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Conversation: Next Steps to Preserve a Healthy Planet

Conversations at the League on April 5, 2011 will be on forestalling climate change. What have you been doing personally with your family and community to protect the health of our planet?

When: Tuesday, April 5, 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm

Where: Albany Public Library, Edith Stone Room
1247 Marin Avenue (at Masonic), Albany

Please be prepared to share one thing. What are some topics from the Bay Area League Day’s “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Taking It to the Next Level” that we can apply to our city or region? (Please refer to Gail Schickele’s summary in the March Voter) How is climate change affecting our health and the lives of species on our planet? What power do we have as individual consumers and stockholders? How can we address corporations on these issues? How can we increase our effectiveness using the LWVUS climate/natural resources positions?

Regina Beatus and Jan Blumenkrantz, of the newly named Natural Resources, Healthy Planet and Climate Team, will facilitate the meeting.

You may bring your lunch, but only water is permitted as a beverage at the Library.

City’s New Open Government Ordinance/Sunshine

After a ten year delay, the Berkeley City Council unanimously adopted a “Unshine” Ordinance. Some initial objections and proposed changes by Council Members Kriss Worthington and Jesse Arreguin were resolved by making some modifications to the initial staff draft and by directing the City Manager to make some administrative improvements; others were rejected in a quick straw poll of the Council. For League members, three provisions of the new ordinance may be most significant:

- The Council agendas will be prepared earlier and the packets, the materials explaining the agenda items, will be available substantially in advance of each City Council meeting--11 days before each meeting. Publication eleven days before the Council meeting will give Council more time to study each issue and to consult with citizens before they vote. Citizens will have more time to learn that an issue that concerns us is on the agenda, and, if we wish, to organize with fellow citizens and to make our views known.
- An annual report will be prepared on public information requests and how and when they were resolved. This report should be extremely helpful to citizens and City Council in evaluating how the expanded public access is working and in revealing problems that need to be corrected. Such a report could confirm or refute claims that the city staff sometimes refuse requests for information.
- The Council did not create a new commission--except in name. The Fair Campaign Practices Commission members will also serve as the

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Open Government Commission, which will hear and try to resolve citizen complaints informally and will participate in preparing the annual report. The FCPC is staffed by a city attorney, which will be helpful in evaluating whether City staff is complying with the new ordinance, as well as with the relevant state laws.

The final form of the ordinance was available on its second reading in the March 8, 2011 Council Meeting packet. President Sherry Smith and past president Nancy Bickel spoke in support of the ordinance and submitted comments to the City Council at the January 25 and February 15 meetings; their letters to Council can be read on the LWVBAE website.

Support of open government and of citizen rights to know about the workings of government are deeply imbedded in League policies on the national and state level. LWVBAE supported efforts to draft such a sunshine ordinance ten years ago, but initial efforts to introduce such an ordinance were not successful.

More recently Sherry Smith and Jinky Gardner attended several years of meetings of a citizen's sunshine committee which included past Mayor Shirley Dean, Dean Metzger and others. This group recently successfully circulated an initiative petition for a very sweeping Sunshine Ordinance, which will appear on the November 2012 ballot. The League did not support this initiative, for a variety of reasons. Broadly speaking, the Board found that it did not balance the need for openness with the need for effective and efficient governmental processes. It would have created a large burden of new work for city staff and for the Council, but it contained no provision for meeting the new costs that would have been entailed.

Nancy Bickel

The Natural Resources, Healthy planet and Climate Team recommends that you take a look at the LWVUS Toolkit for ideas on how to help combat climate change. http://participate.lwv.org/c9217/psalsa/web/commom/public/content?content_item_KEY=5154

Local Program Planning Meeting Report

A dozen members, half from the Board, reviewed our local League's Support Positions at the Program Planning Conversation on March 1.

Should we drop our support for Berkeley operating its own health department? Rather than recommending an Update Study, Li-hsia Wang agreed to discuss this local issue with the LWVBAE Healthcare Committee to determine whether members are interested. Their committee has been and will continue to focus on education and advocacy for a single payer health policy on the state and national level.

How should we prepare for Berkeley ballot measures on competing Sunshine/Open Meetings of governmental agencies? LWVBAE process for approving an Update or Study could not be accomplished by the November 2012 election. But Action Committee members could evaluate the proposals objectively and present their analysis in *VOTER* articles and as the featured program at a General Meeting.

To recruit citizen input on the burning issue of developing a County plan to mitigate wild land fire hazards, Gil Bendix will prepare a *VOTER* article and Sherry Smith will convey the information to other League presidents in Alameda County.

Other suggestions were:

- to add ocean acidification, biodiversity, and ecosystems as this year's areas of emphasis within Climate Change. We decided the extra words might be more confusing than helpful, and the Climate Change/Environmental Concerns team has flexibility.
- to update our City Charter position that the Council should be composed of a combination of members elected by district and at-large, to consider reducing the number of signatures for an initiative or referendum from 10% to 5%, and to consider term limits for local offices. We decided that such an Update was not a high priority at this time.

After thoughtful discussion, our consensus was to recommend to the Board that we retain all current positions, begin no new local study, and emphasize for education and action: Climate Change, Health Care, and Open Government.

Ginette Polak
Program V.P.

Board Briefs

November 2010

Centennial History Project: The Board authorized member Nancy Bickel to serve as its representative to work in collaboration with the Berkeley Historical Society (BHS) to develop an exhibit entitled: California Women's Suffrage Centennial: Berkeley's Role in the 1911 Votes for Women Campaign.

The Board also agreed that as part of our collaboration with BHS, we request a \$500 grant from the LWVB Foundation, to be our contribution to the project

December 2010

The Board voted to accept a donation to the Foundation in memory of Eva Bansner and to develop a plan to use the funds to promote sustainability.

January 2011

A motion was passed to have a joint meeting of the LWVBAE and Foundation Boards to discuss the recent donation and plans to promote sustainability.

At the request of the members of the Environmental Concerns committee a motion was approved to change the name of said committee to Natural Resources under which there will be the Healthy Planet Climate Team and the Environmental Concerns committee.

Motion carried to rent a table at the April 23 Earth Day event to be held in Berkeley, and that up to \$100 be allocated to sponsor said table.

Angharad Jones
Secretary

Berkeley Earth Day Saturday, April 23rd

The LWVBAE Natural Resources, Healthy Planet and Climate Team will have a booth at the Berkeley Earth Day on Saturday, April 23rd at Civic Center Park, at Center and Martin Luther King, Junior Way in downtown Berkeley. This is the 41st Anniversary of Earth Day! The Earth Day celebration, sponsored by the City of Berkeley, will include demonstrations of alternative energy, including electric cars, straw bale structures, hemp products and solar panels. There will be many booths represented by businesses, community and government groups.

Come visit our booth and join us! Call Regina Beatus at 524-6904 to schedule a time to help out at our booth.

LWVC Urges Legislature to Place Tax Extensions before the Voters

Sacramento—Time is running short for an important step toward a balanced California budget.

The League of Women Voters of California supports a balanced approach to dealing with the state's dire fiscal situation. To bring our fiscal system back to health, both increased revenues and spending cuts will be needed. The League urges the Legislature to place a measure on a special election ballot to extend current taxes that will otherwise expire soon.

The League believes in representative government as the basis of our democracy. Our legislators are elected to come together and agree on the necessary functions of government. Adopting a budget and the revenues needed to provide for those functions is the single most important thing our representatives can—and should—do.

A two-thirds vote of each house of the legislature is needed to either pass revenue increases or put a measure on the ballot to ask voters to do so. Unfortunately, many members of the minority party have taken a pledge not to support increased taxes under any circumstances, making very real the possibility of even more Draconian cuts than those that are currently on the table.

“If a minority of legislators are unwilling to vote for an honest, balanced budget solution themselves, we urge them to at least let the voters do that job,” said Janis R. Hirohama, LWVC President. “Allow the voters to have the choice about whether to keep these taxes at their current rate or not.”

The budget being considered by the legislature makes significant cuts in social and human services that show the dire need for more revenue. Even election services that protect voter access and participation in elections could be cut. We as a society should be able to protect the sanctity of our vote and provide for the basic needs of the most vulnerable among us. Californians should have the chance to vote on revenues that would make that possible. “We urge the legislature to work with the Governor to put tax extensions on the ballot so that the voters have a chance to speak on this important issue,” stated Hirohama.

Women's Vote Centennial

Celebrations and plans for celebrations of the centennial of women winning the vote in Berkeley and around the state are accelerating.

Proclamation: On March 8, to coincide with Women's History Month, the Berkeley City Council adopted a "Proclamation Recognizing the 100th Anniversary of Women in California Winning the Right to Vote." Susan Wengraf and Linda Maio, the only women serving on the Council currently, introduced the proclamation as representatives of the Berkeley Historical Society, the AAUW/College Women's Club and our League joined the celebration.

Berkeley celebrations: Members who love to throw parties are warmly invited to join the planning of LWVBAE celebrations of our own founding, on October 30, 1911 as the Berkeley Center of the California Civic League. Tentative plans suggest October 30, 2011 as an auspicious date. As the day before Halloween it might encourage imaginative costumes. Other elements could include: the formal opening of the exhibit at the Berkeley Historical Society, tea and tea cakes, singing, dancing and marching.

University and City exhibits: Four exhibits are planned. The first will open on August 2 at the Bancroft Library. A second will follow, around September, in an adjacent exhibit area, organized by the University Archives and University History Museum Project. The local exhibit at the Berkeley History Center will open in late September or early October, with an additional exhibit at the Berkeley Main Library in mid-November.

Historical Marker: The office of the Northern California Equal Suffrage League was at 2515 Bancroft for eight crucial months of campaigning in 1911. From this office Mrs. Hester Harland and many others organized the Berkeley campaign. The house was later demolished, as the University expanded into the blocks north of Bancroft. Sproul Hall now overlooks the site. Steven Finacom, first vice president of the Berkeley Historical Society, has proposed that the location be memorialized with a historic plaque. An initial informal inquiry to the University has been made. If approval is given, a modest amount of money will need to be raised to pay for a plaque, which could be along the lines of the green oval "Berkeley Historical Plaque Project" markers that can be seen about town. (See the February *VOTER* article for more details of Mrs. Harland's organizing activities.)

Statewide celebrations are set for October 9 and 10, 2011 in Sacramento and may include a promenade from the California Museum to the Capitol and receptions with and for women elected officials. The statewide Centennial planning committee includes LWVC representative

Jennifer Waggoner, and the chair of the local Berkeley committee. Phyllis Gale. Co-chairs are Kim Salter, Gloria Taylor and Diana Madoshi.

Nancy Bickel

Centennial Websites

More delightful historical details on the adoption of women's suffrage in Berkeley and California can be found in an on-line article by Steve Finacom, first vice president of the Berkeley Historical Society, in the Berkeley Daily Planet. See <http://www.berkeleydailyplanet.com/issue/2011-03-02/article/37399?headline=Centennial-of-Women-s-Vote-in-California-is-2011-Berkeley-Celebrations-Planned>

Statewide League activities and good historical resources on the centennial can be followed on the LWVC blog at <http://lwvc.wordpress.com/100-year-celebration-for-california-women/>

A broader conversation on the centennial can be found on the LWVC Facebook page California: 100 Years of Women Voting http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!home.php?sk=group_180214912010006&ap=1

The activities of the statewide centennial committee can be followed at <http://www.ca2011centennial.com/>

LWVBA News

Bay Area Monitor Online

Published for over 30 years as a project of the League of Women Voters of the Bay Area Education Fund, the Bay Area Monitor provides coverage of transportation, air quality, water quality, open space, and land use issues in the nine-county San Francisco Bay Area. This excellent publication looks at the problems facing the larger Bay Area. You can find it at <http://bayareamonitor.org/>

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Action on Issues 2010-2012

The Bay Area League has just published *Action on Issues, 2010-2012*. It provides a history of LWV Bay Area, our positions, and how we have used them. One paper copy was mailed to each League. A pdf of the publication is available at <http://bayarea.org>. Look under "Advocacy."

Food Safety, Accessibility, & Sustainability are the Goals of Food & Water Watch

Food & Water Watch Western Regional Director Elanor Starmer addressed food safety and sustainability and the Farm Bill at the Natural Resources-Environmental Concerns meeting February 14.

Food & Water Watch is a consumer advocacy organization that works to assure that the food, fish and water we consume is safe, accessible, sustainable and in public hands. The national non-profit helps communities organize and hold politicians accountable, and provides research and information to inform public opinion.

In her Powerpoint presentation, Starmer illustrated how consumers have “an illusion of choice” when it comes to store brand options in a trend not unique to her dairy farm example. In 1990, there were 200,000 dairy farmers. They sold their product to one of many regional handlers, or co-operatives. These are the local businesses that pick up the milk from local dairy farms and take it back to pasteurize it. These handlers then sold the milk to a local dairy company, which processed it and sold it to grocery stores. Those are the brands you would see in the store. Now, Dairy Farmers of America bought all of these local handlers and Dean Foods bought many of the local milk brands, many which continue to be sold under the same brand names, making it appear there are many choices but, says Starmer, there aren't.

Nationally, DFA and Dean control between 30 and 40% of all US milk, and as much as 70% in New England. The problem for small farmers, Starmer says, is that DFA wants volume so doesn't buy from small farms, which slowly go out of business. Today, there are 65,000 dairy farmers, with the loss of 135,000 family dairies since 1990.

“The trend across agriculture is that buyers contract with farmers,” Starmer said. “If you don't have a contract with the big company, then you literally can't get your food into a market.” This creates a loss of diversity, she said, resulting in fewer mid-sized, diversified crop and livestock operations.

For example, 80 % of the greens in CA/AZ (spinach, lettuce, mixed salad greens) are provided by two companies: Fresh Express and Dole; 70% of pork by four companies (Smithfield, Tyson, Swift and Cargill); 85% of beef by four companies (Tyson, Cargill, JBS, National); 60 % of flour is milled from three companies (Cargill, ADM, ConAgra); and 90% of soybeans (for soy ingredients and animal feed) by three companies (ADM, Bunge, Cargill). In retail, five

companies control 50% of all food sales. Top five food retailers are Wal-Mart, Kroger, Albertson's, Safeway and Ahold. They own many of the old independent grocery chains while often keeping chain names.

“We need to build a better food system and the government needs to invest in it,” Starmer said.

She said that building healthy, fair and local food systems means implementing changes made in the 2008 Farm Bill that help farmers and ranchers fight back when they are treated unfairly by big meat companies; that allow credit for small and new farmers and processors; provide training, money and land for beginning and minority farmers, grants and loans to build small food businesses and infrastructure especially in low-income communities, money and training to convert to organic, and food access programs such as subsidized farmers markets.

The Farm Bill, legislated every five years or so and due to come up in 2013 and possibly as early as 2012, covers a wide range including commodity, conservation, trade, nutrition, credit, rural development, research, forestry, energy, horticulture/organic, livestock and crop insurance. “The Farm Bill affects everything about the way that we grow, distribute and market food, everything from conservation programs to nutrition and world development programs,” Starmer explained. “It's really important and also a massive and complicated piece of legislation” She added, “Senator Boxer is a leader in environmental issues and will be an important voice.”

“We did get a food safety bill that is quite controversial but also has some good things,” she offered. The Food Safety Modernization Act – if funded- will be the first major overhaul of food safety regulations in nearly a century. It provides the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) with the authority to increase risk-based inspections, require mandatory recalls of tainted food, and more effectively trace foodborne illness outbreaks to their source. The legislation, which is estimated to cost \$1.4 billion over five years, faces an uphill battle for funding in the budget-conscious 112th Congress. Rep. Jack Kingston (R-GA), the incoming chair of the appropriations subcommittee that oversees the FDA's budget, has threatened to withhold funding for its implementation, calling our nation's food supply “99.99 percent safe.”

For information, email estarmer@fwwatch.org or visit <http://www.foodandwaterwatch.org>

Gail Schickele
Co-chair Natural Resources Committee

Welcome

New Members: *William Boyd, Marilyn Capitelli, Sonia Fulop, Hannah Lieberman, and Dean Metzger.*

Returning Members: *Stephanie Lim, Marie Lagarde and Anita Navon.*

Donations March

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Many thanks for remembering our League.

Louetta Erlin
Donations Secretary

Regionalism

by Mim Hawley

Here's a link to "50 Years of Regionalism," a video for us to enjoy, especially those League members who have been involved in our efforts to promote regional planning and decision-making in the Bay Area: <http://www.mtc.ca.gov/news/video/regionalism>

The video focuses on the work of the organizations that produced it, The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC); therefore League members may be disappointed that the extensive work of many of our members to advance regional governance, and the work of our member Sylvia McLaughlin and her co-workers to save San Francisco Bay, are not acknowledged. Nevertheless, I recommend watching it for its historical content and the great Bay Area scenery it offers.

Richard Rothstein's Report on Reauthorization of "No Child Left Behind"

Renowned education researcher Richard Rothstein gave a talk titled "ESEA Reauthorization: Looking Ahead" at the California School Boards Association annual convention on Dec. 3, 2010. Below is a sketch of his remarks. For a more complete description of the work of Mr. Rothstein and other like-minded education leaders go to www.BoldApproach.org

The *Elementary and Secondary Education Act* (ESEA) is more commonly known to most of us as *No Child Left Behind* (NCLB). Signed into law with high hopes by President George W. Bush with bipartisan support, its reauthorization is complicated by politics and politicians, not to mention principled discussions of educational philosophies and goals.

As an experienced education observer Mr. Rothstein began his talk not about philosophies, but about

The politics of it all:

The impact of the 2010 election will be felt in ESEA. New Speaker John Boehner was an original supporter of ESEA, while the new chair of the House education committee, Rep. Kline, wants to keep the federal government out of schools. Will Speaker Boehner spend political capital on ESEA reauthorization? This is further complicated by the strange alliances in education. Some Democrats and Republicans are strong supporters of accountability and testing. Others are skeptical of testing and what they see as narrowing of the curriculum. The new Senate Education Committee chair, Democrat Tom Harkin, strongly supports labor (teachers) and has little interest in testing. But, we *may* get a coalition for special education funding. However, Republicans are generally opposed to increased spending. If special education gets more funding, what programs would we cut to allow for this?

The share of funding for special education has grown. It's now 23 percent of all money in education, and the number of children identified is growing (whereas other education funding has fallen). **We would be much better off spending more for high quality early childhood education, says Mr. Rothstein.**

(See more below.)

Let's review what NCLB/ESEA does:

1. Holds schools accountable for basic skills in math and reading, and requires students to pass an annual test on them;
2. Reports scores by subgroups within schools, instead of just by schools (as in the past). Subgroups include Hispanic, African American, Asian, White, low economic status, and special education
3. Promotes "accountability" by penalizing schools if not all subgroups of students pass the annual tests.

Results of focus on subgroups, testing, and accountability:

1. Narrowing of curriculum, since what's tested (reading and math) is how a school is held accountable. What isn't tested (subgroups of reading and math, not to mention history, science, art, and music) isn't taught, or at least gets less time.
2. Narrowed focus on individual students that can reach "proficiency" (roughly grade level) with concomitant less attention to students who have already reached proficiency.

"Absurd goal" of 100 percent proficiency by 2014 and "Closing the Achievement Gap":

This violates everything we know about psychology—to set the same challenging standard for everyone. No educator in his right mind believes we can "close" the Achievement Gap.

Key longitudinal study on language acquisition by babies and toddlers (Hart and Risley):

Children start kindergarten with huge advantages or disadvantages. Why does Mr. Rothstein believe it's absurd to think we can close the Achievement Gap? Because kindergarteners start school with such a huge differential in normally acquired words. Betty Hart and Todd Risley tape-recorded one full hour a month for 2-½ years in 42 families, categorized as professional, working class, or welfare. By age three, trends in amount of talk, vocabulary growth, and style of parent/child interaction were well established.

Critically, children in professional homes heard 2,000 words per hour in the background, blue collar children heard 1,300 words per hour, and children in welfare homes heard 600 words per hour. Extrapolating this verbal interaction to a year, a child in a professional family would hear 11 million words while a child in a welfare family would hear just 3 million. In fact, by age three the *children* from the professional families had a larger spoken vocabulary than the *parents* from the welfare families! These trends continue into elementary school and beyond.

Children start kindergarten with huge differences in their sense of self-worth and belief that they can achieve. Another component of the Hart/Risley study spotlighted the quality of interaction between toddlers and their parents in the three groups of homes. 80 percent of the feedback to children in professional homes was positive. Working class children heard 50 percent positive comments. And, welfare children heard 80 percent *negative* comments.

So, what should we be focusing on?

- Instead of punishing schools for not getting all students to proficiency, we should:
- Put our attention on high quality parenting and early childhood programs (beginning at or even before birth)
- Help every child get health, dental, and vision care (maybe at school-based health centers) so children can concentrate on their lessons, and
- Help students prepare for careers, not just college.

Note: this article is by Ellen Wheeler, LWVC Social Policy Director; Education Committee Chair LWV Santa Clara County; California School Board Association member.

LWVC Board of Directors Nominations for 2011-2013

The following slate of officers and directors will be presented to the delegates for their approval at the LWVC Convention in Ventura May 13-15, 2011.

More information about the candidates is available on the convention blog: <http://www.lwvc.wordpress.com>.

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23	Wed	3:00-5:00 pm	Board Meeting, LWVBAE Office	S. Smith	548-1769
24	Thur	7:30 pm	Civics Edu. Com, LWVBAE Office	J. Gardner	548-5292

April

5	Tues	noon-2:00 pm	Conversation - Climate Change Albany Library 1247 Marin Avenue, Albany	G. Polak	841-4546
10	Mon	7:30-9:00 pm	Environmental Concerns	C. Stone	549-0959
14	Thur	7:30-9:00 pm	Civics Edu. Com, LWVBAE Office	J. Gardner	548-5292
18	Mon	1:30-3:30 pm	Health Care Com, LWVBAE Office	L. Wang	848-5765
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May

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