



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF STANISLAUS COUNTY

64th Anniversary

ANNUAL REPORT 2011-2012

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Annual Meeting Procedures

Adoption of Order of Business: To change the order of the business agenda, a majority vote is required if done at the beginning of the meeting. If a change is made later, a two-thirds vote is required.

A reading committee selected at last year's meeting verified the accuracy of the minutes. Today we select three members to read this year's minutes.

There is no Treasurer's Report in this document because our fiscal year does not end until June 30. A year-end report will be printed in *The Voter*.

The Budget Committee and the Board recommend approval of the 2012-2013 budget printed in this report. A majority vote of the members in attendance is required to approve the budget.

The Board recommends approval of the dues increase for student members printed in the April *Voter* Newsletter.

Each year our local program must be approved by the membership. The Board recommends approval of the program as printed in this report. A majority vote of the members in attendance is required for approval. According to our bylaws, proposals for non-recommended items must be received by the Board at least two months prior to this meeting.

Our bylaws provide for election of officers and directors. Nominations may be made from the floor provided the consent of the nominee has been secured. Election of the slate, as presented by the Nominating Committee, is by majority vote. The Nominating Committee consists of five members, two of whom are members of the Board, selected by the Board. The chair and two members who are not on the Board are elected at this meeting.

A segment at the end of this report is provided for "Direction to the Board". This may be used to provide your suggestions for 2012-2013 including ideas you may wish the Board to consider for changes or additions to local program, for areas of emphasis for program or for any other League activity. Contact information is at the end of this report.

League of Women Voters of Stanislaus County Diversity Policy

League of Women Voters of Stanislaus County in both its values and its practice affirms its belief and commitment to diversity and pluralism, which means that there shall be no barriers to participation in any activity on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF STANISLAUS COUNTY
ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA**

May 9, 2012, 6:30 P.M.
Modesto, California

Welcome & Introductions	Amy Wolfe Nominating Committee Chair
Speaker	Monica Nino CEO, Stanislaus County

Business Meeting

Call to Order	Susan Novak
Parliamentarian	Ellen Dunbar
Credentials Report	Hanna Renning, Membership
Adoption of Order of Business and Procedures	Diane Bartlett
Minutes of 2011 Annual Meeting	Laurie Carley, Secretary
Selection of Minutes Reading Committee, 2012	Susan Novak
Student Dues Increase, Discussion & Vote Budget Presentation, Discussion & Vote	Julie Saugstad Julie Saugstad Budget Committee Chair
Local Program, Discussion and Vote	Stella Beratlis, Vice President
Nominating Committee Report	Amy Wolfe
Election of Officers and Directors	Susan Novak
Sustaining Member Award Presentation-Ellen Meyer	Susan Novak
Lifetime Award Presentation-Myrtle Osner	Susan Novak
Recognition of 2011-2012 Board	Susan Novak
Closing Remarks	Mary Giventer
Adjournment	Susan Novak

League of Women Voters of Stanislaus County Proposed Local Program 2012-2013

Housing (Adopted 1975, updated 1982 and 2003)

We recognize that the need for shelter is fundamental, and that a diverse population will desire a wide selection of housing options. Therefore, we:

- A. Support equal opportunity in housing options in Stanislaus County.
- B. Support local measures to increase the supply of a diverse range of housing types to serve a diverse population.
- C. Support local measures to increase the supply of safe and affordable housing for everyone.

Land Use (Adopted 1976, updated 1988 and 2003)

We recognize that land use decisions have an impact on many areas, notably on the quality of life and on the economy; and we recognize that land itself is an irreplaceable resource that needs to be preserved and protected. We support land use planning that:

- A. Protects farmland outside clearly defined urban boundaries to avoid unnecessary conversion of farmlands.
- B. Protects the overall quality of environment (soil, air, and water).
- C. Provides urban development contiguous with existing development where urban services can be provided.
- D. Provides adequate funding for infrastructure needs (transportation, schools, parks, government services and public utilities.)

Land use planning should involve cooperation between and among the various local regional government bodies.

Adult Criminal Justice (Adopted 1980, 1982 and 1984)

We support:

- A. The funding in Stanislaus County of a wide range of alternatives to incarceration for all but the physically dangerous offender.
- B. Efforts to further the expansion of rehabilitative programs and facilities for persons convicted of drug and alcohol abuse.
- C. A greater allocation of funds within the criminal justice budget for crime prevention, crime detection and rehabilitation

Child Abuse and Neglect (Adopted 1985, updated 1987)

- A. We recognize child abuse as a societal problem; therefore, we support: Legislation, which addresses the jurisdictional, organizational and procedural problems in the prosecution of child abuse cases.
- B. Modification of the courtroom process to accommodate child victims.
- C. Consistent reporting and recording of child abuse and neglect cases and development of comprehensive statistics.
- D. Broad-based prevention programs that are accessible to all family members and take into consideration the ethnic, religious, and cultural diversity of those being served.
- E. Efforts of public and private agencies to continually focus public attention on the problems of child abuse and neglect.

Local Library Finance (Adopted 1994, updated 1997 and 2003)

We support long-term, consistent funding of the Stanislaus County Free Library

- A. We strongly support a dedicated source of funds which could be used only for the Library
- B. Basic library services should remain free and become more accessible to all Stanislaus County residents in a nondiscriminatory manner.
- C. We support a long-range goal of maintaining a library system of excellence.

Gang Violence (Adopted 2007)

In order to address the problem of criminal gang activity within our community, we support the development of culturally diverse intervention and enrichment programs at the elementary school level and beyond.

- A. Such programs may include recreational, athletic, academic, creative and/or social activities.
- B. We encourage allocation of resources to fund these programs through public, private and/or non-profit organizations.

Municipal Government (Adopted 2008)

To assure that municipal government is open, accountable, and responsive to residents and to promote full participation by citizens, we support:

- A system that balances neighborhood needs with citywide perspective and
- Encourages and offers opportunity for increased voter and candidate participation

Nominees for Officers and Directors 2012-2013

Officers

President	Mary Giventer
Vice President	Stella Beratlis
Secretary	Laurie Carley
Treasurer	Seena Rhine

Directors

Finance Drive	Ellen Dunbar
Membership	Hanna Renning
State and National Action	Ann Krabach; <i>Co-Director Position Available</i>
Local Action	Marie Bairey
Board Administrator	Lynn Kelso
Public Relations	Jean Tenney
Voter Service	<i>Position Available</i>

Off Board Directors

Voter Service	Marsha Waggoner
Membership	Colleen Norby
Webmaster	Diane Bartlett
Lunch & Learn	Joan Goldsmith; Ruby Hennessey
Voter Editor	Patricia Beyer

Nominating Committee

Amy Wolfe, Chair
Position Available
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President's Report

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be your President for the past two years. I was supported each step of the way by the Board members, the leaders serving in off -Board positions, and the members at large. We provided Stanislaus County voters with excellent candidate forums, information on ballot measures, and an opportunity to hear speakers on timely issues. We campaigned to persuade voters to renew the 1/8th cent sales tax dedicated to funding our libraries. We participated in the LWVUS study on education. We took time to celebrate the Centennial of California women winning the right to vote and at the same time provided an educational opportunity for local high school and college students. We worked with new partners and renewed our relationship with old ones. We can all be proud of the role we played in fostering civic engagement.

Susan Novak, President

2011-2012 Accomplishments

To Strengthen the League's external impact on education and advocacy

Advocacy:

- Took a very public position in support of Measure T, the Stanislaus County Library sales tax renewal measure. Our League President addressed the Board of Supervisors and signed the ballot measure. League members served on the campaign steering committee, volunteered in the campaign office, and walked precincts.
- Encouraged the Board of Supervisors and the Salida MAC to review the Salida Master Plan in light of the housing recession and the need for a business park close to the freeway.

Education:

- Sponsored candidate forums for races for Modesto City School Board; Stanislaus Union Board of Education, Sylvan School Board, Modesto City Council Districts 1, 3, 5, and 6 and for Modesto Mayor.
- Participated in the Smart Voter Website (<http://www.smartvoter.org>) with links to news coverage of local elections and to some videotaped candidate forums.
- Published articles in *The Voter* concerning local, state, and national issues
- Participated in the LWVUS study on the Role of the Federal Government in Education.
- Sponsored 9 well attended no host Lunch and Learn Programs at a local restaurant with speakers on a variety of topics of interest to League members.

To Increase Visibility

- Notices to the newspapers in Stanislaus County regarding candidate forums, special events, and our Lunch and Learn speakers.
- Televised and/or video coverage of most of our candidate forums with some of them available on the internet through Smart Voter and the MJC Civic Engagement Website.
- Letters to the Editor of local newspapers regarding our advocacy positions.

To Enhance League Leadership

- Sponsored delegates to the LWVUS 2012 Convention in Washington, D.C. and to the LWVC Leadership Council in Sacramento.
- Voter Service Director attended LWVC Regional training.
- Several members participated in LWVC webinars.

To Assure the League's Financial Base

- The Board voted to give up our rented office space and moved our files into a less expensive document storage facility.
- The Finance Drive Committee recruited an excellent group of advisors willing to help solicit funds; sent letters to past and potential donors and met our goal.
- Published articles in *The Voter* promoting our Finance Drive.
- Conducted a review of LWVSC accounting records in accordance with our bylaws.

To Grow Membership

- Co-sponsored a program with the Stanislaus County Office of Education, Turlock AAUW and the Stanislaus County Commission for Women celebrating the Centennial of California Women's Suffrage.
- Held our popular Holiday Fling membership event in December.
- Conducted the annual Membership Renewal Drive.
- Continued our presence on Facebook to attract new members.
- Maintained a calendar of our activities on our website.

To Embrace Technology

- Updated our League website regularly.
- Participated in the Smart Voter Website with links to videotaped forums.
- Promoted our website in *The Voter* and on written communication sent out by our League.
- Expanded the use of e-mail alerts to members to remind them of League events and action alerts
- Maintained our *Facebook* page.

Vice President's Report

The Annual Program Planning meeting, in which participants discussed local as well as national program planning, was conducted on February 8, 2012. Members reached consensus on retaining all of our existing local position without any updates. For National Program, we voted to recommend a concurrence with the LWVDC's Sentencing Policy. The full policy can be found at <http://lwvdc.org>. (The results of our national program planning will be seen at the LWVUS Convention in early June.)

The Holiday Fling, held in December, featured guests Y.E.S. Ambassadors, who presented a delightful performance. Thanks to Hanna Renning for overall coordination of the event, Ellen Meyer and Lynn Kelso for organizing refreshments and other details, and all the League members who provided goodies and made other contributions. A big thanks to Lynn Fenderson for once again generously opening her home to the League for this annual event.

Finally, we assembled a committee to participate in the LWVUS study on the Role of the Federal Government in Public Education. Our committee met several times during the summer and fall to reach consensus on 15 questions provided by the LWVUS. In addition, we invited Sue Rich to speak at a Lunch & Learn to address the issue of Common Core Standards, curriculum, and assessments, issues around which the study centered. The local study committee held its Consensus Meeting on November 5, and the results were formally submitted by the end of the month. (A summary of the Committee's findings is available in the November/December 2011 *Voter* available online.) Based on the results of 377 local Leagues, the LWVUS took the following position on the topic:

The League of Women Voters believes that the federal government shares with other levels of government the responsibility to provide an equitable, quality public education for all children pre-K through grade 12. A quality public education is essential for a strong, viable, and sustainable democratic society and is a civil right. (LWVUS.org)

Details of the position can be found online at <http://www.lwv.org/content/federal-role-public-education-position>.

Special thanks to Laurie Carley, who made her home available to the study committee, Sylvia Orozco of Oak Valley Bank, who welcomed the committee to use the bank's fantastic conference room to conduct the Consensus Meeting, and to Marsha Waggoner, who helped arrange Sue Rich's presentation at Lunch & Learn.

Stella Beratlis, Vice President

Local Action Report

LWVSC Local Action Director continued to monitor growth and land use issues in Stanislaus County by attending City of Modesto Economic Development Committee meetings and a California Building Industry Association regional meeting focusing on the outlook for homebuilding. We also kept informed about the county mayors' growth/farm land preservation proposals as well as MID's proposal to sell water to San Francisco. We sent letters to the Modesto Bee supporting Supervisor Withrow's and the Bee's suggestions to revisit the Salida Plan to encourage business park development rather than housing. With the economic slowdown, there are opportunities for smart growth decisions

League was represented on the Modesto Redistricting Commission convened to review city council district boundaries based on the 2010 census.

Other advocacy activities included a letter to encourage HUD to support a proposed Tower Park senior apartment development in Modesto. We actively supported Measure T to renew the county library tax: made a presentation to the Board of Supervisors to place the library tax measure on the ballot, signed the ballot statement, sent statements of support to county newspapers, added support statements to our website and Facebook pages. In addition, League members assisted with the election campaign.

Marie Bairey, Local Action Director

Membership Report

As of May 1st, we have 116 members. Three of these are Lifetime (50+ year members) and 2 are students. Dues are currently \$60 for individuals, \$90 for family, and \$15 for students.

This year's membership events included a public celebration in October of the centennial of women's right to vote in California elections. This program at the Petersen Event Center was organized by LWVSC and co-sponsored by the Stanislaus County Office of Education, AAUW, and the Stanislaus County Commission for Women. It featured speaker Teri Lunt, a history instructor at CSU Stanislaus and Modesto Junior College, who traced the development of the suffrage movement. In December, Lynn Fenderson again hosted the annual Holiday Fling. The YES Company Ambassadors entertained with holiday music.

Membership recruitment is an ongoing challenge. Respect for the League of Women Voters runs high, but the threshold of making a commitment seems high to many prospective members. Our Lunch and Learn meetings and candidate forums have provided good venues for attracting prospective members.

Hanna Renning, Membership Director and Colleen Norby, Off-Board Membership

State and National Action Report

The League of Women Voters of California's core issues are redistricting, elections, initiative and referendum process, voting rights, campaign finance reform and reproductive choices. In our newsletter, we reported the League's position regarding legislation related to some of these issues and informed members of helpful tools, such as the Bill Status Report site, for keeping abreast of legislation.

LWVSC strongly encouraged our members and the public to participate in California's new citizens' redistricting process and to "decline to sign" the ballot petitions that would force referenda next year on the state Senate and congressional maps drawn by the redistricting committee. We advocated for the redistricting process in our newsletter articles and the "Vote with the League" booth at the Modesto Farmers' market.

At the Farmers' Market, we also distributed handouts about the federal Affordable Health Care Act and the CA Single-Payer Health Care Bill, SB 810 and urged people to contact their state senators in support of SB 810.

In early March, we interviewed Assembly Member Kristen Olsen. Issues discussed in the interview were the California State Budget, the initiative and referendum process, water storage and distribution, reform of government process and policy, transparency in government, job creation, education and importance of local control.

The LWVUS priorities are Clean Air Defense; Health Care Defense; Money in Elections (campaign finance reform); and Voter Registration and Election Administration. Some of the national issues LWVSC addressed in our newsletter were The Clean Air Promise Campaign; League's opposition to efforts to undermine clean elections and curtail voting rights such as HR 672; LWVUS guiding principles to develop the national budget.

Ann Krabach, State and National Action Director

Smart Voter Report

We participated in the Smart Voter website (www.smartvoter.org) for the November 2011 election and for the June 5, 2012 election. Funding was provided through the League of Women Voters of California Education Fund. Susan Novak served as our County Coordinator. Some candidates made full use of all the options, including posting videotaped candidate statements and interviews. We were able to stream several of our League candidate forums onto the site thanks to the Modesto Junior College Community Engagement project and League member Richard Anderson who helped with videotaping. We are grateful that the Stanislaus Elections' Department provides the files needed for the ballot lookup feature so key to the usefulness of the site. With its links to Facebook and Twitter; the ability to stream video, a mobile app and a new, up-to-date look, Smart Voter continues to be the premier one-stop source for election information.

Voter Service Report

The League of Women Voters of Stanislaus County sponsored candidate forums for races for Modesto City School Board, Stanislaus Union Board of Education, Sylvan School Board, Modesto City Council Districts 1, 3, 5, and 6 and for Modesto Mayor. We were able to hold the district level forums in the respective districts.

Many of our members worked as moderators, question sorters, greeters, and timers to make the forums effective. Some helped with several forums. Those who participated included:

Sarah Jamieson (Voter Service Director), Amy Wolfe, Mary Giventer, Diane Bartlett, Julie Saugstad, Marie Bairey, Ellen Meyer, Marjorie Brooks, Carmen Morad, Marge Lipsky, Hannah Parris, Jean Tenney, Joan Patterson, Hannah Renning, Susan Novak, Colleen Norby, Priscilla Peters, Ellen Dunbar, Richard Anderson, and Joan Goldsmith.

We are grateful to the Stanislaus Union Teachers Association; the Sylvan Union School District; Stephanie Lopez, Modesto City Clerk; and Allan McKissick and Colleen Norby, Modesto Junior College Civic Engagement Project advisors for assistance with facility arrangements. Also, videotaping was provided at no cost to us by the City of Modesto for the mayor's forum, by Modesto Junior College for forums held on the MJC campus, and by League member Richard Anderson for the Stanislaus Union School Board forum. Thank you!

Marsha Waggoner, Off Board Voter Service Director; Sarah Jamieson, Voter Service Director

The Voter Newsletter Report

The Voter is our major tool for sharing information with both the membership of the League of Women Voters of Stanislaus County and the community. In addition to the hard-copy, which is mailed, we are now e-mailing the newsletter to those who prefer to receive it online. The e-mailed version offers interactive participation by the reader. We post this version on our website.

This year we have published seven issues of *The Voter*: July-August, September, October, November-December, January-February, March, April and May/June. Every issue contained our President's message, highlights of the Board meetings, Calendar of Events, roster of the Board of Directors, Lunch and Learn information (including a summary of the last speaker's address and an introduction to the upcoming speaker and his or her topic) new-member information and an enrollment form.

Each Board member has regularly contributed articles concerning their area of responsibility. These included reports from the Secretary, Treasurer, Finance Drive Director, and the directors

of the Local Action, State and National, Voter Service, and Membership Committees. *The Voter* also publicized upcoming special League events.

The Voter publishes information about candidate forums, educational events, and LWVSC consensus meetings and positions on local issues. It also reflects state and national League positions on matters of broader political concern. In this way our newsletter plays an important role in informing our members and the public and in encouraging their active involvement in the democratic process.

Publishing a newsletter involves the hard work of many people, and I wish to thank everyone who contributed—with articles, editing, mailing, and/or moral support—to the successful production of *The Voter*.

Patricia Beyer, The Voter Editor

Public Relations Report

News releases were sent to Stanislaus County newspapers announcing our programs and candidate forums. Some of our candidate forums were rebroadcast on local cable stations or were streamed onto the MJC Civic Engagement website and/or www.smartvoter.org. Thanks to MJC and League member Richard Anderson for their help with this.

Both the *Modesto Bee* and the *Turlock Journal* featured our program on the Centennial of California Women's Suffrage. Stanislaus County Office of Education's Peterson Center produced an e-flyer that went out to all of the high schools in the County.

Jean Tenney, Public Relations Director

Webmaster Report

The League of Women Voters of Stanislaus County website (lwwstanislaus.org) is in its thirteenth year of offering online information to residents of our county. We provide information about local and state elections and League events, as well as a PDF version of *The VOTER*, meeting minutes, and agendas. The League's website is a stand-alone site made possible through the technical support and infrastructure of the League Easy Web, a project of the LWVC.

Looking at usage trends through the years, the use of League's website continues at a steady pace. Since November 2004, when LWVC began tracking the numbers, lwwstanislaus.org has had 316,662 successful requests for pages, with an average of 123 requests per day, up from last year's average of 115 requests per day. Our busiest month to date has been May, 2010, with 5,933 total page requests. At the beginning of the fiscal year, the website consistently saw at

least 4000 requests each month, with October showing the heaviest usage at 5324 requests. January and February 2012 showed requests falling to the 3700 range.

This year we switched our domain name to a different registrar and realized significant cost savings.

We are working on making better use of social networking sites, such as Facebook.

Thank you for supporting lwvstanislaus.org. Access to election information and League communications is just a few clicks away!

Diane Bartlett, Webmaster

Lunch and Learn Annual Report

This general meeting is a monthly luncheon for League members and guests held at Appetiz Restaurant, Roseburg Square. At the half-way point in our calendar this year, we changed to the last Thursday of the month to accommodate those League members who consistently had conflicts on Tuesdays. Attendance has been excellent and members appear to be pleased with the change. The luncheons were well publicized which brought several new guests and some new members.

2011-2012 Lunch and Learn speakers:

June- Supervisor Terry Withrow, Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors, “The Salida Plan”

July- Fred Cavanagh, City of Modesto, “Public Transportation in Modesto ”

August- Rebecca Phillips Abbott, Executive Director & Curator, Turlock Carnegie Arts Center, “A grand re-opening”

September- Jane Wagner-Tyack, League of Women Voters, San Joaquin County, “Water, the Myths and the Facts”

October- Sue Rich, Stanislaus County Office of Education, “The Role of the Federal Government in Education”

January- Dr. Dave Colnic, California State University, Stanislaus, “The Politics of Dams in Northern California”

February- Vanessa Czopek, County Librarian and Bev Finley (Measure T Campaign)

“Stanislaus County Library Centennial” (Vanessa)

“Measure T, Sales Tax Renewal Election” (Bev)

March-Carmen Morad, President, Stanislaus County Chapter, Grand Jurors’ Association,
“The Civil Grand Jury”

April- Analysa Freitas, Westside Community Coordinator, Tuolumne River Trust,
“Nature and Community”

Margie Lipsky and Joan Goldsmith, Lunch & Learn Chairpersons

Finance Drive Report

Each year the Finance Committee refines the mailing and donor lists to remove inactive names and add prospective new donors. Our emphasis in this year’s donation request letter was to highlight our Voter Service activities. Our members and prospective donors responded well to this approach and we received donations from 30% of the letters sent.

Personal contact remains a key component of our fundraising efforts. Our dedicated Finance Advisers, along with committee members, ensured that each letter was accompanied by a personal note. We feel that this personal outreach contributes to our success.

In addition, our appeal included highlights of the League’s work. We strove to show our current and prospective donors the accomplishments of our organization during the past year. The inclusion of the League’s activities served as a reminder of how we responsibly steward the donations we receive.

Donations totaled \$6690.00, which slightly surpassed our goal for the year. With the economy in our county remaining weak, the committee and Board are very pleased with this response. We cannot thank our members, donors and Finance Advisers enough for their dedication and commitment to the League of Women Voters of Stanislaus County.

Mary Giventer, Finance Drive Director

Sustaining Member Award

The Sustaining Member Award is a tradition begun in 1986 by former League President Jean Hamp. This honor, which is meant to be a surprise to the individual and the membership, is given by the Board of Directors each year in recognition of someone other than a Board member who has put forth substantial effort to sustain our organization. The recipients of this award exemplify the meaning of the term “sustain: to keep in existence, maintain or prolong; carry the weight or burden of and to strengthen the spirit.”

Previous Sustaining Member Award Recipients

1986 Susan Woodworth	1995 Hazel Gotshall	2004 Gloria Skol
1987 Lulu Jenkins	1996 Marge Fovinci	2005 Kenni Friedman
1988 Kay Black	1997 Ralph Sturtevant	2006 Linda Walden
1989 Bev Sturtevant	1998 Lynn Kelso	2007 Stella Beratlis
1990 Mildred Kinser	1999 Polly Klopfer	2008 Helen Gordon
1991 Margie Lypsky	2000 Susan Novak	2009 Debbie Kleinfelder
1992 Eleanor Goldor	2001 Joan Goldsmith	2010 Lee DeLaMare
1993 Myrtle Osner	2002 Patrick McKee	2011 Ellen Meyer
1994 Alita Roberts	2003 Julie Saugstad	

2012 Recipient: Ellen Meyer

This year’s recipient of the Sustaining Member Award is Ellen Meyer. Many of us know Ellen as a past League president and Board member. She is less known for the behind the scenes work she has done both before and after those official positions. Ellen has served both as a chair and a member of the nominating committee—a vital committee in any League. She has served as the League’s representative on the Modesto Community College Civic Engagement Committee, and on the City of Modesto Salary Advisory Committee for elected officials. She volunteers at many of our forums in whatever role is needed and has helped with the Smart Voter web site. “Ask Ellen” is a frequent phrase in our League. That’s because she is always willing to help—whether it’s to design a flyer, to answer a software question, to help at a program event or to share her knowledge of League policy and procedures. Ellen’s work for our League exemplifies the meaning and spirit of the Sustaining Member Award.

Volunteer Recognition

The Board recognizes all the volunteers, both members and non-members, who have given their time, donations and assistance to make League successful in its goals. Without the richness and reliability of your incredible contributions, we would not be able to function as we do. Committed volunteers have always been the centerpiece of League work and it is that passion which keeps our organization going. Thank you!

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Respectfully submitted,

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Joan Goldsmith, Lunch and Learn
Diane Bartlett, Webmaster
Amy Wolfe (Chair), Ruby Hennessey, and Mercedes Hart, Nominating Committee

Direction to the Board

Ideas and suggestions are welcomed by the 2011-2012 Board of Directors.

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Your ideas or suggestions will be forwarded to the appropriate board member.

About the League of Women Voters

“The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.”

The League of Women Voters has two separate and distinct roles:

- **Voter Service/Citizen Education:** we present unbiased nonpartisan information about elections, the voting process, and issues
- **Action/Advocacy:** we are also nonpartisan, but, after study, we use our positions to advocate for or against particular policies in the public interest.

To conduct our voter service and citizen education activities, we use funds from the League of Women Voters Education Fund, which is a 501(c) (3) corporation, a nonprofit educational organization. The League of Women Voters, a membership organization, conducts action and advocacy and is a nonprofit 501 (c) (4) corporation.

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