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League of Women Voters of Santa Cruz County

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STATE LEAGUE PROGRAM PLANNING

Thursday, January 20, 1-3 p.m.
150 Scenic St., Santa Cruz, 95060

This is your opportunity to review State League positions, recommend changes or updates as well as to suggest new California studies for 2011-12.

Follow this link: <http://ca.lwv.org/lwvonly/progplan/index.html> and select Program Planning Kit to learn how the LWVC program begins with our grass roots planning.

VALENTINE PARTY & CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Saturday, February 12, 11a.m. to 2 p.m.
University Inn & Conference Center
611 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz 95060
Buffet luncheon cost is \$20

You are invited to our spectacular Valentine Party Fundraiser and Centennial celebration in honor of California women winning the right to vote. Robert P.J. Cooney, Jr, author of *Winning the Vote: The Triumph of the American Women Suffrage Movement*, will be the special guest speaker at this event.

Invite your friends to this fun and informative event. Reservations are being taken now through February 5 by mailing your check for \$20 for each attendee, made out to LWVSCC to 150 Scenic Street, Santa Cruz, 95060. To print an informational flier to share with others, click here: [Centennial Celebration](#).

The fund raising is super easy! Love the League by donating a silent auction Valentine gift such as home baked goodies, a box of chocolates, gift certificates or wine for someone else to buy while you bid on other Valentine donations. For suggestions on what to donate to the silent auction, click here: [Valentine Silent Auction](#). For more information, contact Maria Nesheim, Program Co-Chair at 662-8845.

President's Message

January 2011

I'm pleased to report that our local League starts the new calendar year in better financial shape thanks to generous donations from many of our members this past month. My sincere thanks to all of you who helped our League make progress in balancing our fiscal year budget.

Now we can look forward to the excellent meetings being planned for the next few months. Coming up on January 20 is the important State Program Planning when all local Leagues in California decide at the grass roots level where they would like to see our State League focus its resources over the next two years. What comes out of these local League planning meetings also will provide direction to delegates attending the State League Convention in May. If you plan to make a specific proposal, please contact the meeting facilitator Ann Wise so that she can make time for you on the agenda. Ann's email address is: cwise95006@aol.com.

On Saturday, February 12 we will celebrate the centennial year of California women winning the right to vote. A "Loving the League" valentine luncheon with silent auction will be held at the University Inn and Conference Center with guest speaker Robert P.J. Cooney, Jr., author of *Winning the Vote: The Triumph of the American Women Suffrage Movement*. Please plan to get your reservations in early as we anticipate interest from the larger community. And I hope you will plan to bring a prospective new member—your son or daughter, niece or nephew, co-worker, friend or neighbor. To download a luncheon flyer click here: [Centennial Celebration](#)

I look forward to seeing you at our fun and informative events this year.

Jan Karwin, President

PRO-CHOICE BRUNCH

Ensuring Choice In A Time Of Challenge And Change

Saturday, January 22, 2011 at 10 a.m.

United Methodist Church, 250 California St., Santa Cruz 95060

The Reproductive Rights Network, of which our League is a member, invites you to attend this annual event. Assemblymember Bill Monning, 27th Assembly District, will be the keynote speaker on the 38th anniversary of the landmark Roe v. Wade decision. Sliding scale donation: \$10- \$25. For more information and reservations, go to (<http://www.wlsc.org/rrnbrunch2011flyer.pdf>) or call 423-2356

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MEMBERSHIP

I'd like to add my thanks to our many members who donated so generously. Your financial gifts strengthen our local League, making it possible for us to fulfill our mission statement, found at the bottom of page four.

Be sure to attend the February 12th Valentine Party & Centennial Celebration. Here's your chance to raise money and have fun too. This delightful event is an opportunity to connect with old friends and to meet our new members.

Right now, you might be asking yourself, "Why so much fundraising? We pay dues." The facts are, because the League is also a National and State organization, along with hundreds of local Leagues throughout the country, we contribute \$23 per member to our own California League and \$29.60 per member to the LWVUS. This money is well spent, enabling the League of Voters to be a significant force on all levels. Our local League also receives extensive information, education and support for our dollars. Still, that leaves us with only \$14.40 for each member who pays the full amount, and some members are in lesser amount dues categories. This is not much on which to run a busy organization. That's why we ask for your support, both in a serious letter and in a celebratory, happy way. Thank you for all you do for your League!

Eloise Graham, First Vice-President, Membership

VOUNTEER JOBS DESPERATELY SEEKING HELP

2011 brings opportunities to revive rusty skills, assist the League, add to your resume, and have fun too. The following positions are open and ready for you. Training and job sharing is available so you won't have to go it alone. Brief job descriptions are found in the November/December 2010 Voter. Respond to league@lwvsc.org or Jan Karwin at 460-1714.

Smart Voter Coordinator

Voter Editor

Assistant Secretary

Membership Assistant

Webmaster

Public Relations Coordinator

Membership Data Base Assistant

NEW MEMBER SPECIAL: ½ price dues! Only for New Members, January to June dues just \$32.50.

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: _____

___ \$30 Student Membership

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

___ Contribution \$ _____

Telephone: _____

Checks made out to LWVSCC are not tax deductible.

E-mail: _____

To make a tax-deductible donation, write a separate check to LWV Education Fund.

We do not share personal contact information with other organizations.

Do You Live in Capitola?

For the first time in more than 20 years, the City of Capitola will be updating its General Plan which will address the key issues of enhancement of the 41st and Bay Avenue commercial corridors, parking and hotel development in the Village, promoting environmental and economic sustainability and preparation of a Climate Action Plan.

Throughout the process, the City will host meetings and workshops to obtain public input. The first public workshop is planned for March, 2011. Information about General Plan Update events will be posted on the project website, www.plancapitola.com. For further information, contact Derek Johnson, Community development director, at 475-7300 or djohnson@ci.capitola.ca.us.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

January 2011

Tues., Jan. 11, 1-3 p.m. League Board Meeting at Santa Cruz County Bank
720 Front St., Santa Cruz, 95060

Thurs., Jan. 20, 1-3 p.m. State League Program Planning
Home of Sandy Warren, 150 Scenic St., SC 95060
Moderated by Ann Wise

February 2011

Tues., Feb. 8, 1-3 p.m. League Board Meeting at Santa Cruz County Bank
720 Front St., Santa Cruz, 95060

Sat., Feb. 12, 11a.m.-2 p.m. Valentine Party & Centennial Celebration
University Inn & Conference Center
611 Ocean St., Santa Cruz, 95060

March 2011

Thurs., Mar. 3, 1-3 p.m. Local League Program Planning
Moderated by Barbara Lewis
Home of Sandy Warren, 150 Scenic St., SC 95060

Tues., Mar. 8, 1-3 p.m. League Board Meeting at Santa Cruz County Bank
720 Front St., Santa Cruz, 95060

Sat., Mar. 26, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Hot Topics Lunch With The League:
The State of our Public Library System
Teresa Landers, Director of the Santa Cruz
County Public Libraries, Guest Speaker
Bruno's Barbeque, Kings Village Center
230G Mt.Herman Rd., Scotts Valley, 95066

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.