



THE VOTER

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President's Letter by Joan Eisenhower

We have a Spring Calendar that is filling up and we are looking for a few good members to step up and participate.

On Sunday, April 22 we will be teaming up with San Diego League and North County League to participate in the Earth Day Celebration at Balboa Park. Please contact our Natural Resources Chair, Pat Misner if you would like to participate.

Grossmont College Student Leaders are coordinating a voter registration/education drive on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 from 10am-2pm on campus. If you would like to help with the registration or guide students through the Smart Voter website please contact our Voter Services Chair, Sandy Cavanaugh or our Smart Voter Rep, Marietta Lassaline

I have been contacted by San Diego League regarding the legislative interviews for the 77th and 78th Assembly Districts. If you have experience with conducting legislative interviews, and you have time to help with the interviews, please contact Sandy Cavanaugh. The inter-



views have to be completed by February 29th.

We have also been asked to submit suggestions to the ILO for use of the Miner Bequest – please see the article in this voter for details. We have a chance to make a difference with this bequest, and I hope our East County League can make some valuable suggestions.

Remember, our Board Meetings are held at 5 pm on the second Thursday of each month at the Helix Boardroom. We welcome any of our members to join us. Look for information on our Annual Meeting in the next Voter. We will be voting on the merge with San Diego League at our annual meeting this year.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Feb 9—5 pm Board Meeting at Helix Water District 7811 University Avenue, La Mesa

Feb 4 9-2:30 LWVC Southern Regional Meeting in Laguna Beach (see page 3)

Feb 16—12 noon Unit Meeting on Privatization at the El Cajon Library
As more and more government services including education are outsourced to private company, what are the short and long-term affects?



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JANUARY UNIT MEETING

The January Unit Meeting was one of our best attended with 19 people from the East County League and the San Diego League. Mr. Roy Davis gave an excellent presentation on oil and gas production.

Mr. Davis worked for many years in offshore oil production. He explained the different methods of removing the oil including perforation and fracking where an access tube is inserted and then explosions are set off fracturing the rock. Water is then injected to force the oil out the production tube. His specific job was the removal of the sulfate from the seawater to prevent barium sulfate scale from forming and clogging the tube. He explained that as the easy to reach oil reservoirs are depleted,

the price will rise but there is still as much oil left as we have produced in the past (one trillion barrels).


Mr. Davis explained about the



dirty oil from tar sands in Canada. This is the oil that the XL Keystone Pipeline would carry to the refineries in the Gulf states. When asked why a refinery couldn't be built at the Canadian border, the answer was money.

The pipeline is cheaper than a refinery. Another reason is that if the US doesn't buy this oil, China has expressed an interest in taking it from the port of Vancouver.

Mr. Davis also reviewed gas shale, coalbed methane, and oil shale production. An interesting point made was that because the US had so much cheap fuel, it developed differently than European countries. We expanded our cities outward because we could easily drive. We don't have the public transportation systems that other countries have for the same reason. We still have relatively inexpensive gas. In Norway gas is \$7.45 per gallon with \$5.40 of that for taxes. Brazil's gas per gallon is \$5.70. Something to think about next time you fill up!


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| <p style="text-align: center;">—</p> <p>LWV San Diego County By Roni Seay, President</p> <p>There are so many special interest groups and individuals trying to pressure the Board of Supervisors that the few “good government” groups like the League are needed to draw attention to their actions. Please don’t forget to read the County <i>Voter</i> inserted in this issue and find out what we’re working on.</p> | <p>Before you participate in County League Program Planning you’ll need to read the background information found in the County League Voter.</p> <p>Several years ago, LWV of San Diego County received a bequest to be used to help Local Leagues with special educational projects that would also make League more visible in San Diego County. Recently the funds have been used to fund scholarships. County League would like <i>all League</i></p> | <p><i>members</i> to make suggestions for using these funds. The Local League Presidents will forward input from their members to the County League Board.</p> <p>By mid-February you will receive a packet for an “Opportunity Drawing” for valuable gift certificates. It is County League’s only fundraiser and your participation is greatly appreciated. It is also an opportunity to win something nice for yourself.</p> |
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League of Women Voters of California Southern Regional Meeting

Saturday, February 4, 2012 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The LWVC Southern Regional Meeting will be held at the Neighborhood Congregational Church at 340 Saint Ann’s Drive in Laguna Beach.

Topics will include

- Rules Have Changed: The 2012 Elections
 Preparing for California’s 2012 Elections and anticipating a flood of ballot measures
- Water—Which Way Do We Swim?
- The California State Budget—It’s Broken
 What the League and the public can do to fix the problem
- The “Observer Corps” - A Winner for the Public and the League

The price is \$30 per person or \$15 if you bring your own lunch. Register by mailing the form below to Diane Thomas, 2506 Calle Jade, San Clemente, CA 92673. Questions? Contact Bea Field at 949-276-7555 or bfield@cox.net

 I will attend and buy lunch. I prefer: (circle one) Chicken Tostada Vegetarian Tostada

I will attend and bring my lunch Make Check payable to LWVC

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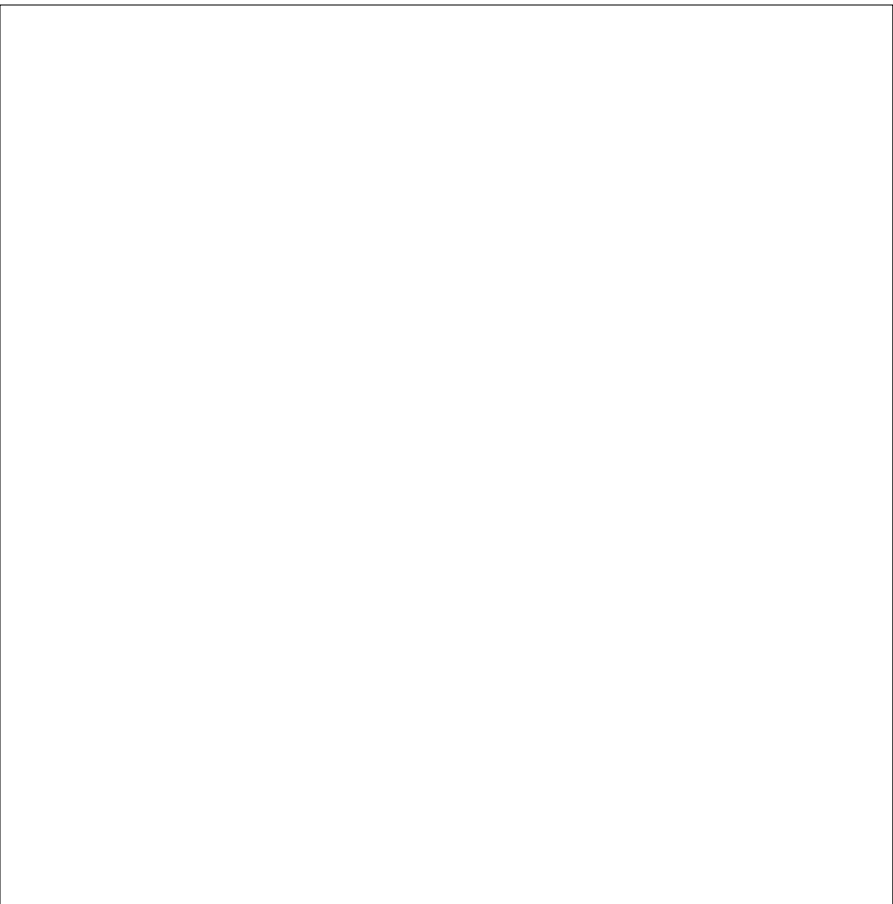
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