



Escondido Area VOTER

SAN DIEGO NORTH COUNTY, CENTRAL

August, 2008

LWV of Escondido Area

Serving the communities of Escondido, Fallbrook, Pala, Pauma Valley, Rainbow, Ramona, San Marcos and Valley Center

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Board Meetings are generally held on the second Saturday of every month. All members welcome.

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August 9, 2008: Board Meeting:

Escondido Public Library, .248 S.Kalmia
10:15 AM to 12:00 noon.



LWV of SAN DIEGO COUNTY Celebrates County League Day in Carlsbad Saturday, August 16, 2008 from 10 AM to 2 PM at HERONS' HOUSE Peder and Julie Norby's ZERO Energy Home

High quality green buildings are less expensive to operate, healthier and more comfortable for inhabitants, and more durable. Careful planning and the selection of environmentally superior materials allow green buildings to work with the natural environment rather than against it. Energy-efficient green buildings implement strategies such as air tight exteriors, increased insulation levels, shortened plumbing and duct runs, duct and plumbing insulation, high efficiency mechanical equipment, lighting and appliances, and high performance windows. Whenever possible, green building utilizes "renewable" energy from the sun, wind or ground heat.

Peder Norby wrote, "Julie and I are building our home, reusing an old house on a large lot as a good beginning, perched above the lagoon and Pacific Ocean. Like the Herons, we will walk lightly on earth, using the resources provided to us by nature, in harmony and partnership with our environment, with each other. The Herons' House. Our house."

Peder Norby will tour us through his home, vineyard, and native-plant garden. Then we'll have lunch in the garden. For background information see www.heronshouse.com

PLEASE CARPOOL to 4795 HILLSIDE DRIVE, CARLSBAD

Directions: From 1-5, exit on Tamarack going east. Turn south on Hillside Drive to 4795 Hillside Drive, on the right side of the street. (Thomas Bros. p.1106 or use an on-line map)

\$15 Reservations include a box lunch. Please reserve by August 13, the latest!

Name(s) _____ email or phone _____

Local League _____ Enclosed: \$ _____

Circle choice of sandwich: Turkey Roast Beef Tuna Vegetarian

Mail checks to: LWV San Diego County, Ellen Gifford, Treasurer
9037 Calle Del Verde; Santee, CA 92071 619-562-7232

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED:

Sept. 6, 2008: GRAPE DAY IN THE PARK, (LWV booth)—register voters.

ANNUAL MEETING:

At our League's annual meeting, on June 11, Kevin Barnard gave an excellent presentation for The Escondido Creek Conservancy (TECC). Kevin spoke about sustainable development and habitat protection. He was followed by Janette Hartman for the Sierra Club who discussed the potential of preserving a pristine bit of San Diego County, the Rancho Guejito.

Elizabeth Gabrych was elected our new president. Outgoing president June Rady will remain on the Board as Vice President. May Fong Ho will continue as secretary and Arlene Meadows as Treasurer. The Directors are: Vivian Doering for Education, Yolanda Fleet for Natural Resources, Lorraine Boyce for Health Issues, Patrick Coony assisted by Allan Lenefsky for Voter Service, and Margaret Liles as Voter Editor.

2008 LWVUS CONVENTION REPORT by Liz Gabrych, President Escondido LWV

In mid-June two Board members from the Escondido league, (Patrick Cooney and myself), and several San Diego county and local leaguers, headed up to the 48th National Convention of the LWVUS held in Portland Oregon. The theme this year was "Reaching New Heights Together".

In addition to this being my first league convention, this was my first visit to Portland Oregon, and I highly recommend both experiences. Portland has a great light rail system, fantastic food, lots of art, inspiring gardens, and sweet water flowing freely from their public water fountains.

The convention was an inspiring adventure in democracy. The grand ballroom of the Hilton Hotel was the convention hall, and it featured numerous "pro" and "con" microphones, formally lettered signs for each state of the union indicating delegate seating areas, official badges, voting credentials and procedures, and a background refrain of parliamentary procedure.

The main convention business was approval of the 2008-2010 LWVUS program and budget, election of officers, directors, nominating committees, etc. In addition, there were many helpful and informative workshops, as well as, excellent keynote addresses by two former Oregon state governors.

The Hon. Barbara Roberts (the first woman governor of Oregon) spoke on the historic role of women as political leaders. The Hon. John Kitzhaber gave a lively, entertaining and informative analysis of our current health care system and its challenges. His address, "The Unfinished Business of the Baby Boom Generation: Health Care for the 21st Century", is now available for viewing on the LWVUS website. It is well worth watching (see link below).

Another convention highlight was a Monday panel discussion on global climate change, and delegates later voted to add climate change wording to the proposed Natural Resources program.

The next national convention is June 12-15, 2010 in Atlanta, Georgia. Based on this year's event, it is an educational and inspiring experience- save the date!

Gov. Kitzhaber video:

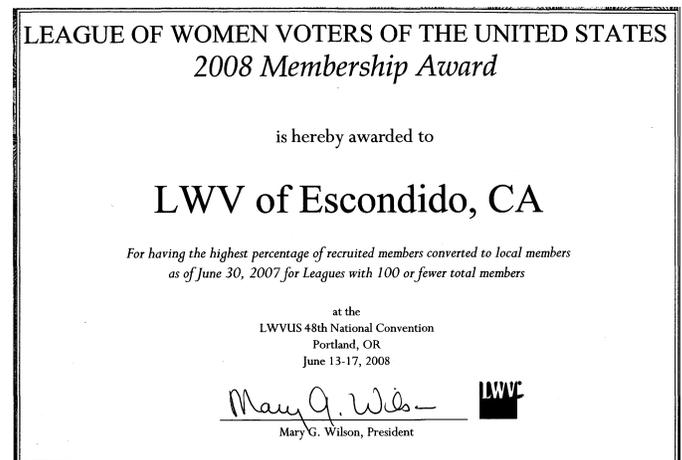
http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Council_and_Convention&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=11763

New LWVUS Priority/Position on Global Climate Change:

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ESCONDIDO LEAGUE AWARDED MEMBERSHIP AWARD

At the 2008 LWVUS Convention, our League was given an award for "having the highest percentage of recruited members converted to local members as of June 30, 2007 for Leagues with 100 or fewer total members.



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS CA. NOVEMBER 4, 2008 GENERAL ELECTION RECOMMENDS:

PROP 1 High-Speed Rail Bonds Decision Pending

This \$9.95 billion bond act would partially fund a high-speed rail project segment between Los Angeles and San Francisco. Federal grants and public-private partnerships would be needed to fund the remainder of the total project cost (\$40 billion, including additional segments). Providing a transportation option that reduces greenhouse gas emissions and lessens the need to expand highways and airports is worthwhile. The high cost and financial uncertainties pose a problem. Legislation to require a new business plan, peer review, and other accountability provisions and to allow funding to be used for other segments was pending at the time of our review.

PROP 3 Children's Hospital Bond Act SUPPORT

Proposition 3 authorizes \$980 million in bonds to fund children's hospitals. These regional centers provide specialized care for children with serious illnesses or injuries without regard to a family's ability to pay. They treat the majority of California's low-income children. Eighty percent of the proceeds would go to eight nonprofit children's hospitals and



20 percent to University of California children's hospitals. Prop 3 will address escalating construction costs and improve health care access for children who are indigent, uninsured, underinsured or eligible for government health programs.

**PROP 4 Waiting Period and Parental Notification before Termination of Minor's Pregnancy
OPPOSE**

Prop 4 requires a physician to notify the parent of a pregnant minor before performing an abortion. Mandatory notification laws may sound good but, in the real world, they put the health and safety of teens in danger. A frightened, pregnant teen who can't go to her parents may choose an unsafe, illegal abortion, or even contemplate suicide, instead of seeking the counseling and safe medical care she needs. Parents rightfully want to be involved in their teenagers' lives, but good family communication can't be imposed by government. California voters have rejected this proposal twice, but proponents have put it on the ballot again, adding more unreasonable provisions.

**PROP 5 Nonviolent Drug Offenses. Sentencing, Parole and Rehabilitation
SUPPORT**

Proposition 5 would require the state to expand treatment and rehabilitation for nonviolent drug offenders and parolees, and reduce the criminal consequences of nonviolent offenses. Additional costs of treatment would be offset by reductions in prison and parole operating costs, as well as in the need for capital outlay for prison facilities. The League's study of juvenile justice affirmed the need to give funding priority to prevention, early intervention and rehabilitation.

**PROP 6 Police and Law Enforcement Funding. Criminal Penalties and Laws (Runner Initiative)
OPPOSE**

This measure requires that nearly \$1 billion annually in state general funds be used for designated local law enforcement and probation programs. This will mean an increase of \$500 million a year for these programs and for operating prison and parole systems, and a \$500 million capital outlay for prison facilities. The League opposes the further restriction on the ongoing use of general funds. Harmful policy changes in this initiative include prosecuting more 14-year-olds as adults and giving counties less flexibility in the use of drug and mental health funds for juveniles.

**PROP 7 Renewable Energy Generation
OPPOSE**

Proposition 7 requires all utilities, including government-owned utilities, to generate 50 percent of their power from renewable energy by 2025. While the League supports a renewable energy target, we feel this is too optimistic to be achieved, and well beyond the targets for implementing the landmark greenhouse-gas emissions reduction law, AB 32. Moreover, Prop 7 is poorly drafted. Experts say it will not achieve its stated goals and will actually disrupt the development of renewable power. It will force small renewable energy companies out of California's market and cause higher energy bills.

**PROP 8 Eliminates Right of Same-Sex Couples to Marry
OPPOSE**

This proposed limitation of marriage as only between a man and a woman infringes on the equal rights that should be available to all people. The California Supreme Court has concluded that there is a "fundamental constitutional right to form a family relationship." The League opposed Proposition 22 in 2000 and continues to oppose such limits on the basic civil rights that should be guaranteed to all Californians.

**PROP 9 Criminal Justice System. Victims' Rights. Parole
OPPOSE**

Proposition 9 would expand the legal rights of crime victims in various ways and could undo many of the rights of prisoners and parolees to due process and speedy parole revocation hearings. This initiative asks voters to support victims' rights that are already protected under state law and is unnecessary.

**PROP 10 Alternative Fuel Vehicles and Renewable Energy. Bonds
OPPOSE**

This measure would authorize the sale of \$5 billion in general obligation bonds to provide rebates to purchasers of certain high fuel economy and alternative fuel vehicles, and to fund grants and other incentives for technology development. The League favors the use of bonds to finance capital expenditures or the purchase of property for public purposes. The purposes of this bond are not an appropriate use for state-issued, bond-generated revenues.

**PROP 11 Redistricting Reform: California Voters FIRST Act
STRONG SUPPORT**

It is an inherent conflict of interest for legislators to draw their own districts to guarantee their reelection. Proposition 11 removes from the legislature the power to redraw district boundaries for the State Senate, Assembly and Board of Equalization after each census. Instead, it provides for the appointment of a 14-member independent citizens commission to perform this process, establishes clear criteria for how the boundaries shall be drawn, and requires an open and transparent process with due notice, public hearings, and no communications outside of the hearings. This measure will hold politicians accountable and help stop the gridlock in Sacramento that keeps pressing issues from being addressed.

Because League positions do not cover the issues in Proposition 2, Standards for Confining Farm Animals, and Proposition 12, Veterans' Bond Act of 2008, the LWVC is taking no stand on these measures.

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VOTE WITH THE LEAGUE ON NOVEMBER 4!

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<http://escondido.ca.lwvnet.org>
and the new LWV San Diego County Website:
www.sdcilo.ca.lwvnet.org