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# The Palo Alto *VOTER*

The League of Women Voters of Palo Alto

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## Primary Election June 7



### VOTE YES! on These Ballot Measures!



✓ LWVC recommends:  
**Yes on Proposition 50:**  
Suspension of Legislators  
Amendment



✓ LWV Santa Clara County  
recommends:  
**Yes on Measure A:**  
Santa Clara County Park  
Charter Fund Extension



✓ LWVBA recommends:  
**Yes on Measure AA:**  
Bay Restoration Authority  
Parcel Tax

More about these Measures on Page 3

#### Get Informed!

Go to [VotersEdge.org](http://VotersEdge.org) and  
[ballotpedia.org](http://ballotpedia.org) to find out what will  
be on your ballot on June 7.

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### The LWVPA **SUMMER SOCIAL**

with the *Woman's Club of Palo Alto*

*SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:*  
**MARY V. HUGHES**

#### ***WHY We Need Women***

**Wednesday, August 17, 7 pm**

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## Messages from our Outgoing and Incoming Presidents

What a privilege it has been to serve as your president these last two years! Saying Yes to the Nominating Committee was one of my best decisions ever.



Since a wrap-up of League activities appears in my portfolio report later in this issue, I'd like to focus here on how LWVPA has left its mark on the community since this League year began:

- Heightened LWV visibility - A dozen ways we boosted our profile! See my report.
- Advocacy - Urging government bodies to take actions that we believe, based on our positions, will improve public policy—including efforts to “Save Buena Vista”
- Educational forums - Housing options, sea level rise, and more
- New connections with Stanford - Membership outreach AND partnerships with the students of Stanford in Government (SIG at [www.sig.stanford.edu](http://www.sig.stanford.edu))
- Assistance to PAUSD teachers - Donation of 57 copies of LWVC’s great publication, *Guide to California Government* (16<sup>th</sup> edition)
- More registered AND informed voters - See portfolio reports.

Finally, with many thanks to our indomitable membership chairs, **Megan Swezey Fogarty** and **Lynne Russell**, the League of Women Voters of Palo Alto has more members now than it has had in quite a few years. That means our voice is stronger and we have more people to help in Making Democracy Work in the year to come!

*Ellen Forbes*

Message from your new President.....

It is such an honor and a privilege to be President of this year’s LWVPA Board. I look forward to working with so many who are relatively new to the League and who bring us their fresh perspectives and unbridled enthusiasm.



So, please welcome our new **Treasurer, Steve Levy**; our new **Advocacy Chair, Lisa Ratner**; our new **Voters Edge Coordinator, Julie Cardillo**; our new **Publicity Maven, Tory Bers**; and our **New Program/Events Organizer, Maureen O’Kicki**.

Continuing on the Board are those whom we cannot do without: **Ellen Forbes**, your wonderful past President, will continue as 2nd Vice President, coordinating all of our varied communication efforts; **Mary Alice Thornton** will continue as 1st Vice President in charge of League-a-thon, our community fundraising effort; **Marlene Prendergast** will continue as our ever cheerful and organized Secretary; **Jeannie Lythcott** will continue in her amazing role as Voter Service Chair; **Sue Hermsen** will continue her excellent work as our superb *VOTER* Editor; **Liza Taft** will continue arranging Voter Registration Events and distributing the *VOTER* and our other printed materials to libraries and community centers; and last but not least, **Lynne Russell** and **Megan Swezey Fogarty** will continue their shared Membership role. Their amazing efforts are bringing so many new members to enrich our League.

But because we need and deeply value the expertise, knowledge and historical perspective of those wonderful Board members who are “leaving”, **Phyllis Cassel**, **Veronica Tincher**, **Doris Petersen** and **Betty Gerard** will be continuing as mentors to our new Board members.

We are blessed to have such wonderful people whose dedication to the League and its mission is unsurpassed.

*Bonnie Packer*

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## Board Summary Meeting of May 3, 2016



**LWVPA Policy Sheet.** The Board reviewed the Policy Sheet. Discussion particularly involved candidates forum procedures.

**Proposed City Council Candidates Forum with Chamber of Commerce.** The Chamber invited the League to cosponsor this candidates forum on September 15, 2016. The Board discussed the opportunity and the issues at some length. Primarily, the League must remain completely nonpartisan, should not appear to favor business interests, and favors its own established procedures. The Board voted to decline this opportunity.

**League Summer Social.** The Board discussed an opportunity to co-host its Summer Social with the Woman's Club of Palo Alto. Plans are being made to have this event on August 17, 2016, at the lovely Woman's Club facility.

**Change of Venue for Board Meetings.** Given the increased size of the upcoming League Board, there was discussion of using meeting space in the building where LWVPA has its office for Board meetings. Board members generally agreed and discussed appropriate dates for Board meetings at this location. The decision was to seek meeting space on the fourth Tuesday of the month for our meetings.

**Voter Service Effort for Upcoming Elections.** The Board discussed efforts for pre-election publication of Voters Guides, and Voters Edge. The effort involves publication and distribution and generally involves a number of League members. It is a very important service to the community.

*Marlene Prendergast, Secretary*

## The League Supports These Ballot Measures!



**Yes on Proposition 50 - Suspension of Legislators Amendment** This measure will allow, but not require, legislators to require that a member of the legislature forfeit salary, benefits and privileges of office when suspended. The LWV supports this action promoting an open governmental system that is representative, accountable, and responsive.

**Yes on Ballot Measure AA - Bay Restoration Authority Parcel Tax** Measure AA is a \$12 per parcel tax that will generate funding for restoration of San Francisco Bay wetlands, benefiting people, wildlife, and the Bay Area economy. This measure needs two-thirds voter approval within the nine-county Bay Area to pass. LWV Bay Area positions support conservation and development of the SF Bay and enhancement and preservation of the bay and its shorelines.

**Yes on Measure A - Santa Clara County Park Charter Fund Extension** Measure A proposes changes to the Santa Clara County Charter, County Park Charter Fund, to increase the county general fund set-aside from \$0.01425 to \$0.015 per \$100 of assessed value to support the County park system. It decreases the allocation of funds for acquisition of parklands from 15% to 10%, and it increases the portion of funds for development and infrastructure improvements from 5% to 10%. The percentage of funds currently allocated for operations remains at 80%. The Santa Clara County League's land use and resource management positions support conservation and stewardship of natural resources and support the planning policies that make this possible.

## League-a-thon Success!

League-a-thon fundraising efforts in the 2015 calendar year exceeded all previous years by **raising \$16,592**. With no elections in 2015 this was remarkable. Our League depends on our members and community donors who are always generous! Our membership dues allow us to pay per-member payments to National, State and Bay Area Leagues, and very little for local expenses. So, **THANK YOU**, members and donors who make it possible for us to do so much voter service and education and advocacy and action.

*Mary Alice Thornton, League-a-thon*

## The LWVPA Summer Social



Mark your calendar for the LWVPA Summer Social, with the Woman's Club of Palo Alto, featuring

**Mary V. Hughes**, speaking on *WHY We Need Women*.

Ms. Hughes is co-founder and President of Hughes & Company, previously Staton Hughes, a strategic communications and political consulting firm in Palo Alto. Mary founded and served as Director of The 2012 Project, a national, nonpartisan campaign of the Center for American Women and Politics to increase the number of women in Congress and state legislatures.

**Wednesday, August 17, 7 pm**

**Woman's Club of Palo Alto, 475 Homer Ave., Palo Alto 94301**

We need a few good party planners.  
If you can help, contact Valerie Stinger.

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## Thank You For Your Help

*The League of Women Voters of Palo Alto gratefully acknowledges the contributions made this year by the greater community and by our members who gave help in many ways in addition to their dues. Without your support, we couldn't carry out our mission of voter education and position advocacy. Note that names are listed alphabetically according to last name.*

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# Here's What Happened This Year in the LWVPA

## Annual Reports, May 2015-May 2016

### President's Report

Ellen Forbes

#### How we've enhanced LWVPA's Visibility this year

- ✓ Presented solid advocacy statements to City Council, city committees, and County Planning Commission
- ✓ Recruited an avid, skilled Facebook administrator
- ✓ Wrote a Letter to the *Weekly* Editor, celebrating 50 years of the Voting Rights Act
- ✓ Made a presentation on Voter Suppression to a Palo Alto senior residence
- ✓ Distributed handy *Facts for Voters* online ([www.lwvpaloalto.org/Elected\\_Officials.html](http://www.lwvpaloalto.org/Elected_Officials.html)) and in town
- ✓ Gave in-person explanations of the Pros & Cons of the June ballot measures
- ✓ Made the *Voters Guide* available in print and online
- ✓ Provided information on candidates, from the County level up through national, including their (self-defined) qualifications, etc, plus (from [www.MapLight.org](http://www.MapLight.org)) their funding sources, on Voter's Edge (<http://votersedge.org/ca>, formerly Smart Voter)
- ✓ Held ten educational forums, including six Lunches with League
- ✓ Placed newspaper ads and neighborhood announcements for LWV public forums
- ✓ Put our *VOTER* newsletter in libraries and other locations (People do come to our activities after learning about them this way!)

#### League activities: 2015-16 and upcoming

To enable future action, took part in

- ✓ Two national studies: the Constitutional Amendment Process and Money in Politics
- ✓ A State study on Public Higher Education in CA

Continuing

- ✓ Terrific Voter Services team that will need more Pros & Cons presenters for the fall!
- ✓ Enthusiastic committees working on Early Childhood Education and Housing & Transportation
- ✓ Lunches with League and educational forums
- ✓ Fundraising and Membership growth!
- ✓ Award-winning *VOTER* and New Voices for Youth project

Soon-to-be

- ✓ Communications team to upgrade all our media—send your ideas!
- ✓ Delegation to LWVUS convention: **Bonnie Packer, Mary Alice Thornton, Ellen Forbes, Lisa Ratner, Paige Costello**

### Advocacy

Phyllis Cassel, Chair

Over the last year, the LWVPA team has written 11 letters to government representatives, cosponsored four events, supported the Palo Alto Unified School District parcel tax, including signing the ballot arguments, and had a letter to the editor published honoring the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the Voting Rights Act. The advocacy team organized six Lunches with League (LWL) and attended a few dozen government meetings. A committee on early childhood education is participating in the Strong Start Project of the Santa Clara County Board of Education as part of the LWV Santa Clara County Council Education Committee.

Three of the LWL meetings were in preparation for the three study meetings done this year. At one lunch we reviewed the Palo Alto Emergency Operation Plan. Following this lunch an update to our emergency management plan position was drafted. Attendance at LWL has ranged from 25 to 30 people. Overall Lunch with League has been a success. Many thanks to Doris Petersen who has handled all the logistics for these events.

Advocacy can be time consuming. We are working to make our system more efficient. Most advocacy actions need timely approval between Board meetings from the Board's Emergency Action Committee (EAC). This system is fairly efficient but still time intensive. We are trying out a new approval system in which, following EAC approval, multiple advocacy actions within a scope, such as communications with several governmental agencies, or letters to the editor, can happen with just the review of the president. All such action happens under the name of the president.

Continuing to make the advocacy policy more efficient while assuring ourselves that we stay within the scope of our positions and principles is an important goal. With more efficiencies we will be more effective.

# Annual Reports, May 2015-May 2016, continued

## Membership

Megan Swezey Fogarty and Lynne Russell

### Growth in Membership:

September 2015: 243  
April 2016: 273

### Historic Data:

2014: 237  
2006: 300  
1989: 349

### Changes This Year:

- Shortened membership renewal from August-December period
- Created a membership survey on Survey Monkey to learn members' interests
- Printed membership directory in February after all renewals completed and submitted to national office.
- Printed fewer membership directories and delivered only to board and off-board members (26) and those who requested (28 as of 4/30/16)
- Used email more to save mailing costs

### Successful Strategies:

- Focus on active community members whose children are leaving for college
- Invite prospective members to December luncheon
- New member orientations
- Review inactive list and reach out personally to previous members to ask them to rejoin
- Stanford Campus Outreach event at home of new member **Maureen O'Kicki** - 4/15

### Ideas for Next Year

- Find more time to focus on engaging members vs. data entry
- Monthly report of member surveys by interest area (e.g., environment, PreK-12, voter education)
- Advertise LWVPA events in school ENews
- Diversity outreach
- More house parties - "Find out about the LWV" meetings to recruit new members
- Print directory in June so new board member info is included

## Housing and Transportation

Jeff Rensch

The Housing and Transportation committee had a very busy 2015-16. We followed and generally supported the City's efforts to foster alternative transportation modes and to limit traffic congestion. But our most important work was to track the process of revising the Comprehensive Plan. We made an attempt to attend every one of the Citizen Advisory Committee meetings as well as relevant Council meetings, working with the Board to make statements and guide initiatives wherever appropriate.

## Voter Services

Jean Lythcott, Chair

The year has been one of a continuous effort to better meet the League's goal of "Making Democracy Work". In the spring, to ramp up for this Presidential election year, we expanded the list of members who have volunteered for one of the three Voter Services efforts. Huge thanks go to every single one of you. We will need lots of extra help in the Fall; LWV PA will be indebted to all new volunteers. Please find me in the Membership Directory to get in touch, chat, have coffee, find out what we need, and to sign up.

Toward the League's goal, first is active voter registration under **Liza Taft's** leadership. Continuing these efforts for new citizens, eligible teens at both high schools, and at the VA, we added extensions into other areas. We reached out to students in the 'Stanford in Government' organization, added the use of online registration at our venues, used Facebook announcements at the high schools, and responded to requests from local communities, e.g. the Catholic churches, to help them register parishioners to vote. The turn-out this Spring has been much larger, no doubt due in part to the energy of the Presidential election.

Our next step is to help educate voters before they go to the polls both about the candidates, via events we call 'Candidates Forums', and about the Ballot measures via events we call 'Pros and Cons Presentations'. We co-sponsored a 'Candidates Forum' on May 10<sup>th</sup> at which community members heard from the eight candidates for the 24<sup>th</sup> Assembly District. Further under **Mary Jo Levy's** leadership, nine 'Pros and Cons' presentations are scheduled for different community groups to explain the three ballot measures and pertinent voting procedures and processes such as the Top Two Primary.

## Annual Reports, May 2015-May 2016, continued

### New Voices for Youth

Veronica Tinchler

New Voices for Youth is a youth outreach project co-sponsored by LWV Palo Alto and LWV South San Mateo County, whose goal is to promote civic engagement through use of electronic media among high school and middle school students living in East Palo Alto, east Menlo Park and North Fair Oaks neighborhood of Redwood City. Students work on video projects about issues concerning them under the guidance of part-time professional staff.

This year students at our North Fair Oaks site, the Siena Youth Center, participated in an Outdoor Leadership and Advocacy Program. They are producing videos concerning their neighborhood environment and gentrification affecting local small business.

Menlo-Atherton High School students are in a project that will span two years, documenting the process of college preparation, selection, admissions and financing in a video, "What I Wish I'd Known."

New Voices launched a third activity last year of teaching video production to other organizations: Youth Speaks Out, a youth project in the arts in Palo Alto and the San Mateo County Youth Commission. Plans are underway a summer project in Pescadero.

New Voices is financed through grants from organizations, foundations and individuals. LWVPA made a generous \$1,000 donation this past year and many League members participated in our successful fund-raiser, Silicon Valley Gives. The Midpeninsula YWCA Endowment Fund (jointly with Youth Community Services), the Palo Alto Weekly Holiday Fund, the Woodside Rotary and Palo Alto University Rotary Clubs, gave grants.

LWVPA & SSMC Steering Committee: **Veronica Tinchler (LWVPA)** and **Sheila Botein (LWVSSMC)**, Co-Chairs. **Betty Gerard (LWVPA)**, **Kathleen Weisenberg** and **Carole Dorshkind (LWVSSMC)**.

### Voter Registration

Liza Taft, Chair

In August and September 2015, we helped register voters at the New Citizens ceremonies. It is exciting to help the new citizens complete the registration forms.

We have been very busy this spring. With the help of Women in Government (a student-run organization at Gunn High School) we registered 90 students. At Palo Alto High School we registered 40. Both of these are new records!

In May, we helped register parishioners at St Thomas Aquinas Parish. At the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital, we registered 42 and gave out an equal number of registration forms. One day we had the help of Stanford in Government, a Stanford University organization.

Thanks to **Phyllis Cassel, Jean Lythcott, Nancy Olson, Linnie Melena, Penny Ellson, Alice Smith, Jenna Marvet, Gunn student and Libby Scholz, and Olivia Hope Martin**, Stanford students.

### Publicity

Betty Gerard

With no elections until this coming June and November, publicity activity for the year has been modest. In April, a press release on the Safer Bay Forum was done in collaboration with the South San Mateo County League.

The 24th Assembly District Candidates Forum on May 10 has been given excellent ad coverage through the generosity of the Palo Alto Weekly, Palo Alto Online, and the Mountain View Voice. A press release was also issued.

A press release has gone out on the Pros and Cons scheduled for this May and an ad will run in the Palo Alto Weekly.

In August 2015, I wrote a letter to the editor protesting changes in provisions of the Voting Rights Act, which celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Aug. 6, 2015 and was strongly supported by the LWV. It ran in the Palo Alto Weekly (signed by **Ellen Forbes** for LWVPA and **Gloria Chun Hoo** for LWV County Council).

### LWVPA Membership Continues to Grow!

We are thrilled with the many new and returning members this year. We are now 273 strong having added 30 members since September. Special thanks to new member (and new board member) **Maureen O'Kicki** who hosted a "learn about the League" coffee for Stanford-affiliated friends at her home in April, and co-hosts **Liz Jensen and Linda Baker** who helped with this gathering of smart, engaged women and men. If you would like to host a "learn about the League" event in your home, please let us know!

*Megan Swezey Fogarty and Lynne Russell,  
Co-Chairs, Membership*



### Candidates Forum

LWVPA cosponsored a Candidates Forum for the **24th State Assembly District seat** on Tuesday, May 10, at the Mountain View Public Library. Our cosponsors were the Leagues of Los Altos-Mountain View and South San Mateo County. All eight candidates were able to participate and the room was packed with an attentive audience. **Sigrid Pinsky** from the LWVPA moderated. The forum was videotaped and is available for viewing online at: <http://www.lwvpaloalto.org/Elections.html>.

## Advocacy Report by Phyllis Cassel

### LWVPA

**Audit of Media Center** On May 10, LWVPA spoke to the Palo Alto City Council Policy and Services Committee expressing our support for the work of the Midpeninsula Media Center. The auditor's review questioned the need for PEG access channels. LWVPA expressed the need for these channels to be available to the public and enumerated times that we have used its services for Voter Service activities.



**5th Scenario for the Comp Plan EIR** The Draft EIR for the proposed 2030 Comprehensive Plan was published in February. As is required, four different scenarios were developed to assess various proposals being considered. The options were chosen in 2014. Since then, the economic conditions have changed, housing needs



are even more critical and the City Council has adopted aggressive goals for reduction of greenhouse gases. A fifth scenario has been proposed that will assess a reduction in employment 10% below the lowest estimate, evaluate an increase in housing, (in one option, as much as 20%), and analyze the effects on the city of implementing the Sustainability and Climate Action Plan (S/CAP). The LWVPA spoke in favor of including a fifth scenario, evaluating the effects of implementing the S/CAP programs and policies and studying a significant amount of housing greater than the 20% increase proposed for study. If approved this study will be prepared over the next six months and be ready for evaluation before the Comp Plan CAC finishes its final Comprehensive Plan recommendations for the City Council.

### LWVC

**AB 2660** LWVC strongly supports AB 2660 (McCarty) - The Quality Early Education and Development Act of 2016. The bill provides increased funding for quality early education. Please let your legislator know that you support this bill.



I finished our last commitment of helping to register voters at the Catholic Churches with Katia and her volunteers, last Sunday Morning. We were at St. Thomas Aquinas church and since the vestibule is so tiny there, Katia and her husband, Larry, had set up a card table on the sidewalk in front of the church. It was fun. We had at least as much interaction with passers-by as we did with parishioners. . . .Katia felt that we had done important work together and I whole-heartedly agreed.

*Jeannie Lythcott*



## Voter Registration Volunteers find Work Rewarding

LWVPA Voter Registration volunteers have been busy at work this spring. Here are some of their comments and stories.

### Ah! The Delights Of Voter Registration

*Today at Palo Alto High School, wearing my League of Women Voters button and carrying my signs (see photo below) I was talking with a group of guys at lunch asking if they were ready to register to vote.*

*One said "Are you gonna vote for Donald Trump?"*

*"I can't say. I am a representative of the League of Women Voters and we are, by principle, completely nonpartisan. We have no interest in whom you vote for, only that citizens are registered and do actually vote."*

*"Er, okay. But I mean don't you care about who to vote for?"*

*"Oh as a person, my own self, I care a great deal. But I am representing the League here today and so I will not say."*

*Pause*

*"But I mean do you like Donald Trump?"*

*His friend bumps him hard, and says, "Man, she just told she is League and they are nonpartisan. Duh! She's not going to say!"*



*Liza Taft, Sue Kemp, Jeannie Lythcott, Nancy Olson, at Paly High School on May 4, 2016*

On May 10, a group of Stanford in Government volunteers had the honor of serving with the Palo Alto League of Women Voters to register voters at the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital. For both my colleague Libby (the upcoming president of Stanford in Government) and I, it was an incredibly moving experience. In just the span of an hour or two, we registered almost a dozen voters with diverse stories, backgrounds, and reasons to vote. We were even able to register a homeless man who thought he might be unable to vote. Seeing how much voting mattered to these individuals was extremely inspiring for our group, and has motivated us to increase our efforts to register students on campus so that they too can take advantage of the privilege and duty that is the right to vote.

*submitted by Olivia Hope Martin  
Stanford Student*



## Welcome, New Members !

Heike Enders, Jane Gee,  
Carolyn Manning,  
Dallas Manning,  
Mary O’Kicki,  
Athina Peiou-Quake



We are so glad you have joined  
the League.

## Remembering Viv Blomenkamp

Viv Blomenkamp, a long-time, devoted member of our League, passed away in May. Over the years, Viv took on many roles in our League with quiet, graceful efficiency: LAT, Voter Service, VOTER Editor, and advocating for water quality and flood control to name a few. Veronica Tincher says of Viv, “A whiz at desk-top publishing, the VOTER, the Annual Meeting Kit and Facts for Voters, when that technology was hardly known to home computer users. Way ahead of her time!” Our President Bonnie Packer fondly remembers when she first joined the League in the early 90s spending many fun hours with Viv in the LWVPA office next to Westminster House. Mary Alice Thornton recalls, “Vivian helped me with Voter Service way back in 2000 when I was wet behind the ears! I continued to see her, all on her own, go to grocery stores and sit in the hot sun to register voters.” A really wonderful person and League member, Viv will be dearly missed.

### Registrar of Voters (ROV) of Santa Clara County Needs Help at the Office on Election Day - June 7

The ROV needs 20 to 30 volunteer workers in their office either 2-5 pm, or 6:30 pm to 12:00 am, on June 7, primary election day. There will be a variety of tasks to do, and a small stipend earned.

Please let Jeannie Lythcott know if you can and will volunteer; her list then goes to the ROV; you will be expected at the ROV on Election Day for the shift you chose.

### The LWVPA Book Group

will meet

Friday, May 27, at 10 am

to discuss:

“The Big Thirst: The Secret Life and  
Turbulent Future of Water”

by Charles Fishman



The meeting will be at the home of Veronica Tincher.  
Visitors are welcome.



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

*Sue Hermesen, VOTER Editor*

### 2016 Membership Directory

If you would like a copy of the LWVPA membership directory mailed to you, contact Lynne Russell at [lynnerrussell1@gmail.com](mailto:lynnerrussell1@gmail.com) or call 650 303-1505.



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.

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

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**CALENDAR**

**Fri, May 27, 10 am**  
**Book Club**  
 Tincher

**Tue, Jun 7**  
**Primary Election**

**Wed, Jun 8, 7-9:30 pm**  
**Board Mtg**  
 Tincher

**Fri, Jun 17 -**  
**Sun, Jun 19**  
**LWVUS Convention**  
 Washington, DC

**Wed, Jul 13**  
**VOTER Deadline**

**Tue, Jul 26, 7-9:30 pm**  
**Board Mtg**  
 PCC, Raptor Room

**Wed, Aug 10**  
**VOTER Deadline**

Wed, Aug 17, 7 pm  
**Summer Social**  
 Woman's Club of Palo Alto

**Thu, Aug 25**  
**Naturalization**  
**Ceremonies**

Heritage Theater,  
 Campbell

**Thu, Sep 15**  
**Naturalization**  
**Ceremonies**

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 Campbell