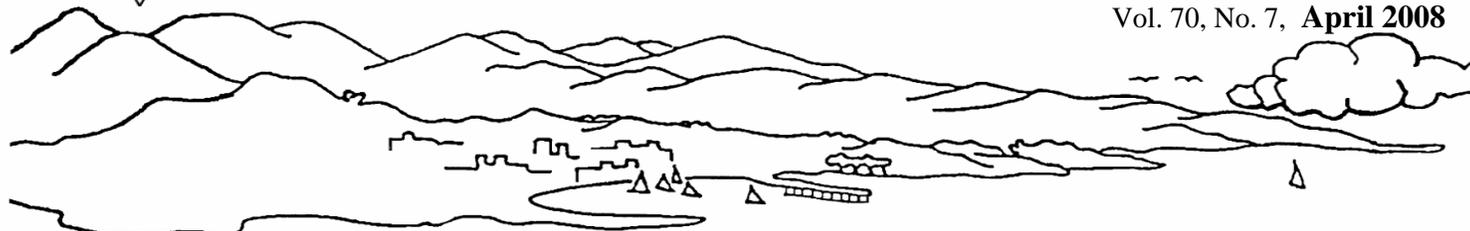


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## APRIL COMMUNITY FORUM:

### Measure V, the Santa Barbara City College Improvement Measure

Featured Guest: John Romo, President of Santa Barbara City College  
and other representatives of the College.

Wednesday, April 12, 12:15-2 p.m. - Louise Lowry Davis Community Center  
De La Vina & Victoria Streets, Brown bag; free and open to the public

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In February, the LWVSB Board decided to endorse Measure V, the Santa Barbara City College Improvement Measure on the June 3, 2008 Primary Ballot.

Measure V is in keeping with LWV-California's position, "Support a statewide community college system with sufficient resources to fulfill its overall goal: to offer all Californians access to a quality higher education."

SBCC is also an integral part of "Closing the Achievement Gap," the subject of our February Forum. For nearly a century, Santa Barbara City College has provided outstanding, affordable local higher education, including an extraordinary adult education program.

Most of the college's facilities at their three campuses (Mesa, Schott, and Wake) are over 40 years old. Due to state budget reductions for construction and maintenance over many years, major renovations are needed now. After years of analysis and consultation, the SBCC District Board of Trustees adopted the SBCC 2008 Long-Range Facilities Plan and voted to place Measure V on the June 3, 2008 ballot.

Measure V asks voters to approve a \$77.2 million bond that will qualify SBCC for up to \$92 million in state matching funds for 11 projects. Ten of these projects involve renovation of existing facilities. One project is to provide the required local funding for a School of Media Arts facility to house current high tech career programs. This environmentally sustainable, LEED-certified building has been planned for many years, and has been approved by the California Coastal Commission.

Measure V is an investment in SBCC's long term future, and if passed by voters would affect property owner's taxes by an additional \$8.50 per \$100,000 of their property's assessed valuation (not market value).

The League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara supports Measure V. Come to the April Educational Forum to learn more about what City College is doing, have your questions answered, and see how you can help ensure SBCC's future.

*Linda Phillips, President*

## APRIL DISCUSSION UNITS: LOCAL ACTION/LOCAL PROGRAM ISSUES

Our League is probably one of the most active in our state at the local level. Our April Units will discuss our local program positions, which are the basis for our ability to take action. Please bring your League Directory to the unit. The positions are in the front. After discussing the results of previous studies that are the basis for the positions, we will discuss how they have been used this past year. The Board of LWVSB has not discussed any new local study. **BRING YOUR DIRECTORY!**

*Pat Shewczyk, Water Director*

# From the President's Desk...

After three weeks in a different world - one week in the most unique place on the planet - it's hard to get back to earth here! But I brought back some important lessons.

Our Channel Islands have been compared to the Galapagos. I learned that one apt comparison is the effect of introduced species and the attempts to restore the unique ecology. Some of the Galapagos Islands have been devastated by feral goats, pigs, and other animals - many introduced as food for passing sailors, and later for settlers. Most of the giant tortoises themselves - the *galapagos* for which the islands were named - were taken by sailors for food; they can survive for a year without eating or drinking, so they made an ideal food for long sea voyages. Couple that with invasive introduced plant species (like blackberries - one of my favorite fruits, but a terrible weed there) and insects and other pests (many of which hitchhiked on introduced species), and the unique ecology is critically threatened. Nearly 50 years ago, the islands were made a National Park and conservation efforts were begun, which have taken on more urgency recently, with active restoration programs.



There has been an intensive effort to rid several islands of goats, especially in the last few years, and in some of these areas the native vegetation has already begun to recover. And we saw baby tortoises in a breeding program; they'll eventually be released to re-populate their own islands.

An article in WildlifeExtra.com has a pertinent quote from 2006: "We have achieved all the objectives and fulfilled all the goals that were

planned many years ago," says Felipe Cruz, a native of the Galapagos, "and we can say with pride that we even surpassed what was hoped for. We have done what the world thought was impossible, making feral goats, pigs, and donkeys now a story for the history books about Santiago and northern Isabela islands."

So take that trip of a lifetime, as I did - but tread lightly, wash your boots between islands (to prevent transfer of invasive seeds), step carefully around the iguanas on the path and the baby boobies next to it, and remember that we have a job here too, restoring our own "Galapagos" for future generations to enjoy.

*Linda Phillips, President*

## VOTERS SERVICE

The February presidential primary was recently completed and it's already time to start thinking about the June 3 primary. There are two Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisor seats in our area to be decided on June 3.

In District 1 Salud Carbajal is running for reelection; he is unopposed. In District 3 Brooks Firestone is retiring and five candidates are vying for his seat. They are Dr. Dave Bearman, Doreen Farr, Steve Pappas, Victoria Pointer, and David Smyser.

District 3 is geographically the largest of the five supervisorial districts. It includes Isla Vista, parts of Goleta, the Gaviota coast, Buellton, Solvang, and vast amounts of surrounding ranch land. The League is co-sponsoring these two forums for the candidates:

**April 10 - 7 p.m.** Solvang Vets Hall,

**April 30 - 7 p.m.** Goleta Valley Community Center  
5679 Hollister

The third district seat is often the "swing vote" in North-South debates so it is important. Please try to attend one of the forums.

There are also two statewide propositions (98 and 99) on the June ballot; both concern eminent domain. A local bond measure (V) to provide funds for SB City College will also be on the June ballot.

*Susan Shank, Voters Service*

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

June is Election time again. Can you spare a few hours to answer the phone in the office for those people with questions about the election? Please phone Sheila Kamhi about training and hours.



## ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT THE WATERSHED?

The California Department of Conservation is holding hearings throughout the state about watersheds. A Regional Outreach Meeting for public input will be held here in Santa Barbara. Under discussion will be strategies to design a State Watershed Program. The meeting will be held **April 3, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.** at the South Coast Watershed Resource Center at Arroyo Burro Beach. For more info., contact Pat Shewczyk or Joan Kerns, Co-chairs, Water Committee.

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## LEAGUE GARDEN PARTY ON APRIL 27

This year's annual fundraiser will be held on Sunday, April 27 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. for a second time at the beautiful campus of QAD, overlooking the ocean at 2111 Ortega Hill road in Summerland. Parking space is abundant.

For eighteen years our Spring Garden Parties have honored talented and dedicated League of Women Voters members for their contributions to our community both through their work in the League and through their involvement in other community organizations. This year we wish to highlight, instead, a key organizational resource that supports the League's impartial Voters Service/Citizen Education activities – **The Santa Barbara League of Women Voters EDUCATION FUND.**

This event has become an opportunity for our members to meet local officials. And a very special guest, LWVC President, Janis Hirohama, has accepted our invitation to attend and speak to us from her experience as both current President of the LWVC Ed Fund and former board member of LWVUS Education Fund.

In honoring the **EDUCATION FUND**, we wish to thank the many people who have provided vital financial support over the years, and to express heartfelt appreciation to those responsible for the creation and development of this great support to the League mission in our community. The occasion also allows us to celebrate and showcase at the event some unique and valuable contributions to civic education that the **EDUCATION FUND** has empowered. We look forward to a congenial afternoon mixing and mingling with colleagues and encourage all League members to come with guests! This major fund-raising event promises to be a great opportunity to introduce friends to the League's work and its special contributions toward building an informed citizenry. The **EDUCATION FUND** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Therefore, because the Garden Party's expenses are being funded by the Marlene Neushul bequest, all contributions, including ticket purchase, will be tax deductible.

Invitations are in the mail – please make your reservations early! For more information call 682-1228.

*Carole Marks, Garden Party Chair*

### THE SANTA BARBARA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS EDUCATION FUND

The LWVSB Education Fund, Inc. was established on June 29, 2000, to fund unbiased, non-partisan sources of information to facilitate informed and active participation in government, essentially the Voters Service/Citizen Education activities of the League.

Originally conceived to meet the greater demands on LWVSB services, the **Education Fund** was modestly begun with pledges from the Board and solicited donations from the membership. Since then, the FUND has had the great good fortune to be buttressed by generous donations and bequests from members, especially long-time members Pat Sharpsteen and Elizabeth Asche, of \$40,000 and \$165,000 respectively.

Over the seven years of the LWVSB **Education Fund's** existence, capital has been aggregated from: LWVSB funds held by the LWVC Education Fund, the Sharpsteen and Asche contributions, additional member donations, and earned income on investments. The Board of Directors has disbursed approximately \$78,728 to the League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara to fulfill the Fund's purpose and to pay for the Fund's share of office and administration expenses. In 2007 the Ed Fund's underwriting of expenses exceeded \$27,000.

These supportive resources have encouraged League innovation and resourcefulness. In recent months the **Education Fund** provided more than \$6,000 for impartial Santa Barbara City Council election activities. They included the filmed candidates forum that was shown repeatedly on Public Access Television in both Spanish and English; the "Touring with the Candidates" video produced by Larry Nimmer; and



All are invited to our 2008 Garden Party, which will be held once again at the beautiful campus of QAD in Summerland.  
*Photo credit: Tom Heck*

the League's free election website [www.smartvoter.org](http://www.smartvoter.org), which gives voters access to their personalized ballot, voting site, and candidate and proposition information. The **Education Fund** has provided funding for the printing and mailing of research materials for the study of immigration policy and for the popular brochure *Facts for Voters*.

In 2008 there are three election cycles – an unprecedented number – which will require exceptional efforts by the League's Voters Service Committee to provide impartial information services to the voters. The **Education Fund** underwrites these nonpartisan programs that we plan to continue. They will include a new option of Spanish translation of additional "Touring with the Candidates"

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## **LWV CIRCULATES PETITION TO GET REDISTRICTING ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT**

As we heard during our March Community Forum, Leagues throughout the state, along with Common Cause, AARP, and other groups, are circulating a petition to get the California Voters FIRST redistricting initiative on the November ballot. You should have received a short petition (3 or 4 signatures); please sign and return to the LWV's state office, even if your petition has only the one signature. If you'd like to help circulate the petition, please call the office for longer (10-signature) petitions, as well as explanations of the initiative. We even have "palm cards" that give very concise talking points, and make it very easy to explain this complicated measure.

This is the best chance we've had in many years to get true redistricting reform. Please help make it a reality!

*Linda Phillips, President*



Bob Stern of the Center for Governmental Studies in Los Angeles and Chris Carson, Government Director on the LWVC Board, spoke at our March Community Forum on the California Voters FIRST Redistricting Initiative. *Photo credit: Tom Heck*

## **SIGNATURES NEEDED ON HEIGHT LIMIT INITIATIVE PETITIONS NOW!**

League members have made a great start at circulating petitions to get signatures to put the Height Limit Initiative on the fall ballot. But we need more help now! We are fortunate to have a table on Fridays and Saturdays at Lazy Acres. (They are very friendly towards us and you can do your shopping afterwards.)

Shifts are only 2 hours: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. Call Cathie McCammon at 966-0536 or Connie Hannah at 967-4720 to sign up. We have to get all of our signatures in April, so please sign up for one or more shifts during this month. We have Questions and Answer sheets available to answer questions so this task is very easy to do. People on the Mesa are friendly, and as there is more talk about height limits, it is easy to get signatures.

But we would be remiss if we didn't also encourage you to walk your neighborhoods and get your neighbors and friends to sign. Please remember that only registered voters in the City of Santa Barbara can sign, but any registered voter from the county can circulate petitions. Information is available at or look in your *March Voter*.

April is a very short time to accomplish our goal, so please give us 2 hours of your time.

*Connie Hannah, First Vice President for Local Action, and Cathie McCammon, Land Use Consultant*

## **LWV Positions on June 2008 Statewide Ballot Measures**

The June 3, 2008 ballot features two propositions on the subject of eminent domain. The first, Proposition 98, The California Property Owners and Farmland Protection Act, is similar to Proposition 90, which the LWVC opposed on the November 2006 ballot. However, it goes much farther in limiting the ability of public agencies to acquire land to provide water resources, to regulate land use, to protect natural resources, and even to continue rent control laws. The League OPPOSES Proposition 98, and has signed the ballot argument against the measure.

The second, Proposition 99, The Homeowners Protection Act, simply addresses a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision by clarifying that single-family occupied properties may not be condemned for transfer to other private parties. It reinforces the right of local governments and others to regulate land use and to acquire property for valid government purposes. The League SUPPORTS Proposition 99, and signed the ballot argument in favor of the measure.

LWVC is working with many other organizations to defeat Prop. 98 and support Prop. 99. For further information on the No on 98/Yes on 99 campaign, see <http://no98yes99.com>.

## **COALITION AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE:**

**“Bullets or Crayons: What can we do to help our youth make correct choices?”**

The Coalition Against Gun Violence, of which the Santa Barbara League is a member, will hold its 13th Annual Luncheon on Saturday, April 19 in the Cabrillo Room of the Hotel Mar Monte, 1111 E. Cabrillo Boulevard. A reception and silent auction will begin at 11:30, with luncheon and program at 12:00. The cost is \$55. For more information call 564-6803.

## SOCIAL POLICY/SOCIAL ACTION IN SANTA BARBARA

This month we focus our social policy column on the campaign to inform Santa Barbara about health care reform policy. At the LWVC convention in 2005, delegates voted to make health care a priority issue for Education and Advocacy for LWVC. All California Leagues have been urged to support Senator Sheila Kuehl's SB 840, a *comprehensive single-payer health care coverage plan*, and to work in coalition in the SB 840 OneCareNow Campaign. Under the leadership of Carole and Bill Marks and Health Care for All - SB, the campaign to gain local grass roots support for universal health care in California has gone forward. They have written the description of recent trends and innovative efforts to promote community awareness, which follows:

### Health Care Reform

Health care reform, especially "universal health care," has become a prominent 2008 presidential campaign issue. Plans other than single-payer are described as "universal" and "affordable," but when analyzed or implemented are neither, as recently demonstrated by the Massachusetts plan. Among many flaws, they perpetuate wasteful administrative costs, do not control health cost inflation, and perpetuate a multi-tier system of benefits. Meanwhile, at the federal level, Russ Feingold and Tammy Baldwin have introduced congressional legislation that would make funds available to states running pilot health care plans, including single-payer plans. HR 676, John Conyers' national health care plan, remains live legislation in the House of Representatives.

In California, this year's demise of ABX1 1, the Schwarzenegger/Nunez health plan to expand our existing complex multi-payer system, has left the field in Sacramento clear for Sheila Kuehl's single-payer alternative, SB 840,

which is now the last universal health care bill standing. Although Senator Kuehl's term will end this year, she has promised to continue working for the continuance of real health care reform legislation.

Supporting the OneCareNow Campaign in Santa Barbara last year, LWVSB members Bonnie & Dick Jensen and Pat & Dick Bennett kicked off the campaign by hosting house parties to educate friends and neighbors, answer questions, hear personal stories, offer financial support, and help build the grass roots health care reform movement. Spring and summer, the local campaign with many coalition volunteers and strong LWVSB participation, focused on events and demonstrations in each community throughout Santa Barbara County. Michael Moore's movie, *SICKO*, made a surprising stir in late summer.

This winter, our LWVSB superstar advocate, Dorothy Campbell, has been spearheading a campaign to win SB 840 endorsement by the Carpinteria City Council. Step by step, with the help of Health Care for All and League speaker teams, she has hosted and co-hosted two neighborhood information gatherings and a community event at the Carpinteria Girls' Club; sent press releases to local media; made club announcements; distributed fliers throughout the city; and delivered personal letters and DVDs to Carpinteria Council members and staff. Wow! Thank you, Dorothy.

Bill and Carole wish to hold a "gathering" of League members interested in hosting or co-hosting neighborhood information gatherings in their homes or community rooms to continue spreading the word on real health care reform. We find each time is a new learning experience. Please join us!

*Carole Marks, 2nd Vice President*

## MEASURE A (D) UPDATE

The April deadline for the presentation of Measure A (the transportation 30-year continuation of Measure D) is approaching. City councils and county supervisors will soon have to vote on the measure's specifics. Next November, you will get your chance to vote. There are two important sections you should examine. One of them is the Investment Plan showing the allocation of the \$10.5 billion expected to be raised (see table below).

On March 20, the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) approved the schedule shown below. It was the result of much bargaining between different interests, including members of the Coalition for a Fair Measure D, to which the League currently belongs. In April there will be a vote on the ordinance section of the measure laying out operations. Thereafter all the city councils and the county board of supervisors will vote on the entire package.

In the North County, less money is allocated for "Alternative Transportation," which includes buses, carpools, bike and pedestrian lanes, etc., but it is more money than has been allocated in the past.

Investment Plan, showing the allocation of \$10.5 billion  
\$140 million off the top To widen 101, Carpinteria to S.B.  
\$455 million For North County  
\$455 million For the South Coast

The allocation for the South Coast is divided in this manner:

Safe Routes to Schools	\$13 million
Bike and Pedestrian Programs	\$13 million
South Coast Transit Operating (MTD)	\$58 million
South Coast Transit Capital (MTD)	\$27 million
Interregional Transit (bus) South County	\$25.35 million
(\$22.5 million for North County's share)	
Specialized Transit, Seniors-Disabled	\$6 million
Carpool and Vanpool Program	\$7 million
Commuter/Passenger Rail	\$25 million
Goleta Overpass Improvement	\$7 million
Carpinteria Circulation Improvement	\$1 million
Local Street & Trans. Improvements	\$272.7 million
(allocated among the 3 South Coast cities and the county)	

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## SANTA BARBARA CITY'S GENERAL PLAN UPDATE WORK-

The League has been very concerned that there be ample time for the public to participate in PlanSB. After months of wondering what is happening, now all of a sudden the rush is on. We need to have you go to these upcoming meetings and show that the public is interested in the future of the City of Santa Barbara.

This is your opportunity to find out how the city is changing and voice your concerns about trends in development. Do you like the trends? Do you want them stopped, modified, or continued? If you don't like the trend of bigger and taller projects, now is your chance to speak up. If you are concerned about less parking being made available while, at the same time, there is more traffic, say something.

### Speak Out on Development Trends in Santa Barbara

On **Monday, April 7**, from 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., there will be a Special Planning Commission Work Session on Development Trends at the Faulkner Gallery at the Public Library.

On **Saturday, April 19**, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., there will be a Community Workshop on Development Trends at the Faulkner Gallery.

On **Wednesday, April 23**, from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., there will be a Community Workshop on Development Trends at the Faulkner Gallery.

Policy decisions will be made based on the community's responses to the current trends. Remember, silence is regarded as consent. See you at these meetings.

*Cathie McCammon, Land Use Consultant*

## “GOD AND WAR—DOES RELIGION CAUSE VIOLENCE?”

The question of what role religion plays in dividing people and inspiring them to kill or oppress others is deeply embedded in many of the conflicts the United States must address today. Are economic inequities or historical, cultural and human rights issues driving the conflict between different religious groups? Or does a belief in divinely appointed rights on earth for some or a promise of rewards in a paradise hereafter for others simply override respect for human life? Analyzing whether religious differences are the root cause of a conflict, or a way of disguising competition for power or territory - or some combination of the two - is critical to formulating policies more likely to help abate violence than to intensify and prolong it.

The Santa Barbara Coalition for Global Dialogue will present a panel discussion of these issues on Saturday, April 19, from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. in the Fe Bland Auditorium on Santa Barbara City College's West Campus. The event, co-sponsored by Adult Education, is free and open to the public. Speakers will include **Dr. Mark Juergensmeyer**, Director of the Orfalea Center for Global and International Studies and Professor of Sociology and Religious Studies at UCSB, widely known as the author of *Terror in the Mind of God: The Global Rise of Religious Violence*; **Imam Ibrahim Kazerooni**, a Muslim leader and scholar who fled Iraq after imprisonment by Saddam Hussein and now serves as director

of the Abrahamic Initiative program at St. John's Episcopal Cathedral in Denver; and **Dr. Nader Hashemi**, author of *Rethinking the Relationship between Religion, Secularism and Liberal Democracy: Toward a Democratic Theory for Muslim Societies*. Their presentations will be responded to by **Yoav ben Horin**, a Jewish scholar and expert commentator on Middle Eastern and Arab-Israeli Affairs, and **Mona Kanwal Sheikh**, a native of Denmark now pursuing doctoral research at UCSB on "Religion and Conflict - Radical Islamism in International Relations." Moderator Dr. Peter Haslund, Chair of SBCC's Political Science Department and Coordinator of the College's Global and International Studies program, will pose written questions from the audience to all the speakers as part of a closing dialogue.

This event is part of the conference being sponsored by SBCC's Middle East Studies Program on Friday and Saturday, April 18 and 19. Entitled "Looking to the Future: New Paradigms and Perspective on the Middle East," the conference will present outstanding teachers, writers and other individuals involved in international law, media, politics, and the status of women and minorities in the Middle East. Registration for the conference is free to the public and begins at 9 a.m. on April 18.

*Lessie Nixon Schontzler, Chair, U.N./International Relations*

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# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## Please welcome new members:

**Vashte Doublex**

**Mrs. George E. Frakes**

**Priscilla Vandenberg**

**Juliane Heyman is back in town as of March 18**

*Joanie Jones, Membership Development*

## **EDUCATION FORUM SEEN ON CHANNEL 21**

The Santa Barbara League's February Community Forum on Education, *Closing the Achievement Gap*, is being televised on Channel 21. The April schedule is not available as of press time, but can be accessed at <http://www.sbchannels.tv>.

## **EDUCATION FUND** *Continued from page 3*

videos, distribution of more than 6,000 copies of the *Pros and Cons* and *Easy Voter Guide* publications on California ballot measures in English and Spanish, continuation of our Speakers Bureau programs on pros and cons of the propositions. The League has also begun to film educational League Community Forums on public policy issues and to provide copies to Public Access Television.

The **Education Fund's** original six incorporators were Beverly King, Penny Bloodhart, Marlene Neushul, Peggy Martin, Don Sweeney, and Connie Hannah. Over the years four persons have served as president: Beverly King, Penny Bloodhart, Don Sweeney, and current president, Irene Stone. Marlene Neushul served as treasurer from 2000 until her

death in 2006 and was succeeded by Dawn Kirchner, a professional Certified Financial Planner. Other Board members who have served or are currently serving are: Dick Jensen, Peggy Martin, Connie Hannah, Stacy Shepherd, Tom Heck, Bill Marks, Jean Holmes, Emily Allen, and Cathie McCammon.

Our League is immensely grateful for the wisdom and demanding work, especially of the founders, of the **Education Fund** and for the generosity of contributors that enable us to continue the League's valuable services to our community.

*Irene Stone, President, LWVSB Education Fund*

## **MEASURE A** *Continued from page 5*

The California State League has a Transportation position that guides our decisions. It supports a transportation system to "move people and goods that includes a variety of transport modes, with emphasis on increased public transportation services and other viable alternatives to reduce vehicle miles traveled." Moreover, it does support "maintenance of existing transportation systems." The League position states that user fees and revenues derived from transportation-related sources should be designated for transportation uses, but it also supports other funding methods such as general funds, sales tax revenues, and developer fees. As always in the League, public participation in decisions is emphasized.

*Sheila Kamhi, Transportation Consultant*

*If you know someone who might be interested in the League, please pass along this application:*

### **APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP in the LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, SANTA BARBARA**

- Here's my annual membership dues of \$60\*
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- Student \$30
- Please send me more information about League
- I can't join right now; here is my contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to support the League.

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*\*Discounted dues are available for special circumstances. Contact Joanie Jones - 683-1937.*

## CALENDAR - APRIL 2008

### Discussion Units: Local Program Planning

- 1 **Tuesday** **Dinner Unit:** 5:30 p.m. Madam Lu's Café, 3542 State St. Contact: Lolly Quackenbush
- 2 **Wednesday** **Carpinteria Unit:** 12:30-2:00 at the Carpinteria Woman's Club at 1059 Vallecito Rd., Carpinteria. Brown bag lunch. Contact: Barbara Godley
- 2 **Wednesday** **Evening Unit:** 7:30 p.m. Home of Sheila Kamhi, 1040 Portesuello Ave.
- 3 **Thursday** **Calif. Dept. of Conservation forum on State Watershed Program:** 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. South Coast Watershed Resource Ctr., Arroyo Burro Beach.
- 9 **Wednesday** **Afternoon Unit:** 2:00 p.m. Maravilla Clubhouse, 5486 Calle Real, between Patterson and Kellogg. Contact: Marjorie Nefstead
- 10 **Thursday** **3rd District Supervisorial Candidates Forum:** 7 p.m., Solvang Veterans Hall
- 11 **Friday** **Board Meeting:** 10:00 a.m., League office, 328 E. Carrillo, Suite A. Open to all members.
- 16 **Wednesday** **Community Forum:** SBCC's "Measure V" with John Romo, SBCC President. 12:15-2 p.m. Louise Lowry Davis Center, corner of De La Vina and Victoria Streets. Brown bag lunch.
- 19 **Saturday** **Coalition for Global Dialogue Program: "God and War – Does Religion Cause Violence?"** 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Fe Bland Auditorium at SBCC (West Campus).
- 19 **Saturday** **Coalition Against Gun Violence Annual Luncheon: "Bullets or Crayons."** 12:00 noon. Hotel Mar Monte, 1111 E. Cabrillo.
- 20 **Sunday** **Earth Day:** Be sure to visit the League table!
- 21 **Monday** **Channel Voter deadline.**
- 27 **Sunday** **LWVSB Annual Garden Party:** 2 to 4 p.m. QAD, 2111 Ortega Hill Rd., Summerland.
- 30 **Wednesday** **3rd District Supervisorial Candidates Forum:** 7 p.m. Goleta Valley Community Center, 5679 Hollister.

### LOOKING AHEAD TO MAY

#### Discussion Units: To Be Announced

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