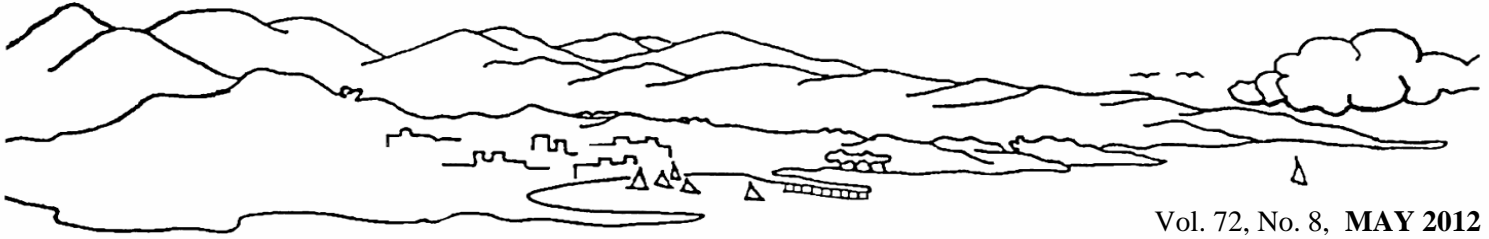




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## May Community Forum: Learn about League Positions on the June Ballot Measures

Wednesday, May 16, 12 - 2 p.m., Louise Lowry Davis Community Center  
1232 De La Vina St. - Free and open to the public.

Don't vote until you have attended our May Community Forum to learn about local election Measures X, W and Y. We will give the background for our positions on these three measures and State Ballot Measures, Propositions 28 and 29. We will also clarify the new Top Two Primary system.

### Measure Y—Veronica Meadows

Urban Creeks Council President Eddie Harris will explain -why a large coalition of environmental groups is opposing Measure Y. The local League Board has also recommended a "No" vote on this measure because of Class 1 (serious) impacts that cannot be mitigated.

The environmental analysis shows that building an auto bridge over Arroyo Burro creek will cause permanent impacts to the creek habitat, kill large oaks and sycamore trees, and interfere with the movement of wildlife. The bridge will require turning over a small city park site to a developer so he can build a luxury homes project in the valley. LWVSB has a position calling for "the preservation of...park sites...and green belts."

The second Class I impact will be on traffic on Las Positas Road. There are already two intersections on

Las Positas that operate below city standards at rush hour. The intersection of Cliff Drive and Las Positas is already operating at Level F, and is considered a particular problem.

Given these serious impacts, the League, Sierra Club, the Environmental Defense Center, Citizens Planning Association, Allied Neighborhoods Association and many prominent citizens are recommending a "No" vote on Measure Y.

### Measures W & X — Education

Due to substantial state budget cuts over the past several years public school revenues have declined drastically and thus affected our ability to continue to fund and enhance enrichment programs in our schools. Four years ago voters in the area served by the Santa Barbara Unified School District (SBUSD) overwhelmingly approved approximately \$7 million in local funding for classrooms. Students and teachers have benefited greatly from numerous enhancements to education throughout the district.

The League supported those parcel tax measures and now supports their continuation for another

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### May Units: The Times They Are A'Changing

The latest census figures reveal that our country, state and county have dramatically changed since the last count a decade earlier. Our May Units will discuss how these changes in demographics may affect us all. The committee will be prepared to discuss differences in ethnic make-up, the aging of the population, and cultural changes.

We will focus on what these changes mean to our country at large, their impact on local politics and how the League can respond to the changes. We will also have the local demographic information broken down at the county level.

Since these are discussion units, come with your questions and be prepared to listen to the opinions of others.

*Pat Shewczyk, Unit Coordinator*

## Save the Dates

### May 6

Our Garden Party "Honoring the Men of the League: We're All in This Together."

### June 16

The League's Annual Meeting is Saturday, June 16. (see articles inside for more on both events).

**This will be the last Channel Voter until September. Enjoy your summer!**

## Co-President's Message

### Hello from sunny San Jose!

As many of you know by now, my employer has transferred me to the Bay Area. I've picked up roots and relocated recently to the city of San Jose.

I'd like to thank you all for the wisdom I've gained through being a part of the League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara. The members are fantastic and this has been the best Board I've ever had the pleasure to serve on. You should all be highly commended for the work you do and for who you are. The League has my utmost respect and I will miss all of you tremendously.

Remember to be good to each other and support each other in the work you do. I have noticed with the League that we are able to resolve differences courteously and professionally. In this year of contentious elections, I think it will be important to keep this trend going. Whatever side of the



political fence we all fall on, we should always remember that League is non-partisan and we have a process to prevent partisan decisions from being made. Again, keep your eyes on the end goal and work towards that. All else will follow.

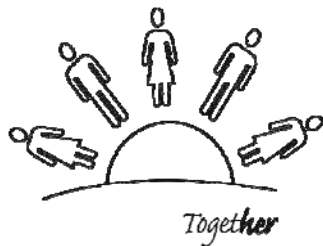
I'd also like to thank my Co-President, Beth Pitton-August, for her work and her friendship. It is sometimes easy for people to conflict when they share the same position, but we've had an easy ride. I'll miss her camaraderie and hope you can all support her in her now overwhelming task of managing the League solo for the next three months. It's not an easy job with two people; for one person it is quite the task!

Again, thank you for your work and being who you all are. I hope the League up here is just as inspiring as you have been. Take care.

*Stacy Shepherd, Co-President,  
Membership and Community Education*

### It's Almost Time for Our Garden Party

Our annual Garden Party - honoring the men of the League - is coming up soon. With the theme of "We Are All in This Together," the party will be Sunday, May 6 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Lions Park, 6197 Casitas Pass Road, Carpinteria.



The lodge deck has a lovely ramp for access, two adjacent handicapped parking places and a large gravel parking area. We will have a pleasant time both outdoors and inside for our program.

Reservations can be made by calling the LWVSB office at 965-2422 (and pay at the door) or by sending payment of \$35 per ticket to 328 E. Carrillo Street, Suite A, Santa Barbara, CA 93101. Tickets will be held at the door. For questions, contact Joanie Jones; for carpooling information, call Bonnie Jensen.

Driving to Lion's Park takes 15 minutes from State Street in Santa Barbara. The Carpinteria Lions Park and Community Event Center is located in beautiful Carpinteria Valley. To reach the park: take 101 Freeway; exit at Casitas Pass Road and head toward the mountains; turn right at Foothill Road (192--you will be on Casitas Pass Road); proceed to 6197 Casitas Pass Road on the right just after a Los Padres sign.

*Joanie Jones, Vice-President, Program*

### Annual Meeting 2012 Set For June 16

The LWVSB's Annual Meeting will be held this year on Saturday, June 16 at The Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara, 1535 Santa Barbara Street, in the Parish Hall and garden with fountain across from Alice Keck Park Memorial Garden. The Annual Meeting 2012 Kit will be mailed to members in mid-May, so you will have time to read it beforehand. The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. and end around 1:30 PM.

At the business meeting we will elect our 2012-13 Board and our Nominating Committee, approve the budget, amend the Bylaws, approve the Local League positions for program action for 2012-13 and hear reports from the State Council and LWV National Convention.

Our luncheon speaker is to be announced. The Annual Meeting kit will also include the agenda, lunch menu and a reservation slip to send in. Please plan to join us for this important general membership meeting, which gives our members an opportunity to direct the future of their League.

*Joanie Jones, Vice-President, Program*

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## Where to Get No-Spin Election Information

You may go online to the following LWVC websites: LWVC's Education Fund has an outstanding new website, <http://cavotes.org>.

**The League's Pros & Cons/In Depth** about the June 5, 2012 statewide ballot measures. Visit [CAVotes.org](http://CAVotes.org) and its [June 5, 2012 Election page](#); click on a ballot measure to find the *Pros & Cons* and more In Depth information on it. Also you can find helpful FAQs about the new redistricting maps and the Top Two Primary system. Printable *Pros & Cons* are at [http://cavotes.org/lwvcef\\_print\\_view](http://cavotes.org/lwvcef_print_view). Printed copies will also be available at our office.

**EasyVoterGuide.org** – Your quick guide to the June 5 election for new and busy voters. The four-page *Easy Voter Guide* has basic information for voters, including the new Top Two Primary rules and summaries of the two statewide ballot measures. The *Guide* is available at <http://www.easyvoterguide.org/>, in English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Korean. Free printed guides in English and Spanish will be available at our League office and may also be at libraries.

**SmartVoter.org** – Your trusted source of information about voting and all the candidates and issues on your ballot. Santa Barbara County's page is <http://www.smartvoter.org/ca/sba/>. Smartvoter.org is only online, and will include national, state, and local races and measures along with local voting information.

### Touring with the Candidates videos –

Salud Carbajal: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7xThA\\_B8cw0&feature=relmfu](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7xThA_B8cw0&feature=relmfu).

Carole Lieff: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AtoasAaw3kl&feature=relmfu>

Steve Pappas : <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QR6RCul9WLI&feature=relmfu>

and Doreen Farr <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8lac4opBIXM&feature=relmfu>

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## The Rules Have Changed: Elections 2012

There are significant changes for the 2012 elections. The Top Two primary system will be used in June, online voter registration could be up and running in the summer, and redistricting means that many voters will see different names on the ballot and/or new district lines and numbers. This is the time for voters to do their homework and avoid confusion at the ballot box. You can keep in touch with the latest election information by going to League of Women Voters websites, including SmartVoter.org and CAVotes.org.

### Top Two Primary System

There are actually two primary elections taking place on June 5, 2012: a) the Presidential Primary, which is a partisan party nomination process used to select candidates for President and county central committees and b) the statewide Top Two Primary elections for congressional and state elective offices. The Presidential Primary produces “party-nominated candidates” for President who then appear on the November General Election ballot by party. This is the type of primary that California voters are used to.

The Top Two primary system, however, produces two “voter-nominated candidates” who have received the two highest vote counts and who then advance to the November General Election. Even if one of the candidates receives more than 50 percent of the votes, there is still a “runoff” between the top two vote getters. With the Top Two Primary system, all candidates running for an office are listed on one ballot, regardless of their party preference. All voters may vote for any candidate in the list.

Here are some of the special features of balloting in the Top

Two system that need to be understood by the voters:

- The Top Two system was placed on the June 2010 ballot by the legislature as a result of state budget negotiations and was passed by the voters.
- Voters will not see a “straight party ticket” on the ballot, but rather a list of names for the different contests with each candidate’s party preference indicated. The candidate’s party preference or no preference on the ballot must be consistent with the candidate’s voter registration card.
- It is possible for two voter-nominated candidates with the same party affiliation to appear on the November ballot.
- Political parties may endorse candidates in the Top Two primary. Sample ballots must include a section listing these party endorsements.
- Although votes may be cast for write-in candidates in the Top Two primary election, no write-in votes are allowed in the November general election for the Top Two contests.

As of this writing, there are court challenges to the Top Two Primary system currently pending, based on the ban on write-in votes in the General Election for Top Two offices and on constitutional issues of third party access to the ballot and voters’ right of choice.

For frequently asked questions about the primary elections in California, you can go to this link on the Secretary of State’s website: <http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/2012-elections/june-primary/faqs-primary-2012.htm>.

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## The Rules *(Continued from page 3)*

May 21, 2012 is the last day to register to vote in the June 5, 2012 primary elections.

### Online Voter Registration

The Secretary of State would like to see Californians able to register to vote online sometime in the summer of 2012, in time for the November General Election. In October the Governor signed into law SB 397 (Yee) that allows the state to begin registering voters online before the completion of a planned new statewide voter registration database. State elections officials and the Department of Motor Vehicles are currently working on the technical details of using DMV digitized signatures for matching registrations submitted online.

The League, along with many other good government groups, has long supported online voter registration as a way of allowing more people to participate in elections and of protecting against fraudulent paper registration. Online registrants will be required to provide their birth date, the number from their valid California driver's license or California ID card, *and* the last four digits of their social security number. Dean Logan, Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, has called this development "a game changer." In the last statewide election in Los Angeles County, his office received 64,000 registration affidavits the day after the deadline. He was certain that if online registration had been in force, many more people would have voted in that election.

*Lianne Campodonico, LWVC Voter Service Director*

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## How to Get Involved

### Office Help Needed

June 5, as you know, is Election Day and this Election may well be confusing to voters. This is the first California Election where the two top vote-getting candidates for State and National office (partisan offices) might be running against each other without regard to their party.

Also, district lines for candidates have been redrawn to conform to the census changes. The County Supervisorial districts are particularly confusing. These changes will probably mean that the office phone will be ringing and the answering machine will be recording messages for information...Someone has to be in the office to pick up and respond to those calls.

I am looking for volunteers who can come to the office on one

or two weekday mornings during May to respond to callers. There may be several calls or there may be none, but we should be prepared. I will have a packet made up with information and phone numbers and some internet addresses to give to callers. The county should be mailing information in early May.

Please call me if you can spend some time in the office - or even if you can help by having the League phone transferred to your home phone. With wireless access now available at the office, bring your laptop if you would like to stay occupied while waiting for the phone to ring.

*Sheila Kamhi, Office Manager*

### Carpooling for Health Care Conference

The LWVSB has joined other organizations throughout Southern California to sponsor the "2012 Conference on California & National Health Care...Where Are We Now?" Saturday, May 12 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Pasadena.

If you are interested in carpooling contact [carolemarks@cox.net](mailto:carolemarks@cox.net). The meeting is at Pasadena City College, 1570 E. Colorado Blvd.

This gathering of California health care activists will look to the future after SB 810, Sen. Leno's single-payer "California Universal Health Care Act" stalled on the Senate floor in January. The many conference co-sponsors include many local Leagues and Health Care for All chapters, as well as other members of the single-payer coalition "Campaign for a Healthy California."

Presentations, panel discussions and capsule sessions will feature the main topics of interest in the state health care movement, including:

- Keynote Address: "Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act (ACA): What It Is and What It Isn't." Anthony Wright,

executive director of Health Access-California, will explain the new federal health care reform system, focusing on the patient protection components, affordability (especially for middle and working class families), the individual mandate to purchase coverage and other key financial aspects of the law.

- Commentary follow-up and dialogue with keynote speech by Don McCanne, MD, senior health policy fellow, on Physicians for a National Health Program: ACA benefits versus those of a single-payer or Improved Medicare for All system.

Capsule Sessions will cover:

- Medicare/Medicaid Funding concerns.
- California Single-Payer Plan implementation before 2017 with a federal waiver.
- Cost and quality of care in the US versus OEDCD Universal Care countries.
- How Do We Get It in California? (Lewin Group Report and the role of the SB 810 Premium Commission.)

*Carole Marks, Health Care Chair*

## Highlights from the Sustainable Communities Committee

As usual, this committee has been following a number of issues important to the South Coast. Current discussions have included:

### Implementation of Plan Santa Barbara

On April 10, one of the first major zoning hearings for the new city General Plan was held. At that time, the City Council voted to proceed to design their new Average Unit-size Density (AUD) Incentive program that will replace variable density, which was based on the number of bedrooms per unit, and has not been working as they had hoped. Now, smaller-sized units can be given increased density if they are built in a few designated areas or if they will be kept affordable or are subsidized by an employer.

Areas where this high density will be permitted include Milpas, La Cumbre Plaza and some areas in and around the downtown area. To the surprise and probable relief of the Council, not a single public comment request was received. That was because this subject had been thoroughly discussed and compromised on much earlier.

### Development of California Legislation to Control Fracking

It first appeared that the State of California might not become involved in regulating fracking at all. Now two bills that would offer some controls are working their way through the legislature and Gov. Jerry Brown has pledged to conduct serious public discussions about fracking. The two bills are AB 591 and SB 1054, and they require more information about when and where this oil and natural gas production method will be used.

AB 591 calls for disclosure after the drilling has been done and SB 1054 calls for disclosure in advance of any drilling. Both bills have been amended so that it is difficult to know what they will eventually say, but the League of Women Voters of California is supporting both bills. Linda Phillips, who is a member of this committee, is also Legislative Analyst for Hazardous Materials for LWVC and will be monitoring developments closely and making further recommendations.

*Connie Hannah, Co-Chair,  
Sustainable Committees Committee*

## Support the Rental Housing Mediation Task Force (Again!)

In 2012 the LWVSB, along with numerous organizations and individuals, testified at City Council hearings in support of the Rental Housing Mediation Task Force (RHMTF). The Santa Barbara City Council voted to save the RHMTF and the mediation services that they provide. However, the Recommended Operating and Capital Budget for 2013 once again calls for significant cuts to RHMTF staff and services.

The League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara Supports RHMTF Funding and Continuation of Services. The RHMTF has increased estimated revenues and begun the process of developing long-term funding solutions. The LWVSB encourages the Santa Barbara City Council to preserve the RHMTF, its volunteer board, funding and staffing with a General Fund contribution.

The League of Women Voters at all levels — national, state and local — has for decades supported affordable housing for those with low incomes as a basic human need. LWV supports adequately funded government supported legal assistance programs for those unable to pay. We also support protection of the rights of both tenants and landlords. The mediation program meets both those criteria, and we urge the Santa Barbara City Council to continue providing this important service.

The Rental Housing Mediation Task Force program has been providing mediation between landlords and low and very low-income tenants since 1976. This is an essential service that resolves conflicts without costly legal challenges. RHMTF is the only provider of mediation services to landlords and low and very low-income tenants. Tenants depend on and have benefitted from this service. Effective problem solving also contributes to a more stable, housed population that otherwise might end up homeless, which ultimately would cost the community more.

Given that 60 percent of Santa Barbara residents are renters, it seems reasonable and prudent to have a process in place to resolve the inevitable conflicts that arise. Given the fact that mediation is proven to work and we have a workable system in place, eliminating this service and disbanding the All Volunteer Task Force would be counter-productive. This step would also be difficult to reverse.

There is a Budget Review meeting scheduled for the Community Development Department on Wednesday, May 16 at 2 p.m. in the Council Chambers to consider funding for the Rental Housing Mediation Task Force. Please support the RHMTF! You may also contact the Mayor and Council prior to the hearing to voice your support:

Mayor, Helene Schneider: (805) 564-5323 | [HSchneider@SantaBarbaraCA.gov](mailto:HSchneider@SantaBarbaraCA.gov)  
Frank Hotchkiss: (805) 564-5320 | [FHotchkiss@SantaBarbaraCA.gov](mailto:FHotchkiss@SantaBarbaraCA.gov)  
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*Beth Pitton-August, Co-President, Program & Action*

## May Community Forum: *(Continued from page 1)*

four-year period.

Our schools need a reliable, supplemental local source of revenue in order to fund valued programs that provide the excellence in education every child deserves. The SBUSD board of education voted unanimously in January to place these measures on the ballot to help ensure a stable source of funding. We now have the opportunity to continue our support for public education by supporting Measures W and X on June 5. Brian Robinson from the Santa Barbara Education Foundation will present information in support of these measures.

### The State Ballot Measures 28 and 29

LWVCA supports Proposition 28, [the Legislative Term Limits Reform Act](#). This simple reform will help make our legislature more accountable and effective. The current limits on how

many terms an individual can serve in the legislature would be replaced by a twelve-year limit on the total number of years one could serve—whether in the Assembly, the Senate, or a combination of the two.

LWVCA has taken a neutral position on Proposition 29, [the California Cancer Research Act](#). This measure would add a one-dollar per pack tax on cigarettes sold in California, with proceeds to be used for cancer and other smoking-related health issues, anti-smoking campaigns, and law enforcement. While the League supports the causes underwritten by this measure, we believe that earmarking state revenue for specific expenses reduces the flexibility needed by the legislature in setting budgets to respond to current needs.

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

*Joanie Jones, Vice President, Program*

## April was a busy month for LWV Forums, and All Three Attracted Large Crowds.

The Candidates Forums were presented by the LWVSB Education Fund. Thanks to Nimmer Pictures, they were videotaped and will be aired on Santa Barbara Channels. Go to [www.sbcahannels.tv](http://www.sbcahannels.tv) or [www.lwvsantabarbara.org](http://www.lwvsantabarbara.org) for broadcast times.



The April Community Forum, "Our Elections: Who Pays?" was on campaign finance reform. Journalist Jerry Roberts, left, gave an update on what is happening in Sacramento with respect to campaign financing, and Joe Allen, right, an attorney and ACLU board member, explained the U.S. Supreme Court's Citizens United decision and what can be done about it. Susan Shank, the League's Local Action Director, center, was the moderator.



Incumbent Doreen Farr and Steven Pappas debated at the League's Candidates Forum for the Third Supervisorial District. Moderator was Community Elections Committee Co-Chair Jean Reiche.



Salud Carbajal, incumbent, and Carole Loeff, challenger, debated in our Candidates Forum for the First Supervisorial District. Community Elections Committee Co-Chair and Education Fund President Irene Stone moderated.

# Membership News

Since April 2011, we have brought in 31 new members. This is excellent news. The next six months should also be a superior time to recruit. I hope all of you, while you are discussing League positions for the June and November ballots will remember to invite your friends and acquaintances who express interest in the ballot process to attend our Forums and events. Informed voters are informed citizens who can express their votes to reflect their personal views. Also, be sure to invite your friends to our Garden Party on May 6.

Look out for your annual membership renewal notice in the mail in late July/early August. The traditional membership cycle is through August 31. Thank you for your prompt response.

**New members:** Patsy Phelan, Salud Carbajal, Jack Drake, Nancy Edmundson, Alan Edmundson, Ken Saxon, Phyllis Brocato, Nancy Murdock, Dorothy McNeil and Marcia Tobocman. Welcome to the League!  
I am looking forward to seeing each of you at the Garden Party May 6 and our Annual Meeting June 16.

*Amanda Pelch, Membership Director*

## Hot off the Press – SAFE California Act Qualifies for November Ballot

The SAFE California Act, the initiative to replace the death penalty with life in prison with no possibility of parole, has qualified for the November ballot. The last of California's 58 counties have tallied the signatures, which far exceeded the half-million needed to qualify. In fact, members of the SAFE California Campaign collected so many signatures with such a high validity rate that it qualified on April 23--earlier than expected. Thanks to all of you who helped gather signatures!

*Linda Phillips, Director,  
State and National Action*

### In Memoriam: Micki Stern



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The League at Earth Day

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Make check payable to: League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara, 328 A E. Carrillo St, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

*\*Scholarships and discounted dues are available for special circumstances. Amanda Pelch, 452-5804.*

## CALENDAR

### MAY DISCUSSION UNITS:

**Census Demographics: The Times They are A' Changing**

- 1 **Tuesday: Supper Unit - 5:30 p.m., Madame Lu's Restaurant, 3524 State St., Lolly Quackenbush.**
- 2 **Wednesday: Evening Unit - 7:30 p.m., Sheila Kamhi's house, . Co-chairs: Pat Shewczyk, 964-7506, and Sheila Kamhi.**
- 4 **Friday: Screening documentary film, "Miss Representation," 7 p.m., Plaza Theater, panel following, Carpinteria, LWVSB co-sponsor.**
- 6 **Sunday: Garden Party, 2-4 p.m., Lions Park, 6197 Casitas Pass Road, Carpinteria, "We're All in This Together: Honoring the Men of the League." To reserve, call 965-2422; for questions, call Joanie Jones; for carpooling, call Bonnie Jensen.**
- 9 **Wednesday: Carpinteria Unit- 10 a.m., Carpinteria Women's Club, 1059 Vallecito Rd. Chair: Barbara Godley.**
- 12 **Saturday: LWVSB Board Meeting, 10 a.m., League Office at 328 A East Carrillo.**
- 12 **Saturday: 2012 Conference on California & National Health Care, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Pasadena City College, call 626-798-0965 to register. LWVSB co-sponsor.**

- 14 **Monday: NEW DATE AND TIME: Valle Verde Unit – noon-2 p.m., North Gazebo, 900 Calle de los Amigos. Brown bag lunch. Contact Joan Kerns.**
- 14 **Monday: "Falling Behind: The Impact of the Great Recession and Budget Crisis on California's Women and Families," 7 p.m., Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, LWVSB co-sponsor.**
- 16 **Wednesday: Community Forum: Learn about League Positions on the June Ballot Measures,. 12-2 p.m., Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De La Vina St. Speakers: Eddie Harris, President, Urban Creeks Council, and Brian Robinson, Santa Barbara Education Foundation. Brown bag lunch, free and open to the public.**
- 21 **Monday: Last day to register for June 5 primary election.**
- 23 **Wednesday: "Building Community: Networking for Action," 6-8 p.m., Faulkner Gallery, Main Library, Santa Barbara Women's Political Committee. LWVSB on panel.**

**Save The Dates: Tuesday, June 5, Election Day, polls open 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Don't forget to vote!  
 June 8-12: LWVUS 50th National Convention, Washington D.C., register at LWVUS website.  
 Saturday, June 16, Annual Meeting, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Unitarian Parish Hall, 1535 Santa Barbara St.**

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



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