

# Voter



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
GLENDALE/BURBANK**

July 2010

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

## CO-President's Message

Joan Hardie

### CALENDAR

#### PLEASE JOIN US

**July 17**

**Summer Social at the  
Autry Museum of Western  
Heritage**

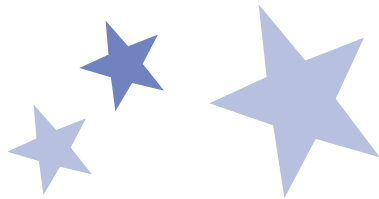
**See flyer on page 2**

**July 31**

**Popovers in Pasadena  
See flyer on page 3**

**COMING IN SEPTEMBER**

**Annual Beer Bash  
Gordon Biersch Brewery  
145 S. San Fernando Blvd.  
Burbank, CA 91502**



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*Co-President Joan Hardie, right attends the LWVUS Convention with other dedicated League members. From left, Xandra Kayden, former management training advisor to our League, former LWVUS Board Member and trustee of the LWV Education Fund Board since 2002. Center, Zaida Arguedes, deputy executive director of the League of Women Voters of the United States.*

## Convention 2010

I attended the 49th National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia this past June and shared a wonderful weekend with roughly 1600 other Leaguers from around the United States. It was a five day convention absolutely packed with wonderful speakers (such as US Representative John Lewis and Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius) plenary sessions, caucuses, workshops and several networking opportunities. I met wonderful people from Utah, Minnesota, and Tennessee and became more acquainted with more of our fellow Californians. In addition to attending all the plenary sessions, I attended caucuses on *National Popular Vote* and *Healthcare for All* as well as workshops on *Civil Discussions in Uncivil Times*, *Redistricting*, and *Immigration Reform* to name a few. There was so much to choose from that there is no way one person could do it all.

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You are are invited to a  
**Summer Social**

**LOCATION:** **Autry Museum** (located in Griffith Park)  
4700 Western Heritage Way  
Los Angeles, CA 90027

**EVENT:** Docent Guided Tour of  
**“How Women Made the West”**  
followed by eating lunch together  
at the **Silver Spur Cafe**

**COST:** Free for Autry Museum Members  
Adults \$6.50  
Seniors \$4.50  
(free parking)  
pay for your own lunch

**DATE/TIME:** Saturday July 17, 2010  
11:00 Meet  
11:15 Tour  
12:30 approx. Lunch

**RSVP:** By July 12, 2010  
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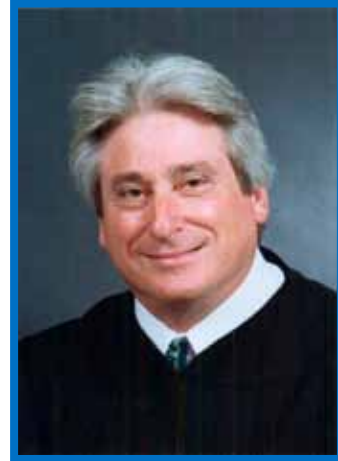
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2010 ANNUAL SUMMER LEAGUE DAY POPOVERS IN PASADENA

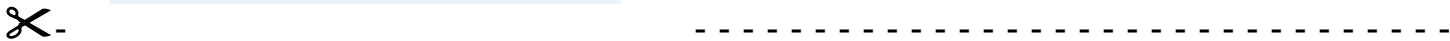
WOMEN'S CITY CLUB 160 NORTH OAKLAND, PASADENA ENTRANCE in rear off N. Madison Avenue 1-1/2 blocks north of Colorado Blvd.

SATURDAY, JULY 31, 2010 9:30 AM TO 2 PM LUNCHEON



Speaker JUDGE MICHAEL NASH Presiding Judge Juvenile Court

WORKSHOPS Redistricting Observer Corps & Media Watch Presidents & Treasurers 21st Century Communications County Jail Study



Please send form and check payable to LWV/LAC Mail to LWV/LAC Treasurer, 427 E. Walnut Ave., Burbank 91501

League Name \_\_\_\_\_

Attendee Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline is July 16, 2010

Reservations # \_\_\_\_\_ @\$25.00 Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If postmarked after July 16th and if available

Reservations # \_\_\_\_\_ @\$30.00 Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Luncheon # \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Luncheon # \_\_\_\_\_ W/O NUTS or other allergens # \_\_\_\_\_ (name food)

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR A MORNING WORKSHOP

Redistricting # \_\_\_\_\_ Pres. & Treas. # \_\_\_\_\_ 21st Cent. # \_\_\_\_\_ County Jails # \_\_\_\_\_

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS GLENDALE/BURBANK

# ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

We held a very successful Annual Meeting at the private room at Marie Callendar's in Glendale.

We held a tribute to long-time treasurer **Vera Naylor**, who is retiring from her position after nearly 40 years of service. Here are the new Officers:

Treasurer:	<b>Tom Carson</b>	2010-2012
2nd Vice President	Open	
Directors	<b>Anna Rundle</b>	2010-2012
	<b>Georganne Thomsen</b>	2010-2012

Continuing Board Members:

Co-Presidents	<b>Chris Carson/Joan Hardie</b>	2009-2011
First Vice President	<b>Gwen Cochran</b>	2009-2011
Secretary	<b>Mary Dickson</b>	2009-2011
Directors	<b>Laurie Collins</b>	2009-2011
	<b>Dionisia Rodriguez</b>	2009-2011

The League also presented its annual scholarships to two highly qualified Glendale Community College students: Nina Aguilar and Deveron Shudic.

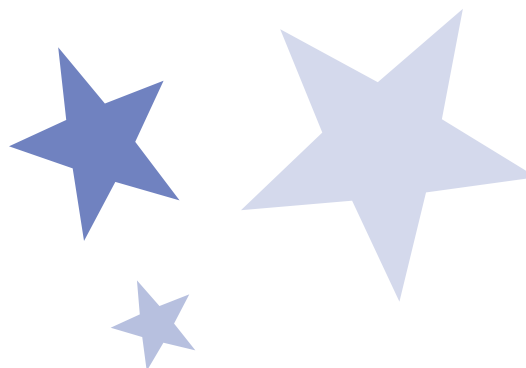
**Nina Aguilar** is a graduate of Immaculate Heart High School. She currently attends Glendale Community College, and she plans to transfer to a 4 year university, where she will major in history and pursue a career in education. In addition to her studies, she works part time at Saint Finbar Elementary School. Nina is in the top 5% academically, with a GPA of 3.91.

**Deveron Shudic** is a re-entry student who plans to graduate from GCC, then transfer to a 4 year University to pursue a career as a teacher. Deveron describes herself as "an example of the little train that could. I have never given up on my dream of an education. I place a high value on education and I want to bring my passion and enthusiasm for learning to others. She has worked in the Music Department and tutored at the learning center since she returned to GCC in 2007. A community activist, she has worked to keep her community safe and overbuilding under control. In 2005, she was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding community service from the Pasadena-Foothills Association of Realtors.

Our speaker, **Jason Wells**, Managing Editor of the Glendale NewsPress, gave an enlightening speech on the state of our local newspapers.

Finally, we adopted a Program for next year:

- Voter Service – continue to expand Speaker's Bureau to all year using a variety of topics;
- Membership Recruitment – actively recruiting members;
- Citizen Education – hold public forums'
  - September 2010 – Public Forum on elected vs. appointed city treasurer
  - Upcoming – Parcel Tax, if on the ballot in either (or both) Glendale and Burbank;
- Advocacy – continue advocacy on Campaign Finance and Ethics Reform in both cities.



## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE UNITED STATES

# CONVENTION RECAP

WASHINGTON, DC - The League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) celebrated its 90th anniversary at its 49th biennial national convention late June in Atlanta, Georgia. The four-day gathering gave League members from around the country the opportunity to celebrate the organization's accomplishments over the last 90 years on health care reform, election reform and judicial independence, and to discuss important public policy issues.

Elisabeth MacNamara of Dekalb County, Georgia was elected unanimously by the more than 600 delegates gathered at the Marriott Atlanta Marquis. MacNamara, elected to serve a two-year term, will be the national organization's 18th president.

In her acceptance speech, MacNamara thanked members for entrusting her with the leadership of this 90-year-old organization. "I am excited and delighted to lead the League of Women Voters of the United States to new heights," MacNamara said. "The League and its 150,000 grassroots members and supporters will continue to raise our voices in the fight for climate change reform, campaign finance reform, voter education and election reform. Let's go out there and get in the way!" MacNamara urged.

Earlier that morning, Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius addressed convention delegates on the role of women in American politics, outlined key elements of the new health care legislation and reaffirmed the Administration's strong commitment to expanding voter registration opportunities. During the opening session, Representative John Lewis congratulated delegates on their 90th anniversary and urged them to continue their hard work in communities nationwide strengthening civil rights and democratic principles.

A League member since 1983, MacNamara ascended to the presidency of the Georgia League in 2001 and served in this capacity until 2006. MacNamara was elected to a two-year term on the LWVUS national Board as a director in 2006 and was also the organization's first vice president until 2010.

"This Convention proved that the League remains a vibrant, grassroots organization as it has for the last 90 years," stated MacNamara. "We debated many of the critical issues facing citizens across the nation, including election reform, climate change, the need for redistricting reform, and health care reform," MacNamara said.

Delegates set the LWVUS program agenda for the next two years, voting to study the federal role in public education and privatization of government functions.

Here are the Program and Motions adopted by the Convention:

### NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE 2010-2012 BIENNIUM

Motion to adopt the LWVUS Board recommended study of the Federal Role in Public Education. The study would focus on the role of the federal government in education policymaking, with possible consideration of funding, common standards and/or governance relationships among all levels of the government. The scope will be dependent on available resources, including committee and LWVUS staff time.

**Motion #597-633, LWVUS Board.**  
**Motion APPROVED.**

Motion to adopt the non recommended item on Privatization: the policy agenda to transfer government functions, services and assets to the private sector.

**Motion #118-993, LWV of Seattle, WA.**  
**Motion APPROVED. Card Vote: Yes = 308, No = 274, Invalid = 3.**

Motion to adopt the LWVUS recommended concurrence to amend and update the Arms Control position, as printed in the Convention Booklet.

**Motion #257-671, LWVUS Board.**  
**Motion APPROVED.**

Motion to adopt concurrence with the LWVMD & LWVME position on Marriage Equality to be added to the Equality of Opportunity position: The League of Women Voters of the United States supports equal rights for all under state and federal law. LWVUS supports legislation to equalize the legal rights, obligations, and benefits available to same-

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gender couples with those available to heterosexual couples. LWVUS supports legislation to permit same-gender couples to marry under civil law. The League believes that the civil status of marriage is already clearly distinguished from the religious institution of marriage and that religious rights will be preserved.

**Motion #935-474, LWV of Saratoga County, NY.**  
**Motion APPROVED.**

Motion to adopt concurrence, that the following words be added as the third sentence to the LWVUS position on selection of the president: "We support the use of the National Popular Vote Compact as one acceptable way to achieve the goal of the direct popular vote for election of the president until the abolition of the Electoral College is accomplished"

**Motion #534-573, LWV of Arizona.**  
**Motion APPROVED.**

Motion to adopt the LWVUS Board recommended Program: to retain all other current LWVUS Positions in the areas of Representative Government, International Relations, Natural Resources, and Social Policy.

**Motion #411-943, LWVUS Board.**  
**Motion APPROVED.**

Motion to support the Florida resolution that the LWVUS support lifting the travel restrictions for Americans going to Cuba.

**Motion # 537-622, LWV of Florida.**  
**Motion APPROVED.**

Motion to adopt a resolution in support of safe drilling and mining for energy resources: Be it therefore resolved that we, representatives at the 2010 National Convention of the League of Women Voters, call upon the Board to use the resources of the League to support and lobby for significant strengthening of appropriate regulation, oversight, inspection, and penalties associated with the development of fossil fuel resources. This strengthening should include elimination from national legislation of the exemptions for drilling and mining, as well as additional legislation requiring the federal agencies to regulate drilling and mining in a manner consistent with the preservation of a healthy environment. We also call on the Board to communicate with the President and the Congress putting them on notice that Leagues across the country are deeply concerned about this issue.

**Motion #705-348, LWV of Tompkins County, NY.**  
**Motion APPROVED.**

Motion to adopt the following resolution: Be it resolved that the League of Women Voters call upon the Senate to change its rules to limit the use of the filibuster.

**Motion #567-032, LWV of Kalamazoo Area, MI.**  
**Motion APPROVED.**

Motion to adopt the addition of the principle of TRANSPARENCY to the SARA Resolution, as adopted by the LWVC Biennial Convention on May 17, 2009. Revised to include the following Principles: Security; Accuracy; Recountability; Accessibility; and Transparency.

**Motion #836-348, LWV of Monterey Peninsula, CA.**

Motion to amend motion 836-348: Be it resolved, therefore that the LWVUS add the principle of TRANSPARENCY to the SARA Resolution, as adopted at the 2004 LWVUS Convention and amended at the 2006 LWVUS Convention.

Motion to adopt the following resolution: Therefore, be it resolved that we, the representatives of local and state Leagues assembled at the 2010 LWVUS Convention, call upon the LWVUS Board to advocate strongly for bills that legislate for improved Medicare for all.

**Motion #549-473, LWV of Bloomington-Monroe, IN.**  
**Motion APPROVED.**

Motion to adopt the Emergency Resolution of Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill: Therefore, we request that the LWVUS highlight the need for those responsible for the oil spill to be held accountable. Further, the LWVUS demands that our government hold those responsible for the environmental disaster accountable for the clean-up.

**Motion #448-462, LWV of Dane County, WI.**

Motion to amend the resolution proposed in motion 448-462 relating to the oil disaster in the Gulf of Mexico to add: "The LWVUS further urges the legislative and executive branches of the federal government to immediately take all necessary steps to maximize to the extent practicable the ability and efforts of all relevant federal agencies and departments to take action, and to work with the U.S. coastal states and communities most directly and immediately affected, to respond creatively, efficiently and effectively to the environmental, health and economic crisis created by the oil flowing from the out of control BP oil well in the Gulf of Mexico and by the efforts to contain and disperse it."

**Motion #941-312, LWV of Alabama.**  
**Motion APPROVED.**

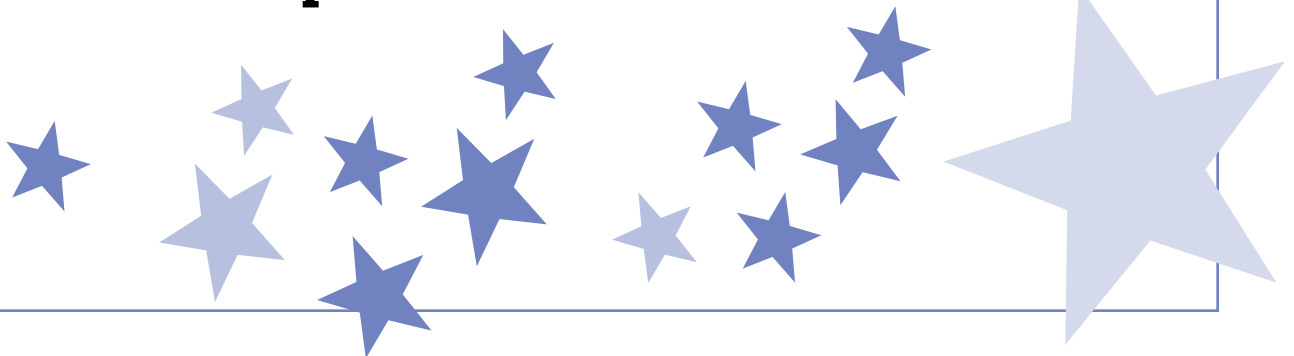


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Our League shared a wares table with the Kern County League and the Los Angeles ILO in the marketplace. Although we only made a little money on the sale of our Note Cards, it was a good opportunity to network and to learn how to market our products for the next opportunity.

Overall, I want to say I was in awe of the energy of the National Convention and feel so fortunate to have been there and experience the League working in full swing. Being there, in Atlanta, with hundreds of other Leaguers, I felt a part of something that because of its deep and enduring history continues to attract people with purpose who work to stay engaged with the democratic process. The energy, discussions and ideas were flowing and some of the Conventions efforts can be captured in the National Program and Resolutions list that was passed on Monday's sessions of the convention. Please take a moment to read over the list.



## **Membership Application**

It is easy to join the League of Women Voters of Glendale/Burbank. 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)
- \$100.00 for a one-year household membership for two members who share the same address (includes a copy of our VOTER nine times per year)
- \$30.00 for a one-year student membership.

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

I am unable to join the League at this time, but enclose a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Gifts made payable to the "LWV Education Fund" are tax deductible.**

# Voter

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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.

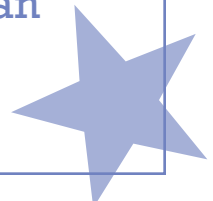
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