



# Escondido Area VOTER

**SAN DIEGO NORTH COUNTY, CENTRAL**

**Sept./Oct., 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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**760 599-3211**

### **Sept. 26, 2008: Debate after the Debate #1**

**Patrick Coony and High School Students:**

Escondido City Council Chambers

201 North Broadway, Escondido

6:00 to 9:00 PM

### **Oct. 7, 2008: Debate after the Debate #2**

**Patrick Coony and High School Students:**

Escondido City Council Chambers

201 North Broadway, Escondido

6:00 to 9:00 PM

### **Oct. 11, 2008: Board Meeting:**

Escondido Public Library, .248 S.Kalmia

10:15 AM to 12:00 noon.

### **Oct. 14, 2008: PPH Candidate Forum:**

Palomar Medical Center, Graybill Auditorium

555 East Valley Parkway, Escondido

7:00 to 9:00 PM

### **Oct. 18, 2008: Water Conservation Forum**

Escondido Woman's Club

751 North Rose, Escondido

10:00 AM to noon.

### **Oct. 23, 2008: Pro and Con Forum:**

**High School Students from six Local High**

**Schools will debate Props 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, and 11.**

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## THE DEBATE AFTER THE DEBATES:

While families and small partisan groups throughout the country gather to watch the Presidential debates, many Escondido residents will do something different – Democrats and Republicans alike will gather to watch the debates and then watch high school and college students continue the discussion.

"From a standpoint of voter education – the Presidential debates are the most important events of the campaign. Voters are treated to an organized discussion of the important issues affecting our future" said Elizabeth Gabrych, President of the League of Women Voters for Escondido and Neighboring Communities. "Unfortunately, the post debate analysis too often focuses only the candidates – not the issues they have just debated. In a small way we are trying to change that." For nearly a century, the League of Women Voters has been the major grassroots organization which is devoted to the cause of voter education and service. Membership is open to all who are interested in improving democracy through better voter understanding of the issues.

After watching the debates on television in the Escondido City Council Chambers on September 26 and October 7, teams of students will continue to debate the issues.

On September 26, students from High Tech High School in San Marcos will focus on the foreign policy matters that the candidates have just discussed. "We are excited to partner with the League of Women Voters for this event", said Nicki Hinostrro, Director of High School – North County. "Our mission at High Tech High School is to use modern technology to better educate students for the 21st Century. That includes a major emphasis on providing our students with a solid background in public policy matters. By participating in this event, we are not only achieving that goal but also hopefully providing an important public service to voters in Escondido."

On October 7, teams organized by the Democratic and Republican clubs at California State University San Marcos will continue to debate the subjects discussed by the candidates in the second Presidential debate. "The purpose of political clubs at a public university is not limited to campus activities", said Chasen Bullock, President of the San Marcos College Republicans. "We attempt to serve our surrounding communities with a variety of campaign activities. My Democratic counterparts and I look at this event as an opportunity to do just that."

The debates will be moderated by Patrick Coony, the Escondido League voter services director. Mr. Coony is an Administrative Law Judge and the author of a web site, Newsbatch.com, which focuses on voter education regarding national issues. The Presidential debates will begin at 6PM and finish at 7:30. The student debates will start at 7:45PM and end at 9PM. The student debates will be replayed on television in Escondido on Cox Channel 18 at various times prior to election day. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

## "HERONS' HOUSE: A ZERO ENERGY HOME.

**By Liz Gabrych President, LWV Escondido**

On a beautiful Saturday in August, board member Yolanda Fleet and I headed to Carlsbad in Celebration of County League Day. The event was a tour of Peder and Julie Norbys' "Herons' House", a Zero energy home in a residential area of Carlsbad east of I-5.

The house is a remodel of a standard 70's style 3,400 sq. ft. home that now looks more like a craftsman bungalow in Pasadena. It is a celebration of art, architecture, and energy efficiency, surrounded by a yard transformed into a vineyard and native plant garden.

The house takes advantage of ocean breezes and ocean views with 98 dual-glazed windows and no screens. It generates 80 to 100 percent of its own electricity with an attractive 7-kilowatt solar photovoltaic array on the roof. Pretty impressive when you consider they have two teenagers, lots of lights, big screen TVs, computers, jukebox, stereo, modern kitchen appliances, etc.

Herons' House also captures rainwater for the vineyard, and utilizes the newest style tankless water heater for efficiency. After touring the house, yard and wine cellar, we enjoyed box lunches and heard several excellent presentations of water conservation and the water crisis facing San Diego County. It was a very inspiring day

Visit the website to see their \$10 SDG&E electric bill, their battery operated GEM car, lots of photos and read more about their philosophy and the nuts-and-bolts of how the Norby's did it. [www.heronshouse.com](http://www.heronshouse.com)

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE:**

<http://escondido.ca.lwvnet.org>

**and the new LWV San Diego County Website:**

[www.sdcilo.ca.lwvnet.org](http://www.sdcilo.ca.lwvnet.org)

**For voter information go to:**

**SMARTVOTER.ORG**

OR

**VOTE411.ORG**



**The League of Women Voters**  
 Of Escondido and Neighboring Communities,  
**The Escondido Woman's Club**  
 And  
**The Escondido Citizens Ecology Committee**  
**PRESENT**

**A**  
**WATER CONSERVATION FORUM**

Listen to techniques old and new  
 available to provide clear water, clean air and a healthy environment  
 for you.

**Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008**  
**Escondido Woman's Club**  
**751 North Rose, Escondido**  
**10:00 AM to noon.**

**Speakers:**

**David Drake:**

Member of the Rincon del Diablo WaterDistrict Board of  
 Directors

**"Water and drought in San Diego County.  
 Real time water planning"**

A discussion of specific policies between water supplies  
 and development, and innovative water projects for San  
 Diego County.

**Dr. Suzanne M. Michel,**

Wetlands and watershed specialist

**"Our few remaining  
 wetlands"**

A discussion of the critical part wetlands play in filtering  
 water, cleaning the air, and providing healthy habitats.

**All Candidates for the Escondido City Council have  
 been invited to say a few words at this forum.**

**Public welcome. Admission free.**

**For more information, contact Yolanda Fleet 760 745-1219**

**PROS AND CONS  
 DEBATED BY LOCAL  
 HIGH SCHOOL  
 STUDENTS**

Students from Escondido,  
 Orange Glen, San Pasqual,  
 Mission Hills, San Marcos, and  
 Valley Center High Schools have  
 been invited to debate six of the  
 Propositions on November's  
 ballot On **October 23, 2008.**

A team from each high school  
 will debate the pro argument of  
 one proposition and the con side  
 of another proposition.

The students will debate:  
 Proposition 1, Bonds for High-  
 Speed Rail; Proposition 2,  
 Treatment of Farm Animals;  
 Proposition 4, Parental  
 Notification about Minor's  
 Abortion; Proposition 5,  
 Rehabilitation of Nonviolent  
 Offenders; Proposition 8, Limit  
 On Marriage; and Proposition  
 11, Redistricting.

Our Voter Service Director,  
 Patrick Coony will begin each  
 debate with a brief description of  
 each proposition. Then, one  
 high-school team will argue the  
 pro side, another high-school  
 team the con side, the first team  
 the rebuttal to the con, and the  
 second team a rebuttal to the  
 pro.

**The Debate will be from 6:00  
 PM to 9:30 PM at the  
 Escondido City Council  
 Chambers.** They will be  
 replayed on Cox Channel 18 at  
 various times to be announced.

**VOTE WITH THE  
 LEAGUE ON  
 NOVEMBER 4!**