



Santa Cruz Voter

League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz County

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Mad As Hell Doctors to Entertain and Inspire Us

The Mad As Hell Doctors, a group of physicians on tour, will present a lively program in support of single payer health care insurance.

Monday, September 27, 7-9 p.m.
First Congregational Church
900 High Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

The League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz County is co-sponsoring the event with the local chapter of Healthcare for All, a California single payer advocacy group. Assemblymember Bill Monning is scheduled to be the Master of Ceremonies for what promises to be an entertaining and informative program, including well-known local physicians, music and a short video. Come and learn about efforts to establish single payer health care in California.

The event is free and open to the public. Donations gladly accepted to cover expenses. Parking is available at the First Congregational Church as well as two other locations: the Lutheran Church across the street and the High Street Community Church next door.

Emphasis on Voter Service This Fall

The next few months will be an exciting time to be a League member. League is best known for the work we do to educate voters and this will be our big push in September and October. We need your help in Voter Registration, presenting ballot measure Pros & Cons and facilitating Candidate Forums. These are ideal jobs for those of you with limited time because you can name the time you are available to help with one or more events. Please call Morgan Rankin, 426-6412 or Pam Newbury, 423-6904 or email Pam at pknewbury@earthlink.net to volunteer.

President's Report

The League was visibly active this summer organizing a televised candidates' forum for the 15th State Senate District Special General Election. The League partnered with the Santa Cruz Weekly newspaper to co-sponsor the forum. This special election was held to fill the Senate seat held formerly by Abel Maldonado who was appointed Lt. Governor by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger earlier this year. The gerrymandered district stretches from Santa Clara County to Santa Barbara County.

The forum was hosted by Cabrillo College and held in the Music Recital Hall of the new Visual and Performing Arts Complex. It was broadcast live by KUSP public radio and television stations KION and KCOY, which made it possible for viewers to watch and listen to the debate throughout the Central Coast. The League's SmartVoter.org and CAVotes.org websites each carried a link to the KION video of the forum. If you would like to view the one-hour video, click the link below.

Over 40 individuals contributed their time and expertise to producing this forum as a public service. The project provided a wonderful opportunity to build working relationships with members of other Leagues, the media, and members of the community. Please see a list of the organizations and individuals who participated by clicking the link to the Forum Credits below. My sincere thanks to everyone involved.

Our fall program will start off with an informative and entertaining visit by the Mad as Hell Doctors promoting single-payer health care. Please see the announcement of this September 27 event in this *VOTER*. I hope to see you there.

Jan Karwin, President

Link to one-hour Forum video: <http://www.kionrightnow.com/Global/story.asp?S=12919872>

Link to Forum Credits: <http://lwnet.org/ca/santacruz/files/ForumCredits8-12-2010.pdf>

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Membership News

Welcome new and returning members:

Sandra Bacon	Karin Grobe
Patricia Bowers	Geri McGillicuddy
Judith Brock	Lesley Miller
Julie Erreca	Terry Simmons

We're delighted that you've joined us during this interesting and exciting time of fall elections, involvement in health care and absorbing water issues.

To meet each other and discuss League basics, please join me at my East Side Santa Cruz home for an informal coffee, either on Tuesday, September 7 at 1 p.m. or Friday, September 10 at 10 a.m.

Please call 426-4526 or email krze4kats@sbcglobal.net for directions. I hope you can attend!

Eloise Graham
1st Vice President
Membership Chair

Membership Renewals Due

Just a reminder for all you seasoned League members: if you haven't already sent in your 2010/2011 LWV membership renewal check, it should be mailed this month to our Treasurer Sandy Warren, 150 Scenic St., Santa Cruz 95060.

If your contact information has changed in the last year, please use the membership coupon printed below.

Yard Sale Fundraiser

Saturday, October 9
9 a.m. to Noon
The Circle Church yard
111 Errett Circle, Santa Cruz 95060

Donations are needed for a fun and efficient sale table to benefit the League's program efforts. Call Morgan Rankin, 426-6412 to offer your donations.

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Join the League of Women Voters

Membership in the League of Women Voters is open to men and women of voting age who are U.S. citizens. Others are welcome to join the League as associate members. Send your check payable to the League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz County or LWVSCC with this form to our League Treasurer Sandra Warren, 150 Scenic Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

_____ \$65 Individual annual membership Name: _____

_____ \$97.50 Two members in a household Address: _____

_____ Contribution \$ _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Checks made out to LWVSCC are not Telephone: _____

To make a tax-deductible donation, E-mail: _____

write a separate check to LWV Education Fund. We do not share your personal contact information with other organizations.

Invite Your Neighbors and Friends

Who do you know who would enjoy a variety of topics important to our community? Invite him or her to go with you to League meetings this fall.

Let's all share the resources and information available to us by bringing others and encouraging them to join the League.

For even more League camaraderie, and to lower your carbon footprint, carpool to a League meeting with members who live near you.

Positions on State Ballot Measures

The League's positions on the November 2 ballot measures can be found on the LWVC website. To download a copy of the League's recommendations, click here:

<http://ca.lwv.org/action/prop1011/2010-11-02-the-league-recommends.pdf>

UN Shop Needs Volunteers

Help is desperately needed to staff the unique United Nations gift shop located at 903 Pacific Ave. in downtown Santa Cruz. Call Barbara Oldden, a League member for 50 plus years, at 462-0503.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September

Tuesday, Sept. 7, 1-2:30 p.m.

Informal New Member Coffee
Home of Eloise Graham
Call 426-4526 for directions.

Friday, Sept. 10, 10-11:30 a.m.

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Tuesday, Sept. 14, 1-3 p.m.

League Board Meeting at Santa Cruz County Bank
720 Front Street, Santa Cruz 95060

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October

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Thursday, Oct. 14, 1-3 p.m.

November Ballot Propositions Pros and Cons
Aptos Branch Library
7695 Soquel Drive, Aptos 95003