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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
GLENDALE/BURBANK**

November 2010

*The LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
is where hands-on work to safeguard
democracy leads to civic improvement.*

CALENDAR

PLEASE JOIN US

**November 18, 2010
MEMBER MEETING
HEALTHCARE IMPLEMENTATION
REPORT**

**Featuring Jaime Court
Carousel Restaurant
Holiday Inn, Burbank
150 E Angeleno Ave
Dinner cost: \$22.95**

**December 9, 2010
HOLIDAY PARTY
Home of Rosa & Roger Frommer**

**January 29, 2011
COUNTY WINTER LEAGUE DAY
CALIFORNIA BUDGET
Jean Ross, California Budget
Project
Rio Hondo Country Club,
Whittier**

**February 22, 2011
BURBANK PRIMARY ELECTION**

<http://www.lwvglendaleburbank.org>

CO-President's Message

Chris Carson

As we approach Thanksgiving Day, there is much to be thankful for. As Co President I am thankful for:

- Joan Hardie, my Co President – who is doing such an outstanding job
- Our Board – Gwen Cochran, Mary Dickson, Tom Carson, Anna Rundle, Monica Marquez, Georganne Thomsen, Di Rodriguez and Laurie Collins who are so pro-active in taking on League projects and support the Co Presidents
- Our entire Voter Service Team – our Speakers Bureau – Joan Hardie, Tom Carson, Anna Rundle, Laurie Collins, Mary Dickson and Renee Leask; our Candidates Forum Team – Rita Zwern, Monica Marquez, Georganne Thomsen, Gwen Cochran, Joan Godell, Di Rodriguez, Mike Chapman, Dick Dommes and Tom Carson
- Our generous contributors whose names are featured in our Voter
- All our members who continue to support us.

Please join me in giving thanks for our League. Help support us by contributing to our Fund Drive; by attending our stimulating meeting on Health Care on November 18; volunteering for a local candidates forum next year; and by joining us at the League Holiday Party on December 9 to celebrate the friendship and fun we all have doing the hands on work of building democracy in our communities.



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Presents

Health Care Reform - How Are We Doing?

SPEAKER: **Jamie Court**
President of Consumer Watchdog
*Author of *The Progressive's Guide to Raising Hell**

DATE: Thursday,
November 18, 2010

TIME: 6:30 pm

LOCATION: The Carousel Restaurant
@ The Holiday Inn
150 E. Angeleno,
Burbank, CA 91502

COST: \$22.95
includes dinner, dessert, coffee/iced tea
also tax and gratuity are included

Right after dinner, we will have a short member meeting to discuss and vote on a change to our Articles of Incorporation.



Speakers Bureau members: Joan Hardie, Tom Carson and Anna Rundle at the Glendale United Methodist Church.

Report **Speakers Bureau**

Our speakers bureau expanded the number of engagements this election season. We had a total of 13 speaking engagements as well as the videotaping with the City of Burbank. Although there was some work involved, we all had fun in what was a very rewarding experience. Thanks to all the speakers involved, Tom Carson, Renee Leask, Mary Dickson, Laurie Collins, Joan Hardie and Anna Rundle. A very special thanks to Tom Carson for not only getting us organized in creating our speaking engagement cal-

endar but also in writing the useful scripts to the propositions. Tom has earned yet another title, scriptwriter, adding to all the other hats he wears. We are always looking for speakers, so if you're interested in helping out the League in a visible and useful way please let me know with an email.

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Election 2010:

Secret Money, Incivility Leave Lasting Impact

League calls on Congress to fix secret cash in American elections

Washington, DC – The League of Women Voters of the U.S. reflected on the midterm elections today, expressing grave concern about the conduct of the 2010 elections.

“The impact of election 2010 goes far deeper than which party controls the House or the Senate,” said

“The tens of millions of dollars in secret money spent in this election are a recipe for scandal.”

Elisabeth MacNamara
National League President

Elisabeth MacNamara, national League President. “The tens of millions of dollars in secret money spent in this election are a recipe for scandal. Voters were overwhelmed by millions of dollars in negative ads but didn't know who paid for many of them. Pay-to-play politics won't change until we know who the special interests are who are pouring money into our elections,” she said.

“This election demonstrated the critical need to improve our governmental structures,” said MacNamara. “Because of the failure of Congress to act, there are no disclosure requirements governing the huge amounts of money that the Supreme Court recently turned loose in American politics. Voters will be hard pressed to know if their elected officials are in Washington to serve the public interest or the special interests.”

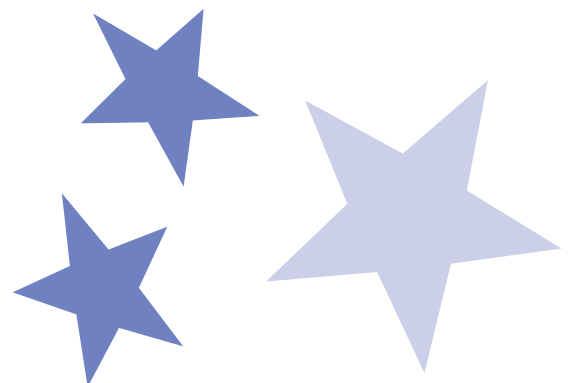
“The incivility and tone of the 2010 campaign reached a disturbingly new low in American politics,” added MacNamara. “Not only was this evident

in the advertising, but we also saw it in candidate debates and forums and in the public discourse.”

“The League calls on Congress to pass the DISCLOSE Act, which would restore transparency to U.S. elections by requiring disclosure of corporate and union spending in candidate elections. We also call on Congress to preserve and extend ethics enforcement. With the election awash in special interest money, it is no time to cut back on the enforcement of ethics standards in Washington.”

“The money poured into recent elections has been unprecedented. The League believes that voters, not money, should be at the center of our democracy,” concluded MacNamara. “We will continue our decades of work in helping citizens debate the issues in a civil and effective way and fighting for transparency, accountability and disclosure in America's elections.”

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 All Citizens of voting age are welcome.
 Associate Membership is open to all others.

YES! I want to add my voice to yours by joining the League of Women Voters as part of your voice for citizens and force for change. I enclose: (please check one or more of the following)

- \$60.00 for a one-year individual membership (includes a copy of our VOTER, nine times per year)
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