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Join us for the LWVPA Annual Winter Luncheon

with
Dr. Keith Humphreys
Stanford University Professor and
Co-Chair of California's Blue Ribbon
Commission on Marijuana Policy



Ballot Measures on the Regulation of Marijuana: Safe and Smart?



As many as four ballot measures are likely to be on the ballot in 2016 regarding the legalization or regulation of marijuana in California. Voters and policymakers must carefully consider the language used when drafting proposals in order to ensure good public policy.



Wednesday, December 2

11:45am-1:00pm

**Garden Court Hotel
520 Cowper Street, Palo Alto**

Bring your friends!

Lunch is \$35 per person

Please RSVP early and no later than November 26.

***Send your check, made out to LWVPA, to our office at
3921 E. Bayshore Rd, #209, Palo Alto, CA 94303.**

Find out more at safeandsmartpolicy.org

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LWVPA

Consensus Meeting on the Constitutional Amendment Process

October 17, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

**Moldaw Residences
899 E Charleston Rd, Palo Alto**

Make your voice heard regarding a possible new LWVUS position on the Constitutional Amendment Process.

See Page 4 for more information.

Lunch with League

Tuesday, October 20

11:45 am - 1 pm

Bay Café

Hold the date and watch for an E-blast coming soon!



Money in Politics

Tuesday, November 17

11:45 am - 1 pm

Bay Café

The League is a broadly based, nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and involved participation in government through voter service, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Message from our President

In the midst of three state and national studies, voter registration of new citizens, Lunches with League, two countywide forums, and plans for new projects with the Stanford community, this is surely an abundant fall season! Here I'll just highlight two upcoming events—but also ask you to (a) read the box on page 7 about three Communications Training webinars offered free to LWV members and (b) make sure our **December 2 Winter Luncheon** is marked on your calendar.



WE NEED YOUR VOICE!

The League can only advocate on proposed legislation or policies if we already have positions to base that action on. And we can only reach such positions through rigorous study. LWVUS has conducted vast research on the **Constitutional Amendment Process**, and there are links to much of their work on page 4. Please read what information you can and come to our **consensus meeting Saturday, October 17** from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. YOUR opinion counts in creating the new national position we need. And besides, it's a really thought-provoking topic, as the questions on pages 5 and 6 make clear.



LWV-Santa Clara County FORUM ON JUVENILE JUSTICE

You have probably seen news reports of an intensified local and regional response to the scourge of **human trafficking in our area**, especially before next year's Super Bowl in Santa Clara. Of all the facets of Juvenile Justice that our County Leagues' "JJ" Committee looked into, they chose youth trafficking for our immediate attention. On Wednesday, October 28 from 11:00 am to 12:45 pm, a panel of experts will offer steps to meet this challenge. The forum will be held at the Mountain View City Hall Council Chambers at 500 Castro Street.

On the same topic, LWVPA wrote to the Palo Alto City Council in support of their October 5 vote to identify and combat such trafficking. *NOTE: We could only take this action because in 2014 the LWVUS adopted a **position** on Human Trafficking. (Tie-in: WE NEED YOUR VOICE NOW to enable future League advocacy on amending the U.S. Constitution.)*

And also...LWVC and the legislative year

Finally, if you are curious, like me, about how LWVC's priorities fared during the just-completed legislative session, here's the answer. The League took a stand on 85 bills in 15 categories. Of those, 30 bills were passed by both houses and sent to Gov. Brown. He signed 22 and vetoed 8, for a LWVC success rate among passed-and-signed bills of 73%. The stand-out victory was **AB 1461 (Gonzalez D), California's New Motor Voter Program**, which will eventually allow Californians to be automatically registered to vote when they go the DMV to obtain or renew a driver's license. If you would like a summary of each of the 30 bills, their approved/vetoed outcomes, and comments from the governor re: his decisions, let me know and I will happily send you a copy.

Ellen Forbes

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Professor Robert Weisberg Speaks at Our September Lunch with League About the Possibility of a Constitutional Convention

With a study of the Constitutional Amendment Process on the LWVPA agenda this fall, the talk by Robert Weisberg of the Stanford Law School at Lunch with League on September 10 was a timely lead-in to the topic. He posed the question, "What makes a good amendment?" The answer would be one that needs no interpretation and is non-controversial, with no vague and ambiguous clauses. Adding a proposed amendment to the federal Constitution is a deliberate process requiring a two-thirds vote of approval by both houses of Congress, followed by ratification by three-fourths of the states. Only 26 amendments – 10 of them comprising the Bill of Rights – are currently in effect.

Article V of the U.S. Constitution provides two ways of proposing amendments: by a two-thirds vote of both chambers of Congress for an amendment that would go to the states for ratification, or by the legislatures of two-thirds of the states (34 at present) asking for an Article V Convention. In either case, three-fourths of the states (38 at present) would have to ratify the amendment.

There has been only one Article V Convention, convened 228 years ago, to tinker with the Articles of Confederation. Professor Weisberg warned about the dangers of a possible "runaway convention", since once a convention is convened, no prescribed agenda exists. Matters addressed could be anything the convention chooses, regardless of the original motivation for holding it. Congress or the states would not be able to lay out an agenda and the Article V Convention could become a free-for-all.

Viewed from a cynical perspective, "Congress is just great" at drafting language, Prof. Weisberg says. Among the many proposed amendments that have floundered have concerned desecration of the flag, religious freedom, requirement for a balanced budget etc. The Supreme Court shies away from proposed amendments with political implications, such as how to kick out a member of Congress.

Getting ratification from the states can take a long, long time, and circumstances related to the proposed amendment can change. There's no consensus on whether a state can rescind its ratification. No deadline has ever been established for reaching the necessary three-fourths level of states' ratifications.

Prof. Weisberg's general sense is that a Constitutional Convention isn't going to happen because "people are afraid of the consequences."

Betty Gerard

October Board Meeting Summary

Board Action - Ratification of Advocacy at City Council. Cassel reported that based on the LWVUS position opposing human trafficking, the LWV Palo Alto sent a letter to City Council supporting its resolution which opposed human trafficking. There was short notice of the item on the agenda. The Board noted the importance of League action on the subject and approved the action and letter.

Palo Alto Comprehensive Plan Discussion – Transportation Element. The Community Advisory Committee for the Comprehensive Plan met to begin discussion of the Transportation Element. Cassel asked the Board to suggest transportation issues that should be covered and/or updated in the coming months. There was mention of affordable housing and land-use issues that coincide with transportation issues. Other topics concerned Transportation Demand Management programs, multi-modal transportation options, transportation issues for special-needs persons and senior citizens, regional cooperation, housing development along main arteries and adequate funding for all.

LAT Data Base Support. The Board approved the selection of Karen Pauls to perform support to the LAT database requirements.

Google Tutorial. The Board was most pleased to learn details of the Google tutorial to be provided by Lynne Russell's husband, who works at Google. This will occur on November 3, the regular Board meeting time, and will enable members to become more skilled with



Google, which the League uses for office functions.

Membership. There are still some League members who have not renewed their membership. Board members will conduct more outreach to those members in order to finalize the process soon.

Money in Politics. The consensus meeting for the Money in Politics study will be held on January 9, 2016 at Rinconada Library (former Main Library) from 10 am - 2:30 pm, including lunch. The schedule of this item was compressed so that Board approval of the consensus report can be forwarded by February 1.

Marlene Prendergast

Members, We Want to Hear From You!

Many thanks to all who have renewed their membership! Please let us know how you would like to be involved this year by completing this very short member survey!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N7BSOWO> We look forward to hearing from you!

Megan Swezey Fogarty and Lynne Russell

LWVPA Constitutional Amendment Consensus Meeting



Advocacy Report by Phyllis Cassel



LWVPA

October 5, LWVPA sent a letter to Mayor Holman and Council supporting adoption of a resolution combating human trafficking.

LWVC Our Legislative Wins and Losses

The legislative session ended with significant victories and some disappointments. The Legislature sent 30 League-supported bills to Governor Brown's desk. [View our Bill Status Report](#) for detailed information.

Voter Registration, Voting Rights, Election Administration Reform

More than half of the League-supported bills on the Governor's desk advance voting rights and election



administration, including measures to improve the vote-by-mail process, enhance language accessibility and plain language in election materials, and protect the voting rights of minority communities. [AB 1461](#), the New Motor Voter Program, will reduce barriers to participation by automating voter registration at the Department of Motor Vehicles. **Governor Brown signed AB 1461 on October 10 !! Streamlined voter registration at the DMV starts January 1, 2016.**

Groundbreaking Climate Change Bill SB 350 Weakened

We fought hard to pass [two major climate change bills](#), [SB 350](#) (de León and Leno) and [SB 32](#) (Pavley), which drew some of the strongest fire of the session as they attempted to build on California's landmark greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) law. The oil



industry spent millions to oppose SB 350's requirement of a 50 percent reduction in petroleum use for transportation by 2030, and in the end that provision was removed from the bill. Even with that setback, **SB 350 is an enormously important bill, which Gov. Brown signed on 10/7/15!** SB 32, which would have expanded the AB 32 GHG reduction targets, fell victim to attacks on the Air Resources Board's authority and was shelved until next year.

Don't miss this important meeting, part of a **national League study on the Constitutional Amendment Process**. The study committee will present background information before members discuss the consensus questions at our **October 17** meeting at the Moldaw Residences. The complete list of consensus questions for this study is on **pages 5 and 6**. Take it with you to the meeting.

The topics divide themselves into three parts as follows:

- I. How to evaluate amendments proposed by Congress for addition to the U.S. Constitution;
- II. The process of creating a U.S. Constitutional Convention based on Article V, initiated by the states; League's possible opposition to an Article V Constitutional Convention because of unresolved questions about the powers and process of such a convention;
- III. How League should balance the practices agreed to in evaluating a proposed constitutional amendment in Part I with those examining the process in Part II. Should the evaluation guidelines from Part I and the process criteria from Part II always be applied, or may they be set aside in the overall context of any particular amendment proposal?

To prepare for this discussion, it is helpful to read the consensus questions in advance. The LWVUS has published a study guide available at this link: <http://forum.lwv.org/member-resources/article/constitutional-amendment-study-guide> There is a lot more information available on the LWVUS web site: <http://forum.lwv.org/category/member-resources/our-work/constitutional-amendment-study>

Most importantly, come to the meeting and be a part of the discussion. **Make your voice heard.**

Online Communications Training Free to LWV Members

LWVC is providing three webinars to members who want to communicate more effectively online. This is a fun, interactive, practical three-part communications training webinar series. The sessions are 10-11 am on:

- **Thursday, October 22 - Nonprofit Marketing 101**
- **Monday, November 16 - Communications Roles & Planning**
- **Wednesday, December 2 - Writing for the Web**
(*immediately before our Winter Luncheon that day!*)

Registration is required. For more details and to register, go to <https://lwvc.org/new-information/2015/aug/communications-training>. To join the League, go to <http://www.lwvpaloalto.org/join.html>.

Constitutional Amendment Consensus Questions

Choices for response to each question are: “Should” “Should Not” “No Consensus”. Answer each question, regardless of your answers to other questions.

Part I - Considerations for Evaluating Constitutional Amendment Proposals

1. Which of these should or should not be a consideration in identifying an appropriate and well-crafted amendment?

a) Whether the public policy objective addresses matters of such acute and abiding importance that the fundamental charter of our nation must be changed.

PRO: *Amendments are changes to a document that provides stability to our system and should be undertaken to address extreme problems or long-term needs.*

CON: *When public sentiment is overwhelmingly in favor of change, restraint based on veneration of the document is misplaced.*

b) Whether the amendment as written would be effective in achieving its policy objective.

PRO: *Amendments that may be unenforceable, miss the objective or have unintended consequences will not work to achieve the policy objective.*

CON: *It's all right to deliberately put something in the Constitution that will need to be interpreted by courts and legislatures over time.*

c) Whether the amendment would either make our political system more democratic or protect individual rights.

PRO: *Most amendments have sought to make our system more democratic by extending voting rights, for example, or to protect the rights of minorities from powerful interests.*

CON: *What has been typical in the past is not a good measure of what's appropriate or necessary today or in the future, especially since there have been relatively few amendments.*

d) Whether the policy objective can be achieved by a legislative or political approach that is less difficult than a constitutional amendment.

PRO: *Due to the difficulty of amending the Constitution, it is important to consider whether legislation or political action is more likely to succeed than an amendment, in order to achieve the objective and to expend resources wisely.*

CON: *Important policy objectives should sometimes be pursued through a constitutional amendment even though it may be difficult for it to be enacted and even when other options are available.*

e) Whether the public policy objective is more suited to a constitutional and general approach than to a statutory and detailed approach.

PRO: *It is important to consider whether the goal can best be achieved by an overall value statement, which will be interpreted by the courts, or with specific statutory detail to resolve important issues and reduce ambiguity.*

CON: *Getting action on an issue is more important than how a policy objective can best be achieved.*

Part II - Aspects of an Article V Constitutional Convention

2. What conditions should or should not be in place for an Article V Constitutional Convention initiated by the states?

a) The Convention must be transparent and not conducted in secret.

PRO: *The public has a right to know what is being debated and voted on.*

CON: *The lack of public scrutiny and the ability to negotiate in private may enable delegates to more easily reach agreement.*

b) Representation at the Convention must be based on population rather than one state, one vote.

PRO: *The delegates represent citizens and should be distributed by U.S. population.*

CON: *The U.S. is really a federation of states that must agree by state to any change in the Constitution.*

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Constitutional Amendment Consensus Questions (continued from page 5)

c) State delegates must be elected rather than appointed.

PRO: *Delegates represent citizens and therefore need to be elected by them.*

CON: *Appointment allows for experts who wouldn't run in an election.*

d) Voting at the Convention must be by delegate, not by state.

PRO: *As at the Articles of Confederation Convention, delegates from one state can have varying views and should be able to express them by individual votes.*

CON: *Because any amendment proposal will go to the states for ratification, voting by state blocs—however the delegates are originally chosen—reflects the probability of eventual ratification.*

e) The Convention must be limited to a specific topic.

PRO: *It is important to guard against a “runaway convention”.*

CON: *The convention alternative was provided for a time when Congress was not listening, so the delegates should not be constrained.*

f) Only state resolutions on a single topic count when determining if a Convention must be called.

PRO: *Counting state requests by topic ensures that there is sufficient interest in a particular subject to call a convention, and enhances citizen interest and participation in the process.*

CON: *There is no requirement for Congress to count state requests by topic and when enough states are unhappy enough to ask for a convention, it should happen.*

g) The validity of state “calls” for an Article V Constitutional Convention must be determined by the most recent action of the state. If a state has enacted a rescission of its call, that rescission should be respected by Congress.

PRO: *A state legislature should be free to determine its position in regard to an Article V Constitutional Convention. A rescission should be equally acceptable to Congress as a state's call for a convention.*

CON: *A state legislature's call for a Convention can not be overturned because the process may never end.*

3. Should the League oppose an Article V Constitutional Convention to propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution because of unresolved questions about the powers and processes of such a convention?

PRO: *The Constitution is too important to trust an unknown or uncontrollable process. It is unclear whether conditions or safeguards regarding powers and processes for a convention can be successfully put in place.*

CON: *A convention is intended to be an unrestrained process to propose amendments to the Constitution.*

Part III – Balancing Questions

4. Should the League consider supporting a Constitutional amendment that will advance a League position even if:

a) There are significant problems with the actual amendment as proposed?

PRO: *Our positions have been studied and agreed to. If other organizations are supporting an amendment in a policy area we also support, we might participate even though it is inconsistent with the evaluation guidelines we support under Part I.*

CON: *If the League has a consensus on the evaluation guidelines outlined in Part I, then the League should not campaign on an amendment when it is inconsistent with those standards, even though the League supports the policy outcome.*

b) If it is being put forward by a procedural process the League would otherwise oppose?

PRO: *Our positions have been studied and agreed to. If other organizations are supporting an amendment in a policy area we also support, we might participate even though it is inconsistent with the process criteria we support under Part II.*

CON: *If the League has a consensus on the process criteria outlined in Part II, then the League should not campaign for an amendment when the process being proposed is inconsistent with those standards, even though the League supports the policy outcome.*

Money in Politics Review/Study



Mark your calendars and start diving into the materials below! LWVPA's consensus meeting for the national Money in Politics Review/Study will be on **Saturday, January 9, 2016**, in the **Embarcadero Room at the Rinconada (formerly "Main") Library**. From 10 am to 2:30 pm we will discuss and debate the important set of questions posed by LWVUS, and the conversation promises to be lively! Lunch will be provided at a modest cost.

The consensus questions will be in the next VOTER. Meanwhile, you can dip into any of the excellent resources below to start preparing. There is plenty of time to read about all topics that appeal to you. Blue highlighted titles are linked directly to the relative online publications.

Money in Politics Review

The LWVUS is conducting an update of the League's position on campaign finance. Through a study and consensus process we will consider: (1) the rights of individuals and organizations, under the First Amendment, to express their political views through independent expenditures and the finance of election campaign activities; and (2) how those rights, if any, should be protected and reconciled with the interests set out in the current position.

Two-Page Summary of LWVUS Money in Politics (MIP) Review and Update Background

This paper outlines the Review and Update, including scope of work, timeline, current position, background and history.

Money In Politics (MIP) Introduction And Overview (4-plus pages)

This comprehensive piece explains the existing LWV position on Campaign Finance, the proposed update, League action on Campaign Finance, the purpose of a campaign finance system and why Money in Politics matters to the League of Women Voters.

Money in Politics: Action in the States (6 pages)

This report highlights components of effective campaign finance reforms at the state and local level since the Supreme Court's *Citizens United* decision in 2010. It covers disclosure, coordination, small donor-funded elections, Pay-to-Play, and finally, oversight and enforcement.

Money in Politics: The First Amendment (4 pages)

This paper provides an overview of the First Amendment as it pertains to campaign finance.

Money in Politics: Shifts in Supreme Court Opinion about Money in Politics (5 pages)

This history gives an overview of the shifts in Supreme Court opinions about money in politics and the impact those shifts have had on campaign finance laws and regulation.

Money in Politics: The Debate: Can Government Regulate Money in Politics? (1½ pages)

This paper looks at three of the ideological underpinnings of the debate about whether government can restrict money in politics.

Money in Politics: Corruption and Rationales for Regulating Campaign Finance (5 pages)

This piece addresses the various approaches to defining corruption. It then outlines types of corruption that have been offered in Court decisions and analyzed in legal scholarship.

Money in Politics: The Role of the Supreme Court in Interpreting the Constitution (3½ pages)

This paper examines both the role of the Supreme Court and historical examples of limiting judicial supremacy by changing the Court's membership and by passing a Constitutional Amendment to reverse a Court decision.

Money in Politics: Independent Expenditures (8 pages)

This article describes the history of independent expenditures and the evolution of regulations addressing them. It also examines recent trends in this type of spending and why it matters.

E-BOOK via link from LWVUS: The New Soft Money: Outside Spending in Congressional Elections by Daniel P. Tokaji & Renata E. B. Strause (114 pages)

Professor Tokaji and Dr. Strause have allowed the League of Women Voters to provide this link to their book. The entire book is well worth reading. Sections of Chapter 1 including The New Rules of the Game and The Players cover the issue of coordination and are of particular interest to Leagues as we examine the current system of campaign finance reform.

Money in Politics: Corruption and Rationales for Regulating Campaign Finance (5 pages)

This paper addresses the various approaches to defining corruption. It then outlines types or categories of corruption that have been offered in Court decisions and analyzed in legal scholarship.

History of Campaign Finance Chart (4-plus pages)

This chart outlines key statutes, actions and court cases in the 20th and 21st centuries. The chart provides a comprehensive overview of the evolution of campaign finance law and money in politics through Congressional action and the Supreme Court decisions.

Definitions for Money in Politics Terms (2½ pages)

This compendium outlines the definitions for terms that are found in statutes dealing with campaign finance reporting.

Suggested Readings on Money in Politics (1-plus pages of references to books, chapters and Congressional subcommittee testimony). The national MIP Committee has developed a list of suggested reading material intended to help League members get started in learning about the complex topic of Money in Politics. This is an initial list designed to orient League members and the general citizenry to the issues. Other suggestions will be added to the list in the future.

Ellen Forbes



New Voices For Youth Update

New Voices has launched its fall programs at Menlo-Atherton High School and the Siena Youth Center. At M-A, our new Classroom Coordinator, Shakeam Campbell, will be working with Branessa Kunitz, YLAC (YCS)

partner. The project title for this year will be “Our College Ally.” Freshmen and sophomore students, with the help of two senior student mentors, will research subjects about college preparation, access, application and student aid. They will video interviews with guidance counselors and older students who are preparing for college. They will go on field trips to colleges and video interviews of students and staff. This is a particularly exciting project since it ties in closely with our League study of Public Higher Education in California. New Voices program in the Siena Youth Center, North Fair Oaks, has just received another recognition of its neighborhood mural project. Learn more about New Voices activities and see the videos on the web site: <http://www.newvoicesforyouth.org/>

Veronica Tincher, LWV Palo Alto

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Co-Chairs of the New Voices for Youth Steering Committee

LWVC’s Smart Voter and Maplight Team Up to Create VOTER’S EDGE CALIFORNIA



Do you want to see campaign expense information on California Congressional and state-level candidates? Now you will be able to see historical and up-to-date campaign revenues and expenses, using a new campaign finance tool launched by Maplight with the LWVC Education Fund, in partnership with the California Secretary of State. The Secretary of State’s web site will have a button “Power Search Contributions” which will provide the SoS campaign data in a user-friendly format. You can check it out on <http://powersearch.sos.ca.gov/> and click on the Power Search button. Maplight is the sponsor of Voter’s Edge, which will eventually replace our former LWVC Smart Voter format. You can learn more about Voter’s Edge on the “about” section of their web site: <http://votersedge.org/content/about-voters-edge#.VhBIY3pVhHx>.

Voter’s Edge information on candidates, propositions and campaign finance will be online for the next primary election cycle. A new staff position in LWVC Ed Fund has been established: Senior Director for Civic Engagement. Dora Rose, the Director, will be responsible for the liaison between Maplight/Voter’s Edge and LWVC Ed Fund, Smart Voter and Easy Voter Guide. An important goal of the new program is to promote voting participation from under-represented communities. County and local Leagues will have a role in Voter’s Edge as volunteer liaisons, as they did with Smart Voter. Job descriptions for these positions are available on the LWVC members web site: <http://archive.lwvc.org/lwvonly/upd2015/sept/vs.html>

*Veronica Tincher
Local Smart Voter Liaison*

League of Women Voters of Palo Alto Annual Financial Report to Members Fiscal Year 2015

Assets	6/30/15	6/30/14	
Checking	20,221	20,048	
Savings	25,205	25,203	
Postage	294	338	
Total	45,720	45,589	
Education Fund	200	251	
Total Assets	45,920	45,840	
			Variance Fav/ (Unfav)
Income	Actual	Budget	
Dues	15,125	14,280	845
Contributions, Members	3,985	8,000	(4,015)
Contributions, Others	4,400	6,000	(1,600)
Meeting Fees	5,952	2,500	3,452
Reimbursements	-	-	-
Other	3	-	3
From Education Fund	12,063	9,000	3,063
Total Income	41,528	39,780	1,748
Expense			
Administration	11,095	11,630	535
PMP	11,411	11,319	(92)
Service to Members	9,780	5,750	(4,030)
Service to Community	6,249	6,825	576
Action	2,146	2,500	354
Program & Study	31	100	69
Fund Raising	1,732	1,530	(202)
Other	36	-	(36)
Total Expense	42,480	39,654	(2,826)
Net Gain/(Loss)	(952)	126	(1,078)
Education Fund			
Contributions, Members	6,000	5,000	1,000
Contributions, Others	6,012	5,000	1,012
Total Income	12,012	10,000	2,012
Audited 7/2015			

Santa Clara County Leagues of Women Voters present
SCC Juvenile Justice Public Forum

Wednesday, October 28, 11 am to 12:45 pm

Mountain View City Hall Council Chambers

**Keynote speaker: Judge Patrick Tondreau,
Chief Justice SCC Juvenile Court**

How the County Juvenile Justice System addresses the needs and challenges of the youth / families within its system, and for youth in the county.

One highlight of the 2010 national League convention—that is still of interest today—featured a panel of eight women who served as LWVUS President from as early as 1968. Their reminiscences during some turbulent years make for 84 fascinating and worthwhile minutes of video at

<http://library.lwv.org/content/panel-lwvus-past-presidents>

More Information Available Online

BLUE HIGHLIGHTS in the **VOTER** are linked directly to pertinent websites.

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Our League has learned that Kate Hooker, a once very active member, died suddenly on September 20. During the 1960s and 70s she was a very energetic Leaguer, hosting our unit meetings in her home in addition to the other LWV responsibilities she enjoyed. LWVPA members from that era remember Kate very fondly.

The LWVPA Book Club

will meet on

Friday, October 23, at 10 am

to discuss:

“The Unwinding”

by George Packer



An inner history of the new America.

The meeting is at the home of Doris Petersen.

The LWVPA Book Club meets every two months. Non-members interested in discussing the current book are welcome.

Thank You!

Thank you to all the board and off-board members who reviewed this **VOTER**, and for the invaluable proofreading of **Ellen Forbes** and **Betty Gerard**.

Sue Hermsen, VOTER Editor

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It’s easy to join the LWVPA —Do it now! You will be glad you did. Joining at the local level makes you a member at all levels: National, State, Bay Area and Palo Alto. Men are encouraged to join. Dues grants are available. For more information, call the League office (650) 903-0600.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone (day) _____ (evening) _____ email _____

Annual membership: \$70. Additional membership, same address: \$35. Student membership: \$35.

Mail check with this form to LWVPA, 3921 E. Bayshore Road, Suite 209, Palo Alto, CA 94303.

You can also join or renew online via PayPal at <http://www.lwvpaloalto.org/join.html>

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Sat, Oct 17, 9:30 am-2:30 pm Consensus Mtg - Constitutional Amendment Process Moldaw Residences	Tues, Nov 10, 7-9:30 pm Board Mtg (cont'd if needed) Cassel
Tues, Oct 20, 11:45 am-1 pm Lunch with League Bay Café Restaurant	Mon, Nov 16, 10-11 am Communications Training Online
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Fri, Oct 23, 10 am Book Club Petersen	Tues, Dec 1, 7-9:30 pm Board Mtg Cassel
Wed, Oct 28, 11 am-12:45 pm SCC Juvenile Justice Public Forum Mountain View City Hall	Wed, Dec 2, 10-11 am Communications Training Online
Tues, Nov 3, 6:30-9:00 pm Google Training & Board Meeting Google	Wed, Dec 2, 11:30 am-1 pm Winter Luncheon Garden Court Hotel