



League of Women Voters

Glendale/Burbank

President's Message

Chris Carson

September 2004 Calendar

Thursday September 23
**Voter Registration at
DreamWorks**

Thursday September 23
7:30 pm
**League Salon
Your Civil Rights**

Which One Would You Give Up?
Glendale Fire Station 21
Community Room

Friday September 24
**Voter Registration at Amblin
Productions**

Thursday September 30
**Voter Registration at Providence-
St. Joseph Hospital**

Saturday October 2
Speaker Training
See flyer

Saturday October 9
LWVC Membership Training
See flyer

Wednesday October 13
Voter Registration at DreamWorks

Thursday October 14
**Voter Registration at Amblin
Productions**

Monday October 18
Last Day to Register to Vote

THE FOLLOWING PREDICTIONS can safely be made about the month of September during a Presidential election year. The temperature skyrockets, causing immense strain on the electricity grid. Campaign rhetoric skyrockets causing immense strain on the brains and credibility of the voting public. And everybody suddenly decides that they ought to “do something” about voting and calls the League, causing immense strain on any and all local Leagues in their immediate area. We can do nothing about the heat; but we can try to conserve energy by being sensible about how, and when, we use electricity. We can do nothing about the level of campaign rhetoric; but we can make an effort to ignore hyperbole and hysteria and ask focused questions about policy. However, I am pleased to announce that we all can do something about the calls to our League to “do something.” We can step forward and help the League do a lot.

WHAT CAN YOU DO? Well, you could help register voters. In September and October we are flooded with calls for registration projects. You could sit in the shade for a couple of hours on the lot of a major film studio or the air conditioned lobby of a regional medical center and register voters. I know, it’s a tough assignment; but League members are a hardy lot. You could participate in a project to explain the mechanics of voting to high school government classes. You teachers out there, you know who you are! You could work on our October candidates forum. Talk to the people who put together the September Glendale forum; it’s considerably more exciting than you think. You could work on our October Smart Growth forum and learn a lot about housing and transportation in Glendale and Burbank. Maybe you’d like to deliver a bundle of ballot measure Pros & Cons to the local library. How hard is this?

IF YOU WANT TO GET MORE DARING then consider joining our Speakers Bureau. No—it’s not hard. We provide tons of information and excellent training. Teachers, attorneys, good communicators—here’s your chance to give back to your community by sharing top quality non-partisan information on the ballot measures and fighting back against that campaign hyperbole everybody says they deplore. And finally, if you love democracy and want to really give back to your country—become a poll worker. Trained poll workers are desperately needed for the November election. Training is provided by the County Registrar. If you feel moved to make a difference then go to this page on the LA County Registrar/Recorder’s website <http://regrec.co.la.ca.us/pollworker/volunteer.htm> or call 1-800-815-2666 Option 7.

JOIN US! MAKE DEMOCRACY WORK!

A Few Months in the Life of Our Local League

People, even some League members, often ask . . .
“What do you people ‘do’?”
So we present for your reading pleasure . . .



A FEW MONTHS IN THE LIFE OF OUR LOCAL LEAGUE...

IN MAY AND JUNE, the President got to go to Sacramento and Washington, D.C. for League meetings and conventions. Lots of workshops on policy issues, tons of great material hauled home, wonderful conversations with delegates over breakfast, lunch, dinner, coffee, wine exchanging ideas and projects.

While the President was junketing around, League members at home attended public hearings in both cities. These hearings included the **update to the Burbank Land Use plan**, a proposed ordinance to control mansionization in Burbank, improved transportation, multi-family housing plans and Council meetings. They spoke as individuals, using League principles to give input and they got

their neighbors there as well. Some of these hearings are continuing and members will be monitoring them for months to come.

The Voters Service folks got into gear. **Monica Marquez** headed up her first **voter registration** project at the **Kenneth Village Summer Fest**, aided by **Arline Ames** and **Anna Rundle**. **Connie Wilson** started work on projects for the fall. Preliminary work has begun on our **fall candidates forum**.

Terry Bailey threw herself into organizing a **Smart Growth forum for Glendale and Burbank** and has been seen chasing around the two cities, as well as burning up cyberspace and the telephone system in pursuit of this goal.

The President and Board member **Barbara Paul** attended a series of **meetings with Burbank City and School District** officials to set up projects. And the President started working with the **Glendale Commission on the Status of Women** to sponsor an outreach program to encourage young women to register and vote.

And finally, some members spent what seemed to be most of their summer putting together the **forum on Glendale Measures A, B, and C** which took place on September 1st. But that's another story.

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Salon

Your Civil Rights— Which **One** Would **You** Give Up?

Thursday September 23

7:30 pm

Glendale Fire Station 21

Community Room

421 Oak Street

(across from the Glendale Galleria parking structure on Columbus)

RSVP by September 21 to
Chris Carson 818 840-0417

LWV Los Angeles County

**Ballot Measures
Speaker Training
and Advocacy
Workshops**

Saturday, October 2, 2004
Registration/Coffee: 9:30 AM
Workshops: 10:00-12:00

Location: Hollenbeck House
573 South Boyle Avenue
Los Angeles, 90033

LWVLA Speaker Training will be on September 30th.
For information, please call Nima at (213) 368-1616.

The Glendale Referendum Forum

AS A GOOD PART OF the region knows by now, Glendale is having a special election on September 14th to vote on three measures dealing with a major redevelopment project in the downtown area. Our League decided to hold a Pro/Con forum on three measures to offer the voters of Glendale an opportunity to see and hear both sides address the issue. We were determined on three things: it would be fair, offering both sides a level playing field. It would be conducted with civility and reason. And it would be televised, so that all voters, not just the people who attend one night, could see it.

Georganne Thomsen gallantly offered to chair the committee and so we began. Only those who were there know exactly how “exciting” it got. But in spite of an amazing number of obstacles and setbacks, the forum took place on September 1st. And, since everybody’s been telling us what a great job we did, we can only agree with them. Yes, we really did an amazing job.

The Roll of Honor:

Georganne Thomsen, chair; **Arline Ames**, manager; **Roberta Kiehl**, moderator; **Phil Kazanjian**, presenter; **Gwen Cochran**, **Monica Marques** and **Georganne**, question sorters. **Peggy Steppe** and **Inez Truger**, timers; **Alicia Lloreda**,

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Adrine Galystan, **Anna Rundle**, monitors; **Tom Carson**, PowerPoint operator; **Carole Dougherty**, name plates. The President spent a lot of time on the phone with lots of people, went to meetings and tried to help Georganne who spent even more time on the phone and went to even more meetings.

We owe Georganne Thomsen and her committee a tremendous vote of thanks for the work they did. They are what League is all about.

And be sure to sign up to work on our forums in October. You have no idea what can happen.

PLEASE
remember the
League of
Women
Voters
Glendale/
Burbank in
your will or
trust

Southern California Area

LWVC Membership Training Workshops

Topics:

**League 101: Introduction to League
Voter Service
Membership Growth and Diversity
Archiving Your Records**

Saturday, October 9, 2004

Registration/Coffee: 9:30 AM

Workshops: 10:00-3:00 PM

**Location: Center - Sisters of St. Joseph
480 South Batavia, Orange**

\$25.00 Lunch/Registration/Coffee, if payment received by October 2nd

\$30.00 Lunch/Registration/Coffee, if paid at the door

\$10.00 Registration Only/Brown Bag

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Send registration and checks payable to LWVC, to:
Joanne Leavitt, 2920 Kansas Avenue, Santa Monica, CA 90404

Name: _____

League: _____

No. of Persons: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$_____



Judicial Candidates Forum

LAST FEBRUARY, LWVLAC conducted a traditional judicial candidate forum, co-sponsored by LWV East San Gabriel Valley. Seen by a live audience in the West Covina City Hall and televised by West Covina's City TV as well as several other government channels, it was very well received and much appreciated by candidates and voters alike. Encouraged by that experience, the LWVLAC Board decided to explore further opportunities to present judicial candidates to L.A. County's voters.

Co-sponsored by LWVLAC, LWVLA, and LWV Santa Monica, **Meet Your Judicial**

Candidates will be filmed in a professional studio setting by Santa Monica City TV, working in consultation with the Center for Governmental Studies' Video Voter Project. The program will consist of a "one-on-one" interview with each candidate, along with general information on the election and voting. This format has been used very successfully in Santa Monica and has brought "rave reviews" from candidates and voters as well as scholars in the field of community media. All interviews will be conducted by Sandy Jacobson, a member of LWVSM who has a great deal of experience in voter service television work. Questions and

other content are being developed by the LWVLAC Judicial Candidate Forum Committee.

Meet Your Judicial Candidates will be ready for distribution during the last week in September, when DVDs will be mailed to all local Leagues as well as to all government TV channels in L.A. County. SMCTV and L.A. City Channel 36 will broadcast Meet Your Judicial Candidates repeatedly during the month of October and will urge other government channels to do the same. The program will also be available on the judicial pages of Smart Voter: www.smartvoter.org.



Membership Application

It is easy to join the League of Women Voters of Glendale/Burbank. All Citizens of voting age are welcome.

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)

- \$50.00 for a one-year individual membership (includes a copy of our VOTER, nine times per year)
- \$70.00 for a one-year household membership for two members who share the same address (include a copy of our VOTER, nine times per year)
- I am unable to join League at this time, but enclose a contribution of \$ _____

Name/Names _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____

I would like to receive my VOTER by email.
My email address is _____

Make check payable to League of Women Voters. Mail to Vera Naylor, 7714 Via Capri, Burbank CA 91504

Gifts made payable to "LWV Education Fund" are tax decuctible.

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The League never supports or opposes any political party or candidate. We advocate only on issues that members have studied and come to a consensus on. In an era of proliferating and powerful special interests, the League's advocacy in the public interest is increasingly recognized as an essential voice of democracy.

Member News

Welcome New Member

Rochelle Savitt

**Congratulations to
Connie and Alan Wilson
on their 60th anniversary**

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