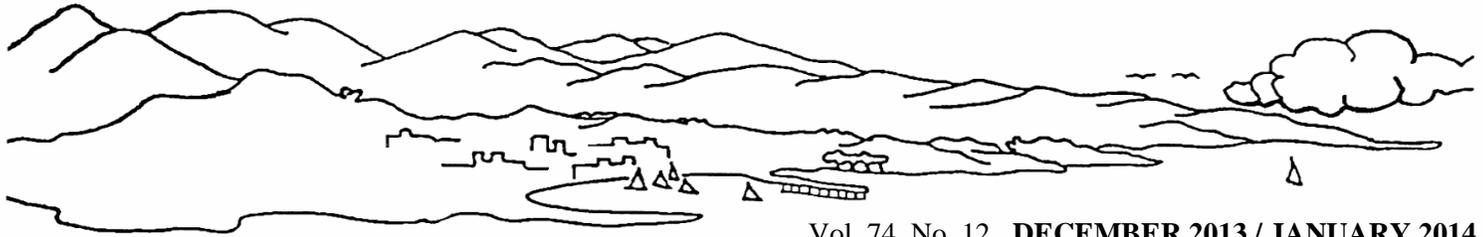




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January Community Forum: Covered And Uncovered California

Wednesday, January 15, noon-2 p.m.—Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De la Vina St.

The Affordable Care Act's troubled early enrollment period is generating sensational negative headlines, limited intelligence, and plenty of political fodder. The League's January Community Forum on Health Care will feature status reports on the implementation of the ACA in California, called "Covered California."

We look forward to clearer reports and program developments from a panel of experts that will include representatives from Sacramento, a local public agency, and from the private insurance industry.

Our state League (LWVC) priorities, determined at the May 2013 California Convention in San Jose, made the issue of health care a "Second

Tier of Focus" for 2013-15, charging Leagues around the state with supporting community education about the Affordable Care Act and continued education and advocacy on a single payer option for California.

The forum is being co-sponsored by the Santa Barbara chapter of Health Care for All-California. See page 4 for a history of the LWV/HCA coalition relationship.

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.

*Carole Marks, LWVSB Health Care Chair
and Liaison to HCA-SB*

Bring Your Best Ideas To The January Discussion Units

The January Units, which will take place at their usual times and places will be on Jan. 7, 8 and 13. We will be preparing for National Convention in Dallas in June by talking about what we want the national program to emphasize, and what new issues may be introduced. We do this every year to help state or national Leagues design their work for the following two-year period. League recommends updates/new studies to National or State in order to update position statements. (see article on page 5).

This year we will also discuss our local program, and any new ideas you may have about studies we should do, or issues we should concentrate on. For example, we are now getting questions about the use of All-Mail Elections, and we have no position on that. Should we do a short study to develop a local position? We know that you have many ideas about what we should be doing, and this will be your best chance to get them on the table for the local Annual Meeting.

A reminder—there are no units in December.

Connie Hannah, Vice President, Local Action & Program

This is the combined December-January *Channel Voter* so you will receive your next newsletter by early February. In the meantime, to stay in touch with your League, be sure to share your email address. If you'd rather get your newsletters electronically instead of by mail, let us know. (league@lwvsantabarbara.org or call 965-2442).

Message From Your Co-President: Joanie Jones

Many LWVSB Committees and Directors have been working with intensity this month. Please read this two-month edition of the Channel Voter cover to cover to see some of the results and the plans in the works. My article can only mention a few of our plans and accomplishments.

75th Birthday Celebration of LWVSB, Dec. 18, 12 p.m., with historical slide show of our League's past. Come dressed in attire from any of the decades our League spans to our usual meeting spot, Louise Lawry Davis Center. Sign up or call the office with your donation for luncheon items. Many long time Leaguers will share short remembrances.

Santa Maria Energy Project's steam cyclical injection mitigation: Board of Supervisors voted 3 to 2 to approve a lower threshold of 10,000 metric tons /year so that was a victory. Our Sustainable Communities Committee (SusCom) worked for over two months with LWV Santa Maria Valley and presented a united request to the Board to lower the threshold for greenhouse gas (GHG). This is one small victory toward a lighter impact by industry on the planet.

Our board applied for a LWVC sponsored workshop, **"Talking Taxes with Kim Klein"** and we will be co-hosting that five-hour workshop with other Santa Barbara groups in the Spring in Santa Barbara. This will be an opportunity for people in League, the community, and nonprofits to dialogue and be trained to seek other solutions to our state's fiscal crisis besides more budget cuts. Economists tell us that taxes are a mirror of community values. Poor schools, inadequate health care, a degraded environment are all reflections on our current tax and budget structure. These structures can change to reflect the common good! Learn how. Learn what you can do. It is easier than you think!

A **local agriculture update study committee** has been formed: Donna Cairns, Jean Holmes, Susan Horne, Amanda Pelch, Pat Shewczyk, Eleanor York, and ex officio Joanie Jones and Susan Shank. Other League members are invited to join in to do this important work toward coming to consensus. Research materials are on the LWVUS website. Our due date for this agriculture update is April 1. All updates and studies to establish national League public policy positions are determined by vote at the LWVUS Convention biennially.



Our next **US Convention** will be in Dallas, Texas June 6-10 and will discuss new issues which local Leagues suggest at their January program planning meetings. I am calling all potential Board members to consider going. The convention enlivens and educates through four days of workshops, plenary sessions and caucusing.

New things are happening with our communications. Take the time to look at our website, lwvsanta

barbara.org. And while you are online, check out the lwv.org and California League's ca.lwv.org. Our webmaster, Bonnie Lassen, has helped us link to the US League's research information for our new Agriculture Update Study. In December we should be able to view the Consensus questions for that update. Also, the monthly *Channel Voter* newsletter is online by the beginning of the month and an email "LWV Santa Barbara" is sent twice per month to those who have emails registered with our Data Administrator. These timely information emails are very valuable. Please take the opportunity to read them.

Do not miss these articles about the October **Central Coast Sustainability Summit** at UCSB and a decision on Green House gas emissions from Santa Maria Energy Project in this *Channel Voter*.

A new publication from LWVC, **Guide to CA Government**, is available now on Amazon and we have purchased some copies to give to local schools and libraries. You may see it at the December Community Forum/Birthday Party.

Grab your calendar. There are several events planned for January.

In early January there will be **unit discussions** preparation for getting our input on changes for the national League's public policy positions at the LWV convention in Dallas. The units will also be a time for input for local League Program Position changes or study.

On Jan. 15 we host our monthly **Community Forum** with the topic being health care and The Affordable Care Act.

Finally, we are supporters of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration on Monday, Jan. 20, 2014.

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

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Supervisors Set High Standard for Greenhouse Gas Emissions From Santa Maria Energy Project

In a difficult and precedent setting decision, the County Board of Supervisors on Nov. 12 told Santa Maria Energy that they must limit Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions to 10,000 metric tons per year, or pay for offsets. In September the County Planning Commission had approved this large oil project allowing GHG emissions of 60,000 metric tons per year. The Environmental Defense Center filed an appeal of that decision asking for a large reduction in the emissions level.

For that appeal they were supported by the Los Padres Chapter of Sierra Club, Get Oil Out, the Santa Barbara Action Network and the Santa Ynez Alliance. In what one speaker described as a war between the north and south county, the three supervisors with south county constituents voted for the appeal, and the two north county supervisors voted against it. The local League also supported the appeal, and asked that the Board reduce the allowed emissions.

Nancy Johnson of Santa Maria, former County Planning Commissioner, read the joint statement that our League and the Santa Maria League prepared. Two local League Board members, Charlene Little and Rebecca Claassen, made individual statements to ask for serious reductions in the GHG permitted. Katie Davis from 350.org, who spoke at our September Forum, spoke in Santa Maria in support of EDC's appeal and described the serious effects that climate change will have.

That hearing lasted for six straight hours, and the board heard from 109 citizens. That included many impassioned speeches by those who wanted the appeal to be rejected because they felt that the economic gains for North County should overrule concern about greenhouse gases.

Fifth District Supervisor Steve Lavagnino made an excellent speech in which he described the economic needs of North County and said "All that's different (after the vote) is that Santa Maria Energy writes a check, albeit a big fat one, to green-up Texas or Oklahoma. My argument was to keep that \$500,000 or \$600,000 here and use it here." Since almost all of California's emissions credit are already used up, this was an important point. The goal, however, is to give the company incentive to reduce their emissions at the site instead of paying for offsets, and to let future projects know that there will be tight controls over emissions.

Many local environmental groups will feel that this is a major step forward in attempting to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in this County. The 60,000 tons per year of emissions at this one project would have been the equivalent of putting 13,000 more cars on the roads, and would have defeated all our local efforts to improve air pollution and reduce CO2 emissions in this County.

Connie Hannah, Vice President, Local Action & Program

Central Coast Sustainability Summit at UCSB

Six members of our League's Sustainable Communities Committee attended this conference at UCSB on Oct 23. A session that caught the interest of our group and many of the attendees was on Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) for changing electricity sources.

This is based on CA Bill AB117 passed in 2002 that allows communities to set up an agency between the power companies and the users that can buy increased percentages of green electricity for its customers. The purpose being to increase the movement to clean electricity generation and limit global warming. These programs are active in IL., MA, OH, RI, and NJ with 80 percent of Illinois power being under a CCA.

The only CCA set up in California is in Marin County and a representative told about what was involved in setting it up and what they have accomplished. It took them 8 years to set up. It required a local vote and local government backing that was opposed by a \$44 million dollar ad campaign by PG&E. The vote passed and the Marin area set up a structure that duplicated PG&E options but that has choices for greater than 50 percent green electricity at rates very close to PG&E, 100% green at a higher cost, and an opt out option back to PG&E.

CCA agencies are non-profit. The profits go to encouraging more green generation projects, local efficiency audits, solar subsidies, and local training in green jobs. Most important they seem to be succeeding in moving to control global warming at very little cost. Other Bay Area communities are joining the Marin agency.

The prior CCA movement in Santa Barbara died out in the last recession. Options for starting up again are to join with the Marin County group or to form a local CCA agency on our own. There were representatives from both Ventura and San Luis

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November Community Forum: Money in Politics



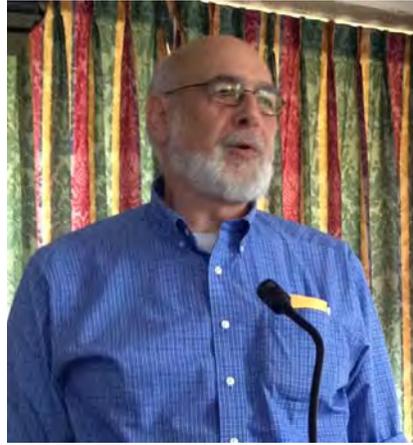
Trudy Schafer

Chief Lobbyist for the League of Women Voters of California

Money in Politics is a legislative priority for the League and was selected as an issue for education and advocacy at the State League Convention.

“Our best hope” is SB 27, which closes the loophole that allows nonprofits to contribute huge sums in California elections without disclosure.

When the legislature is back in session, “be ready to jump on these things.”



Ted Anagnoson

UCSB Professor

Author, *Governing California in the 21st Century*

“A central strategic problem: the attentiveness of voters.”

“The Supreme Court’s Citizens United ruling gives rise to Super PACS... Corporations can spend unlimited corporate funds...The court may throw out all contribution limits.”

“Mobilizing voters is the way you win elections.”



Mary Rose

Public policy consultant

136 California cities and 17 counties have campaign finance regulations.

“It’s not all about money...You don’t have to have the most money, but you have to have enough money to get your message out.”

Santa Barbara’s 38 percent turnout in the Nov. 5 election was the highest in the state.

About the LWV/Health Care For All – Ca Coalition

The United States League of Women Voters’ (LWVUS) national consensus on health care resulted from a nation-wide study on the subject (1990-93), and has informed the position used by all Leagues across the country for education and advocacy. The position in brief: universal, comprehensive and affordable health care, with cost controls, should be available to all citizens in the U.S.

The position favors a national health insurance plan financed through general taxes, commonly known as the “single-payer” approach. The position also supports an employer-based system that provides universal access to health care as an important step toward a national health insurance plan. The position opposes a strictly private, market-based model of financing the health care system.

For most of the past two decades, the national League has monitored, evaluated, and lobbied for health care reform legislation in Washington, more recently advocating for the Affordable Care Act (passed in 2010) and promoting the “Public Option” -- but not Single Payer. However, since many state Leagues (including our state) favored a single payer solution and lobbied at the 2010 National Convention for “putting single payer on the table,” a policy compromise by the National League’s Board allows State Leagues to pursue single payer initiatives within their own states – like LWVC advocating for the recent California SB 810 – but does not permit state or local Leagues to advocate for national single payer initiatives like HR 676.

Recently, our state League’s 2nd Tier priorities for 2013-15 determined at the May 2013 LWVC Convention in San Jose, charged Leagues around the state with supporting community education about the Affordable Care Act and with continuing education and advocacy on a single payer option for California.

Our state League (LWVC) began its steadfast participation in the single payer movement by committing to Proposition 186, the unsuccessful 1994 California initiative also known as the “California Health Security Act.” This initiative has morphed, through several Health Care for All – CA sponsored legislative versions between 1998 and 2011 (SB 2123, SB 840, SB 921, and SB 810 – twice – both passed by the legislature but failed for lack of the governor’s signature). Also critically important to the justification of the single payer model was the cost analysis provided by the “Health Care Options Project” (2001), again spear-headed by HCA-CA.

LWVSB joined the California Prop. 186 single payer health care campaign in 1994 and thereafter worked to help found Health Care for All – CA and to develop the local HCA chapter, together collaborating in educational programs, lobbying efforts, campaign demonstrations, outreach to other organizations and generally building the single payer movement in health care reform. Since 1997, HCA-SB’s Steering Committee continues to hold monthly meetings at the LWVSB office.

Carole Marks, LWVSB Health Care Chair and Liaison to HCA-SB

Why Do We Do Program Planning?

Every two years state and local Leagues and Inter-League Organizations (ILOs) participate in the LWVUS Program Planning process by making recommendations concerning program issues – this is one of the ways we remain a grassroots organization.

The Program Planning process is an important League tool for identifying issues for study, review and update, and/or concurrence. It gives members and Leagues the opportunity to balance the pros and cons, assess possible support, and consider the viability of issues. During the process, members have the opportunity--especially with email and forums--to organize support based on factual materials before the Program Planning reporting deadline of March 1, 2014.

Waiting to gather support for issues at Convention often results in limited discussion and incomplete information. Furthermore, raising issues at Convention instead of through the Program Planning process dilutes the voices of Leagues that do participate in the process. We're also asking Leagues to let us know what LWVUS positions, if any, your local or state League or ILO has used in your work in the community. The response form will include a section where you can provide that information.

Because we are all in this together, national program planning should not occur in a vacuum. National program priorities must dovetail with state and local priorities, not necessarily in terms of subject, but in terms of the total workload and interests of local Leagues and League members.

Program, in the League lexicon, is a term of art that refers to those issues that the League, as a whole, takes up for concerted study and action. Studying a new position or updating an old one also does not occur in a vacuum and requires significant work. For the past several convention cycles, LWVUS has relied on member-experts to gather and organize study materials and develop consensus questions. In addition, like all other League program, whether state and local studies or state and local education and advocacy, national program plays out alongside our ever more important voter service and advocacy activities.

Next year is a federal election year and, in the overwhelming majority of states, a state election year as well. In 2014, voters will go to the polls to decide who will be their governors and who will represent them at the state level as well who will go to Washington.

"Many years ago, I joined the League because my state League was studying a topic in which I had some expertise," said LWVUS President Elisabeth MacNamara. "Over the years, my League work has convinced me that there is no issue more important than voter participation. As we witnessed in some high profile 2013 races, one vote can make a big difference. In the Virginia Attorney General's election, as we write, 164 votes separate the two candidates. The process for counting provisional ballots and absentee ballots is turning out to be critical to the outcome. Our work on these issues, as well as in registering, educating and encouraging voters, has never been more important." She added, "Our challenge next year, as always, will be striking the best balance among all the work that we know needs to be done at every level of government and of League."

From LWVUS Leaders' Updates

How to Contact Your Elected Officials

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

This year marks the 75th 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. In the September issue, we told the story of how our League began in 1938 and how the chapter developed over its first decade. Here is the story of one of our long-time League members, who will be one of those sharing her experiences at our Dec. 18 holiday party.

50 Year (Life) Members

Bev King

I joined the League in Pasadena in 1963 when I was 24 years old. Hartley and I had just moved there and it was his boss's wife who invited me to a meeting. We had lived in Pasadena less than a year when I joined. I was a new bride, just recently out of the Navy but still in the Reserves.

I graduated from UC Berkeley in 1960 with a double major in Political Science (American Politics) and Communications and Public Policy and all of those things combined to make me a natural candidate for the League. I was welcomed so warmly by all League members, most of them very seasoned and very wise. It was like having many caring mothers around me because my family was over 500 miles away.

Anyway, I was one of the youngest members in their League...no different from what we experience now, not many young members. I was invited onto the board as Voter Service chair. In 1965 Hartley and I moved to Santa Barbara and I immediately transferred my membership and began working on the Voter Service committee; Mary Lou Kasson was the chair and I could not have had a better mentor. I have served on LWVSB board as President, 1st Vice President, Voter Service chair, office manager, and the nominating committee chair several times. I was the first President of the LWVSB Education Fund.

On the state level I served as the Membership Director for LWVC for four years, chaired the LWVC Nominating Committee for two years, and have been serving as a

Management Training Advisor for SLO County, Santa Maria Valley, Ventura County and Kern County for at least six years now. I have been on innumerable local study committees for state and national issues as both a chair and a member.

I started the evening unit when those of us with small children needed to meet at night so husbands could provide the child care. Later I started the dinner unit downtown so that those of us who worked could come to a unit before going home. It proved very popular and we were in several different restaurants until we found our true home at Madam Lu's. Now the unit is comprised of both working members and those members who like the conviviality of discussing things over dinner.

The most challenging time was when I was serving as LWVSB president and we were the principal organization opposing Measure A, Fess Parker's measure to circumvent the planning commission for his hotel project. We were the City's darling organization for taking this on; at the same time we were also suing the City and the La Entrada Project for circumventing a needed EIR on the blockage of mountain views etc and we were not the City's darling organization for this. Both actions required much public exposure and I got tired of seeing my face on TV, or maybe I just got plain tired.

P.S. My oldest and dearest friends have all been League members, female or male, and my life has been so enriched by this wonderful organization!

Central Coast Sustainability Summit at UCSB *Continued from Page 3*

Obispo Counties interested in a looking at local CCAs. Jeff Litton of the Community Environmental Council was delegated as a contact person: e-mail at jlitten@cecmail.org.

A task our League may want to take on is to help increase public awareness and interest in forming a CCA.

A second talk noted by the SUSCOM group was by Scott Cassel, director of the Product Stewardship Institute (PSI), on Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP). His institute advocates for manufacturers taking responsibility for the lifetime effects of their products. He wants companies to be responsible for designing products for low energy production, green use, and low impact disposal. The cost now is falling on the consumer with no pressure for companies to change a product. We currently produce about one ton of waste per person per year and this is not sustainable.

He asks companies to take back a product at the end of its lifetime or be taxed for the cost of its safe disposal. This is the process we have started with electronics, tires, bottles and batteries. He says carpets, mattresses, paint, thermostats, cell phones, pesticides, and medicines are important to work on next.

Colin Jones, Sustainable Community Committee

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Name _____

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Make check payable to: League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara, 328 East Carrillo Street, Suite A, Santa Barbara, CA 93101
*Discounted dues are available for special circumstances. Amanda Pelch, 452-5804.

- I am committed - sign me up to: Register Voters Join the League of Women Voters
- Invite a friend to join the League
- Pledge financial support Amount \$_____



Membership News December 2013 - January 2014

There are approximately 35 members who have not renewed their memberships. Since your membership expired Sept. 1, 2013 we are deleting your name from our membership roll. We are so sorry to lose you. Every member is important. If there is anything we can do to help you, please let me know.

Please remember that memberships can be renewed online through our website. Just click the Renew Your Membership button on our home page. This takes you to the Join Page; scroll to the bottom and complete the

PayPal form.

Thank you to all who have renewed and welcome to our new members.

New Members: Linda Beers, Nancy Melinda Clinton, and Phila Rogers - Welcome!

Amanda Pelch, Director, Membership Development

In Memoriam: Eileen Clark

Meet Our New Office Manager: Donna Cairns

Donna Cairns is a recent UCSB graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. She has a love for non-profits and is currently working for PathPoint, a local organization that provides services to adults with developmental disabilities. She has an interest in all things food and is eagerly awaiting the upcoming agricultural study.

Donna takes over from our office manager Sheila Kamhi, who served for many years before moving to Sacramento.



Help Celebrate Our 75th Birthday

LWVSB was born 75 years ago. So it's time to party! Join in the festivities Wednesday, Dec. 18 from noon to 2 p.m. at Louise Lowry Davis Center. The luncheon will be held instead of our regular monthly community forum.

Feel free to dress in a costume (clothes, jewelry, hats or gloves) inspired by any period of the last 75 years. Colors will be black and white—like vintage photographs—with touches of holiday silver.

Long-time League members, including former presidents, will reminisce while a video loop shows old photos and news clippings.

If you would like to contribute a dessert, finger sandwich or salad and/or donate money, call the League office at 965-2422 or send an email to League@lwvsantabarbara.org.



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CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2013 NO DISCUSSION UNITS

- 4 Wednesday: Calendar Planning, 7 p.m., Encina Royale Clubhouse in Goleta;** all members welcome.
- 7 Saturday: Panel discussion on fracking in Ventura County,** sponsored by LWV Ventura County and California Lutheran University; 10 a.m.-noon, CLU campus in Overton Hall. Panelists include State Sen. Fran Pavley, author of SB4 on Regulation of Fracking in California.
- 14 Saturday: LWVSB Board meeting, 10 a.m., League Office** at 328 East Carrillo, Suite A.
- 18 Wednesday: Holiday Party, celebrating the LWVSB's 75th birthday; 12-2 p.m., Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De la Vina St.;** feel free to dress in attire from any of the past decades. Lunch will be served; League members will speak.

JANUARY 2014 DISCUSSION UNITS: Program Planning for National League Convention

- 6 Monday: Supper Unit - 5:30 p.m., Madame Lu's Restaurant, 3524 State St.,** Contact Karen Bunker.
- 8 Wednesday Carpinteria Unit - 10 a.m., Carpinteria Women's Club, 1059 Vallecito Rd.** Contact Barbara Godley.
- 11 Saturday: LWVSB Board meeting, 10 a.m., League Office** at 328 A East Carrillo, Suite A.
- 11 Saturday: "Who Does Climate Change Impact Most?" 7-9 p.m., Faulkner Gallery,** Main Santa Barbara Library. LWVSB is a co-sponsor.
- 13 Monday: Valle Verde Unit – noon-2 p.m.** in private dining room off breezeway (parking in back lot), 900 Calle de los Amigos. Brown bag lunch. Contact Joan Kerns.
- 15 Wednesday: Community Forum: Covered and Uncovered California;** a panel of experts will discuss implementation of the Affordable Care Act in California. **12-2 p.m., Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De la Vina St.;** brown bag lunch; free and open to the public.
- 20 Monday: Martin Luther King Day Celebration, 9 a.m.** pre-march and rally at De La Guerra Plaza; 11 a.m. Arlington Theater program; and 1 p.m. community lunch at First Methodist Church. LWVSB is a supporter.

Remember to check the LWVSB web site (www.lwvsantabarbara.org) for the latest event information.