus.

*Connie Hannah, Chair,
Sustainable Communities Committee*

About the Central Coast Sustainability Summit

Many important climate change topics were covered at the October Central Coast Sustainability Summit, which we attended. There, Nicole Russell, a UCSC graduate student and co-author of the "Adapting to Sea Level Rise: A Guide for California's Coastal Cities," discussed the findings. Other speakers included Peter Imhof, Deputy Director of Planning at the Santa Barbara Association of Governments, who talked about the integration of transportation, housing and land use planning for greenhouse gas emissions reduction. An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is now being undertaken on the county's Regional Transportation Plan. Megan Birney of the Community Environmental Council gave an excellent analysis of solar installation pricing for both small and large projects.

At the same conference Heidi Sanborn from the California Product Stewardship Council introduced a new program that is similar to Europe's "cradle to grave" handling of waste products. Here our motto is "Design it Green and Take it Back." It encourages producers to reclaim and reuse their waste, which could solve many of our landfill problems. Producers of a number of products like batteries and computers have already begun take-back programs to retrieve valuable materials, and more are needed to do so.

Connie Hannah, Chair, Sustainable Communities Committee

January Community Forum *(Continued from page 1)*

study, and join in the ongoing discussion. There is a Facebook group (League of Women Voters of California Initiative and Referendum Study), a Yahoo Group that you can link to via the LWVC members only page, and a page on the state League's website (<http://ca.lwv.org/lwvc/issues/initiative-and-referendum.html>), where the study committee will provide a continually updated list of articles and reading materials. And LWVSB is forming a local study committee so that we can participate in the consensus process (See Co-Presidents Message).

Invite your friends to the forum. Bring your own brown bag lunch; cookies and beverages will be provided. Parking is free.

Vicki Allen, Channel Voter Editor

League Co-Presidents Present “Girl’s Guide to the Ballot Box”

The University of California Santa Barbara Women’s Center hosted a non-partisan event entitled, “Girl’s Guide to the Ballot Box,” aimed toward educating women in election matters that could be important to them, in the Student Resource Building on campus Monday night (Nov. 5).

Second-year political science major, Hannah Brown, one of the Programming and Marketing Interns at the Women’s Center, created the event, which was sponsored by many pro-women organizations. Brown is passionate about getting women to vote and to know what they are voting for.

“We’re half the population and there’s stuff going on right now with candidates and propositions and bills that affect women,” said Brown. “So many people don’t know because they don’t take the time to look through the [voter guide] they get in the mail, and I really think that if we get a good amount of people to come, they can learn what’s happening.”

The event itself featured two women from the Santa Barbara League of Women Voters (a non-partisan organization), who made a presentation and hosted a question and answer session for all the attendees.

During their presentation, Co-President for Program and Action Beth Pitton-August and Co-President for Administration Membership and Community Education Joanie Jones discussed the League’s recommendations for the ballot measures, and why it is important to vote.

“The younger you are when you get involved and interested in issues, and understand the effects elections have on our everyday lives, the more you will be able to have an impact on your community as you get older, and be more committed to participating in democracy and being a part of civil society,” said Pitton-August.

Jones believes it is especially important for women to be educated, as education was a primary goal of women when

they were first fighting for the right to vote.

“What women did 92 years ago, after the 1920 gaining the vote, was to set up this kind of organization so we could educate ourselves as citizens,” Jones said.

The League of Women Voters believes that Proposition 30 is most important to women and most important all around.

“As I emphasized during the meeting, [Proposition 30] is a way of recovering losses that we’ve suffered through the recession and the resulting budget cuts to public services that women in particular use,” said Pitton-August. “Education affects everybody, but there are so many other things from the general budget that have been impacted in addition to education that will benefit from Proposition 30.”

Jones also believes Proposition 30 is most important for fiscal reasons pertaining to the recession.

“When you think of how many losses when you don’t have people in housing, you do not get real estate tax revenue for the government to run or for California to have roads repaired or to have the universities supported,” said Jones. “I think it has been a devastating five years, so I’d say 30 is the most important.”

For more information on the Santa Barbara League of Women Voters and their non-partisan recommendations for the election, visit www.lwvsantabarbara.org.

*Lily Cain, from “The Bottom Line,”
weekly newspaper of Associated Students, UCSB*



Ventura League to Host Initiative and Referendum Study Discussion

The LWV of Ventura County will hold a public meeting on Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013 with three guest speakers to discuss the issues we are studying for the State Initiative and Referendum Study. The meeting, location to be determined, will take place from 9:30 a.m. to noon. LWVSB members are invited to attend.

Speakers are Joe Matthews, author of “California Crackup” and former LA Times writer; former state assemblyman Cameron Smyth; and Kathay Feng, Executive Director of California Common Cause. Matthews, who spoke on this subject at the LWV’s leadership council three years ago, will explain the California Constitution. Smyth will speak on the problems the legislature has in working with initiatives that have been approved by the voters and questioning why the issue of why so many issues are pushed to the ballot instead of being dealt with by the legislature. Feng will talk about the process of putting an initiative on the ballot.

We will have Q&A at the conclusion of the program. For more information, contact Barbara Doyle, LWV of Ventura County president at gregnbarbara@yahoo.com.

Help With the Next Santa Barbara County Vulnerability Index Survey

The LWVSB has a homelessness policy dating back to 1986 that calls for joint planning and coordination by federal, state, county and city government entities with the private sector, including nonprofit and private organizations, the business community and private citizens. We also support a government sponsored communitywide task force. Additionally, we support appropriate solutions with adequate funding, to respond to both short term and long-term needs of homeless people.

Common Ground Santa Barbara County, in partnership with the national 100,000 Homes Campaign and the new Central Coast Collaborative on Homelessness, is dedicated to housing the most vulnerable on our streets in Santa Barbara County. They are currently recruiting volunteers to help with Registry Week, which is coming up on Jan. 22 and 23, 2013.

This is when volunteers survey homeless individuals using the Vulnerability Index and the federally mandated Point in Time Count to discover how many people experiencing homeless-

ness we have throughout Santa Barbara County.

The Countywide Trainings for Volunteers will be held on Thursday, Jan. 17 (Santa Maria), Friday, Jan. 18 (Lompoc) and Saturday, Jan. 19 (Santa Barbara).

When the Vulnerability Index Survey was completed in 2011 more than 500 volunteers contacted 1,536 people and 1,143 surveys were completed. Of the surveyed participants, it was found that 932 (79%) of people were vulnerable with high mortality risk if they remain on the streets. So far 108 people have been housed, including 17 vulnerable families.

It takes hard work and collaboration from volunteers and partner organizations to house the most vulnerable in Santa Barbara County. For example, without the Vulnerability Index Survey done in 2011 Gary might still be on the streets dealing with unstable medical issues. He has been in housing for 2 months and is delighted to pull out the keys to unlock the door of his own apartment. Volunteers like you helped him get there.

Important Dates for Registry Week:

- Santa Maria Volunteer Training: Thursday, January 17, 2013
- Lompoc Volunteer Training: Friday, January 18, 2013
- Santa Barbara Volunteer Training: Saturday, January 19, 2013
- Vulnerability Survey Day 1: Tuesday, January 22
- Vulnerability Survey Day 2: Wednesday, January 23

How to Get Involved

You can fill out an online registration form at www.commongrounds.org or contact the Common Ground Santa Barbara County Homeless Advocacy Project Volunteer Coordinator Jessielee Coley at: Cgvolunteers@gmail.com.

Emily Allen, Social Policy Co-Chair

How to Contact Your Elected Officials

Information will be updated in the February issue of the Channel Voter after newly-elected officials take office.

What You Can Do



Support Our Education Fund

The Education Fund of the LWVSB is our tax-deductible arm, a 501(c)(3) corporation whose goal is "to provide non-partisan information about issues and governmental processes and services to enable citizens to become active and informed voters, and to help every citizen participate in the democratic process."

In the 2012 general election season, the Ed Fund sponsored many projects – candidate forums for state and school district offices, voters guides, the Speakers Bureau, the SmartVoter website, a "What Do They Mean?" program and Pros & Cons on ballot measures--to help local citizens get to know their candidates and understand the measures.

In 2013 we expect our focus to be on the Santa Barbara City election, with "Touring with the Candidates" and voter service forums. The 2014 California gubernatorial election already has the water bond measure, among others, as well as local races. We hope to make information and videos available on the LWV website and social media platforms.

We are seeking volunteers to help with our web and social media effort, as well as critical funding. You should soon receive our annual mailing requesting your support to help us carry on this important work. Checks should be made payable to "LWVSB Education Fund."

Shane Stark, Education Fund President

Contribute to Carpinteria Valley Directory

The Carpinteria Valley Directory has been updated. And you can help us distribute it.

The guide, which includes information about the City of Carpinteria and Santa Barbara County government, will be sold for \$3 a copy or \$2 each for orders of 25 or more. But to make sure the high school has enough copies, you can make a tax-deductible donation of any amount to the LWVSB Ed Fund. Mark your envelopes attention Donna Jordan and mail to the League office, 328 E. Carrillo St., Suite A, Santa Barbara, CA 93101.

Dorothy Campbell, League member

Join the Initiative and Referendum Study

How about making this New Year's Resolution: I will get more involved in the League. There are many things you can do, but one exciting opportunity is the new Initiative and Referendum Study. Come to the January Community Forum if you want to learn more and then join the discussion. Share your ideas for reform.

Volunteers are needed for our local participation in this statewide process. Being on a study committee is a fun and worthwhile way for new members to learn about the League, and a great way for long-time members to make a difference using their skills.

Consensus is due the end of March. We will be updating our old position so that we will be able to act on new problems. If you wish to join this study committee contact Joanie Jones, 683-1937, during December.

Throw a Party!

The LWVSB Garden Party is our annual fundraising event in the spring, where we honor special League members.

Your help is needed. If you are interested, contact Beth Pitton-August, bpitton@gmail.com, 453-8266, to join the committee.

Membership News

December 2012 & January 2013

Echoing our Co-Presidents' comments, the 2012 – 2013 Member Directory is in process for publishing. We need your updated information as soon as possible. Did you change a phone number or add a phone number? Do you have a new email address or location address? We need them all.

Please consider sharing your email address with the League. Although we are continuing our printed communications, we are doing more via email. The League does not and will not share your address with any other groups.

Volunteering is a wonderful way to give to the League. We always need volunteers. If you have an hour you can share with us, please let Joanie Jones, Janice Rorick or me know. Membership can currently use help at the Welcome Table for our Community Forums. We need greeters at the door and behind the Membership Table.

We recently held our Fall New Members Orientation in our office at 328 E. Carrillo Street, Suite A. This is the hub of our

activities--board and committee meetings are often held there. We have supplies available, a library, and a conference table. The office was spruced up by Jane Benefield and a friend last year. It reflects our past with wonderful pictures of our founders, reminding us of the heritage we all share as Leaguers and the importance of women's rights.

The fall orientation gave us an opportunity to get acquainted with new members and discuss our League. Orientations are open to all League members who might want to see the office and refresh their understanding of the League. They are held in the Fall and Spring. If you would like to attend the Spring Orientation please email me at apelch@yahoo.com. The more we know, the more we are willing to participate.

Thank you for your continued support of the League.

Amanda Pelch, Membership Development

Welcome New Members:

Louise & Ted Anagnoson, Patricia T. Boyd, Hannah Brown, our new UCSB Intern

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**Discounted dues are available for special circumstances. Amanda Pelch, 452-5804.*

CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2012

NO DISCUSSION UNITS IN DECEMBER

- 8 Saturday: LWVSB Board meeting, 10 a.m., League Office at 328 A East Carrillo, Suite A.**
- 12 Wednesday: Holiday Luncheon, noon-2 p.m., Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De La Vina St. Potluck. Elected officials invited as special guests.**

JANUARY 2013

DISCUSSION UNITS: STATE PROGRAM PLANNING

- 2 Wednesday: Evening Unit - 7:30 p.m., Pat Schewczyk's house.** Contact Pat Schewczyk and Sheila Kamhi.
- 8 Tuesday: Supper Unit - 5:30 p.m., Madame Lu's Restaurant, 3524 State St.,** Contact Karen Bunker.
Date changed due to New Year's Day.
- 9 Wednesday: Carpinteria Unit – 10 a.m., Carpinteria Women's Club, 1059 Vallecito Rd.** Contact Barbara Godley.
- 12 Saturday: LWVSB Board meeting, 10 a.m., League Office at 328 A East Carrillo, Suite A.**
- 14 Monday: Valle Verde Unit – noon-2 p.m. new location** in private dining room off breezeway (parking in front lot), 900 Calle de los Amigos. Brown bag lunch. Contact Joan Kerns.
- 16 Wednesday: Community Forum: Initiative and Referendum Reform, 12-2 p.m., Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De la Vina St.;** brown bag lunch; free and open to the public.
- 31 Thursday: Coalition Against Gun violence forum - co-sponsored by LWVSB - on "The High Cost of Gun Violence," 7 p.m., Faulkner Gallery, Main Library.**

LOOKING AHEAD: FEBRUARY

- 3 Sunday: Celebration of 40th Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, 2-4 p.m.** Pro-Choice Coalition (LWVSB is a member). Honored guest: Sarah Weddington, who argued case before Supreme Court. Location to be determined.
- 5 Tuesday: Supper Unit - 5:30 p.m., Madame Lu's Restaurant, 3524 State St.,** Contact Karen Bunker.
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Remember to check the LWVSB web site (<http://lwvsantabarbara.org>) for the latest event information.



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