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**MICHAEL KRASNY SHARES
ELECTION YEAR INSIGHTS
AT LEAGUE OF WOMEN
VOTERS LUNCHEON**



Michael Krasny, popular host of KQED-FM's daily "Forum" broadcast, will give his "Election Year Observations from Behind the Mike" to those attending the 9th Annual Community Luncheon of the League of Women Voters of Berkeley, Albany & Emeryville on August 21 at Hs Lordships at the Berkeley Marina.

Another highlight of the annual event will be the presentation of "Spirit of the League" awards to the four foundations that help support programs in the public schools of Berkeley, Albany and Emeryville, and to honor posthumously citizen activist Luanne Rogers.

The Luncheon is the League's major yearly fundraising event. Doors will open at 11:15 to provide those attending with a chance to meet and greet, and the luncheon and program will begin at noon and end at 1:30. Those wishing to attend can call the League office at 510/843-8824 to purchase a ticket for \$75.

Krasny's appearance at the Luncheon provides an opportunity for his many listeners to see him in person---most of them, for the first time. At the conclusion of his talk, he will autograph his book *Off Mike: A Memoir of Talk Radio and Literary Life*. He has also provided the League with a list of his 10 favorite books, available for purchase at the event. Mrs. Dalloway's Literary and Garden Arts book store, in Berkeley, will be providing copies of Krasny's memoir and his recommended books and will share proceeds with the League.

Recipients of this year's organizational "Spirit of the League" award are the Albany Education Foundation, the Berkeley Public Education Foundation, the Emery Education Foundation, and SchoolCARE (Albany). The individual award honors Luanne Rogers posthumously for her lifetime of citizen activism.

Krasny, with a long career in talk radio, including 15 years as host of award-winning "Forum" in KQED-FM (88.5), has been a professor of English at San Francisco State University since 1970. A Phi Beta Kappa at Ohio University, he holds a Ph.D. degree from the University of Wisconsin.

Krasny has been characterized as "the thinking person's talk host" by the *Marin Independent Journal*, and author Michael Chabon calls him "a Bay Area cultural institution". He is renowned for his calm approach to being a radio host, a refreshing change from hosts who yell at their subjects, cut off callers, and generally encourage spreading heat rather than light.

For more information on this event, please see the League of Women Voters Berkeley-Albany-Emeryville website: <http://lwvbae.org/>
For additional information on Michael Krasny, see:
<http://www.kqed.org/radio/about/staff/krasny.jsp>

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