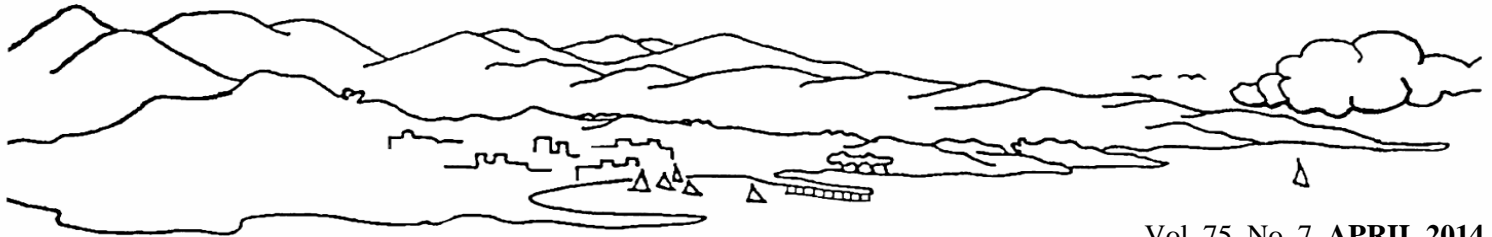




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## April Community Forum: Continuing Threats to Voting Rights

Wednesday, April 16, noon-2 p.m.—Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De la Vina St.



The Voting Rights Act (VRA) of 1965 was a landmark civil rights bill designed to protect minorities from discrimination in voting. Congress renewed the act repeatedly — most recently in 2006 by large majorities. However, last year the Supreme Court struck down key provisions of the VRA by a 5-to-4 vote along ideological lines. The decision allows nine states, mainly in the South, to change their election laws without prior federal approval.

The April 16 Community Forum panelists will discuss the history of the VRA and actions and reactions following the Supreme Court decision in Shelby v. Holder. **Joe Allen**, representing the ACLU, will speak on the current status of voting rights in the US. **Doreen Farr**, 3rd district county supervisor, will give us a local perspective on challenges to student voting rights at UCSB. **Linda Phillips**, LWV director for State and National Action, will talk about League positions on voting, in particular the Voting Rights Act Amendment of 2014.

LWVUS, which has championed expanded voting rights since its founding in 1920, is leading the efforts across the country to challenge any laws

that threaten voting rights. The League is now asking members to urge Congress to pass legislation to restore the Voting Rights Act. A bipartisan bill has been introduced that LWVUS calls “a common sense policy that will help prevent racial and language discrimination in our elections and protect the fundamental rights to vote for all Americans.”

The goals of the American Civil Liberties Union, through its Voting Rights Project, are “to ensure that all eligible voters have an opportunity to cast a ballot that will be counted; to make voting as easy and accessible as possible; and to make sure that all votes are counted equally.” The ACLU is currently litigating voting rights cases in more than a dozen states. Its top priorities are “fighting voter suppression; promoting electoral reforms to increase access to registration and the ballot for the historically disenfranchised; and eradicating racial discrimination in voting under the Voting Rights Act.”

Close to home, the League of Women Voters of California, the ACLU of California and the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area recently filed a lawsuit charging the state with unconstitutionally stripping tens of thousands of people of their right to vote. The suit challenges an order by the Secretary of State asserting that

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## No April Discussion Units Come to Agriculture Update Study Consensus Meeting April 5

The Agriculture Study Committee has been working very hard to educate League members about all things Agricultural for the Consensus Meeting on Saturday, April 5 at the Marmalade Café from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

All League members are invited to attend as we come to consensus on each of the questions posed to us by the LWVUS. Be sure to bring your March Channel Voter with you to the meeting.

What is consensus? The Ag Study Leaders’ Guide states on page 3, “It is easier to say what consensus is not, than what it is. Consensus is not a vote; rather, consensus is mutual agreement of League members arrived

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## Message From Your Co-President: Susan Shank

Spring is a very busy time for the League and this year is no exception. A major study to **update the LWVUS Agricultural Policy** consumed a lot of League time in February and March and will continue to do so in April.

The February Community Forum dealt with various agriculture issues—starting with the recently passed U.S. farm bill and then turning to county and local farm subjects. The forum drew a record turnout—about 75 people. The March Channel Voter had several articles on agriculture and included a two-page summary of the Consensus Questions.

At a **special meeting on Saturday, April 5** we will discuss the study questions and attempt to reach consensus. (see details on Page 1). Our consensus results are due to National by April 18.

The League is sponsoring **Candidate Forums** for the June 3 primary election on **Wednesday, April 23** at the Goleta Valley Community Center, 5679 Hollister St. The first half of the forum, 6-7:30 p.m., will be for the Second District County Supervisor race. Incumbent Janet Wolf is running for reelection and is being challenged by Goleta City Councilman Roger Aceves. The second half, 7:30-9 p.m., will be for the County Sheriff candidates. Incumbent Sheriff Bill Brown is running for re-election against Sandra Brown, who is a



sergeant in the Sheriff's department. Irene Stone will moderate both parts of the forum. Volunteers are needed for timers and table helpers. Contact me or leave a message on the office phone, 965-2422.

**Two propositions** will appear on the June 3 ballot. Proposition 41 is the "Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act of 2014." Proposition 42 deals with "Public Records and Open Meetings." Pro

and Cons on both propositions are available from LWV Education Fund on the website: <http://cavotes.org/vote/ballot-measures>. There will also be a measure on the Santa Barbara County ballot, Measure M-2014 (County Facilities Maintenance Ordinance). More information will appear in the May Channel Voter.

**Earth Day Festival 2014** will take place **Saturday, April 26 and Sunday, April 27** at Alameda Park. The League has reserved a booth where we will help register voters and distribute information on LWV environmental and other public policy positions. Festival hours are 11-7 p.m Saturday and 11-6 p.m. Sunday. We need League members to staff the booth both days. Please call or email me if you are available for a two-hour shift either day.

*Susan Shank, Co-President Program & Action*

### April Community Forum: Continuing Threats to Voting Rights *(Continued from page 1)*

people incarcerated for low-level, non-violent crimes are ineligible to vote if they are on post-release community supervision or mandatory supervision.

And even closer to home, an example of a challenge to voting rights has been the ongoing effort over the years to disenfranchise students at UCSB. The election of Doreen Farr in 2008 was contested by her opponent, Steve Pappas, who charged that students committed voter fraud. After years of court hearings, the battle ended when the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear his case. Pappas lost both the 2008 and 2012 elections to Farr — and at every legal level from the trial court up through the appellate courts. He also was ordered to pay Farr's legal fees resulting from the case.

All League forums are free and open to the public. You are encouraged to invite your friends. Bring your own brown bag lunch, and cookies and beverages will be provided. Parking at the center is free during our meeting.

*Susan Shank, Co-President, Program & Action*

### Agriculture Update Study Consensus Meeting April 5 *(Continued from page 1)*

at through discussion. During discussion, everyone has an opportunity to express their viewpoints, and the issue is examined from all sides."

If you have not had an opportunity to participate in consensus, please come and experience what the League is about. If you have participated in consensus, please come and share your expertise in this activity.

The cost for the day is \$20 per member. Our local League is subsidizing some of the cost. Scholarships are also available — please ask. Lunch and drinks will be served. To make your reservation by April 3 please contact Amanda Pelch at [apelch@yahoo.com](mailto:apelch@yahoo.com) or Joanie Jones at [cnjjones@cox.net](mailto:cnjjones@cox.net) or call the office at 805-965-2422. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

A big thank you goes to the committee: Co-Presidents Joanie Jones and Susan Shank, Jean Holmes, Eleanor York, Susan Horne, John Ackerman, Pat Shewczyk and Donna Cairns. The 12-page March Channel Voter reflected the hard work of the committee. Thank you all.

*Amanda Pelch, Agriculture Committee Chair*

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### Many New Issues Come To Sustainable Communities Committee

This Committee has been considering several important Goleta problems, some from Santa Barbara City, and our usual energy and oil questions.

The City of Goleta has begun an overhaul of their entire zoning code. When the City was incorporated more than 10 years ago, the County's zoning code was used for their area, and it has been in effect ever since. The first public discussions to consider adopting their own code began with two meetings on March 10. A central issue emerged--whether the staff should make decisions about the changes to be made and have them verified by Council, or whether they should follow a more traditional route through the Ordinance Committee, then on to the Planning Commission, with possible appeal to the City Council from there. Santa Barbara City has just begin an update of its zoning codes as well.

Sustainable Communities Committee also discussed how the Goleta Water District will follow the SAFE ordinance that requires them to discontinue giving "can and will serve" letters to new projects during water shortages. This could cause a major change in the number of projects being approved by both UCSB and Goleta. We will follow this closely.

Longtime League member Sheila Lodge has been active on Santa Barbara's Urban Forest Management committee and would like us to support replacement of trees in the many empty sites where old trees have been removed. Our Natural Resources position (in your Members Directory) should

enable us to do that. Several members found that the recent discussions by the Santa Barbara City Council about how the Average Unit Size Density projects will be processed was somewhat contentious. The general agreement seemed to be that the Architectural Board of Review (ABR) and the Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) would do the preliminary analysis, and then larger projects would go to Planning Commission for a concensus decision. These experimental projects, which must follow strict guidelines, could be appealed.

On March 6 Linda Phillips attended a discussion of "Unconventional Gas and Oil and the Energy Landscape" at UCSB, and found that the expert's positions pretty well matched the League's national position on energy. Jean Holmes filled us in on the County Climate Action Plan meeting, and our efforts to establish a county standard for greenhouse gas emissions, since many new projects are being proposed in North County.

Bill Marks informed the committee about a proposed Sustainable Living Research Ordinance that would ask the universities and colleges to sponsor research on different community approaches to conserving resources by allowing more flexibility in code requirements—the very zoning code issues that the Cities of Goleta and Santa Barbara will now be dealing with.

*Connie Hannah, Sustainable Communities Chair*

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### How to Help Your League Communicate With You

As a member of LWVSB you can help your League improve its communications!

- Give us your email address so you will receive the latest information. Because we know you get a lot of email, we won't send you messages more than twice a month. This communication is especially important when there is no mailed newsletter.
- If you've moved tell us where to find you so you can continue receiving your mailed Channel Voter.
- Share information about the League with your friends. All our events are open to the public—so even if you know people who aren't members, they might be interested in attending a forum or other program. When your friends see what the League is doing, they might decide to join.
- At the top of the emailed message is an option to share the email on Facebook or Twitter. Or at the bottom is an option to forward the email to your friends.
- Join Facebook and Twitter. LWVSB, LWVC and LWVUS, as well as many other local leagues, are all using social media to share important information. You can help us reach out to League members and those who are not yet members.
- Visit [www.lwvsantabarbara.org](http://www.lwvsantabarbara.org). Our website is frequently updated. You can now find Action Alerts in the box on the home page. Also, click on "Action and Advocacy" for expanded information.
- For your convenience, the website's new Donate page includes a PayPal option, as well as a mail-in form. The PayPal "Donate" button is also on the home page.

*Vicki Allen, Channel Voter Editor*



## WANTED:

Some eagle-eye observers of government meetings as broadcast on public TV Channels 18 and 20. These volunteers will assist in upholding one of the principal responsibilities of the League in monitoring the activities of our government. If you are able to volunteer for this "armchair" monitoring from home, please contact Cheryl Rogers at 957-1987 or [cherplan2@cox.net](mailto:cherplan2@cox.net).

## State Action

### No Drugs Down the Drain: Safe Disposal of Unused Meds

Since the 1980s, LWVC and local Leagues - including LWVSB - have actively encouraged safe disposal of hazardous waste, including household hazardous waste (HHW) programs. LWVSB endorsed Santa Barbara County's first HHW collection day, in the mid-80s. We've come a long way since then. The County has a website, <http://lessismore.org>, where you can find out where and how to recycle or dispose of everything from tiny batteries to old computers or TVs, from paint to pesticides.

Unused medications have been a particular problem because some of them (especially those that are addictive or habit-forming, such as oxycontin) must be turned in to law authorities rather than the agency handling other HHW, and because in many places there have been inadequate programs to safely dispose of them. These and other drugs may be very dangerous, causing poisoning and even death by accidental overdose. Children may mistake them for candy, and increasingly they are a favorite source of addictive drugs.

After an Oscar-winning actor died in February of an opium overdose, a doctor commented: "This is really a problem with prescription pain medication epidemic. That's in our neighborhood homes and medicine cabinets...In a culture that saves prescription medication for a rainy day in our medicine cabinet, we are all complicit in it in some ways if we are not being part of the solution."

Another problem is that (through misinformation and through lack of proper disposal programs), unused medicines are often flushed down the toilet, and since wastewater treatment

plants can't remove them, they end up in streams or the ocean, harming fish and other organisms, or contaminating sources of drinking or irrigation water.

Santa Barbara County operates a program called "Operation Medicine Cabinet" which was specifically designed for collecting unwanted household medications. This program uses drop-boxes located outside each of the Sheriff's nine substations throughout the County; residents can deposit all unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medications in these drop-boxes. The drop-boxes resemble white mailboxes and are free to the public. The program is for household use only; businesses, including clinics and doctors' offices, are not permitted to use these boxes. Go to <http://lessismore.org/materials/94-medicines> for more information. You can also download the "Operation Medicine Cabinet" brochure there.

Our State Senator, Hannah-Beth Jackson, recently introduced SB 1014, which LWVC is supporting. This bill would provide a stewardship system, requiring producers to develop and implement safe and convenient collection programs for household pharmaceutical wastes throughout the state--and to pay for the costs of those programs.

**National Drug Take-Back Day will be April 26, and there will be special collections here that day too. But you don't have to wait that long. Put your old or unwanted drugs in a baggie, take it to a sheriff's substation, and drop it in the box. You'll feel better and others will be safer!**

*Linda Phillips, Hazardous Materials Consultant, LWVSB*

LWVC is strongly supporting Prop 42, on public records and open meetings. LWVC President Jenny Waggoner signed the rebuttal to the con argument in the state's official Voter Information Guide: <http://voterguide.sos.ca.gov/pdf/42-arg-rebuttals.pdf>.



### Managing Our Drought: Master Gardeners of Santa Barbara County

*The Master Gardener Program was one of the topics discussed at the League's Water Committee meeting. The committee usually meets the fourth Thursday of the month at noon at the League office. For more information or to be on the agenda, contact Pat Shewczyk, 964-7506 or Joan Kerns, 687-7035.*

#### About Master Gardeners:

The University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) Master Gardener Program in Santa Barbara County is focused on promotion and extension of research-based information on sustainable landscape practices to home gardeners. Each certified Master Gardener, trained by the University of California, has successfully

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completed a sixteen week course and is required to perform a minimum of 25 volunteer hours and 12 continuing education hours annually.

These efforts benefit Santa Barbara County by teaching science-based safe and sustainable gardening practices that help to protect water and water quality, support healthy ecosystems, enhance wildlife and biodiversity, and create efficient communities by conserving water and energy and reducing and reusing green waste. Master Gardeners also educate local Food Bank clients and others about sustainable food systems that enhance food security for families, neighborhoods, and communities, and advise on effective prevention, detection and management of invasive and endemic species that helps to preserve a prosperous agricultural economy.

**Drought Outreach and Education:**

Master Gardeners continue working hard to educate the public on drought-specific sustainable horticultural practices. They conduct many educational events throughout each year. A recent free public workshop at Seaside Gardens on water-wise South African Plants had 100 attendees!

In May, Santa Barbara will host its third annual National Public Gardens Month, a partnership of 13 organizations including Casa del Herrero, Lotusland, Santa Barbara Botanic Gardens, and City of Santa Barbara Parks & Recreation. Once again, Master Gardeners will offer a series of free public workshops at the Louise Lowry Davis Center on landscape topics, many specific to landscape management during drought.

On May 17 the organization will hold its first “Garden Tour of the Masters” where participants will visit three Master Gardeners’ private gardens for a tour and talk by the owner. All three gardens utilize water-wise practices and emphasize sustainability. Additional educational outreach events are now being planned for the remainder of 2014.

For more information on the Master Gardener program: [http://cesantabarbara.ucanr.edu/Master\\_Gardener/Interested\\_in\\_Becoming\\_a\\_Master\\_Gardener/](http://cesantabarbara.ucanr.edu/Master_Gardener/Interested_in_Becoming_a_Master_Gardener/). You can also contact Coordinator Fiona Brennan, [fbrennan@ucanr.edu](mailto:fbrennan@ucanr.edu); 893-3485.

*Lesley Wiscomb, Water Committee*

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## Our 75th Birthday

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*This year marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of our Santa Barbara League. The Channel Voter is featuring historical anecdotes, reminiscences of past presidents and the personal stories of some of our amazing members who have been Leaguers for 50 or more years. We began this look back with the September issue, telling the story of how our League began in 1938 and how the chapter developed over its first decade. Here is the story of another of our long-time League members, who shared her experiences at our Dec. 18 birthday party.*

### 50-Year (Life) Members Sheila Lodge

I was born at home on my parents’ dairy in Arcadia, California, in 1929. My parents soon moved to Ojai where I spent my early childhood. We visited Santa Barbara frequently, and I remember when State Street ended at Constance. After spending my teen years in the San Francisco Bay area, I lived in Annapolis, MD, where I taught elementary school and then did social work.

After my first child was born in 1951, I was mostly a housewife and mother until my youngest was in school full-time. I moved to Santa Barbara in 1952 and joined the League not long after.

I found the League a great place to learn about government – how it functions – and how it sometimes doesn’t. I learned how to get the information needed for sound, thoughtful and non-partisan decisions.

I was chair of the Observers, League members who watched the various local governmental bodies’ meetings and reported back to the general League membership. After observing some of these groups in action I decided that I

would like to be on one. I applied to the Santa Barbara City Planning Commission and was appointed to it in 1973.

The Planning Commission was tasked by the City Council with determining what an optimum population level for Santa Barbara would be, one that kept the city living within its resources. The Commission recommended 85,000. Since the Commission is only advisory on major planning issues, I decided that I wanted to be where the final decisions were made and successfully ran for council in 1975. The 85,000 population goal was adopted. I was re-elected in 1979. I served three terms as mayor from 1981 to 1993.

While I was in office major planning initiatives to help keep Santa Barbara a wonderful place to live, work and visit were adopted and approved by the voters. The cross-town freeway was completed, and Paseo Nuevo was built.

I’ve always been grateful for my League experience and the help it was to me when in elected office. I know I made better decisions because of it.

## Eleanor Roosevelt: First Lady, League Leader, Pioneer

*This post is part of "Celebrating Women: Past, Present & Future,"  
the League's series honoring Women's History Month.*

**"I always found that the best workers in a political party frequently are graduates of the League of Women Voters"  
– Eleanor Roosevelt**



Eleanor Roosevelt (1884 -1962) is commonly hailed as one of the most influential American women of the 20th century. In addition to serving as the First Lady of the United States from 1933-1945, she was a newspaper columnist, an author, a diplomat and a seasoned politician. She was also a formative leader of the League of Women Voters.

remained an active League member and continued to promote the League's platforms and ideals, including regularly writing for the League of Women Voters of New York's newsletter.

Eleanor Roosevelt's work to empower women's participation as voters and political leaders only strengthened after her husband assumed the presidency in 1933. She consistently campaigned for the Roosevelt administration to hire women for executive level appointments, supported anti-lynching campaigns and fought for fair housing for minorities. Throughout these efforts, she held press conferences to inform women voters, including urging them to speak their minds and engage on policy issues.

After she left the White House in 1945, Eleanor Roosevelt continued to promote women's equality through her work not only with the League, but also with groups like the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW). As chairwoman of the Human Rights Commission of the United Nations (now the Human Rights Council), she strengthened the League's involvement with the UN and its role as player and partner in global democracy. In acknowledgement of her invaluable work around women's and human rights, she was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by President Kennedy, among others. Though she was never awarded the prize, she received countless other honors.

Decades after her death, she continues to epitomize the powerful role that women, including League members, have played – and continue to play – in furthering equality, strengthening our government and Making Democracy Work.

*Renee Davidson 03/13/2014, LWVUS*



A full table at the February Carpinteria Discussion Unit on Affordable Housing in a Post-Redevelopment World.  
See Calendar on page 8 for all unit times and places.

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**Membership News: April 2013**

Our League is strong through its membership. We are fortunate to be considered a large League with over 230 members.

There are many activities that the League works on: education of voters through Voter Service and our Education Fund; and advocacy for the League positions such as Voters Rights, Health Care for All and Natural Resource Management. Our work takes study, research and lots of time. This means we need many heads, hands, and hearts to accomplish it. Please pass on the gift of membership to your friends and family. Ask guests to come to our monthly forums; they will learn about the League and see us in action.

A New Member Orientation will be held in early May. Please stay tuned for the date and time. All members are welcome at this Orientation.

*Amanda Pelch*



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Dear Members and Friends,

The League of Women Voters is a great way to stay informed and to make a difference in civic life by doing hands-on work to safeguard democracy. Like any organization, doing the work of the League costs money.

We hope to inspire you to make a financial contribution to your League at whatever level you can afford. Your gift will help cover LWVSB operating costs, including our Channel Voter newsletter and co-sponsored forums on critical issues such as "Talking Taxes: Conversations for the Common Good," which we organized with several other community organizations. We were able to donate copies of the *Guide to California Government* to our local high schools. In this election year we will conduct candidate forums and ballot measure talks.

Your LWV Santa Barbara Board asks you to join us in giving financial support to the League. You can show that you understand the importance of our mission by contributing now. We need your talents and your treasure to continue coming together again with the League's coalition partners and our Santa Barbara community.

Please make your **Together Again** contribution today. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Your LWVSB Board

Yes! I am making a contribution to the **Together Again** campaign to support LWVSB.

\$\_\_\_\_\_ You can also go to our website, [www.lwvsantabarbara.org](http://www.lwvsantabarbara.org) and make your donation via PayPal.

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## CALENDAR

### APRIL 2014 NO DISCUSSION UNITS

- 5 Saturday: Single Special Unit: Agricultural Update Study Consensus, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Marmalade Café, La Cumbre Plaza.** \$20 includes morning coffee or tea and lunch (scholarships available on request).
- 6 Sunday: Coalition Against Gun Violence luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Santa Barbara Club, The Constitutional Case for Gun Control with speaker Lawrence Rosenthal.** LWVSB is CAGV coalition partner.
- 12 Saturday: LWVSB Board meeting, 10 a.m., League Office at 328 East Carrillo, Suite A.**
- 16 Wednesday: Community Forum: Continuing Threats to Voting Rights, 12-2 p.m., Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De la Vina St.; Speakers: Joe Allen, Supervisor Doreen Farr and Linda Phillips;** brown bag lunch; free and open to the public.
- 23 Wednesday: Candidate Forums, Goleta Community Center, 5679 Hollister; 6-7:30 p.m. candidates for 2<sup>nd</sup> District Supervisor; 7:45-9 p.m. candidates for Sheriff. Co-sponsored by Families Act. Irene Stone will moderate.**
- 26 Saturday: Santa Barbara Earth Day Festival, 11 a.m.-7 p.m**

**27 Sunday: Santa Barbara Earth Day Festival, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.,** LWVSB will have a booth; to volunteer on either day, call the League office.

### MAY 2014 DISCUSSION UNITS: Major Issues for the Cities of Goleta and Carpinteria

- 6 Tuesday: Supper Unit – 5:30 p.m., Madame Lu's Restaurant, 3524 State St., Contact Karen Bunker, 967-0838.**
- 10 Saturday: LWVSB Board meeting, 10 a.m., League Office at 328 East Carrillo, Suite A.**
- 12 Monday: Valle Verde Unit – noon-2 p.m. in private dining room off breezeway (parking along Sende Verde behind dining hall), 900 Calle de los Amigos. Brown bag lunch. Contact Joan Kerns, 687-7035.**
- 14 Wednesday: Carpinteria Unit – 10 a.m., Carpinteria Women's Club, 1059 Vallecito Rd. Contact Barbara Godley, 969-9942.**
- 21 Wednesday: Community Forum: Monitoring Water Quality in a Time of Shortage, Speakers have been invited from the four water purveyors, and water districts will have printed materials on their water quality. 12-2 p.m., Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De la Vina St.; brown bag lunch; free and open to the public.**

**SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, June 14: Annual Meeting—9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**  
**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 909 N. La Cumbre Rd. Speakers: Lori Gaskin, President of Santa Barbara City College, and Nancy Leffert, President of Antioch University.**