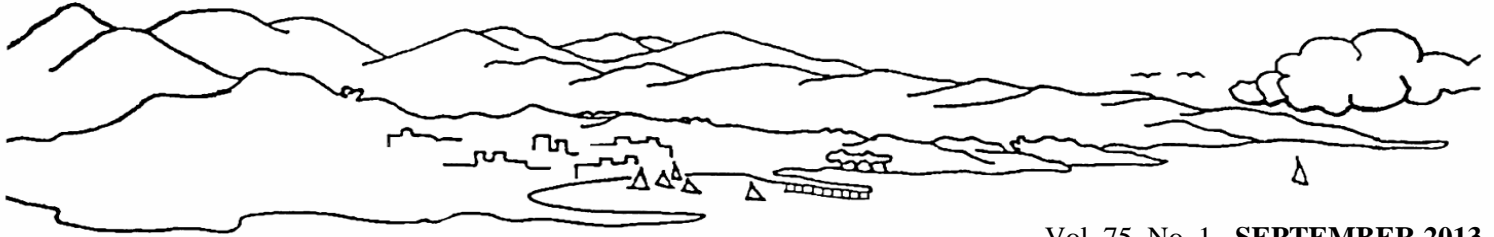




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September Community Forum: Climate Realities and Our Responsibilities

Wednesday, September 18, noon-2 p.m.
Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De la Vina St.

Climate change is NOW! Heat records are being broken worldwide, glaciers are melting and sea level is rising. In June President Obama said that we have a moral obligation to deal with this crisis. Continuing the League's long record of working on all kinds of environmental pollution, we have invited two local experts to update us on the efforts to deal with this problem.

Katie Davis was in one of the original groups trained by Al Gore to help the public understand the importance of climate change. We have asked Davis to update us with the most recent scientific information and outline some of the choices we will be needing to make. Many different approaches are being proposed to deal with the greenhouse gas (GHGs) that cause global warming, and it is important for Leaguers to compare and evaluate them.

Katie Davis' presentation will be followed by Nathan Alley, attorney with the Environmental Defense Center, who will discuss some of the local responses to controlling GHGs. California and this county have been in the forefront of areas trying to reduce production of these pollutants.

Nationally the League's position on climate change has developed naturally from all our previous work on protection of clean air, clean water and conservation of natural resources as well as our historic support of renewables and the reduced use of energy. LWVUS has lobbied Congress to reduce the use of coal in power plants. LWVC and our local League have strongly supported all of California's many efforts to control GHGs, including the landmark 2006 legislation, "Global Warming Solutions" called AB 32.

Since then the state has passed major implementing programs including Cap and Trade in 2011 and Advanced Clean Car Standards in 2012. At the present time the League has worked intensively to develop regulations to control fracking in this state. Our October Discussion Units will go into the progress on those actions.

All League Forums are free and open to the public. We encourage you to invite your friends. You may bring your own brown bag lunch, and cookies and beverages will be served. Parking is free.

*Connie Hannah
Vice-President for Program and Advocacy*

October Discussion Units: Fracking in California

Our first three Discussion Units will be held in the first two weeks of October in Carpinteria, Valle Verde, and at Madame Lu's restaurant (See Calendar for dates). We will have time for members to ask their questions about fracking, and we'll provide information about this controversial practice. There will no longer be a unit meeting on Wednesday evenings. Remember, there are no units in September.



A conversation between LWVC President Jennifer Waggoner and long-time local League member Connie Hannah at June annual meeting.

Message From Your Co-Presidents

Co-President's Message: Susan Shank

As the incoming Co-President for Program and Action, I am looking forward to an exciting new year. 2013 is the 75th anniversary of the LWVSB—an event we will be celebrating for the rest of the year and in particular at the December Holiday party.

On behalf of the whole league, I want to thank Beth Pitton-August for the outstanding job she did in her two years as Co-President.

With Beth's help we increased our members to 270! We launched the "Together Campaign" at a spring forum, and it raised \$8,700 in six months. She invariably led in a cheerful, optimistic, positive and innovative manner. It was a real pleasure to work with her. As Beth moves on to new responsibilities at the State League as director for membership, I hope that she will remain in touch with us.

Connie Hannah has graciously agreed to lead Program Planning for the coming year. She is off to a great start. Eighteen Leaguers attended the Calendar Planning meeting in July. The first forum, on Sept. 18, will be "Climate Realities and Our

Responsibilities," featuring Katie Davis speaking about green house gas (GHG) and Nathan Alley of the Environmental Defense Center discussing local responses to control GHGs.

The Oct. 16 Community Forum will focus on "Girls Rising," about issues and programs for girls in our community. We hope many of those coming to the forum will have attended the Oct. 10 showing of the film "Girl Rising," about challenges faced by girls worldwide.

In November, the forum topic will be "Money in Politics"—an appropriate subject for an election month. In preparation for our local election in November, Janice Rorick is organizing a Candidates Forum on Oct. 5 for the Santa Barbara City Council.

On the Legislative/Advocacy front we continue to work for National and State League positions. For example, we support Carbon Pollution Regulations, Campaign Finance Reform (mainly improved disclosure, also called Money and Politics) and California legislation to allow Inclusionary Zoning for affordable housing.

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



Joanie Jones & Susan Shank

Co-President's Message: Joanie Jones

Susan and I want to welcome our League members and friends to the beginning of the 2013 LWVSB year, our 75th Anniversary year.

As Co-President of the League for the areas of Administration, Membership and Community Education, I want to give you some idea of what my responsibilities cover. Although Susan and I will share many areas of responsibility -- like working with our Treasurer and Financial Committee, our Secretary, and facilitation of board meetings -- we do oversee specific areas.

My areas include Membership (Amanda Pelch), Data Administration (Linda Mayo and Suzanne Brothen, snow bird from Minnesota). Communications such as Channel Voter and e-messages (Vicki Allen) and the Website (Bonnie Lassen). Many of our areas overlap, but Voter Service, led by Janice Rorick, is quite distinctly educational and service oriented.

Each area of the League has a very talented leader who implements the mission through his or her work. Training for our Board and members is planned in committee and with the help of many supportive leaders including our state Management Training Advisor (MTA), Chris Carson, who has volunteered many hours for training our League members, traveling to SB from her home League in Burbank. We had an

outstanding meeting with Chris and several of our own League members in August to learn how to take action for the League.

We have a strong Board of Directors and talented members who make up committees and assume Off-Board Positions. Your

Directory will help you understand our organization, which is based on our positions at the local, state and national levels. Our 2013-14 board was elected at the Annual Meeting in early June and has been working during the summer to ready our fall calendar of events.

Many of you have been registering voters at the Tuesday and Saturday Farmers Markets. Our website team is continuing to develop a new local "members-only website" with communications about new volunteer opportunities, study updates, and committee meetings and how to contact us.

I'm sure you will want to attend the first Community Forum of the year on Sept. 18 to catch up with important announcements and to get an update on "Climate Realities and Our Responsibilities."

I look forward to seeing you at the forums. And I also would like to work with you this year. Give me a call or email with your special interests.

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

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What Are the Issues?

Here is the 2013-15 focus from the LWV California Convention, May 17-19, 2013

Summary:

Retain all existing positions (see online <http://ca.lwv.org>). At the bottom of the page click on Natural Resources, Social Policy, and Government to see all positions.

Issues for Education and Advocacy 2013-15:

1. Money in Politics: Continue the current focus on action in the state legislature. Provide opportunities for local Leagues to participate in both advocacy and community education projects.
2. Education: Financing of education, from early childhood through high school. The importance of maintaining the educational content and quality of all early childhood programs. Provide opportunities for local Leagues to participate in both advocacy and community education projects.

3. A Second tier of focus: Health Care and Water. These will be acted on as opportunities arise, and if they do not interfere with activities on the higher priority issues, and when it appears that LWVC can make an impact.

- a. Health Care: Community education about the Affordable Care Act and continued education and advocacy on a single payer option for California.
- b. Water: Community education and advocacy in preparation for the expected water bond measure on the 2014 ballot.

Finally: The Non-Recommended item which was adopted with an exciting Reconsideration Vote which required a 3/5 vote (of 100 Yes, to 65 No) was: A study of public higher education to include the California Community Colleges, University of California and California State University Systems.

Joanie Jones, Convention Delegate

Leading the Charge for Change

By attending this convention, one discovers how all the pieces fit together; being there is a learning experience about the League process. Leaguers reached down deep for stamina as the three-day convention was hard work; beginning promptly at 7:30 a.m. continuing until 10:30 in the evening.

The LWVC convention was held in San Jose. Dolce Hayes Mansion, a 100-year old estate upgraded and transformed into a luxurious hotel and conference center, housed and fed the delegates. Sixty-seven California leagues and nearly 300 people participated.

Our state League can take a bow for its dynamic leadership led by President Jennifer Waggoner whose qualifications exceed her youthful years, and Melissa Breach, a joyful, sharp minded, newly-hired executive director. The San Jose League was ever so generous with its time, hosting us to a marvelous tour of the downtown and dinner at the Bella Mia.

The convention's priority is to adopt agreed-upon issues. State and local Leagues will mutually focus their bi-annual efforts on these. If you recall, last January our units prioritized a long list of programs; they are then tallied with all other local leagues. The Board, using a

weighted and rather complex formula, chooses the issues that are adopted by the delegates.

Exciting, as only a democratic process can be, a "dark horse" program entered the race from the floor for approval by the delegate majority and won by a nose! (on public higher education).

Each day at lunch we were treated to dynamic speakers. Ann Ravel, Chair of the California Fair Political Practices Commission, talked about how Supreme Court's Citizens United decision was "absurd, resulting in corrupting the political system and causing more public disassociation from the government." President Obama recently tapped her to head the Federal Election Commission. She said that current disclosure statements, if any, are difficult to access and public funding is unpopular. The next day Chris Hoene, Executive Director, California State Budget Project, spoke of the budget process and pitfalls.

The workshops and caucuses held before and after the plenary sessions, provided in-depth study by experts on diverse topics. For example, Smart Voter, social media, video pros & cons, guide to the State budget, health care reform. Caucuses concentrated on truth in the media, carbon emissions, gun control, instant election runoff, water quality and sources.

One workshop was "How to Raise \$25,000 in Six Weeks," presented by Kim Klein, who was funny, sharp and creative. She has a formula that yields results adapting large fundraising techniques to smaller social change nonprofits. She told us that corporations are in general very stingy giving about five percent of all donations from the private sector contributions (2011) of over \$298 billion.

Another caucus, "I Can Bank On-line; Why Can't I Vote On-Line,?" was led by Barbara Simons who enlightened us on the enormous pitfalls of online voting. She also said that banks have mammoth resources with which to cover their hacker losses, silently, maintaining a clean reputation while online voting does not have this advantage.

Jane Benefield, Convention Delegate



Local Convention Delegates

Help On National Voter Registration Day

Sept. 24 is National Voter Registration Day and we are looking for more volunteers to help with registration at various sites on that day.

Voter Service directors and LWV volunteers conducted voter registration activities at the Santa Barbara Farmers Markets Tuesday and Saturday and at the Carpinteria Farmers Market during the month of August. Several registration forms were filled out on site and returned to the Election Office. Volunteers also reminded passersby of the need for current addresses on their registration and distributed forms to people who had moved since the last election.

Please contact me if you can help with this effort: janror@aol.com.

Janice Rorick, Co-Chair, Voter Service

Become An Observer

The League Observer Corps was established to monitor the activities of local commissions and boards such as City Councils, Board of Supervisors, Housing Authority, Board of Architectural Review, Planning Commissions, and SBCAG, to name just a few.

If we did not keep tabs on these boards in our country, democracy could slip away from us, so you can see why an Observer Corps is so necessary. Our League needs a few more volunteers to take on this responsibility. Generally, boards meet a maximum of once a week, but most meet only once a month. Important meetings can be identified by subscribing to their emails so that we can cover those as necessary.

If you would be able to help us out with this work, please contact me at cherplan2@cox.net.

Cheryl Rogers, Chair, Observer Corps

Join The Web Team and Visit the New Website

Our LWVSB website is being redesigned and updated! Go to www.lwvsantabarbara.org at any time to see what the team has been doing.

Webmaster Bonnie Lassen, who is also Co-Chair of Voter Service, is a retired educator and a graduate of Syracuse University. She says her life work has been teaching students the use of information.

Bonnie has been improving the web with Jennifer Holland of RC Graphics and Consulting Inc., who brings a wealth of knowledge, experience and perspective to the team.

Lesley Alexander has retired from her position as webmaster, but not given up working on the website. The calendar section is in good hands with this website veteran, who has also had considerable experience on Smart Voter.

If you would like to join the team, contact wm@lwvsantabarbara.org. In addition to the calendar, Channel Voters and other sections, there is now a link to the "Know Your Government," a guide to county government, the City of Carpinteria, Carpinteria Valley and Summerland, on the site's Home Page.



Bonnie Lassen



Lesley Alexander



Jennifer Holland

Sign Up For National Agricultural Update Study

A committee will soon be forming to study many important agricultural issues—including genetically modified organisms (GMOs), herbicides, pesticides, food labeling, current financing, crop subsidies, consolidation, and the federal regulatory process. There will be an update of the LWVUS 1988 agricultural position.

If you are interested in sharing your knowledge and also learning, contact Co-President Joanie Jones.

State Convention Highlights *cont.*

Our California Budget 2013-14

One of the gems of the LWVCA convention was a dinner speech by Christopher Hoene of the non-profit California Budget Project (www.cbp.org). He gave an understandable picture of a very complex thing--the state budget.

On the positive side; this is the first time since the downturn with an approximately balanced budget without major cuts to programs, that passed on time. With Governor Brown's Prop 30 money some new funds are going to education, expanding Medi-Cal, and starting to pay down our debt. On the negative side the budget is smaller than it was six years ago. Many programs have been cut and many of the support programs are less able to care for Californians in the most need.

Hoene made the point that a budget is a statement of our moral priorities. A major issue negotiated this summer was to phase out the funds going to enterprise zones and replace them with a new California business incentive program that allows more to go to support programs.

Besides the website listed above for the CA Budget Project, there are a number of other sites for information on the state budget: the League's Easy Voter Guide site has a good brochure. (See "Get the Facts" at www.easyvoterguide.org), Legislative Analyst's Office (www.lao.ca.gov), and California Budget Challenge (www.budgetchallenge.org).

Colin Jones, Convention Delegate

Santa Barbara Candidates Forum: Saturday, Oct. 5, 1:30 p.m. Main Library, Faulkner Gallery

The LWVSB will be sponsoring a candidates forum for the upcoming Santa Barbara City Council election on Saturday, Oct. 5 at 1:30 pm at the Main Library's Faulkner Gallery. This forum will be filmed for presentation on SBTv and on our website.

Please join us to see the many candidates running for the three seats that are open on the council.

Janice Rorick, Co-Chair, Voter Service

Panel on Coastal Protection

The League has always been very supportive of coastal protection. As a long-time member, I have put together two panel discussions called Coastal Treasurers: one about Santa Barbara's Waterfront and the other about the Gaviota Coast.

Since many of you and other community activists have worked hard to protect our unique areas, this class will give you an opportunity to meet some of the key players and hear what they have to say about present and future preservation efforts to maintain these unique resources.

Panelists for the Santa Barbara Waterfront are: Scott Reidman, the new Waterfront Director/Harbormaster; Betsy Cramer, Harbor Commissioner; Greg Gorga, Executive Director of the Martine Museum; and Mick Kronman, Harbor Operations Manager.

Panelists for the Gaviota Coast: Marc Chytilo, Environmental Attorney; Mike Lundsford, Gaviota Coast Conservancy; Guner Tautrim, 7th generation Gaviota Coast Agriculturalist; and Ken Palley, Surfrider Foundation.

This two-part series is on Oct 9 and 16, 5:15-7:15 p.m. at the Schott Campus, Room 31. Since this is a course being offered by the new CLL (Center for Lifelong Learning) you need to register to attend. To do this, go online at www.sbccc.edu/CLL, or stop by the Schott or Wake Campus. The fee for this series is only \$12, because Das Williams, a longtime supporter of coastal protection, has generously underwritten part of the cost of the class.

Since space is limited, I urge you to register now and if you have any questions, please call me.

Cathie McCammon, League Liaison, Naples Coalition

Water, Water – Everywhere?

Water issues have always been a major concern of the League. If you want to know why, come to our water committee meetings, which resumed Aug. 27 after a summer break.

We have been discussing water quality and Chromium 6 in local water. A judge has ordered California to set a standard for the amount of chromium in our water. There are two sources of contamination—industrial pollution and naturally from rocks. Santa Barbara's chromium comes from rocks beneath our water sources.

The committee examines local, state and national issues. You can always learn something new about water. Join us Tuesday, Sept. 24 at noon at the League office.

*Joan Kerns & Pat Shewczyk
Water Committee Co-Chairs*

LWVUS Action Alert: Tell Congress to fix the Voting Rights Act

Earlier this summer the U.S. Supreme Court erased fundamental protections against racial discrimination in voting that have been critical in protecting our democracy.

The damage to the VRA can and must be fixed – Congress has the power to act swiftly to restore the effectiveness of the Voting Rights Act. Tell your members of Congress to work quickly to repair and restore the VRA.

Before adjourning for the August recess, both the Senate and the House of Representatives held hearings to begin discussing solutions to discrimination at the polls and the path forward for the VRA. We were encouraged by what we witnessed. Members from both sides of the aisle were expressing a need to address the Supreme Court's mistake and vowing to ensure our elections are free, fair and accessible to all citizens.

Join with the League of Women Voters and thank your elected officials for starting the process to fix the VRA and encourage them to repair and restore it quickly: <http://participate.lwv.org>. After the Governor of North Carolina signed what has been termed the nation's most suppressive voter bill into law, the League of Women Voters of North Carolina filed a federal lawsuit to challenge the voting restrictions as racially discriminatory.

Our 75th Birthday

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of our Santa Barbara League. Starting with this issue of the Channel Voter, we will be featuring historical anecdotes, reminiscences of past presidents and the personal stories of some of our amazing life members who have been Leaguers for 50 or more years.

How the League Began

When the League of Women Voters of Santa Barbara was forming in 1938, the recession continued and the stock market reached its lowest point in four years. That spring President Roosevelt asked Congress to finance relief measures and public works projects. In Europe, German Chancellor Adolf Hitler annexed Austria and then occupied the Sudetenland in Czechoslovakia.

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How the League Began *(Continued from page 5)*

In April, 1938 the vote was unanimous to appoint a committee to consider forming a local unit of the League of Women Voters (which had been founded in 1920). Officers of the State League came to a meeting at Santa Barbara State College to explain the organization to 57 interested women.

“The women who in 1920 organized this league realized their first task was to get out the voters,” said Mrs. Warner Clerk of San Francisco (how she was identified by the News Press). “It was not an easy matter to swing into activity a group that had never voted before. They didn’t want them to go to the ballot box without information, and out of this idea has grown a great responsible organization that not only votes but acts to promote responsible participation in elections.”

The northern district vice president added, “Politicians are what we make them and if you wish to be a member of a better element join such organizations as the League of Women Voters.” The state president, Mrs. Carl Voss (the former Esther Adams of Santa Barbara) was the main speaker at the meeting.

LWVSB’s first president was Winifred Frye of the State College Home Economics Department (1938-1940). In the new decade of the 40s, she was followed by Alice McLaren, Dr. Helen Sweet, Louise MacLeod, Helen Murphy, Jeanette Ellison, Floralyn Conway, and Elisabetta Henderson. It took ten years of probationary status for our League to be elevated to an active chapter of the national organization. The membership then was 101.

Of those early days, Dr. Sweet wrote, members started the Voter Information Center and Meet the Candidates meetings. “Many people dropped in to see what it was all about—men who wanted to talk and read, and many who asked about the League. We had League material on its studies of pros and cons on propositions as well as legislative briefs and candidate materials. We invited all candidates at the local level to speak for themselves at a public meeting held in the Alhecama Center. Not a man came, even though they accepted our invitation.”

And then there were the rats. Led by Betty Henderson, later League president, “we were instrumental indirectly, in getting a California State Health Department team into the county to inspect the potential for (rats transmitting) bubonic plague through the vectors (disease carriers).” The League put out flyers on how to get rid of rats.

The meetings at that time were small, the board had no more than five members, and 30 was considered a good crowd at a general meeting. There were somewhere around 75 members. They met in each other’s houses, had study groups, began to take stands on propositions, and observed the sessions of local governing bodies.

By 1948, there were six UN workshops, three on City Charter, and seven on state and national fiscal policies. LWVSB was one of the first to study and define “smog.” Our local League was off to a good start.

Vicki Allen, Channel Voter Editor, from the Santa Barbara Chapter League of Women Voters



Voter Registration Table at Santa Barbara Farmers Market

An Invitation From Our Neighbors

The League of Women Voters of Ventura County invites LWVSB members to attend the first general meeting of the year Saturday, Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Ojai Valley Women’s Club, 411 E. Ojai Ave., Ojai.

The Membership Meeting will begin with coffee and pastries, followed by a business meeting. Members with 30 or more years in the League will be recognized and new members will be introduced. Lottie Fox, a member of Ruth S. Shur Fellows, will speak, followed by a brown-bag lunch.

If you are interested in attending, contact Joanie Jones.



The League and our coalition partners held a farewell party for Sheila Kamhi, League office manager and former President, who has moved to Sacramento.

MEMBERSHIP FORM to join LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SANTA BARBARA

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

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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

Memberships renew or expire Sept. 1, 2013. This year we mailed the membership renewal letter and information with the Annual Meeting documents. This was done to save on volunteer efforts.

We currently have 270 members. Bring your friends to a League event in September and introduce them to the League. To date we have 120 renewals paid for the 2013-14 LWVSB year so 44 percent have renewed. By the time you receive this Channel Voter those who have dues owing should have received either a reminder email or dues due letter. We look forward to receiving your dues renewal.

I would also like to have any comments regarding the new process of membership renewal. Did you like getting the dues renewal request with your Annual Meeting Packet? Please let me know: email: apelch@yahoo.com.

Our new Members Only website will allow you to do this online through Pay Pal. We hope this will make the renewal process even easier.

Please renew your membership now! I will be accepting membership renewal payments at our Sept. 18 Community Forum and I am looking forward to seeing our members that day.

Our newest members: Linda Melsher, Linda Reimel, Meagan Diaz Alley

In Memoriam:
 Pat Bennett and Dolores Hanrahan

Amanda Pelch, Membership Development

Stay Informed

If you want the latest information about the League and have access to a computer, go to the websites. On the LWVC and LWVUS sites you can choose the action alerts and issues you want updates on. Click "Get Involved" and then "Stay Connected" on the national lwv.org website. On the state's lwvc.org, find "Stay Informed" at the top right and then select your issues.

You can also follow LWVUS President Elisabeth MacNamara's blog on www.huffingtonpost.com/elisabeth-macnamara. On this page you can request regular updates from her by email.

If you want to contact your elected officials, go to our LWVsanta-barbara.org for phone numbers and emails.

Be sure to look for email messages from "LWV of Santa Barbara." And follow us on Facebook and Twitter.



League members plan for the year.



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CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2013: NO DISCUSSION UNITS

- 14 Saturday: LWVSB Board meeting, 10 a.m., League Office** at 328 A East Carrillo, Suite A.
- 18 Wednesday: Community Forum: "Climate Realities and Our Responsibilities," 12-2 p.m., Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De la Vina St.;** brown bag lunch; free and open to the public. Speakers **Katie Davis** and **Nathan Alley**.
- 24 Tuesday: Local voter registration for National Voter Registration Day.** Contact Janice Rorick to volunteer and for information about places and times.
- 28 Saturday: LWVVC, meeting, 10-noon, Ojai Valley Women's Club.**

OCTOBER 2013 DISCUSSION UNITS: Fracking in California

- 1 Tuesday: Supper Unit, 5:30 p.m., Madame Lu's Restaurant, 3524 State St.,** Contact Karen Bunker, 967-0838.
- 5 Saturday: Forum for Santa Barbara City Council candidates, 1:30 p.m., Main Library, Faulkner Gallery.**

- 9 Wednesday: Carpinteria Unit, 10 a.m., Carpinteria Women's Club, 1059 Vallecito Rd.** Contact Barbara Godley, 969-9942.
- 10 Thursday: Screening of the film "Girl Rising,"** honoring International Day of the Girl. The documentary examines the challenges faced by girls worldwide. 6 p.m. social gathering and refreshments; 6:30 film. Jefferson Hall, Unitarian Society, 1535 Santa Barbara St. The free event is sponsored by the League, AAUW at the main library's Faulkner Gallery.
- 12 Saturday: LWVSB Board meeting, 10 a.m., League Office** at 328 A East Carrillo, Suite A.
- 14 Monday: Valle Verde Unit, noon-2 p.m.** in private dining room off breezway (parking in front lot), 900 Calle de los Amigos. Brown bag lunch. Contact Joan Kerns.
- 16 Wednesday: Community Forum: "Girls Rising," with panelists** discussing the issues and programs for girls in our community; **12-2 p.m., Louise Lowry Davis Center, 1232 De la Vina St.;** brown bag lunch; free and open to the public. Co-sponsored with AAUW.

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