

League Presents Emeryville City Council Candidate Forum

On the evening of Wednesday, October 26, LWVBAE will present a Candidates Forum for those running for Emeryville City Council.

The hour-long event will occur in the Council Chambers of Emeryville’s City Hall, 1333 Park Avenue, starting at 7:30 p.m. All five candidates running in the November 8 election have indicated they will participate.

The Forum will be cablecast on ETV, Emeryville’s public access television station, channel 27, and repeat cablecasts will be announced on the station’s community calendar.

Lessly Wikle Field will moderate the Forum, and other League members will handle question-sorting and time-keeping tasks.

As with our usual League forum format, each candidate will be asked to present a two-minute introductory statement, to be followed by written questions from the audience, which each candidate will have the opportunity to answer. At the end of the question-and-answer session, each candidate will be allowed a one-minute closing statement.

Please tell your Emeryville friends about this opportunity to ask the Council candidates about their stands on municipal issues of importance to them.

Sherry Smith,
President

Come Celebrate the League’s 100 Years As A Berkeley Institution! Join Us At Our Centennial Birthday Party October 30



When: Sunday October 30, at 2:00 pm

Where: City Council Chambers
Berkeley’s Old City Hall
2134 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way

We have a “Sunday matinee” of entertainment for you, including

- a. A group of suffrage leader re-enactors
- b. A Sweet Adeline International Quartet, “Whatever 4”,
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serenading us with period songs

- c. A “new” suffrage song written by Mary Rogier, “A Hymn to the Right to Vote”
- d. Greetings from elected officials
- e. A stroll over to the Berkeley History Center for lemonade, cookies, and the “Berkeley Women Vote” exhibit

Highlights will include a group of suffrage re-enactors, led by Cathy Foxhoven, AAUW-CA Program Director and professor of theater arts at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco, who will recreate some of the personalities and events of the suffrage era. Four California suffragists will be played by AAUW members and actors. Those who will be depicted include Maud Younger, who campaigned among working women for suffrage and for labor laws to protect them; Selina Solomons, who ran the San Francisco “Votes for Women Club,” where she served lunch and ideas to working girls, Clara Shortridge Foltz, the first woman lawyer on the West Coast, and Caroline Severence, suffragist, abolitionist and founder of women’s clubs. These historic California women will be portrayed by Cynthia Arella, Cathy Foxhoven, Leslie Ragsdale, and Linda Milliken.

The Sweet Adelines are an international organization of women who sing in barbershop style harmony. One of their local quartets, “Wherever 4”, will entertain us with songs of the period.

Another highlight will be the singing of a “new” suffrage song written by Berkeley Community Chorus member Mary Rogier, “Hymn to the Right to Vote”, with new lyrics to the tune of “Battle Hymn of the Republic”. It will be sung by a chorus of Leaguers led by City Auditor and League member Ann-Marie Hogan. The audience will be encouraged to join the singing of the choruses.

Immediately after meeting some of the California suffrage campaign’s leaders and hearing some of the songs they might have heard, attendees will be invited to walk across the street to the Berkeley History Center in the Veterans Building. After lemonade and cookies, they will meet, through rediscovered historic photographs, objects and publications, the leaders of Berkeley’s own 1911 campaign as they are revealed in the “Berkeley Women Vote” exhibit. Phyllis Gale, Curator, and other curators of the exhibit will be available to guide you or answer questions.

The Suffrage Celebrations so far

Resolutions. The Berkeley City Council and the Board of Directors of the Berkeley Unified School District honored us on October 11 and 12 with resolutions celebrating

the League’s 100th birthday and the 100th anniversary of women winning the vote in California. Earlier this year our Congresswoman Barbara Lee had a warm and detailed message honoring us included in the Congressional Record. Copies of these messages can be found on our website <http://lwwbe.org>

Parades. At the Solano Stroll, Sept. 11, about 30 marchers, including League members, joined the Berkeley Historical Society’s troupe of marchers, carrying banners and waving signs, and many wearing period costume. The group won second place among the participating groups. Two groups of little children won first place. Berkeley Leaguers joined Oakland’s parade on October 2 and the large and joyous October 10 stroll and celebrations in Sacramento at the California History Museum and the State Capitol.

Historic Talks and Walks

The remaining five of the series of seven monthly talks have been scheduled by the Berkeley Women Vote Centennial Committee. The next will be Sunday, November 13, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at the Historical Society, located at 1931 Center Street. The speaker is Darlene Thorne, a Postcard Collector and Historian, who will use her power point presentation to share her women’s suffrage postcard collection and discuss how postcards were an intrinsic part of the suffrage movement. Two further walking tours will be offered by the Berkeley Historical Society: October 22—women’s social clubs; November 12—West Berkeley community centers started by Berkeley women.

Exhibits galore

The “Berkeley Women Vote” exhibit expands to the Berkeley Central Public Library display cases from Oct. 25 to Nov. 24. The Bancroft Library continues to host two exhibits in the cases in the hallways leading from Bancroft to Doe Library: “A Centennial Celebration: California Women and the Vote” and “Women at Cal 1910-1915: When California Passed the Women’s Suffrage Amendment.”

The BHS Exhibit

For those not able to attend our Oct. 30 birthday celebration, the exhibit “Berkeley Women Vote: Celebrating California Suffrage 1911-2011, “ at the Berkeley History Center, will run until March 30, 2012. The Center is wheelchair accessible and is generally staffed by volunteers on Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoons from 1:00-4:00. Parking may be difficult on Saturdays because of the Farmers’ Market. Stop by if you are downtown, but before making a special trip, phone (510) 848-0181 to make sure volunteers have opened the exhibit that day.

Nancy Bickel

Environmental Concerns Report: Environmental Justice for All

Environmental Justice (EJ) was the focus of a PowerPoint presentation and discussion led by UC Hastings Professor Nicholas Targ for the September 12 Natural Resources meeting.

Targ traced the EJ movement from its modern grassroots that first identified the correlation between race and income, and hazardous waste. A GAO Report (June 1, 1983) among others in the 1980s led to the establishment of an executive order and the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Hazardous Waste and Racial and Ethnic Affairs, and also the Advisory Council on Racial and Ethnic Environmental Concerns.

The People of Color Environmental Summit (1992) called for the establishment of a federal office. In 1992 under Bush I the EPA established the Office of Environmental Equity for equal protection from environmental hazards for individuals, groups and communities regardless of race. In 1994 the Clinton Administration established the Office of Environmental Justice and chartered the National EJ Advisory Council.

Plan EJ 2014 is EPA's road map to integrate environmental justice in its programs and policies, including rulemaking, permitting, compliance and enforcement, community based action, science, law, information and resources. Plan EJ 2014 is named in recognition of the 20th Anniversary of President Clinton's issuance of Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations. (http://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/resources/policy/exec_order_12898.pdf)

EPA defines Environmental Justice as the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.

"It will be achieved when everyone enjoys the same degree of protection from environmental and health hazards and equal access to the decision making process to have a healthy environment in which to live, learn and work," Targ said.

More than 37 states and the federal government have regulations, policies or statutes addressing environmental justice, Targ said.

Mr. Targ has 15 years experience addressing environmental, land use, and natural resources law issues in the public and private sector. He served as Counsel then as Associate Director to the EPA's Office of Environmental Justice

in Washington, D.C. responsible for developing tools and strategies addressing environmental justice agency-wide. Nicholas.targ@hkklaw.com

Gail Schickele, Natural Resources Director

Book Review

Physics for Future Presidents by Richard A. Muller. This book could be called "physics for thoughtful citizens". It is written in everyday, nontechnical language regarding the science behind the concerns that our nation faces in the immediate future. Richard Muller teaches a very popular course at UC Berkeley by this same name.

We live in complicated, dangerous times. They are also hyper-technical times. As citizens who will elect future presidents of the most powerful and influential country in the world this book is a good lesson in critical thinking.

One of his statements I found surprising is "The acidification of the oceans (from the burning of fossil fuels) may be a bigger danger to the ecosphere than a few degrees of additional warmth." Muller's physics are sometimes not an easy read but the book presents some of the important technical issues we face in the world today.

Muller is best on his physics and a bit glib when he ventures into sociology and policy. However, he presents tools of analysis that can give the reader a better grasp on reaching their own conclusions on policy.

Carol Stone, Natural Resources Director

Environmental Concerns November Meeting

When: November 14, 7:30-9:00 pm

Where: 1147 Euclid Ave (at Chrystal Way just north of Eunice)

Gail Schickele and Carol Stone
Natural Resources Directors

Berkeley Redistricting

On Wednesday, November 9, at 5:30 PM, Sherry Smith, LWVBAE President, will moderate a public meeting on the plans for Redistricting in Berkeley. The meeting will be at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst Avenue (at MLK, Jr. Way).

League Foundation Benefits LWVBAE

In 1991, long-time League member Madeleine Traynor, widow of California Supreme Court Chief Justice Roger Traynor, gave a generous gift to the League that formed the basis of the League of Women Voters of Berkeley Foundation. Madeleine had earned a Master's Degree in Political Science from Cal and then a Juris Doctorate at Boalt Hall in 1956 along with only about a half-dozen other women.

The original purpose of the gift was to honor her late husband and a beloved aunt, Leonie Coursinoux-Soulanges, with the establishment of an essay contest, with a monetary reward to a writer who "best educates and encourages citizens to participate constructively in the American democratic process", as she told a fellow League member when she established the project. There was a clause that permitted the use of the funds for other educational purposes, should the League so choose, after five years of running the contest.

In 1992, the Foundation was incorporated under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, allowing the Foundation to solicit tax-exempt gifts from donors, to enhance the funds and broaden the spectrum of League-oriented educational uses. Since achieving that status, the Foundation has been designated in several bequests and there is an annual fundraising drive that benefits both LWVBAE and the Foundation.

Although the name remains the same, since the League added "Albany & Emeryville" to its name the funds are used for educational projects for the wider community. The Foundation's purpose is to support the League in its civic projects, including education and a percentage of its administrative costs, but not for the League's advocacy actions. One of the notable uses of Foundation funds is to help underwrite UCB graduate student projects having to do with a sustainable environment, to help extend the League's environmental commitment to the broader community, through funds donated in the name of our late League colleague Eva Alexis Bansner.

The five-member Foundation Board for 2011-2012 includes Lois Brubeck, President; Jane Bergen, Vice President; Nancy Bickel, Secretary; Tom Coulter, Treasurer; and Jean Safir, Special Projects.

League members and others who wish to support the education efforts of the League may make contributions by writing a check to the LWVB Foundation and mailing it to the League office at 1414 University Ave., Suite D, Berkeley 94702.

Sherry Smith, President

Childhood Poverty

The background reading for our October 4 consensus units on the Appropriate Federal Role in Public Education Pre-K-12 documented some startling, disturbing, changes in American life. As the first reports drawn from the 2010 national census began to appear, we learned that

- Nationally, 46 million people are living below the federal poverty line (\$22,000 a year for a family of four)
- Over 20% of America's children, 16 million, are poor, with 7% in extreme poverty (living on less than half of the federal poverty threshold)
- The number of homeless children in the country rose 41%, from 679,724 in 2006-07 (before the economic crash) to 956,720 in 2008-09.
- In California, 16.3% of our population, more than 6 million people, lived in poverty in 2010. Of these, about 2.2 million were children, a number greater than the combined populations of San Francisco and San Diego.
- The Berkeley Unified School District, with 9,000 students, had 313 homeless children in 2006-07. By 2010-11, the number had more than doubled, to 761, and the figure for 2011-12 is expected to be even higher.

National League positions on our study won't come up for adoption until the LWVUS convention of June, 2012, but in the meantime, we will continue to monitor federal action on the renewal of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. If you would like to join us, call or e-mail Helene Lecar at 510-549-9719, helene.lecar@sbcglobal.net.

Watch LWVC President on YouTube

Newly inaugurated LWVC President Jennifer Waggoner explains the continuing relevance of today's LWV in this YouTube video. Take a look.

<http://www.youtube.com/lwvcgf>

LWV Berkeley Foundation

Activities and Assets

Fiscal Year 2010-2011

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD
Income/Expenses					
Income					
GF Contributions	615	8,825	1,730	425	11,595
From Reserves					
Other					
Total Income	615	8,825	1,730	425	11,595
Expenses GF					
Election Services				2,008	2,008
Spec. Ed. Projects	1,000			135	1,135
Program		500			500
Office				2,220	2,220
Voter					
Misc./Bank Fees	26	6	6	6	44
Total GF Expenses	1,026	506	6	4,369	5,907
NET					
(GF Income-Expenses)					
Reserve Accounts					
American Century MM	2,105	2,105	2,105	2,105	
American Century Bal	13,776	14,625	15,181	15,418	
American Century 1/G	18,814	20,929	22,169	22,403	
Total Reserves	34,695	37,659	39,455	39,926	
Assets					
UBOC Checking	9,328	17,647	19,371	15,427	
American Century Reserves	34,695	37,569	39,455	39,927	
Total Assets	44,023	55,216	58,826	55,354	
Restricted Funds					
Helping Kids to College				0	
Bansner Fund				0	
Total Restricted Funds				0	

Submitted by
Tom Coulter, LWVB Foundation Treasurer

September Donations

To the LWVBAE General Fund

Mary Friedman

Elaine Grossberg

Anne Henderson

Pat Kuhi and Jack Duisman

Erica Kunkel

Fran Packard

Therese Pipe

Weldon and Jeanie Rucker

Lenora Young

To the LWVB Foundation

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Violet Feinauer

Mary Friedman

Erika Kunkel: Kunkel Family Trust

Jane Ann Lamph

Sarah and Jay Miyazaki

Linda Polsby

Many thanks for remembering
our League.

Louetta Erlin
Donations Secretary

LWVBAE Balance Sheet Fiscal Year 2010-11

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Union Bank Fraud Protection	100.00
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Union Bank	1,289.98
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Union Bank Money Market	665.52
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Total Checking/Savings	12,055.50
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Other Current Assets

Fidelity Fund	27,644.91
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Fidelity Money Market	0.43
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Fidelity Balance Fund	58,166.22
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Fidelity Intl. Growth Fund	41,301.42
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Total Other Current Assets	127,112.98
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Total Current Assets	139,168.48
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Other Assets

Petty Cash	55.68
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Post Office Deposit	100.58
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Furniture & Equipment	5,154.15
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Rent Deposit	650.00
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Total Other Assets	5,960.41
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TOTAL ASSETS	145,128.89
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

Opening Bal Equity	1,970.65
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Retained Earnings	112,743.23
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Net Income	30,415.01
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Total Equity	145,128.89
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	145,128.89
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LWVBAE Budget Performance, Fiscal Year 2010- 11

Income		Budgeted	Actual	Difference
	Dues	21,000	18,405.00	2,595.00
	Contributions	10,000	8,150.00	1,850.00
	LWVB Foundation	9,000	4,227.76	4,772.24
	Contract Services	1,000	1,055.62	(55.62)
	Scrip - fundraising	40,000	36,574.46	3,425.54
	Community Lunch	13,500	16,388.07	(2,888.07)
	Dividends - Money Market	0	0.00	
	Product Sales - Fundraising	100	10.00	90.00
	Program Meetings	1,200	1,434.00	(234.00)
	Miscellaneous		2,519.86	(2,519.86)
	Transfer from Other Assets	1,842		1,842.00
TOTAL INCOME		97,642	88,764.77	8,877.23
Expenses		Budgeted	Actual	Difference
	Action	2,000	1,126.59	873.41
	Program	2,000	930.83	1,069.17
	Per Member Payments to LWV, LWVC	14,600	14,835.08	(235.08)
	Convention Subsidies	1,500	1,189.72	310.28
	Election & Other Community Services	4,000	2,117.76	1,882.24
	Miscellaneous		84.00	(84.00)
	Smart Voter	500	500.00	0.00
	Administration			
	Board	100		100.00
	Office Rent	10,992	11,100.00	(108.00)
	Salary & Fringes & Taxes	0	479.44	(479.44)
	Supplies, Copies, Postage	3,600	883.88	2,716.12
	Phone, FAX, Internet	2,100	2,383.71	(283.71)
	Insurance	1,500	0.00	1,500.00
	Pubs, Subscriptions, Memberships	600	537.65	62.35
	Other Taxes & Fees	500	342.20	157.80
	Equip. Purchase & Maintenance	1,000	0.00	1,000.00
	Professional Fees, IRS990	550	500.00	50.00
	Total Administration	20,942	16,226.88	4,715.12
	Member Services and Publications			
	Voter Newsletter	5,500	4,909.47	590.53
	Total Member Services and Publications	5,500	4,909.47	590.53
	Development & Community Outreach			
	Community Lunch	9,000	8,578.22	421.78
	Scrip	37,500	34,215.92	3,284.08
	Prod. Sales	100		100.00
	Total Development Expenses	46,600	42,794.14	3,805.86
TOTAL EXPENSES		97,642	84,714.47	12,927.53
	Net		4,050.30	

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Calendar — Berkeley addresses unless otherwise noted

October

26	Wed	3:00-5:00 pm	Board Meeting, LWVBAE Office	S. Smith	548-1769
26	Wed	7:30 pm	Candidates Forum Council Chambers Emeryville City Hall 1333 Park Avenue	S. Smith	548-1796
30	Sun	2:00-5:00 pm	Celebrating LWVBAE's 100 th Anniversary, at Old City Hall and Berkeley Historical Society	N. Bickel	526-4055

November

9	Wed	5:30 pm	Berkeley Redistricting Public Meeting North Berkeley Senior Center 1901 Hearst (at MLK, Jr. Way)		
13	Sun	2:00 pm	Historical Society Talk (see page2)	N. Bickel	526-4055
14	Mon	7:30-9:00 pm	Environmental Concerns 1174 Euclid Ave	C. Stone	549-0959
16	Wed	1:30-3:30 pm	Climate Change Team LWVBAE Office	R. Beatus	524-6904
17	Thur	7:30-9:00 pm	Civics Educ, LWVBAE Office	J. Gardner	548-5292
30	Nov	3:00-5:00 pm	Board Meeting, LWVBAE Office	S. Smith	548-1769