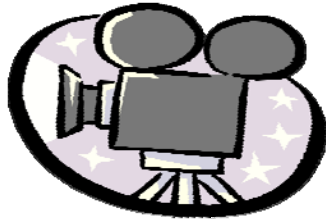


FREMONT, NEWARK & UNION CITY

SUMMER 2012



Preview of Coming Attractions

September Kick Off Meeting –

The Governor vs. Molly Munger

Come and learn about the differences between these two ballot measures and how each may affect California's budget woes and your pocketbook.

October General Meeting –

Human Trafficking

A clear view into a horrific 21st century problem – the illegal trafficking of adults and children in the sex trade. Why is it still a problem? What is being done in Alameda County?

November General Meeting –

Healthcare

What is next for Californians in Healthcare as a result of the Supreme Court decision and the general election?

December General Meeting –

Our annual ***Holiday festivity*** and ***Program Planning*** for LWV California. Help us decide on our top priorities.

January General Meeting –

Consensus meeting on the state study on Initiative and Referendum study. Look for supporting documents in each VOTER.

SUMMER PARTY

**Help us welcome our newest members
and**

**Celebrate Women's Equality Day
at a BBQ on August 26th at
Kay & Guy Emanuele's home
45 Zacate Place, Fremont
4-7 P.M.**

**Please let Kay know if you are coming
or can bring a side dish or dessert.
Contact Kay Emanuele, our hostess at
510-792-1645 or
kay1945@sbcglobal.net**

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 27, 2012

First day Sample Ballots mailed out

Oct. 8, 2012

First day to mail Vote by Mail ballots

Oct. 22, 2012

Last day to register to vote

Oct. 30, 2012

Last day to request Vote by Mail ballot

Nov. 6, 2012

General election

For more information contact Alameda Co.
Registrar of Voters office 510.272.6973 or
acgov.org/rov

President's Message



Did we have a successful year? You be the judge.

- We began by inviting one of the authors of California Crackup, Mark Paul, to share his thoughts with us.
- We celebrated 100 years of Women Winning the Right to Vote in California by collaborating with AAUW and NOW. The committee produced an original script on the campaign and its leaders.
- We took part in two LWVUS studies this year: The Federal Role in Education and Government Privatization.
- We squeezed program planning in with our Holiday Party.
- We toured Fremont's latest addition to affordable housing at Abode's Main St. Village.
- We learned about the new aspects of our June Primary—a top two open primary and what redistricting has done to our Tri-Cities area from a Registrar of Voters staffer.
- We celebrated Sunshine Week in March by visiting 3 Councils and School Boards and reminding them what Sunshine Week is all about.
- We quizzed the Ohlone president, Dr. Gari Browning about the new master plan and how they are using their bond money.
- We sponsored a Y VOTE contest for Tri-City high school students and invited elected officials to co-sponsor with us. We received almost \$4000 to use as prizes for the high school winners. The winning entries are on our website.
- We held two candidate forums: one for 20th Assembly District and one for 25th Assembly District. We included an educational forum on New Haven's Measure H. The videotaped sessions are on our website.
- We held steady in membership although we tried to increase it by holding a membership contest.
- We are looking for a replacement of our Voting Matters program. A committee taped two programs that are on You Tube: Open Primary or Top Two Candidates and Re-districting.
- We have an active Action Committee. They oversee our 6 observers, interview new Tri-City officials, do the State League legislative interview and work on the issues found in our Program on page 8.
- We just finished presenting Brown Act training to the Newark Council. Several Newark School Board members and Planning Commissioners also took part.
- We also keep 50 or so voter registration boxes filled with affidavits, held a registration drive or two and cajoled the wanna-be elected officials in our area to take advantage of Smart Voter.
- Our Education Committee studied local and state education issues and ran the Y Vote contest.

And let's not forget that we have a great newsletter, the Voter and a great website. We will probably produce another Voter Information Booklet for the November election.

Looking ahead—we are finding few “free” places to hold meetings and forums and videotape technicians are getting more and more expensive. We will need to spend time on fundraising to meet our expenses.

We have lost the Community Calendar in the Argus and have started rethinking what publicity is. We are now including the Fremont Bulletin, the Tri-City Voice, Newark Patch and Facebook.

If you have other suggestions, please see our Communications Director and like us on Facebook and direct all your friends to do the same.

ANNUAL REPORTS

VOTER SERVICE

Submitted by Sets Amann

- July 2011 Turned in 6 months report to the Registrar of Voters about the number of affidavits delivered.
- Sept. 2012 Set up LWV booth at the Annual Newark Days Community Information Fair.
- Jan. 2012 Picked up 5 boxes of affidavits from ROV office (1000 in each box).
Turned in 6 months report to ROV about the number delivered.
- Feb. 2012 Held Voter Registration with Quest students from Irvington High School in Fremont to register voters at Irvington High School, Kennedy High School, Mission San Jose High School, Washington High School and American High School.
- Mar. 2012 Provided Voter Registration materials to Logan High School Teachers, Ivan Santos, for his civic Class.
- Apr. 2012 Worked on appropriate questions for the Primary election for the Measure H in Union City, Candidates Forums for District 20 & 25.
- May 2012 Held Candidates Forums for districts 20 & 25 state Assembly. Held Question/Answer Session for Measure H in Union City. Participated in Community Resource Fair 2012 at Masonic Home, Union City.

PROGRAM

Submitted by Barbara Friedrich

The League Kick off took place with a visit by guest speaker Mark Paul, co-author of California Crackup: How Reform Broke the Golden State and How It Can be Repaired. He left us with much to think about and many ideas for needed “fixes” of our state government.

In October we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of Women’s Suffrage in California” with a celebration co-sponsored with AAUW, NOW, the Fremont Main Library and the Patterson House. Many members were in costume and some participated in skits and speeches representing the era of the early 1900s.

There was a daylong consensus meeting in November on the LWVUS study of the *Federal Role in Public Education*.

In January members were taken on a tour of Abode’s Main Street Village, their latest affordable housing development. We also had time for questions and answers about ABODE from the staff.

The February meeting featured Noel Lucio from the Alameda County Registrar of Voters office. He showed us maps of the new congressional and legislative districts and described and answered questions regarding the new “top two” voting in the June primary.

The LWVUS study on Privatization was the subject of our March meeting. We discussed the questions for consensus and sent the results to LWVUS.

Dr. Gari Browning was our guest at the April meeting. She presented us with information on the use of Measure A bond funds and on the

Master plan for future development at Ohlone. Two candidates nights were held in May for the local assembly districts. Additionally we held an awards presentation for the Y VOTE Contest for local high school students.

We completed our year with our Annual Meeting at Sweet Tomatoes. Our guest speaker was State Senate Majority Leader, Ellen Corbett.

ACTION COMMITTEE

Submitted by Kay Emanuele

The Action Committee has been very active again this past year. We met monthly at 12:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month. Our “specialists” report on their area of expertise.

Redevelopment and Affordable Housing. Miriam Keller keeps us well informed on current happenings.

Transportation. Sets Amann and Alex Starr attend LWVBA meetings and regional meetings to educate us about various transportation agencies.

Health. Marilyn Singer has observed the Fremont School District Health and Sex Education Advisory Committee. The group received Brown Act training and recommended a sixth grade curriculum compatible with state law. We lobbied for SB 810, Universal Health Care.

Ohlone College. Alex Starr is an observer of regular meetings and study sessions. We had President Gari Browning speak at one of our general meetings about Ohlone’s Master Plan.

Finance. Jean Holmes sends articles and information about the financial issues both statewide and locally. She condenses long, involved communications to highlight what is happening. Despite all the negativity, she usually finds some bit of good news to share. *Voting Matters.* The previous Voting Matters

cable T.V. program has been updated and is available on our website lwvfnc.org. Webmaster Peter Starr has posted the videos of Voting Matters programs.

Media. Sam Neeman has set up a LWVFNUC Facebook page. We encourage everyone to check it out.

Washington Hospital observer, Andrea Schacter reports on hospital Board Meetings.

Action Committee members interviewed Assemblyman Bob Wieckowski, Senator Ellen Corbett, and Newark School Board member Sucy Collazo.

MEMBERSHIP

Submitted by Andrea Schacter

I am pleased to report that during the 2011/12 fiscal year, our League acquired 10 new members, bringing our total active members to 124. This includes 25 household members.

Let us welcome our new members.

- Lucienne Bouvier
- Christina Broadwin
- Diane Cheney
- Judy Chong
- Brannin Dorsey
- Asha Garg
- Joann Greene
- Dianne Jones
- Kirti Reddy
- Daria Wagganer
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I am also very pleased to report that both Mary Ann Dillon and Mary Roulet have been members of the League for more than 50 years! Let's give them a round of applause for their commitment and dedication to the League. I hope we can acquire more members in the new fiscal year.

Alice Johnson was the lucky winner of our drawing for a free membership for the next fiscal year--2013/14. Alice's name was drawn from all those who paid their 2012/2013 dues

before or at our annual meeting. Maybe next year you can be the winner!

QuickTime™ and a decompressor are needed to see this picture.

Communications Committee

Submitted by Isabelle McAndrews

In the first half of 2012, our League of Women Voters received extensive coverage in the Argus, Tri-City Voice, and the Fremont Bulletin. Despite the limited space that Tri-City area newspapers allocate to local news, we succeeded in obtaining free publicity for our Y-Vote Contest and our monthly programs. We witnessed a decline in coverage due to the elimination of the Argus' Bay Area Calendar section. To circumvent the limitations of print media, Sam Neeman, Daria Wagganer, and Alex Starr collaborated in launching a Facebook page.

Many voters are unaware that we offer citizens a better understanding of candidates and the electoral issues. To fill this void, we will explore new ways to convey our message, while continuing to advertise our league in print and social media. Some possibilities for additional outreach include advertising on structures at congested street corners, organizing attractive library exhibits, and supporting Voter Service booths at public events.

Over the past year, we successfully communicated our message through the talented efforts of our webmaster, Pete Starr, our social media guru, Daria Wagganer, and the hard work of our active members. To ensure that the diverse mediums have a synchronized message, the League renamed its Publicity Committee as the Communications Committee with Isabelle McAndrews as the Communications Director. If you would like to suggest ways to broadcast our message, please send a note to publicity@lwvfnc.org.

FROM LWVC

Your **LWVC Nominating Committee** is looking for **PROVEN** leaders for the **LWVC Board of Directors** slate.

Do you know of a League member who is **P**assionate about League, has **R**espect for the League mission, is **O**bservant of League traditions, has a **V**ision for League's future, is **E**xperienced in League procedures and has **N**otable achievements?

If so, we want to hear from you!

Click on the link below for the nomination form or contact

Chairperson Trudy Jarratt at

ftjarratt@charter.net.

http://www.ca.lwv.org/lwvonly/forms/nomination_form.html

Repeat the Prop 28 Victory in November

As a League supporter, you were part of the coalition which got Proposition 28 on the June ballot. The measure passed overwhelmingly, receiving 61% of the vote.

You made sure that voters understood the need to fix term limits and make the legislature more accountable. You helped them see past the misleading campaign tactics of out-of-state interests and voted based on the facts.

Prop 28 will do exactly what it says: reduce the time a legislator can spend in office without extending the terms of any sitting legislators. Stay active and informed on this issue and others - [sign up for our Action Alerts](#) today and [like us on Facebook](#)

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Woman of the Year

Congratulations to Sybil Smith, a long time League member, who was recently honored as the **10th Senate District's 2012 Woman of the Year** by State Senator Ellen Corbett's office. Sybil received the award in recognition of her outstanding volunteer work.

Sybil has been a supporter of Abode Services' outreach and fundraising efforts for many years. She has helped host events benefiting Abode (most recently a holiday party where guests brought gift cards for the residents at Sunrise Village Emergency Shelter), and has served as a table captain at our annual Journey Home Breakfast.

Sybil also volunteers at Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments (SAVE) and in the Fremont Unified School District.

Congratulations to Sybil on a well-deserved award, and for being an exemplary volunteer!

Fund Raising – from fund raising chair Sam Neeman

samneeman@comcast.net

Our League's community outreach and education takes money. We pay for the video work for Voting Matters now being shown on YouTube, Candidate forums and other Voter Information. Most of our dues provide financial support for national, state, and regional levels of League.

We received many generous contributions from our members - thank you all! Isabelle McAndrews and John Smith raised a significant amount of money for our Y Vote contest from a number of sponsors highlighted on our web. Lastly we receive major revenue from monitoring Home Owner Association elections. If you would like to help with HOA election monitoring, please contact Jean Holmes, committee chair at holmes_jean20@hotmail.com

We added some fun fundraising at our Annual Meeting with our first ever live auction raising \$560. Thanks to our members and community sponsors who contributed items for the auction: Regis J. Amann, LWVFNUC, John Matthews, the Olive Hvde Art Guild, and Holly and Barry Walter.

Initiative and Referendum Study from LWVC

In this year's legislative interviews elected officials were asked if they think the initiative and referendum process is in need of reform, and, if so, what ideas they would support. The vast majority of the responses received thus far indicate support for some kind of change.

Some legislators expressed support for the overall intent of the initiative process – to allow a voice for the grassroots in the political process, while saying that this is no longer the case. Many want to find a way to reduce the influence of special interests while also acknowledging the need to limit the overall number of initiatives. Another idea mentioned by several legislators is the need to identify funding sources for initiatives that will cost money. This idea, while quite popular, runs counter to the League's position against earmarking funds. The League prefers that measures not include any earmarking, because it reduces the flexibility of the legislature in future years. The position is clear that we should only support a measure with earmarking if it also includes a sunset clause.

Other ideas suggested include:

- ensuring that the language in initiatives is clear and understandable
- enforcing strict interpretation of the single issue requirement for initiatives
- requiring all measures be submitted to the California Supreme Court for a pre-election review for constitutionality
- ensuring that the title and summary for each measure is impartial, and
- raising the filing fees (the fees have been the same since 1943 and do not come close to covering the cost of analyzing the measures and writing the titles and summaries).

Other ideas mentioned include:

- supporting the California DISCLOSE Act
- changing the number of signatures required
- putting a moratorium for some number of years on measures once an issue had been on a ballot
- making it more difficult to amend the State Constitution

The Initiative and Referendum Update Study Committee is considering these ideas and more. A study guide and leaders guide will be available in July of this year. Consensus reports will be due until **March 2013**.

LWVC Positions on November Ballot Measures

YES on Prop 30 *The Governor's Schools and Local Public Safety Act* – will help balance the state budget and provide funding for the services that Californians depend on

NO on Prop 32 The Special Exemptions Act. It does not take money out of politics because Super PACs and independent expenditure committees are exempt from its controls.

YES on Prop 34 SAFE California: Savings, Accountability Full Enforcement will replace the Death Penalty with life in prison without possibility of parole.

YES on Redistricting Reform. Vote YES to affirm the state Senate maps drawn by the Citizens Redistricting Commission.

NEUTRAL on Prop 38 Our Children, Our Future: Local Schools and Early Childhood Investment Act. This proposed tax would direct funds to local schools, thus earmarking another segment in the state's General Funds.

CALENDAR

July 31	Board Meeting	6:45 P.M. at League Office Fremont Community Activities Center 3375 Country Drive, Fremont
August 26	BBQ for new and current members	4-7 P.M. at Kay Emanuele's home 45 Zacate Place, Fremont
Sept. 17	Kick Off Meeting – Two Tax Initiatives	6:30 P.M. Fremont Congregational Church, 38255 Blacow Rd, Fremont

ALL MEETINGS ARE FREE, OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND WHEEL CHAIR ACCESSIBLE

Mission

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

Diversity Policy

LWVFNUC affirms its commitment to reflect the diversity of our communities in our membership and actions. We believe diverse views are important for responsible decision making and seek to work with all people and groups who reflect our community diversity.

Join the LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS today!

Any person, man or woman, who subscribes to the purpose and policy of the League may join. To be a voting member, one must be at least 18 years of age and a U.S. citizen. Members under 18, or non-citizens, are welcome as non-voting Associate Members. Dues include membership in LWVFNUC, Bay Area League, and the California and National Leagues. Financial support for dues is available through our scholarship program. Contact Andrea Schacter, Membership Chair, for information.

Name (s) _____

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