



League of Women Voters
 North Orange
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VOTER

January 2007

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The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership is open to men and women of voting age.

Lunch with League: January 25th Civics Education in Orange County Schools

Today's high school graduates are considered less prepared to function as informed and contributing citizens of our democratic society. Deborah Granger currently serves as the K-12 History-Social Science Coordinator for Orange County Department of Education and is actively involved in developing innovative civics education programs for both students and parents. She will speak at the January Lunch with League about her assessment of the civic knowledge level in our county schools and about current Civics Educa-

tion programs such as the statewide student voting project sponsored by the California Secretary of State's Office.

Join us for this opportunity to expand our knowledge of civics education in Orange County schools.

Thursday January 25

11:30AM -1:00PM

SIZZLER RESTAURANT

1401 N Harbor Blvd. Fullerton

Reservations by January 22, 2007

Cost \$12. 714-254-7440

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From our President LWVNOC PLANS A BUSY YEAR

Judicial Independence, Immigration Reform, the Cost of Health Care....these are some of the most urgent issues facing Americans today and this *Voter* tells you, our members, how to become more informed on them. Please post it on your bulletin boards and enter the dates in your calendars so you don't miss any of these opportunities.

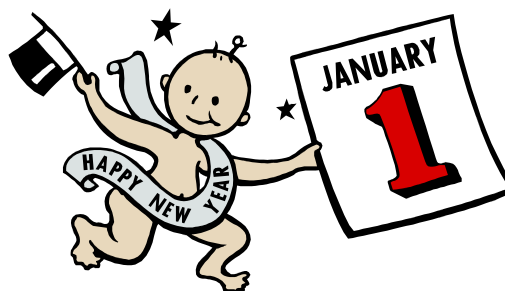
But Leaguers don't just work hard we have fun too so make sure you plan to attend Arline Burgmeier's "Read with League" book discussion groups and the 50th Anniversary Celebration Party when we will honor founding members

and other long time members of the League of Women Voters.

In the meantime, I hope you will enjoy a Happy New Year and that you will participate in some of the many stimulating League activities planned for the coming months.

Yours, In League,

Eileen



Judicial Independence

Why You Should Care!

Join the LWV Los Angeles and the Beverly Hills Bar Association for a community forum examining this least understood branch of government. Morning and afternoon panels of experts will discuss the challenges of maintaining an independent judiciary within the current political climate. Judge Terry Smerling and Justice Norman Epstein will serve as moderators and California Supreme Court Justice Carlos Moreno will be the keynote luncheon speaker.

Reservations: by January 12.

Send check for \$30 for program and lunch with your name, address, city, and phone number to: LWVLA 3250 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1005 Los Angeles, CA 90010. For more info, phone

LWVLA - 213-368-1616 or
www.lwvlosangeles.org

Carpools from North Orange County can be arranged by calling

Mary Fuhrman, 714-523-1585
maryfuhrman@pacbell

**Saturday
January 27th
9:30 AM-3 PM
Loyola Law
School
919 Albany St.
Los Angeles
90015**

Preparing for an Influenza Pandemic in Orange County

A panel discussion is scheduled for the morning of January 27, 2007, at the St. Joseph's Center. "If we have a bad epidemic in Orange County, who will come and help? Licensing issues?" Mary Evelyn Bryden has assembled an illustrious group of speakers. Join with other members of our LWVOC Inter League Organization (ILO) and learn about preparation for such a health disaster.

Saturday, January 27

9:30AM-Noon

St. Joseph Center
460 Batavia, Orange 92868

Membership

News

Happy new year to everyone. May 2007 be a wonderful year for you and your family.

Many interesting activities are being planned for the coming League months. On Tuesday, January 9 we'll have our first **Read with League** meeting. Please note that we have changed the book that we will read. Several people asked if we could discuss *The Iraq Study Group Report* as it is currently a hot topic in Washington and in the media. The authors are James A. Baker III and Lee H. Hamilton. It's a short book—just 99 pages—but loaded with ideas to ponder. Bring a friend and come to my house for a discussion of this timely book. Please see the enclosed flier for a list of all the books we will read, brief descriptions of the books and addresses of the hostesses.

This year the LWVNOC will celebrate its **50th Birthday** with a luncheon celebration on **Sunday, February 11 at the Portofino Restaurant** in La Habra. More details will come in the February Voter. Please let Wanda Shaffer or me know if you are a long-time member of the NOC. We would like to honor veteran Leaguers.

In early spring we will be updating the **NOC Membership Roster**. Please let me know if you have changed your address, phone or e-mail address so the newly published listing will be correct.

Contact me at 714/828-8624
aburgmeier@sbcglobal.net

**BY ARLINE BURGMEIER
MEMBERSHIP CO-DIRECTOR**

Mom and Dad, I Can Go To College

For the third year in a row, LWVNOC members have opportunities to work with Patrick Henry Elementary School kids and their parents as a partner with North Orange County Community College School of Continuing Education (SCE). The dates are Fridays, **January 26 and March 30 from 8:15 until noon**. About 70 sixth graders and about the same number of parents will participate. The program will be presented in English for the kids and in Spanish for parents.

League volunteers will act as Greeters and help with registration, talk to the kids and parents as questions arise, help individual students with their interest inventories, and walk with the kids to the bathrooms and to find water

To Volunteer: Call Kay Bruce at 714-921-1308 or email her at kay-bruce@sbcglobal.net

Energy Junkies Alert

Last May, Leagues throughout California, completed their studies of our deregulated electricity industry. The state used results of the local League studies to collate a statewide consensus for our energy position. Anyone interested in this topic, and especially those members of our study group who have become energy junkies, are invited to attend a wrap up meeting on **January 16th at the Placentia Library at 10AM**. We will review the new LWVC Energy Position and compare it to our own conclusions. We will discuss ways to follow the topic in the future and develop a system for responding to Energy Calls to Action from LWVC. Please plan to join us.

ELEANOR FUMANTI, PROGRAM CHAIR 714-321-7394

Immigration Reform Hard Choices Facing America

As a prelude to our participation in the LWVUS study of Immigration, eleven NOC League members attended the first of three debates on immigration reform sponsored by The Anti-Defamation League and Chapman University School of Law. Former Colorado Governor Richard Lamm and Ambassador Jeffrey Davidow, President of the Institute of the Americas debated the topic: Can America Find An Effective and Fair Immigration Policy? There was surprising agreement on many points and I left thinking it would actually be possible for Leagues throughout the US to develop a meaningful immigration consensus as we study the issue over the next two years.

Orange County Sheriff Michael Corona will debate Garden Grove Police Chief Joseph Polisar on: Enforcement: Should Local Police Enforce Federal Law? **Tuesday, February 13 at 7PM**. Call Wanda Shaffer, 714-525-6676 for more information.

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CALENDAR

**Read with League
The Iraq Study Group Report
Tuesday, January 9
7:00PM**

Arline Burgmeier's Home
4547 Everest Circle, Cypress 90630
714-828-8624

**United Nations Association
Annual Meeting, Brunch
Sunday, January 14 11:30AM**

Hacienda Restaurant
1725 N College Ave
Santa Ana 714-558-1304
Speaker: Majid Tehranian
"Democratizing Global Governance"
Reservations: 714-542-9743

**LWVNOC Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 23
Noon-2:00PM**

Fullerton JUHS District Offices
1051 W Bastanchury
Fullerton 92635

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