



# The Voter

*"...to promote informed citizen participation in government."*

## Last Minute Election Good Deeds

Do neighbors need a ride to the polls?

Offer a lift.

Friends calling to ask how to vote?

Remind them that the League recommends:

**Yes** on Props 30, 34, and 40

**No** on Props 31 and 32

**Yes** on Berkeley measures M, P, Q, and R

**No** on Berkeley U and V

## Election Work

**Election Action** We have been very active in this election. Board Members Sherry Smith and Diz Swift worked on the teams that wrote ballot arguments supporting Berkeley Measures M and R and opposing Measures U and V which Sherry signed on behalf of our League. They continue to campaign for our positions.

A team of League volunteers is passing out well over 4000 copies of our "League Recommends" for both California propositions and Berkeley measures at BART stations and other popular meeting places. We often hear positive comments about how much people like and trust what the League does.

**Voter Services** We produced a series of videos showcasing candidates for Berkeley City Council Districts 2, 3 and 5, candidates for Mayor and School Board. You can watch them on the new LWVBAE YouTube page at [YouTube.com/lwvbae](http://YouTube.com/lwvbae). Just scroll down to find the ones that interest you.

As we go to press, we've given talks on the "Pros & Cons" of the ballot measures to nine community groups, as well as a "Conversation" at the Albany Library Oct 9.

Diz Swift, Action Coordinator

## Where to Put Our Post-Election Energies?

No matter how the election turns out, we have new issues and problems to struggle with and new projects to tackle.

**Action Meeting:** Action Coordinator Diz Swift will be bringing our monthly Action meetings back to life, Thursday, November 8, 5:00-6:30. We'll review the election results and talk about next steps. If you've been following the work of the City Council, School Board, Commissions – or want to know what they are up to – this is where you can report what you know, ask how to find out or just listen in. If you want the League to take action but don't know how to do it – this is the group for you. Action Committee proposals go to the League Board at their next meeting. Attendees may also have the chance to join League interviews of newly elected or re-elected Councilmembers and others – and frame the questions.

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**Coffee and Community:** On Wednesday, Nov. 21, at 4:30 pm at our office, we'll be trying something new – informal discussion on a variety of topics you care about. Members and non-members are welcome. Discussing any topic – too much money in politics, vandalism in your neighborhood or helping a local school – it's up to you. And we might also think about taking some useful actions. Join us.

**Using Our New Tools: Facebook** Our second new meeting, also set for a late afternoon in our office, is a response to requests and comments from League members who don't want to be behind the times, want to find out about or use some of the new electronic communications tools, but find them too frustrating – or, already flooded by too many emails, they fear that too many people will ask to "friend" them and they will hurt folks feelings if they refuse. To take the first tentative steps – and learn from some of us who don't know too much ourselves – join us on Thursday, November 15, at 4:00 and, if you can, bring your smart phone, tablet or portable computer to practice on.

**Sample a team meeting:** The Healthcare, Civics Education and Climate Change Teams are steaming ahead with the plans reported in the last *Voter*. The Initiative and Referendum Study Committee is just getting started. Drop in and see if you're interested.

Nancy Bickel, Communications Coordinator

## Coming Speaker on Acid in our Oceans

Jonathon Stillman, Professor of Biology at SF State University, will speak Monday, Nov. 12 at 7 pm as part of the Environmental Concerns Speaker Series. Prof. Stillman specializes in Marine Biology, Cell and Molecular Biology, Ecology and Evolution. The meeting will be at 1174 Euclid Avenue, at Crystal Way, just north of Eunice, in north Berkeley. Please note that the house is set back from the street.

## Council Candidates Debate at Fall Meeting

Holding the attention of nearly 70 attendees, candidates for the City Council's three contested seats stated their differing views emphatically at our fall general meeting

September 27.

District 2 candidates Adolfo Cabral and Denisha DeLane are challenging incumbent Darryl Moore; in District 3 incumbent Max Anderson is challenged by Dmitri Belser and in District 5 incumbent Laurie Capitelli is facing Sophie Hahn. Veda Flores, a member of the Board of the Bay Area League, capably moderated the session.



Seven City Council candidates answering League questions at the Fall meeting at Northbrae Community Church. Moderator Veda Flores of the Marin League at right.

Measure T's proposed changes in the West Berkeley Plan were the focus of many audience questions. Challengers Adolfo Cabral, Denisha DeLane and Sophie Hahn and incumbent Max Anderson strongly opposed Measure T's proposals—arguing that they will change the character of West Berkeley; Laurie Capitelli and Darryl Moore defended the plan as essential to create new jobs and growth. The candidates surprised the audience and perhaps even themselves when they all expressed doubts about or opposition to the "Sunshine" Initiative, Measure U.

Carol Stone, Program Coordinator

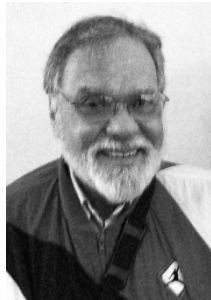
## Members Shine at Fall Meeting

Bill Chapman, recently retired as LWVBAE Treasurer and Webmaster, was surprised – but we think pleased – when Sherry Smith presented him with a certificate honoring his many past and

continuing services to our League. He continues his involvement with the Civic Engagement Club at Berkeley City College, the state League Communications Committee and as the solver of many of our tech

puzzles. You can follow Bill's wide-ranging and thoughtful reading in politics, civics and more on the LWVBAE and other League Facebook pages.

The Fall Meeting began with "poster sessions", where our League team members talked about their work and invited League members to join their activities for the coming year. The delicious dinner was prepared by Chef Rainey Sykes and her excellent crew, Suzanne Chun, Pat Day, Angharad Jones, and Jane Coulter.



Sherry Smith, President

## Environmental Concerns

**Finding Sustainability in Rural-Urban Partnerships** was the subject of a talk by Dr. Glenda Humiston, U.S. Department of Agriculture, at the Environmental Concerns meeting on Sept. 10. "Building partnerships and reducing conflict between urban and rural areas is crucial," Humiston said, so that urban and rural areas can address shared problems.

Agriculture can be a source of both environmental degradation and environmental improvements. It remains essential to food security and a vital part of international trade among industrialized countries.

Gail Schickele, Environmental Concerns Co-Chair

## Membership Report

Thank you to all who have renewed or rejoined the League in August and September and a warm welcome to the newcomers.

### New members

Curtis Karplus  
Toni Ann Mester  
Michael Noel  
James Novosel  
Alan Toby

### Rejoined or Renewed

Linda Carothers  
Dwight Collins  
Kristina Lim  
Ruth Hinkins  
Elise White  
Evelyn Wozniak  
Gordon Wozniak

Membership has increased and we hope to build the membership in the coming year. To do this we will need the help of all of you. In this respect, we would ask any of you that are willing to work on recruiting new members to contact Dean Metzger and volunteer. He can be reached at 549-0379 or drmla2@sbcglobal.net.

Dean Metzger, Membership Coordinator  
Mina Jenner, Dues Coordinator

## Donations to the League

*August 30-October 2, 2012*

To the LWVBAE General Fund

Doris Fine  
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Many thanks for remembering our League.

Louetta Erlin, Donations Secretary

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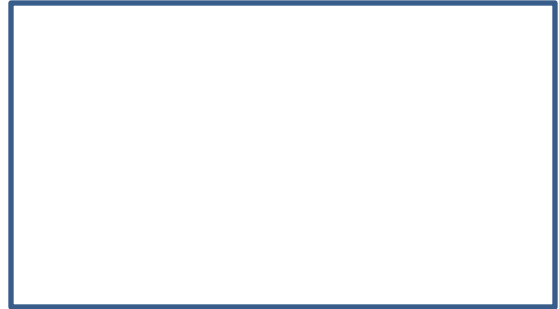
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#### November

2 Fri 5:00p  
 6 Tues 7am-8pm  
 8 Thurs 5:00-6:30p  
 9 Fri 1:30-3:30p  
 12 Mon 7:00-9:00p  
 3:30-5:00p  
 13 Tues 12:00-2:00p  
 2:30-4:30p  
 15 Thurs 4:30-5:30p  
 19 Mon 1:30-2:30p  
 21 Weds 4:30-6:00p  
 27 Tues 1:30-3:30p

#### Voter Deadline (Dec/Jan issue)

#### ELECTION DAY

**Action Meeting** D. Swift 548-4808  
**Civics Ed Team** J. Gardner 548-5292  
**Environmental Concerns** C. Stone 549-0959  
 1174 Euclid Ave, Berkeley  
**Administrative Coordination** S. Smith 548-1769  
**Conversations** C. Stone 549-0959  
 Edith Stone Rm, Albany Library  
 1247 Marin Ave, Albany  
**Board Meeting** S. Smith 548-1769  
**Using Our New Tools:** N. Bickel 684-6302  
**Facebook ALL ARE WELCOME**  
**Health Care Team** L. Wang 848-5765  
**Coffee and Community** N. Bickel 684-6302  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**  
**Climate Change Team** R. Beatus 524-6904

#### December

1 Sat 9am-3pm  
 10 Mon 7:00-9:00p  
 11 Tues 12:00-2:00p  
 14 Fri 1:30-3:30p

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