



The Voter

Annual Meeting Reviewed

SICKO!
A film by Michael Moore
Showing at City Center Cinema
Stockton
Starting June 29th

Check with theater for show times

League members enjoyed an evening together while we elected officers, passed a budget and volunteered for next year's projects. Camaraderie and shared outlooks can make rather dull stuff into an interesting evening.



Ann! Peaches Ehrich was elected to continue her position as 1st Vice President and Cate White, board-member with the advocacy portfolio, was elected 2nd Vice President to finish out the term of Lydia Tinder who resigned. Vickie Markarian and Colleen Foster will remain on the board, responsible for voter services and the Voter, respectively. Carolyn Pometta, our liaison with the SJ Commission on the Status of Women, joined the board along with new member Jane Tyack.

Officers and Boardmembers

Ann Pentecost was elected as next year's President. Ann served on the Board for several years as board-member, secretary and treasurer before taking a year off board as our Web master. Welcome back,

Congratulations and thank you to all!



Thanks, too, to retiring board-member, Ursula Meyer, who served 6 years on the Board and to Lydia Tinder who served for 3 years as our 2nd VP in charge of Smart Voter.

Budget

The membership passed the budget for the coming year after discussing the need for a healthy fundraising effort. Our Per Member Payments (PMP) to the state and national

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SAVE THE DATES

Although this League year is winding down, the Board is already planning activities for the new League year. One is a purely social event, the other is our Kickoff General Meeting. We hope you'll be able to attend both events.

*** Get to Know Your Fellow League Members Party:** We're having a social get together on **Saturday, September 15th**

for all League members—and their prospective member guests. Time and place are being decided but it will probably be late afternoon in Stockton. Mark your calendars now!

*** How to Achieve a Better World through SHOPPING.** While the title is fun, the topic is serious. What we buy enables corporations—socially responsible ones and those not responsible—to prosper. On

Wednesday, **September 26th**, Dr. Ellis Jones, UC Davis professor and author of *the better world SHOPPING GUIDE*, will speak to us about the social and environmental responsiveness of businesses and corporations—and how our purchases can make a difference in the global marketplace. He names names! It's advice for advocacy in our everyday lives. Join us!

President's Message — *Colleen Foster*



Democracy is not a spectator sport!

This is my farewell message. After two years as League President, I have turned the gavel over to Ann Pentecost—former League secretary, treasurer, Web master and friend. Ann and I worked together for many years at the Library, as well as on the LWVSJC Board. I know she will be a good leader and I applaud her willingness to take over what can certainly be a daunting job.

I have enjoyed my two years as president—and yes, it *was* a daunting job

often. What made it equally rewarding, however, was the certainty that the League can, has and will make a difference in the communities in which we live—and the opportunity to work with a wonderful group of interesting, concerned, informed and dedicated people. I am grateful for the support of the LWVSJC boardmembers, those who served in off Board positions and those who worked without title but with conviction. To everyone who made our League successful these last two years, *Mahalo!*

LWVC CONVENTION Report

- Ann Pentecost, Incoming President

Cate White and I had the privilege of representing our League at the LWVC Annual Convention in Bakersfield May 18 to 20.

We arrived by Amtrak, checked into the hotel and were ready to attend the 3:30 workshop on Friday afternoon. We were on the run continually throughout the weekend. The workshops, caucuses, and plenary sessions were non stop except for the meal breaks. Even so, we found time to visit with League members from around the state and both of us came home with many good ideas we hope to make use of during the coming year. **Our league also came away with an Action Award honorable mention for the Measure K/Transportation Study last year.**

The speakers were all memorable. Debra Bowen, California Secretary of State was the luncheon speaker on Saturday. She spoke on a number of election and voting issues her office is dealing with and changes she hopes to make. Dolores

Huerta was the dinner speaker. She is a very impressive women and gave an impassioned speech. Among other things, she urged us to reach out to under represented voters around the state. At the luncheon on Sunday, Trudy Schafer, LWVC Staff Program Director and Advocate reported on the League's work with the legislature.

Of all the impressive speakers, the highlight was definitely the remarks of the incoming President of the LWVC, Janis Hirohama. She is an attorney with expertise in voting rights, criminal law and fairness education. She has been active in her local league, served on the state board as Secretary and served on the LWVUS Board of Directors--two years as a board member and two years as First Vice President. She is the first women of color to serve as the LWVC President and will be an effective and articulate spokesperson for the League.

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The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the 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. Dues are not tax deductible.

Dues year is July 1—June 30

I want renew my membership in the League of Women Voters:

Dues: _____\$50 [individual] _____\$75 [sustaining] _____\$75 [household] _____\$30 [student]

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone: (home) _____ (work) _____

Email _____ (fax) _____

**Please make checks payable to LWVSJC and mail to:
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_____ I would like to make a tax deductible donation to the League Education Fund.
Following LWVC guidelines, if you wish to make a contribution to the Ed Fund, please submit a separate check to LWVSJC Ed Fund and send it to the above address. This will help to insure the Ed Fund status as a charitable and tax deductible organization. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. *Thank you for your generosity.*

Annual Meeting News

Leagues leave us with **\$2.20 (!)** per person for our local coffers. Obviously, we cannot do our ‘good works’ with that. Rather than raise dues, we pledged to raise the money needed to bring in the necessary operating funds.

Voter

One way we plan to save money is by publishing the Voter online next year. We will publish the first couple in print then move to putting the Voter out electronically to as many members as possible. Members who don’t have email or who prefer paper can opt to get a print version. This will save our League money for printing and postage—and will allow us to share Voter articles with others interested in the issues we espouse—and possibly net us a few more members.

Volunteers

Several people signed up for some of our activities next year. People interested in participating in the Speakers’

Bureau, candidate forums, the LWVUS Immigration study, and our local Advocacy priorities (health care, water, environment and land use) offered their time and energy to these efforts. We are still looking for member participants, so if you are interested, let Ann Pentecost know. And if you are interested in climate change (global warming), let us know, too. We are starting to work with an emerging coalition on this issue within the city of Stockton.

Dues

Even though we only get \$2.20 of your dues, we’d really like them! Please renew now!

Helen Pearson Award



Congratulations to Colleen Foster, this year’s Helen Pearson Award recipient. Colleen was given the award for her work and encouragement as president these past two years.

Garage Sale!



Thanks to Peaches Ehrich for coordinating and hosting our year end fundraiser, a garage sale at her house. It was fun and netted us nearly \$300.

Thanks, too, to Bill and Susan Loyko, Jacob Loyko, and Carolyn Pometta for their help with the sale and to all those League members who contributed items for this event.





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LEAGUE EVENTS: JULY—SEPTEMBER

July 8, 2007

Public Forum on Health Care, Central Methodist Church, 3700 Pacific Avenue, Stockton; 4:00-5:30 p.m.

August 5, 2008

OneCareNow event: details to be sent via email—or Contact Cate White

September 15, 2007

League Social: details in first Voter of the new year. Plan on asking a potential League member to join you for this late afternoon event.

September 26, 2007

Kickoff General Meeting: *Building a Better World through SHOPPING — Dr. Ellis Jones*
Time and Place TBA

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