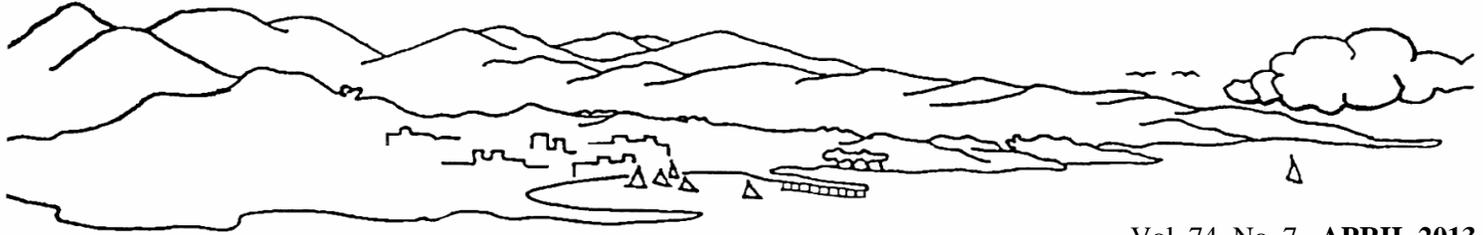




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April Community Forum:

What's The Right Thing? The Role of Ethics in Government and Society

Wednesday, April 17, noon-2 p.m., Free and Open to the Public
Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De la Vina St.

A project to request that the City of Santa Barbara adopt an enforceable Code of Ethics was started last summer by a citizens ethics work group comprising representatives from the Santa Barbara League of Women Voters, the Citizens Planning Association, Allied Neighborhoods, and a local businesswoman.

Recently the City produced a new Code of Conduct and has undertaken ethics training for all city board and commission members.

Our panelists on April 17 will include: **Shane Stark**, attorney and former Santa Barbara County Counsel; **Ben Bycel**, attorney and founding director of the Los Angeles City Ethics Commission; and **Peter Haslund**, professor emeritus of political science, and member and former president of the Santa Barbara City College Board of Trustees.

Ethics in government and within a larger community setting appears to be a topic whose time has come. That the League is an appropriate host for a forum on governmental ethics is clear from its official Statement of Principles, including the beliefs that, "democratic government depends upon the informed and active participation of its citizens and requires that governmental bodies protect the citizen's right to know by giving

adequate notice of proposed actions, holding open meetings and making public records accessible" and "that no person or group should suffer legal, economic, or administrative discrimination."

It should be noted that these Principles echo the basic principles underlying California's Political Reform Act of 1974 and the 2003 Brown Act, the twin bases of ethics training for city and county personnel within the State. Relevant source

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LWVC President Jennifer Waggoner, 2nd from right, and Management Training Advisor Chris Carson, right, visit LWVSB Board.

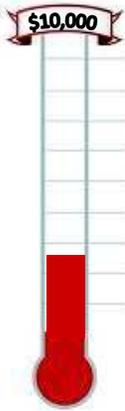
April Discussion Units: How Should We Widen Highway 101?

There are two major proposals about how Highway 101 should be widened before local governments this spring. Cal Trans has a proposal that will eliminate all left turning exits and will take five years to complete. The Montecito Association wants a different plan, retaining the left exits, with less construction over two years than is now being proposed. They have offered to send a representative to each unit meeting to engage in a discussion on this subject, and this is the League's chance to seriously look at both plans. We are inviting representatives from the other side of the issue to attend as well. Since what happens will affect everyone who drives south from Santa Barbara at any time of day, it will be good to consider what is being proposed.

Together Campaign in Full Swing

The LWVSB *Together* campaign – encouraging all of us to work *Together* to help make our community and our democracy fair, vibrant, and strong – is in full swing. We are asking you to make a pledge to work *Together* in at least one way by:

1. Joining our Voter Registration Drive
2. Joining the League – or asking a friend to join if you are already a member
3. Making a pledge of financial support to help us reach our goal of \$10,000



As of March 23, we have raised \$2280.

The idea of the campaign is not just to raise funds to support our League but also to think long-term about the future vitality of the League. We must ensure the electorate is representative of the full diversity of our communities; registering voters is our first step. Thus far eight have joined the voter registration drive.

Second, we need more League members to help us educate and inform voters and to advocate on issues that affect our lives every day – from health care to education, from the environment to money in politics.



Our League is growing but not as fast as the issues and opportunities arise. We cannot do it all unless we have more help! Welcome new member Dr. Peitelien.

And third, like any organization, doing the work of the League costs money. Ninety percent of League member dues are paid out to the State and National levels of League, which provide vital support to us grassroots Leagues. As a result, we must raise LWVSB operating funds from generous members and the community. League operating costs include our

Community Forums (approx. \$300 each), office expenses (including \$1,200 per mo. rent), membership development (materials, mailings, etc.), co-sponsored forums on critical community issues such as the recent Pro-Choice Coalition and Coalition Against Gun Violence events (anywhere from \$50 to \$200 ea.), as well as scholarships, among other costs.

Let's reach new voters, attract new League members, and ensure we are financially able to do so *Together*. Please fill out the form at the back of this Channel Voter and mail it in today. Thank you!

Beth Pitton-August, Co-President, Program & Action

How State and National Leagues Support Us

I would like to spotlight two areas in which the National League (LWVUS) and State League (LWVC) work in support of our local League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara. During the past months the LWVUS has continued its engagement in voter protection and climate change work. While the Supreme Court was hearing oral arguments on the constitutionality of the Voting Rights Act (VRA) of 1965, in the case of *Shelby County, Alabama v. Holder* in which the constitutionality of Section 5, of the VRA was being challenged, the LWVUS and partner coalitions were rallying on the court steps in support of the Voting Rights Act.



As LWVUS President, Elisabeth MacNamara, states in a recent Leaders' Update: "The VRA is indispensable to the League's work. The League protects and defends voting rights across the country in order to ensure that our elections are fair, free and accessible to all eligible citizens. The VRA has helped the League work to defeat restrictive state voter photo identification laws, block such laws where they have already been passed, and fight laws designed to curb organizations like ours from registering voters."

Recently the LWVUS and LWVFL filed an amicus brief in the U.S. Court of Appeals arguing that a last-minute purge of suspected non-citizens by the state of Florida is barred by the National Voter Registration Act, which says that no systematic purges are

allowed within 90 days of an election. The League was joined by the Brennan Center for Justice in the brief to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

It was under Section 5, that the League challenged restrictive voter photo ID laws in South Carolina and Texas just last year, and the VRA served as the basis for challenges to a cut back in early voting hours in Florida and to the Texas redistricting plan. The continued relevance of the VRA in protecting the voting rights of all Americans is clear.

As State Legislatures Convened, Assault on Voting Rights Continues

So far this year 1,896 election related bills have been introduced in state legislatures across the country. Not all of the bills are harmful to voters but the continuing trend of voter suppression legislation is clearly evident as legislators push new and/or resurrected bills that create new barriers to voting. Among this legislation are photo ID bills in Missouri, Alaska, North Carolina, Mississippi and Virginia, all of which could pass this year. The struggle to protect Election Day registration in Wisconsin continues and Florida is attempting to "fix" the problems that were created by bad election laws passed in 2011. Check out election related bills in California.

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Focus on Fracking Continues

Although the Sustainable Communities Committee has many other topics on their agendas, “fracking” has a way of dominating our conversations. This is partly because all of the media are full of new information about the impacts of this process for producing oil and natural gas, but also because various environmental groups are now proposing different solutions for dealing with it.

The Center for Biological Diversity has proposed a total ban on fracking in California and several young League members are very interested in that approach. The League has a phase-out of fossil fuels as our long term goal, but before we have adequate clean alternative energy sources, we believe that careful regulation of both oil and natural gas production will be necessary.

Linda Phillips, our local past president, is also the hazardous materials consultant for the state League. She has just brought back word from Sacramento that Haliburton has already given their suggestion for regulations, even though we are only in the public input stage, and no actual regulations have been proposed. That means that the testimony of groups like the League, the Environmental Defense Center and the County is going to be very important in order to get serious regulation, and we will continue our active involvement.

We do not believe, given the constant demand for energy, that a total ban would be feasible now. It is clear, however, that everyone will continue to be thinking about fracking because of its serious impacts.

Connie Hannah, Chair, Sustainable Communities Committee

Spring and Climate Change Come in May

The League will discuss several different problems related to climate change in the Discussion Units and at the Community Forum in May. First in the units, Sustainable Communities Committee members will talk with other League members about the many efforts being made on the South Coast to develop alternative energy resources to reduce fossil fuel use. Feel free to bone up on cap and trade and the carbon tax, because we will also tackle them.

Then, on May 15, we will be discussing the topic that UCSB has decided is the Critical issue for 2013—Adapting to Sea Level Rise. The university has held a series of excellent programs dealing with that issue, and we would like to bring you some of the information that they have developed. Many experts are working on this problem, so new information is rapidly becoming available. The City of Santa Barbara will report on their efforts to prepare for sea level rise in their Draft Climate Action Plan.

How State and National Leagues Support Us *(Continued from Page 2)*

Just weeks after arguments in the Shelby case, the Supreme Court took up *Arizona v. Intertribal Council* and is deciding whether the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) prevents states from restricting the voter registration process for an ever more mobile electorate. One of the primary purposes of the NVRA was to increase participation in federal elections by overriding burdensome state registration laws, such as Arizona's requirement for documentary proof of citizenship.

LWVUS and LWVAZ filed briefs in this case.

The potential impact of this case on voter registration is significant. Approval from the Supreme Court for state restrictions on voter registration would undoubtedly put that issue in front of state legislatures. Already, several states have sought to restrict voter registration, and we can expect others to try if given the green light by our nation's highest court.

The importance of these cases simply cannot be overstated. Already, 2013 holds tremendous opportunity to reassert and protect our nation's fundamental belief that every American has an equal right to vote and that those rights are essential to our great democracy."

See more at: www.lwv.org/blog (the entry dated 3/18/13).

Toolkit for Climate Action

Through a grassroots decision made at the 2006 National LWV Convention, the LWVUS Climate Change Task Force was formed and Climate Change was made a legislative priority at the national level. There are two issue areas in particular where local Leagues

can make a real impact on greenhouse gas emissions -- energy efficiency in buildings and renewable energy.

The coming months are likely to see action on long-overdue regulation of existing power plants as well as stronger air quality standards and measures to reduce vehicle emissions. I encourage our members to make use of the "Toolkit for Climate Action" at www.lwv.org/content/toolkit-climate-change. You will find detailed background information and suggestions of things our League can do -- to help ensure the success of efforts to control industrial carbon pollution and enforce the Clean Air Act.

Our League can continue to make a critical difference by working for strong climate and energy policies at the state and local levels. Both our May Forum on Sea Level Rise and our Discussion Units on Alternative Energy Resources will do this. Not only can such policies achieve meaningful reductions in (GHG) Green House Gas emissions right now, they can also (1) provide important examples of programs that work, (2) demonstrate popular support for addressing climate change, and (3) help pressure Congress to enact a comprehensive climate policy for our country.

Join us in our work for Voting Rights, Voter Registration and Climate Justice. All levels of League work in cooperation and support of one another. Also please remember that our State League Convention, (May 17-19 in San Jose with the theme "myleague: Leading the Charge for Change") is open to all members. Registration and information is available on the lwvc.org website.

*Joanie Jones, Co-President Administration,
Membership & Community Education*

Interview With Our State Senator

Local leagues annually interview their legislators, seeking opinions on issues important for state league advocacy. Thus on a recent Saturday afternoon three Leaguers, one from Ventura County and two from Santa Barbara, interviewed Hannah-Beth Jackson, our new state senator. The following is a summary of her answers to the four questions (also summarized) posed by LWVC, plus two more from LWVVC and LWVSB.



a. What measures would you support to improve the structural imbalance in California's budget and continue the progress that Prop. 30 represents?

We have to move slowly on further augmentation of revenue after Prop.30. For the immediate future it is important that the Legislature proceed with caution and demonstrate responsibility in expenditures. Fees might be used to fund the administration of programs that have suffered from years of cuts and we could close tax loopholes, especially those which do not generate jobs or help the economy.

Jackson is the principal co-author of a bill to establish an oil severance tax, SB 241.

b. What measures would you support to improve the budget process?

California relies too much on the income tax; we need more stability in revenue sources. While a 2/3 vote is no longer required to pass the budget, the 2/3 vote requirement for the legislature to raise fees as well as taxes is a "done deal;" and we should not expect that to change. Building a reserve fund is a good idea but should be done with flexibility because a mandatory set-aside might not be appropriate in all years.

[She also discussed ballot box budgeting; see Initiative question]

c. What can be done to address the problem of big money in politics, including improvements in disclosure rules?

Jackson is very unhappy about the role played by big money in politics, an outcome of the Citizens United decision – which is not going to go away soon because that would require a constitutional amendment or a change in the Supreme Court. She also noted that the Supreme Court has closed off public financing of campaigns. A shorter election period, as in England, would help but the Supreme Court might consider that also an infringement on free speech. A return to requiring broadcasters to provide free time to all candidates would be good.

Jackson is a supporter of the California DISCLOSE Act (SB 52), which is a bill proposing stricter disclosure standards on political ads.

d. What changes, if any, do you think need to be made in CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act)?

Jackson is a strong supporter of the principles of CEQA but believes improvements should be made for greater efficiency. For instance, she has a bill that would require use of the internet to post notices. The fact that lawsuits are the only source of enforcement and appeals are done only via the courts are both sources of delays that could be remedied.

We have to address the problem of competitors to project applicants gaming the system.

Many problems stem from LCPs (Local Coastal Plans) and local General Plans being out-of-date.

e. Are there other major issues for the legislature in 2013? What are your personal priorities?

Improving the education of California children is critically important if they are to meet the competitive demands of the future. Jackson likes devoting extra resources to areas of extra need but this must not result in lowered standards. The delivery of education should be modernized; technology should be utilized even in kindergarten. Jackson noted research that the brain develops patterns of learning during the first two years of life, so she favors early childhood education.

Jackson believes that stimulating teenagers' early interest in government will result in greater participation in elections later on. She has introduced a bill (SB 113) that would allow young people to pre-register to vote beginning at age 15, either online, by mail or at the DMV when they apply for a learner's permit or driver's license.

f. What are your thoughts about the initiative process? (LWVVC question)

Jackson would like the legislature to have a chance to weigh in on initiatives before they are in final form. The senator would like to ban paid signature gathering but has been advised by the attorney general that it would be unconstitutional.

As for ballot box budgeting, Jackson thinks the voters need more information about the ultimate costs of proposals -- would they have approved Three Strikes if they realized the cost of prisons was going to usurp school funding? Voters should also know where needed funds will come from and what options are available

g. Please comment on the issues presented by the oil and gas production technique known as fracking. (LWVSB question)

If adequate regulation of fracking does not come from the state oil and gas agency, then it should be enacted by the legislature. Jackson has a bill (SB 395) that would specify that fracking wastewater must be handled in compliance with regulations of the Department of Toxic Substances Control for hazardous waste. We must be aware that the governor is reluctant to interfere with the potential revenue for the state from oil and gas production. Jackson pointed out the high usage of electricity by modern society and noted conservation is important and we must ramp up the use of non-nuclear renewable energy sources.

Because concerns about the risks of fracking are so broad, this is an issue on which groups and politicians not usually in agreement might come together.

Jackson sits on both the Senate Environmental Quality and the Natural Resources and Water committees, and a related budget subcommittee, also the Education, Judiciary, Budget and Rules committees. She chairs the Joint Emergency Management Committee.

*Jean Holmes, Energy Committee,
and Linda Phillips, State & National Action*

Santa Barbara League is Represented at UN Commission on the Status of Women 57 Session

In many world cultures “It’s a girl” are life-threatening words.

Worldwide, one in three women will be subjected to violence in their lifetimes and most will endure multiple attacks.

“Break the silence. When you witness violence against women and girls, do not sit back. Act,” said Ban Ki-moon, UN Secretary General.

The United Nations-sponsored Commission on the Status of Women 57 session (CSW57) to Eliminate and Prevent Violence Against Women was held March 4-15 in New York. One of the most powerful and least expensive ways to prevent gender-based violence is for the world’s leaders to say, consistently and publicly, that it is wrong and a violation of women’s human rights.

Moving forward were the 6,500 international NGO participants, 95 percent women, 300 panels, events, workshops, discussion circles, in nearby and enormous venues-- excitement, anticipation and hopes were palpable. I attended as a LWVSB representative along with several other Leaguers—about nine of us.

LWV UN-observers of the New York League Rosalee Keech and Mary Fox; Carole Conors, Chair of LWV Lobby Corps in Washington DC; Joanne Autun former mayor in Westchester County and Life Way Network which combats human trafficking; Fran Cohen former President of LWV NYC, held a welcoming wine and cheese party at Le Bateau Ivre, NYC’s “first true French wine bar.”

The League sponsored two major panels: “Stopping Exploitation of Girls at Major Events” and “Laws that Work—Successfully” and participated in several others. Stories of actions that produce results moderated by Rosalee Keech of LWVUS; and presentations by Dorchen Leidholdt, US Expert in Human Trafficking (she was mind-boggling in her success!); Olga Persson from Swedish Dept of Justice (way ahead of America); Arzu Ozyol, Turkish Federation of Business women (government funds women’s shelters); and Bea Hanson from the US Department of Justice (she works with Joe Biden on laws that work).

Their general message is to advocate active enforcement,

require accountability, demand mandatory arrests and encourage witness testimony. Narratives of the NYC police department’s behavior and mind-set were shocking, but are improving dramatically due to the actions of these incredible women.

Sporting colorful national dress, women of all ages articulated all manner of horrific violent acts including mass rape, female genital mutilation, domestic violence, human trafficking, child marriage, forced abortions...personal stories were devastating. Remarkably there are successful and permanent transformations working with villages, lawmakers, schools and clinics using social media technologies, instruction, reducing weapons, by joining not preaching with people and entrenched traditions.

Each country’s CSW57 delegates, including America’s Susan Rice, offered statements regarding the final resolution to adopt a meaningful United Nations resolution. The resolution is very lengthy, honed, revised and sweated over all year and while not a fait accompli, additional language was supported by the League... by saying that whenever the word “women” was used it was followed by “of all ages.”

Jane Benefield, Co-Chair, Public Relations



Ring the Bell to Interrupt Violence

To educate the public especially men and boys in the elimination of violence, social media messages and films and even rappers have been used to expose these problems. Short bursts of ads, YouTube videos, and public service announcements--many produced by women's groups--have had a positive impact on changing cultural constructs. Several conference panels explained the process:

It is called “Bell Bajao” or Ring the Bell to interrupt domestic violence.

One of the most difficult things for men who oppose violence against women is to learn to challenge other men—those who use sexist language, who joke about violence against women, and who engage in violence.

In front of my house, there is a family that drags the woman by her hair. They drag her near the gas and say ‘burn yourself.’ They don’t give her food. In winters I see her without warm clothes. In summers she has no fan. She stays locked in a room, like a prisoner. After watching the Bell Bajao ads, we started making some noise every time we heard violence. The violence used to stop for the time being. Eventually it stopped entirely. I did feel good about helping her. Earlier I used to feel helpless around her. Now she’s happy, so I am happy. It was like helping my own child. I want to thank Bell Bajao for inspiring me to take action--Pramod Tiwari, government worker in India interviewed by Breakthrough Rights Reporters.



Big changes are coming soon to the Internet near you! Building on last fall's successful test of Smart Voter's new "Next Generation" web technology, the state League is poised to launch a brand new way of engaging and informing California voters online later this year. Detailed plans are currently being finalized and are expected to be announced at the state League Convention in San Jose on May 16-19.

The new approach is expected to incorporate the most current techniques from both online journalism and interactive web technology to create a completely new experience for the 24 million Californians who will be eligible to vote in 2014. Regular updates and news stories based on some of the best coverage and analysis of election-related subjects in the Golden State will be featured at the completely-redesigned Smart Voter® website, along with the award-winning personal ballot lookup that California voters have used for more than 15 years.

Visitors will be able to enjoy a robust range of streaming videos, audio clips, interactive graphics and carefully-selected stories about upcoming election issues and contests, ballot measures and changes to the voting process.

Importantly, the new Smart Voter® will allow the League at all levels to partner more extensively with other leading civic groups and news media outlets around the state, and to provide information tools and content that can be easily shared on the websites, mobile apps and social media of those organizations to greatly expand our impact. The Next Generation design will make all of this valuable information just as easy to explore on the touch screens of smartphones and tablet computers as on the biggest flat panel monitor.

By spearheading these capabilities to expand and innovate in how we will provide voter service, the leadership of Smart Voter® hopes to ensure that local Leagues throughout California will have the tools to be a vital source for voters well into the 21st century.

A campaign to raise additional support to complete this important project has been offered by a group of longtime Smart Voter® supporters. Every new or increased donation to Smart Voter for the Next Generation project by June 30 will be matched until the challenge goal is met. Checks should be sent to LWVC Education Fund, 1107 9th Street, Suite 300, Sacramento CA 95814-3608, with a notation that you wish to designate your gift to Smart Voter.

April Community Forum *(Continued from page 1)*

materials may be obtained from the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics at the University of Santa Clara and at Cityethics.org. Los Angeles, San Jose, and Santa Clara are a few of the California cities having variously strict codes of ethics and there are many more across the country.

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

Bill Marks, League representative to citizens ethics work group

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Note: all phone numbers unless otherwise noted are area code 805.

The High Cost of Gun Violence

The Coalition Against Gun Violence (CAGV)—supported by the League of Women Voters and several other Santa Barbara organizations—sponsored an important community forum on "The High Cost Of Gun Violence." It was agreed that the evening's presentation was a first major step in informing the community about the impact of gun violence and that the League and other community organizations can play a major role in continuing this education.

The discussion covered all aspects of the high cost of gun violence in terms of the resources required from our community, the impact of gun violence on government and other local agencies and the devastating effect on families and lost lives. Those who attended the forum not only learned about what our community is experiencing from the effects of gun violence, but also what is needed to combat this growing local and national epidemic.

It was a standing-room-only audience at the Feb. 21 panel forum in the Library's Faulkner Gallery. Santa Barbara Mayor Helene Schneider moderated, and panel representatives were from the fields of mental health, the justice system, public education, and law enforcement. The mother of a gun violence victim gave a personal account of the effects of gun violence.

Panelists were Toni Wellen, MFT and chair of CAGV; Paul Erickson, MD, medical director for psychiatry and chemical dependency at Cottage Hospital; Jamie Rotnofsky, PhD, licensed psychologist consultant at The Glendon Association; Suzanne Grimmesey, SB County division chief, Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Services; Denise de Bellefeuille, SB Superior Court Judge; Frank Mannix, SB Police Department deputy chief; Kris Bergstrom, SB School District Instructional Services Division, and Marisa Martinez, past president of Ventura County Parents of Murdered Children.

Dorie Kirtman, League representative to the CAGV and CAGV steering committee member

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- Here's my annual membership dues of \$60*
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- Student \$30
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- I am committed - sign me up to:
- Register Voters
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 - Pledge financial support Amount \$ _____





ORIENTATION MEETING

April 22, 2013
5:30 to 7 p.m.
328 Carrillo Street, Suite A

<p>FOR NEW MEMBERS: <i>Learn important information and facts about the League Local ~ State ~ National</i></p>	<p>FOR CURRENT MEMBERS: <i>Refresh your knowledge Invite a friend to learn about the League</i></p>
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Panel on the High Cost of Gun Violence



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CALENDAR

APRIL 2013 DISCUSSION UNITS: The Controversy Over Widening Highway 101

- 2 Tuesday: Supper Unit - 5:30 p.m., Madame Lu's Restaurant, 3524 State St., Contact Karen Bunker, 967-0838.**
- 3 Wednesday: Evening Unit - 7:30 p.m., Pat Shewczyk's house, 5044 Walnut Park Dr. Contact Pat Shewczyk, 964-7506, or Sheila Kamhi, 682-0757.**
- 8 Monday: Valle Verde Unit – noon-2 p.m. in private dining room off breezeway. For parking information, contact Joan Kearns, 687-7035, 900 Calle de los Amigos. Brown bag lunch.**
- 10 Wednesday: Carpinteria Unit – 10 a.m., Carpinteria Women's Club, 1059 Vallecito Rd. Contact Barbara Godley, 969-9942.**
- 11 Thursday: Climate Reality: a Free Talk Sponsored by AAUW (coalition partner). 7-9 p.m. Katie Davis on Al Gore's new initiative, The Climate Reality Project. County Public Health Department Auditorium, 300 N. San Antonio Rd., Goleta.**
- 13 Saturday: LWVSB Board meeting, 10 a.m., League Office at 328 A East Carrillo, Suite A.**
- 17 Wednesday: Community Forum: "What's the Right Thing?: The Ethics of Good Government," 12-2 p.m., Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De la Vina St.; brown bag lunch; free and open to the public.**
- 18 Thursday: "The Bottom Line: The California Budget Challenge," presented by Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee and Next 10 (coalition partner), looking at state budget process from perspective of our legislators. 7-9 p.m., Antioch University.**

- 20 Saturday: Earth Day, Alameda Park, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. LWVSB Booth volunteers needed.**
- 20 Sunday: Earth Day, Alameda Park, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.**
- 22 Monday: LWVSB Members Orientation Meeting, 5:30-7:30 p.m., League Office at 328 East Carrillo, Suite A.**

MAY 2013 DISCUSSION UNITS: Local Alternative Energy Resources Led by members of the Sustainable Communities Committee

- 7 Tuesday: Supper Unit - 5:30 p.m., Madame Lu's Restaurant, 3524 State St., Contact Karen Bunker, 967-0838.**
- 1 Wednesday: Evening Unit - 7:30 p.m., Sheila Kamhi's house, 1040 Portesuello Ave., Contact Pat Shewczyk, 964-7506, or Sheila Kamhi, 682-0757.**
- 13 Monday: Valle Verde Unit – noon-2 p.m. in private dining room off breezeway. For parking information, contact Joan Kearns, 687-7035. 900 Calle de los Amigos. Brown bag lunch.**
- 8 Wednesday: Carpinteria Unit – 10 a.m., Carpinteria Women's Club, 1059 Vallecito Rd. Contact Barbara Godley, 969-9942.**
- 11 Saturday: LWVSB Board meeting, 10 a.m., League Office at 328 A East Carrillo, Suite A.**
- 15 Wednesday: Community Forum: "Adapting to Rising Sea Level," 12-2 p.m., Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De la Vina St.; brown bag lunch; free and open to the public.**

LOOKING AHEAD:

LWVC CONVENTION, MAY 17-19, San Jose
LWVSB ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 8 WITH SPEAKER CALIFORNIA LEAGUE PRESIDENT JENNIFER WAGGONER, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Unitarian Society.

Remember to check the LWVSB web site (<http://lwvsantabarbara.org>) for the latest event information.