



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®

OF FREMONT NEWARK AND UNION CITY

"Because democracy is not a spectator sport"

Call to the Annual Meeting

Saturday, June 14, 2014

9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Acacia Creek Masonic Home
34400 Mission Boulevard
Union City, California 94587

Ask the Acacia Creek Masonic Home Gatekeeper
for Directions to the Meeting Room.

Full Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.—\$13.50

Enjoy listening to our Guest Speaker, the Superintendent of FUSD, Dr. James Morris. This year we will have a raffle; tickets will be sold during breakfast and winners of our exciting items will be announced after Dr. Morris' speech.



Fremont Unified
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Please let us know if you will be attending the breakfast and/or meeting by responding to the Evite you received via email or emailing Sets Amann directly at setsamann@pacbell.net no later than May 31st as Acacia needs an accurate count for breakfast.

Payment for breakfast should be made via check made out to LWVFNUC at the meeting or prepay by credit card from your Evite response.

Pre-payment of annual dues is encouraged (\$60 individual, \$30 additional household member). A drawing for a free 1 year membership (2014 -2015) will be held for all prepaid members at the meeting.

If you wish to attend the meeting only please arrive by 10:15 a.m.

Guests are invited.

The meeting should conclude by 11:15 a.m.

Please bring
this Annual
Meeting Packet
with you to the
Meeting.

Auction 2014

We are mixing it up this year. Some items will sold at live auction and some will be sold by raffle.
Raffle tickets are \$5 for 1 and \$20 for 15. Tickets will be sold throughout breakfast.

We have even more items than previous years - Look at this list of some of the wonderful items donated by local business and our members.

- 2 San Jose Repertory VIP reception and opening night tickets thanks to Holly and Barry Walters
- California Shakespeare "Basket" with 2 tickets and wine for before the show thanks to Peter and Alex Starr
- 2 Tickets for a Broadway West Show compliments of Broadway West
- 2 Tickets for the Starstuck Summer Show - Shrek the Musical in August
- 2 Tickets for the Olive Hyde Art Center's Holiday Gala and a bottle of Champagne compliments of Olive Hyde Art Guild
- Baseball Tickets thanks to Alameda County Supervisor Richard Valle
- Dining Around Town options with gift certificates for Joe's Corner, The Nile Cafe, The Niles Pie Company, The Original Pancake House, Thyme for Tea and The Vine, thanks to those businesses
- Talking about Pie - Judy Zlatnik is offering to bake a large fruit pie for the lucky winner
- Wine baskets and more from the Board

We've got you covered for entertainment, breakfast, lunch, dinner and desert! So bring some cash or a check book and join in the fun.

June 14, 2014 Annual Meeting Order of Business

Call to Order	Carolyn Hedgecock/ Sam Neeman
Introductions	
Introduction of Parliamentarian	
Appoint Minutes Approval Committee	
Credentials Report	Sets Amann
Adoption of the Rules of the Day	Carolyn Hedgecock/ Sam Neeman
Adoption of Order of Business	Carolyn Hedgecock/ Sam Neeman
President's Report	Carolyn Hedgecock/ Sam Neeman
Treasurer's Report	Peter Starr
Presentation of Proposed Budget	Peter Starr
Motion, Discussion and Adoption of Budget	
Adoption of Recommended Program	Carolyn Hedgecock/ Sam Neeman
Discussion and Adoption of Local Position	
Consideration and Adoption of Action Priorities (Issue for Emphasis)	
Report of the Nominating Committee	Gail Blalock
Nominations from the Floor	
Election of Officers and Directors	
Introduction of the New Board	Carolyn Hedgecock/ Sam Neeman
Advice to the Board	
Update from last year	Carolyn Hedgecock/ Sam Neman
Direction to the Board	
Adjournment	

Rules of the Day

VOTING

Voting is limited to members of the League of Women Voters of Fremont, Newark and Union City. Each member shall be entitled to one vote only. Absentee or proxy voting is not permitted.

QUORUM

A quorum for the annual meeting shall consist of 15 percent of members.

ADOPTION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS AND RULES OF THE DAY

A majority vote is required to adopt the Order of Business and the Rules of the Day. Both the Rules of the Day and the Order of Business may be amended by a majority vote before adoption. After adoption, a two-thirds (2/3) vote is required to make changes.

DEBATE

Debate shall be limited to two (2) minutes for each speaker. No person may speak twice to a question until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity to do so.

ADOPTION OF BUDGET

A majority vote of members present and voting is required to adopt the budget.

ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BY-LAWS

A two-thirds (2/3) vote of members present and voting is required to amend the by-laws.

ADOPTION OF PROGRAM

Debate and voting on proposed program will occur first, then on non-recommended items in the order in which consideration was voted. Wording of local program items may be amended by a majority vote of members present and voting, provided that the amendment does not enlarge the scope or change the intent of the program item.

NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Immediately following the presentation of the nominating committee report, nominations may be made from the floor, provided that the consent of the nominee has been obtained.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

The privilege of the floor is extended to guest members from other Leagues. This includes participation in discussion and debate but not in voting.

Presidents' Report to the Membership - June 2014

Most of you are aware of the meetings we held this past fiscal year. Attendance was good at most events and excellent at the Candidate Forums - special thanks to Ellen Culver and Marilyn Singer respectively for organizing these events. Of note - over 300 people attended the 17th Congressional Candidate Forum - way to go Marilyn!

Last year the newly elected Board met and discussed how to energize our members and the community. There was a lot of creative energy on the Board allowing us to make many changes while keeping in mind our goal of greater membership and public engagement. During the past year Peter Starr redesigned our web site, lwvfnuc.org, with input from some of the members - be sure to check out the Election Resource center and share the link with family and friends. We created a new communications process with monthly eVoter and Upcoming events and an eReminder as needed. Peter also changed many of our back office programs including moving to Gmail and changing our budgeting systems giving Board members access to our financials via our web site.

Alex Starr focused on bringing new members into the Action Team and putting more local focus in the Voter. The Action Team had a huge push educating the public about the Affordable Care Act and how to sign up. They gave out 1000 business cards with information about the ACA as well as having trainers from Covered California speak at a meeting co-sponsored by the Alameda County Library. Unfortunately this was so early in the process, the trainers were not able to answer all the questions asked. Jean Holmes led a small team monitoring Home Owners Association Meeting Elections bringing in over \$3000 to our League. This is one of our highest levels of fundraising - thanks Jean.

Andrea Schacter started a new process and relationship with the area schools enlisting their support for Voter Registration Drives that leverages student and faculty involvement leading to a record number of Voter Registration Cards being distributed. We'll continue to hone this new tool for Voter Registration. Miriam Keller led a dedicated team to organize and fund our Y-Vote contest engaging area high school students in our democratic process. Sets Amann brought in ten new members - Marilyn Berens, Kevin K. Herd, Evelyn La Torre, Lisamarie Martinez, Ruth Narayan, Marsha Parker, Elaine Sanchez, Cynthia and Kendall Schick and Tony Shellen. She hosted a New Member Tea and is always looking for ways to keep our new members involved. We also experimented with a Friday Night at the Movies - a social and educational event for members to get to know one another and just have fun.

Board members also keep us connected with Regional, State and National Leagues. Alex Starr serves on the Alameda County Council (ACC) transportation team and on the Bay Area League Board. And, past President Syeda Inamdar sits on the California League Board.

Carolyn and Sam participate in the ACC and an Bay Area Group in the South Bay. Carolyn and Alex attended the Bay Area Convention, Alex attended the California Leadership Council; and Kathy Bray is attending the National LWV Convention in Dallas. Mary Miller did an excellent job bringing together members to weigh in on the National League Agricultural Position Update.

One way we gauge our success is on you and your participation. We were gratified with the good attendance at meetings and help received from both long time and new members. Toni Shellen moved the team prioritizing our input to National League's area of focus to include gun control. We ask you to share what you would like to see improved next and what you would like us to focus on over the coming year. We have many opportunities for you to get involved this coming year. We have voter registration drives, candidate forums and communications work - learn web design, publicity and other marketing functions. There will be signup sheets at the meeting.

In follow up to last year's membership approval to change our by-laws and article of incorporation contingent on receiving 501(c)(3) status from the IRS. The IRS denied our ability to use the group request process to seek conversion of our Leagues' tax status. Their decision is not with respect to our Leagues' qualification under 501(c)(3), just their ability to use an easier administrative process (the group request) to file the request. We are pursuing 501(c)(3) status for our League with the help of Tom Carson, President of the Glendale/Burbank League who had been spearheading the group exemption request.

Last year's Advice to the Board:

- All monies brought in by Voter Services should be used for Voter Services work: You will see in the Treasurer's Report we have allocated even more than that as Voter Services is a key mission of the LWV.
- Sponsor a high school student to National Convention: After several discussions we decided not do so due to cost, logistics, and liability.
- Put the Membership Handbook on our web site: We have done so. However we did not include the membership roster as we are concerned about member privacy.
- Do less: We didn't quite understand this but we don't think we followed this advice.

Thank you all and see you at the meeting.

Carolyn Hedgecock
Sam Neeman

Proposed LWVFNUC Budget 2014-2015

Category Description	Actual 11 Months	Current Budget	Proposed Budget	Comments
REVENUE	*	*	*	*
Collected Dues	5,880.00	6,120.00	5,900.00	Based on current membership (Approx 110)
Unrestricted Donations	*	*	*	*
Member Donations	586.87	400.00	400.00	Need Active Fund Raising
Restricted Donations	*	*	*	*
Targeted Donations	*	300.00	300.00	Donations Specified for a Particular Purpose
Ed Fund Member Contributions	280.00	700.00	700.00	Must be a Separate Check
Fundraising	*	*	*	*
Election Services	*	200.00	*	Poll Workers
Auction	25.00	*	500.00	Auction held at the Annual Meeting
Home Owner Assoc. Elections	3,211.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	Home Owners Association Elections
Voter Registration Affidavits	516.56	1,000.00	1,000.00	Funds expected from Registrar of Voter
Other Income	*	25.00	*	Miscellaneous Revenues
Interest	*	*	20.00	Earnings on CD Account with Fremont Bank
Reserves	*	5,115.00	4,840.00	Amount needed to break even
TOTAL REVENUES	11,503.77	14,860.00	16,860.00	

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EXPENSES	*	*	*	*
Operating Costs	*	*	*	*
Office Rent	589.00	335.00	700.00	Our Share of Estimated Costs for Running the Office
Office Supplies & Equipment	*	50.00	50.00	For our League Office
P.O. Box Rent	*	115.00	120.00	P.O. Box Rental Fee
Telephone	560.25	800.00	600.00	For Office and Answering Service
Taxes & Fees	20.00	20.00	870.00	IRS fee for 501(C)3 conversion California filing fee as a non-profit Corporation
Insurance	290.00	250.00	290.00	Liability Insurance offered through state league
Website Services	215.40	160.00	300.00	Web-site Hosting, Domain Registration, and Gmail
Bank Charges	*	*	50.00	New Checkbook and other fees
Paypal Fees	34.87	50.00	50.00	Payments to PayPal for processing credit card payments
Board & Admin Committee	*	*	*	*
President	*	50.00	50.00	Expenses that the President may incur
Board Expenses	102.26	100.00	100.00	Includes print costs for Board, Observers, and Annual Retreat
Membership Committee	*	150.00	150.00	Membership Outreach
Membership Brochure	*	200.00	200.00	Printing Expenses
Membership Directory	258.97	250.00	250.00	Handbook & Postage

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Delegate Travel	*	*	*	*
Conventions	803.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	Even Years are National, Odd Years are State
Workshops	*	150.00	150.00	Costs for members to attend meetings not in Tri-City Area
Financial Support for League	*	*	*	*
PMP - National	3,131.00	3,300.00	3,000.00	Per Member Fee \$31.00, Household \$15.50
PMP - State	2,323.00	2,500.00	2,300.00	Per Member Fee \$23.00, Household \$11.50
PMP - LWVBA	100.00	110.00	110.00	Per Member Fee \$1.00
Gift Memberships	120.00	120.00	120.00	Scholarships, Free Renewals from Drawing at Annual Meeting, other free memberships granted by the Board.
Meetings	*	*	*	*
Meeting-Hospitality	82.34	100.00	100.00	Coffee, Food, Beverages, Etc.)
Annual Membership Meeting	*	50.00	50.00	Printing of Meeting Handouts, Speaker's Breakfast
Meetings-Facilities	*	250.00	250.00	Room Charges for Meetings and/or Donations
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Meetings-Facilities	*	250.00	250.00	Room Charges for Meetings and/or Donations
Internal Education/Info.	*	*	*	*
Voter Newsletter	1,100.45	1,800.00	1,500.00	Expenses to publish 10 issues of the Voter, including Postage and call to Annual Meeting
Program Committees	*	50.00	50.00	Studies (Energy, Local, Etc.)
Ed Committee	*	50.00	50.00	ED Source Subscription
Action Committee	29.96	50.00	50.00	Advocacy and Outreach
Publicity	50.00	50.00	50.00	Flyers
Public Education Activities	*	*	*	*
Smart Voter	400.00	400.00	800.00	Smart Voter Donation
Voter Service/Pros&Cons	393.52	150.00	400.00	Local Pros & Cons, Easy Voter Guide
Voter Service Forums	*	1,000.00	2,000.00	Candidate forums, Room Charges, Projects, etc.
Facts for Voters (Fanfold)	*	*	50.00	Printing Expense Every Other Year
Other Expenses	*	100.00	50.00	Expenses that May Occur Occasionally
TOTAL EXPENSES	10,604.02	14,860.00	16,860.00	

Proposed Program Re-adoption for Local and County

League of Women Voters of Fremont, Newark and Union City Inc.

General Background

Our League has local government, environment, social and education positions. Alameda County Council has positions on children's health and Alameda County education. Positions are the basis for any action or advocacy by the League.

<p>There are no proposed changes to our existing local positions.</p>
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Members are asked to consider re-adopting all local positions. The full text of all local positions can be found in the Membership Directory and Information Handbook or on our website at: <http://www.lwvfnuc.org/public/localpositions.pdf>.

League of Women Voters of Fremont, Newark and Union City held a Program Planning Meeting on January 28, 2014; Sixteen members participated. At this meeting we agreed to send to LWV US the following priorities for emphasis:

1. Campaign Finance Reform
2. Gun Control

The team also suggested LWV U.S. continue to focus on Voting Rights and Climate Control. In addition to considering the U.S. Positions the team agreed to support existing LWV Bay Area positions. These positions can be found at: <http://www.lwvbayarea.org/advocacy.html#positions>

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee submits the following slate of nominees for election as officers and directors.

<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>NOMINEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>
Program V.P.	Ellen Culver	2014 - 2016
Treasurer	Peter Starr	2014 - 2016
Administrative V. P.	Miriam Keller	2014 - 2016
Voter Service V. P.	Mary Miller ¹	2014 - 2015

<u>DIRECTORS</u>	<u>NOMINEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>
Historian	Open ²	2014 - 2015
Communications Director	Open ³	2014 - 2015
Director at Large	Open ⁴	2014 - 2015
Director - Social Media	Open	2014 - 2016
Director at Large	Alice Johnson	2014 - 2016
Director at Large	Marsha Parker	2014 - 2016
Director at Large	Open	2014 - 2016

We also submit the following to serve on the 2015 Nominating Committee

<u>NOMINATING COMMITTEE</u>	<u>NOMINEE</u>	<u>TERM</u>
Chair	Gail Blalock	2015
Member	Andrea Schacter	2015
Member	Pauline Weaver	2015

¹ Mary Miller will complete Andrea Schacter's term

² Isabelle McAndrews resigned

³ Kirti Reddy resigned

⁴ Steve Cho resigned

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