



The Voter

Kick-off celebrates Women's Suffrage Centennial

LWVSJC celebrated the Centennial of Women's Suffrage in California with a kick-off meeting at Delicato Winery on September 17.

Professor Lynn Hawley, Women in History Specialist from San Joaquin Delta College, gave an entertaining presentation including facts about San Joaquin County's role in the California suffrage movement.

The suffrage issue first appeared on a California ballot in 1896, and the campaign brought suffragist Elizabeth Cady Stanton to Stockton.

The Stockton Record was the first newspaper in the state to come out in favor of votes for women, and its publisher, Irving Martin, was a steadfast supporter. Stockton was the site of a 3-day Equal Suffrage Convention in 1910, with the Record devoting three full pages to reports on the convention every day.

The California Equal Suffrage Association organized local Votes for Women Clubs all over the state, a grassroots effort that helped large numbers of women to influence their husbands, brothers, and sons to vote for suffrage. And hard as it is to imagine today, with women's high level of involvement in politics and government, suffragists in Sacramento had to lobby from the mail room of the Capitol because women were not allowed on the floor of the legislature.

Informative and entertaining, the kick-off meeting was also LWVSJC's first fund-raiser of the year. After deducting costs, some of them covered by members' in-kind donations, the League netted \$676.



*Left to right: Cindy Milford, Professor Lynn Hawley, board member Professor Jeanne-Marie Velickovic, Marilyn Wylie.
Photo by Ronda Sanders.*



President's Message

The September meeting at the Delicato Winery was a great start to a new year for the San Joaquin County League of Women Voters. Many thanks to the Manteca League members - Cate White, Bea Lingenfelter, and Vicki Markarian - for their efforts in making it a success, and to all the other League members who assisted with the planning and execution.

The event was in celebration of 100 years of women's right to vote in California and we were fortunate that our Board member Jeanne Marie Velickovic was able to invite the perfect speaker - Professor Lynn Hawley from San Joaquin Delta College. From her we learned that San Joaquin County women had a lot of influence with their husbands, fathers and brothers 100 years ago - the men in this county voted overwhelmingly to extend the right to vote to women!

Professor Hawley ended the speech with the comment that the League of Women Voters was founded a few years after. Our League predecessors knew that obtaining the right to vote carried the responsibility of being informed and active participants in the political process. That philosophy continues to this day and is why I continue to be a member of the League of Women Voters.

Kathy Casenave, President

Meet Board Appointee Sabrina Birmingham

Last month, we introduced Board appointee Angela Arroyo. The League is fortunate to have Sabrina Birmingham serving on the 2011-2012 board as well.

A political science student at San Joaquin Delta College, Sabrina has pitched in to assist with everything from helping type material for last year's annual meeting packet, to staffing a League table at the Lodi Farmer's Market in August, to researching local examples of how one vote can make a difference.

Sabrina is a mother of two as well as a full-time student. Her educational goal is law school, and she would eventually like to specialize in import/export law.



Membership directories available

Many thanks to Ava Langston-Kenney for producing the 2011-2012 Membership Directory. Anyone who has ever taken on a project like this will appreciate the challenge of getting an accurate snapshot of an organization that is changing all the time. But it's worth the effort. We all appreciate being able to keep track of members' contact information in this convenient booklet.

Gearing up for Privatization Study

Privatization of public services is an issue of great interest to many of us in San Joaquin County. This year, LWVSJC will be participating in the Privatization Study being organized by LWVUS. The study will look at policy issues in connection with transferring federal, state, or local government services, assets, and/or functions to the private sector.

See the calendar in this issue for dates scheduled for the Privatization Study. Members interested in helping with the background work for the study can contact President Kathy Casenave, (209) 473-3320, kjcaz@att.net.

Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions is topic of October meeting

League members and others in the community met at Valley Brew in Stockton on Saturday, October 15 for a panel presentation on “Sustainable Communities - What’s Going On With Our Climate?” Facilitator Susan Mora Loyko opened with background on climate change and on AB 32 (2006) and SB 375 (2008), legislation aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) in California.

Then Trevor Atkinson gave an overview of the city of Stockton’s Climate Action Plan Advisory Committee (CAPAC), on which he serves. The CAPAC is charged with coming up with a climate action plan for the city as required by the City’s 2008 settlement agreement with the Attorney General of California and the Sierra Club. Briefly, the City’s General Plan needs to meet GHG targets by reducing vehicle miles traveled through transit options and infill.

Andrew Chesley, Executive Director of the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG), spoke about the ways SB375 is being implemented in San Joaquin County and the San Joaquin Valley. Here, too, this involves reductions in vehicle miles traveled, a challenge because this county is one of the busiest in California for east/west and north/south commercial truck traffic.

Arnaud Marjollet, Permit Services Director for the San Joaquin Valley Air District in Fresno, talked about the use of CEQA (the California Environmental Quality Act) and performance-based standards to reach GHG reduction goals.

The panel concluded with a presentation by Bill Loyko about energy upgrades made to the Stocking home by Sierra Club and LWVSJC member Dale Stocking. The Stockings have just completed the upgrades and are already seeing significant savings in energy and energy costs.

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2011-2012 Calendar

November 19	Begin Privatization Study
December 15	Holiday Party
January 21	Local Program Planning Meeting
January 26	Lunch & Learn: Literacy in San Joaquin County
February 15	Susan B. Anthony Dinner
February 18	Continue Privatization Study
March 17	Continue Privatization Study
April 14	Speaker: Health Care Reform/SB810 Update
April 21 or 22	Earth Day
April 27, 28, and 29	Asparagus Festival
May 17	Lunch & Learn: State Budget May Revise/Update
May 18, 19, and 20	LWVC Leadership Council, Sacramento
June 7	Annual Meeting

The board of directors meets on the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Marie Callender's on March Lane in Stockton. LWVSJC members are welcome.

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

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

General Fund Income and Expenses – FY2010-2011

7/1/2010 through 6/30/2011

INCOME

Annual Meeting	981.00
Donations	205.00
Dues	3,115.00
Insurance Premium Refund	642.92
Ed. Fund Grant	<u>2,015.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	6,958.92

EXPENSES

Administrative	
Rent	600.00
P. O. Box Fee	110.00
Website Fee	160.00
Accounting Services	<u>488.00</u>
TOTAL Administrative	1,358.00
Advocacy	50.00
Annual Meeting and other meal expenses	1,008.56
Awards	19.52
Conferences/Workshops	
2010 Leadership Conference	430.00
2011 LWVC Convention	<u>1,005.90</u>
TOTAL Conferences/Workshops	1,435.90
Insurance and Tax Reporting	180.69
Membership	50.00
Publications	
Electronic Voter Newsletter	99.50
Printing and Postage	<u>270.77</u>
TOTAL Publications	370.27
Per Member Payments	
National PMP	1,722.60
State PMP	<u>1,334.00</u>
TOTAL PMP	3,056.60
Voter Service	<u>155.68</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	7,685.22

OVERALL TOTAL

-726.30

6/30/11 General Fund balance: \$4,444.96

Notes:

Unbudgeted items in the 2010-2011 fiscal year included

- Accounting services to straighten out tax filing issues from 2004-2007.
- Leadership Conference expenses that would normally have been charged to the previous fiscal year.

These expenses were partially offset by an unexpected insurance premium refund from LWVC.

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY LEAGUE FUND (ED FUND)

Income and Expenses – FY2010-2011
7/1/2010 through 6/30/2011

INCOME	
Donations	233.61
Asparagus Festival	696.60
Interest	<u>.07</u>
TOTAL INCOME	930.28
EXPENSES	
Grant to General Fund	2,015.00
Voter Service	40.00
Service Charges	<u>23.90</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,078.90
OVERALL TOTAL	-1,148.62

Net Worth – 6/30/2011

ASSETS	
BBVA Bank Account	1,260.28
CD	<u>10,000.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	11,260.28
LIABILITIES	0.00
OVERALL NET WORTH	11,260.28

ED FUND UPDATE

On September 14, 2011, the Ed Fund's 12-month CD matured, with accumulated interest of \$94.96. Rates of return on certificates of deposit are currently very low at all banking institutions. Rather than tie the money up immediately in a 6- or 9-month CD at a very low rate of return, the board of directors voted to deposit the entire amount in the Ed Fund account while considering alternatives.

At its meeting on November 10, the board of directors will discuss alternatives for generating income from the \$10,000 Ed Fund principal. Anyone wishing to join in that discussion may attend the meeting or contact President Kathy Casenave, (209) 473-3320, kicaz@att.net.