



## Forums & Events:

### COMMUNITY FORUMS

The League provides informative monthly forums, open to the public. Most Forums are hosted the third **Wednesday of the month, Sept-May, 12-2pm** at Louise Lowry Davis Center, De La Vina at Victoria St. Free parking during the meeting. Check the calendar for updates. Bring your brown bag lunch.  
[www.lwvsantabarbara.org/calendar.html](http://www.lwvsantabarbara.org/calendar.html)

### DISCUSSION UNITS

Cheryl Rogers, 957-1987  
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The unit is the heart of the League. Small discussion gatherings meet monthly (October-May) to study issues in comfortable informal groups. You may choose any one that fits your location and schedule, or you may make the rounds of all units during the course of the year.

1st Tuesday, 5:30pm  
Madame Lu's Restaurant,  
Karen Bunker, 967-0838

2nd Monday, 12 - 2 pm in private dining room  
off breezeway-Valle Verde, 900 Calle de los Amigos. Street parking.  
Connie Hannah, 967-4720.

2nd Wednesday, 10 am - Carpinteria  
Women's Club, 1059 Vallecito Rd.,  
Jane Benefield, 684-6086



## Other Activities

In addition to the committees, we follow other issues. You may want to contact the representative monitoring the following:

#### Database

Joanie Jones, 683-1937

#### Government

Marty Blum, 962-8698

#### Gun Violence (CAGV)

Beverly Herbert, 886-6406

#### Hazardous Materials

Linda Phillips, 451-7830

#### International Relations

Jane Benefield, 684-6086

#### Local Action

Connie Hannah, 967-4720

#### Naples Coalition

Cathie McCammon, 966-0536

#### Pro Choice Coalition

Amanda Pelch, 452-5804

#### State & National Action

Linda Phillips, 451-7830

### Office Manager

The volunteer position of Office Manager is held by Joanie Jones mail to:  
[OffMgr@lwvsantabarbara.org](mailto:OffMgr@lwvsantabarbara.org).

She is the contact person for supplies and equipment. Please talk to Joanie about times, job needs, and how you can help as office volunteers prior to elections.



# OPPORTUNITY IS KNOCKING...

## COME JOIN OUR TEAMS!

 **THE 2016-2017 LIST OF COMMITTEES, COALITIONS, AND ISSUES AVAILABLE TO YOU as you take full advantage of your ongoing membership in the League.**

*(NOTE: Our local League is an all volunteer organization. We have no paid staff.)*

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
of SANTA BARBARA**

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## Our Role:

The League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara plays a significant role in the South Coast Community including Goleta and Carpinteria:

- registering voters
- informing voters about issues
- sponsoring candidates forums
- explaining ballot measures

We do not endorse any candidates or political parties. We encourage informed and active participation in government and influence public opinion through education and advocacy.

As a League member you can:

- study all sides of an issue
- engage in public speaking on issues
- lobby for member-supported issues

Membership in League offers the opportunity to:

- develop leadership skills
- learn more about government
- meet new friends
- build a resume
- improve your community
- expand your network

*If you are interested in working on any of our committees or projects, contact the committee chair listed here. Also let us know of any special experience or skills that you want to share with us.*

## VOLUNTEER FOR ONE OF OUR MANY COMMITTEES

### Voter Service Committee

#### ☐ VOTER SERVICE

Claire Van Blaricum, 967-7523  
[Voterserv@lwvsantabarbara.org](mailto:Voterserv@lwvsantabarbara.org)

Whether you want a one-time job or a continuing commitment, this committee supports voter education. You may register voters or distribute election information including Pros & Cons.

You may also participate in the Speakers Bureau, assist with the [votersedge.org/ca](http://votersedge.org/ca) website or help with League's candidate & ballot measure forums.

Bonnie Lassen, 689-2124  
[VotersEdge@lwvsantabarbara.org](mailto:VotersEdge@lwvsantabarbara.org)  
[www.votersedge.org/ca](http://www.votersedge.org/ca) to assist

#### ☐ COMMUNITY ELECTIONS

Irene Stone, 962-7496  
[HOElections@lwvsantabarbara.org](mailto:HOElections@lwvsantabarbara.org)

This committee manages the elections for Homeowners Associations & the Farmers Market.

#### ☐ OBSERVER CORPS

Jane Benefield, 684-6086  
[Observercorps@lwvsantabarbara.org](mailto:Observercorps@lwvsantabarbara.org)

Observers serve as the eyes and ears of the League at selected government agencies such as the Board of Supervisors, City Councils, Planning Commissions, and School Boards. Observer reports keep the board alert to possible actions needed to support League positions. Observers report to the Board.

*In addition to these committees,  
we follow other issues  
listed on the back of this brochure.  
Contact the representative  
monitoring the issues you are interested in  
for more information.*

### Natural Resources Committees

#### ☐ ENERGY

Jean Holmes, 687-8260  
[Energy@lwvsantabarbara.org](mailto:Energy@lwvsantabarbara.org)

We follow developments—local and otherwise—and prepare reports and advocacy statements for the League.

#### ☐ SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Connie Hannah, 967-4720  
[SusComm@lwvsantabarbara.org](mailto:SusComm@lwvsantabarbara.org)

This committee studies the problems that affect sustainability on the South Coast, including the lack of affordable housing, density, open space protection, transportation, natural resources, energy issues and water. We plan statements that the League makes on these issues, based upon the League's existing positions. If you want to know about the problems facing our area and do something about them, this committee is for you.

### Communications Committee

#### ☐ COMMUNICATION

Vicki Allen, Communications Coordinator, 564-4951  
[ComCoordinator@lwvsantabarbara.org](mailto:ComCoordinator@lwvsantabarbara.org)

Jane Benefield, Publicity, 684-6086  
[Publicity@lwvsantabarbara.org](mailto:Publicity@lwvsantabarbara.org)

LWVSB needs your help in informing our members and the broader local community about League activities and issues. We are looking for skills in media—both print and online—to help us with publicity. Let us know also if you are willing to occasionally write “letters to the editor” of local news media or contribute articles and photos about your experience with LWV to the Channel Voter, our website or elsewhere. We are looking for a Facebook enthusiast to maintain our presence on this popular social network. You can also help us share our information on Twitter. If you enjoy speaking, please consider joining our Advocacy Speakers Bureau.

### Social Policy Committees

#### ☐ SOCIAL POLICY

Vijaya Jammalamadaka, 963-2622  
[SocialPolicy@lwvsantabarbara.org](mailto:SocialPolicy@lwvsantabarbara.org)

We follow issues related to behavioral health, homelessness, housing, diversity, immigration policy and gun violence. We monitor local policy and services, taking action as needed.

#### ☐ HEALTH CARE

Carole Marks, 682-1228  
[HealthCare@lwvsantabarbara.org](mailto:HealthCare@lwvsantabarbara.org)

LWVUS strongly supported passage of the Affordable Care Act of 2010 and continues the effort to educate our members and the public about this federal health reform law and its unfolding implementation. The California League is a staunch 20 year activist ally of Health Care for All - CA and is supporting the Coalition for a Healthy California, the recently reestablished coalition working for single payer legislation to be renewed in the state. Our member Carole Marks is the liaison to Health Care for All's very active local chapter.

#### ☐ BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Lindsey Baker, 705-7651  
[CoPresAction@lwvsantabarbara.org](mailto:CoPresAction@lwvsantabarbara.org)  
LWVUS adopted a Behavioral Health position at National Convention 2016 main points:

- Behavioral Health includes both mental illness and substance use disorder
- Access for all people to affordable, quality in and out-patient behavioral health care, including needed medications and supportive services
- Early and affordable behavioral health diagnosis and treatment for children and youth that is family focused and community based
- Access to safe and stable housing

#### ☐ EDUCATION

Linda Reimel, 684-7143 [Edu@lwvsantabarbara.org](mailto:Edu@lwvsantabarbara.org)

The advent of the Common Core Standards and the Local Control Funding Formula has placed most of the responsibility for educating our K-12 students on the local school districts. The Education Committee will be following the implementation of these important changes especially as it impacts “low opportunity schools” in our local districts. Meetings are scheduled on an as needed basis.

### Administration Committees

#### ☐ HOSPITALITY

Bonnie Jensen, 965-5997 (May-Oct.)  
Suzanne Brothen, (651) 231-3457 (Nov.-April)  
[Hospitality@lwvsantabarbara.org](mailto:Hospitality@lwvsantabarbara.org)

Choose a month to help us set up the coffee service at our brown bag lunches at League's Community Forums. The shared tasks are light with side benefits of interesting programs and meeting fellow League members.

#### ☐ MEMBERSHIP

Bev King, 687-1124  
[Membership@lwvsantabarbara.org](mailto:Membership@lwvsantabarbara.org)

The Membership Committee gives you the opportunity to meet and greet members and newcomers at monthly Wednesday Forums. We distribute member information and facilitate recruitment. Your talents and skills, be they social, computer expertise or organizational, are welcome. Join us! We will put your interest in people and wish to help the League to good use while having some fun.

#### ☐ NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Joanie Jones, 683-1937  
[Nominating@LWVSantaBarbara.org](mailto:Nominating@LWVSantaBarbara.org)

The League is looking for you! The League's Nominating Committee is already at work, and would like members to suggest individuals for Board membership. Sometimes that person is You – so don't be shy: self-referral is encouraged as well as the referral of others. Suggestions may be sent to Joanie Jones.

#### ☐ WEBSITE

Bonnie Lassen, 689-2124  
[Wm@lwvsantabarbara.org](mailto:Wm@lwvsantabarbara.org)  
Look at our website: [lwvsantabarbara.org](http://lwvsantabarbara.org). Tell us if you have any ideas for improving it. You don't need to have computer skills to participate, but if you do, that is welcome too.

#### ☐ SPECIAL EVENTS TEAM

[VP@lwvsantabarbara.org](mailto:VP@lwvsantabarbara.org)  
Our local League needs you for various short term projects and volunteer work!