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## COME CELEBRATE ON FEBRUARY 15 THE BIRTHDAY OF THE LEAGUE AND SUSAN B. ANTHONY, TOO!

If Susan B. Anthony were alive today, she would join her League friends to party on her 189<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday, February 15. Although Susan B. didn't make it quite that long, we're going ahead and having a party anyway – especially since the League of Women Voters will be 89 years old the day before!

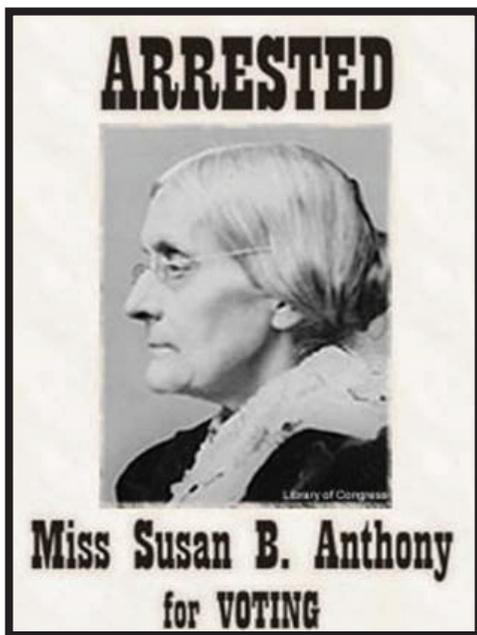
We will be celebrating these two great events from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm that day at the home of *Doris Fine*, former president of LWVBAE and a fine pianist. *Doris* and former president *Eloise Bodine*, a locally-noted cellist (the versatility of Leaguers is amazing . . .), will entertain us as we enjoy hors d'oeuvres and toast Susan B. with wine and other beverages.

The party is hosted by our Membership Development Committee, and we would especially like to meet and greet our newer members. This will be a fine opportunity to learn more about the League as well as mingle with old friends and new.

If you plan to attend, please call the League office at 510.843.8824 so we can get an idea of how many will be coming, and whether we need to import folding chairs.

*Doris Fine's* home is at 2 Eucalyptus Road in Berkeley. Carpooling is encouraged.

*Sherry Smith*  
Membership Development  
Committee



## NOT A PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Welcome to the new year of League activities! 2009 holds the promise of new opportunities for all League members to become part of the League's leadership team, and to also become active volunteers in some of our most important, interesting and visible activities. In the next few weeks, for example, we will be preparing for interviews with our legislators, primarily those on the local level, but also with some representatives in regional and state positions. In the past, the LWVBAE president and a committee chair generally carried out this task. This year, because we haven't filled these positions, we call on all our members to consider helping us fill leadership roles such as this one.

We urge any and all of you who may be curious about our legislative interviews and who might like to help represent the League to our legislators to call us to talk about it. You might like to help formulate the questions we ask and make decisions about the issues we want to highlight. Teams of two League members carry out these interviews, and our goal is to have enough member-volunteers so that we can pair one neophyte with one experienced member for the interviews.

During the past few months, we've accomplished an enormous amount of work – only because Board members and many others have taken on leadership roles in the spirit of our current Board's slogan: "Now *every one* of us IS the president." We extend the invitation to every one of you to follow the Board's example. Our League is too valuable to allow it to languish simply because some spaces in the organizational chart are temporarily unfilled.

We see evidence of our responsibilities to Berkeley, Albany and Emeryville at every election when our views are eagerly sought, when we bring candidates to speak to their constituencies at League-sponsored forums and TV interviews, and when we hear our arguments for and against ballot measures quoted again and again. We know that the League represents reliability and good judgment in civic affairs every time we're asked by our cities to lend our voices on civic committees and task forces, and also on the many occasions when citizens ask for our help in addressing their civic concerns.

Volunteering in the League can be informative, inspiring and thought-provoking. It has helped many of us discover strengths, talents and interests we had no idea that we possessed. Join us in some of our many activities. Just call me at 510.527.7727 – we'll be delighted to hear from you.

*Mim Hawley*  
Co-VP Action

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## WATER: CALIFORNIA'S NEW GOLD

*Bay Area League Day topic in Oakland  
on Saturday, January 31*

It's not too late to register to attend Bay Area League Day, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, on Saturday, January 31, at the MetroCenter Auditorium, 101 Eighth Street, in Oakland. The site is conveniently located across the street from the Lake Merritt BART station.

Knowledgeable speakers and panelists will address the state of the Delta and water resources in California. The modest fee of \$25 covers lunch; if you prefer to attend the program only, the cost is \$15. But you must register by Friday, January 23, or the fee rises slightly to \$30 (\$20 without lunch).

You may register on-line at [www.lwvbayarea.org](http://www.lwvbayarea.org). Go to the site and click on "Calendar of Events"; then, under "Calendar" on the far left of that screen, choose "Bay Area League Day". You will then see full details of the program and have a chance to click on whether you want to register with lunch or without, charging the event to your credit card. You may also register by mailing your check (made out to LWVBA) to LWVBA, 1611 Telegraph Avenue, Suite 300, Oakland, CA 94612. Registration information may be obtained by calling the *BAY AREA MONITOR* at 510.839.1608.

This will be a wonderful opportunity, as are all Bay Area League Days, to learn a great deal in a very short period of time, from an array of knowledgeable experts – and to mix and mingle with other Leaguers from throughout the Bay Area. Come join us!

*Sherry Smith*, Co-Representative  
Alameda County Council of Leagues

## LWVBAE COMMENTS ON BERKELEY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

The LWVBAE Climate Change Team, Environmental Concerns Committee, LWVBAE Board and interested members have worked together throughout the month of December to draft our League's comments to the City of Berkeley on the September draft of the Berkeley Climate Action Plan (BCAP). Our review and discussion, culminating in the comments to the City, took place in a series of meetings and much email exchange among an enthusiastic group of members. In addition to our comments specific to the plan, we stressed our willingness to help in mobilizing the community and in the ongoing work of educating the public to the costs of inaction.

The full BCAP can be accessed at <http://www.berkeleyclimateaction.org>. The full text of our comments are posted on our LWVBAE website in the Climate Change Team section. Our recommendations in brief follow.

**Urgent!** Taking action is URGENT. The plan does not show the urgency the situation requires. We need to accelerate the steps to be taken into the shortest time-frame possible. As noted environmentalist Lester Brown has said: "Cutting CO<sub>2</sub> emissions 80 percent by 2020 will take a worldwide mobilization at wartime speed."

**Strengthen the Executive Summary** to engage and mobilize everyone in Berkeley in a way that builds the sense of responsibility for all of us.

**Transportation, Transit and Land Use:** We point out the need for *reliable public transit* and included some recommendations to help. In addition, we suggest the merits of a *community shuttle bus* network and *small taxi services* using fuel-efficient cars.

We commend the Plan's intent to *increase residential density near transit*, but again point to the urgency to make this happen. Although a study is proposed as the next step in the Plan, we suggest a more accelerated path to avoid delaying zoning adjustments.

**Residential Parking Permits:** We question the action recommended in the Plan to apply the Residential Parking Permit (RPP) program city-wide, and we asked that they reconsider that suggestion.

**Financing and Partnerships:** As the Plan notes, our common action, an intensified public response, will be essential in mobilizing and financing our efforts to combat climate change. We suggest strengthening the plan to build a more universal *sense of responsibility*. Also, there is a glaring lack

of any *system of oversight, review and approvals*. Finally, partnering with all entities in Berkeley and with those who have influence on our situation is critical. We stress that more direct inclusion and *partnering with Berkeley industry* and other commercial entities would be beneficial.

**Alternative Energy:** We suggest that additional consideration should be given to *wind power* for Berkeley. If and where feasible, wind power could be used and possibly financed like the solar financing strategy. We agree that *biofuels* need to be approached with caution, taking care to avoid unintended consequences, like trading food for fuel. We also agree with the Plan proposal to help us understand how to purchase viable *carbon offsets*.

**Protecting Biodiversity:** We stress that a key threat from climate change is a threat to biodiversity. As part of the urgency of combating climate change, we must, to the best of our ability, protect biodiversity in our ecosystems as we plan and build.

**Mobilizing Our Community:** We support the Plan recommendations to buy locally, as well as reuse and recycle. Further, we point out the need for public education on carbon emissions related to food to help mobilize our efforts and help build markets for local producers.

At the time of this writing, representatives of the LWVBAE are planning to meet with Timothy Burroughs, who represents the City of Berkeley, to present our comments early in January. We will continue to report developments.

Linda Swift, Co-Chair  
Climate Change Team

## PRESERVING/EXPANDING MEDICARE

On Saturday, February 21, from 2-4 pm, a symposium on the preservation and expansion of Medicare will take place at Oakland's Humanist Hall, 390 27<sup>th</sup> Street (between Telegraph and Broadway).

The featured speakers are **Trudy Lieberman**, Director of the Health/Medicine Reporting Program at the CUNY Graduate School of Journalism; **Ellen Shaffer** of San Francisco's Center for Policy Analysis on Trade and Health; and **Norman Solomon**, noted media critic, political activist and author of *War Made Easy*.

The event is open to the public and is co-sponsored by the Wellstone Democratic Renewal Club and Single Payer Now. Donations of \$5 - \$10 are welcome; no one will be turned away for lack of payment.

## How Will It All End?

California's deficit for fiscal 2008-09 that began at \$3 billion and climbed to \$11 billion before the budget passed on September 23, 2008 is now somewhere in the neighborhood of \$42 billion over the next two years, with the outlook for the next five or six years uncertain.

In November, the Governor called both the outgoing and incoming Legislatures into special sessions. He offered a package of mid-year budget cuts and revenue enhancements that would more or less balance the 2008-09 budget (assuming passage of the proposals that require voter approval in the spring), and would have cut the projected deficit for 2009-2010 in half. His proposals failed.

The Legislative Analyst's Office, in response, issued *An Overview of the Governor's Special Session Proposals*, which explains the options available to the Legislature. The language of the publication is reasonably accessible, and you can download it from the LAO's website: [http://www.lao.ca.gov/2008/bud/nov\\_revise/nov\\_revise\\_overview\\_111108.aspx](http://www.lao.ca.gov/2008/bud/nov_revise/nov_revise_overview_111108.aspx).

More recently, the California Budget Project (CBP) has been looking at how the combined effects of the housing crisis, rising unemployment (the California jobless rate is now around 8.4%), and the cuts in federal as well as State social welfare programs have pushed more and more people into applying for relief programs that no longer can keep up with demand. You can download the CBP report, *Proposed Budget Cuts Come at a Time of Growing Need*, from their website: <http://www.cbp.org>.

*Helene Lecar*  
Director of Education

### NEW MEMBERS

Our Warmest Welcome  
To Our Newest Members:

*Katherine Buss*  
*Julia Craig*  
*Henry Field*  
*Kristina Holland*  
*Charlotte Rea*

### ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS IN FEBRUARY

February's Environmental Concerns meeting will feature Jenny Bard, Regional Air Quality Director of the San Francisco Bay Area chapter of the American Lung Association of California. The meeting will take place at the home of *Wendy Markel*, 2801 Claremont Boulevard, Berkeley, on Monday, February 9, from 7:30 pm to 9 pm.

## NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER DONATIONS

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*Phoebe Watts*

Many thanks for remembering your League.

*Louetta Erlin, Donations Secretary*

## ARE ALL THE BALLOTS COUNTED?

Many times during the last election campaign I encountered people who “knew”, for certain, that Vote-by-Mail ballots and provisional ballots weren’t all counted unless there was a very close contest.

The website of the Registrar of Voters of Alameda County says: “We count every [Vote-by-Mail] ballot so long as we can match the voter’s signature with the signature on the voter’s registration card.” Before the ballots are removed from their mailing envelopes, the signature on the outside is compared with the signature as it appears on the voter’s registration card, which is pulled up on a computer screen. Then the envelopes and ballots are separated, so that the ballot is anonymous.

Provisional ballots are a little different. If a voter’s name is not on the roster at the voting place or the name is on the roster but with the notation that the voter received a mail-in ballot, or if there are various other situations in which poll workers can’t be sure that the voter is eligible to vote, that person will be asked to vote with a provisional ballot. These voters get the same ballot as everyone else, but after the ballot has been marked by the voter, it is then placed in an envelope on which information about the problem is written. It’s not possible for the poll workers at each polling place to ascertain whether the voter has already voted by mail or is not registered. Provisional ballot envelopes are examined at the Registrar of Voters office, where there is enough information to decide whether the ballot should be counted. Everyone who votes provisionally gets a numbered receipt and can call the Registrar’s office, beginning 28 days after the election, to find out if the ballot was counted.

Yes, winners and losers are announced within hours after the polls close – but these announcements are made by the media and not by election officials. Election officials will report numbers of votes counted, and often it is easy to see who will have won or lost before the counting is finished. Sometimes there is a close race that really depends on counting every last ballot. But even when there are no close races, every legitimate ballot is counted.

Following each statewide election, the Secretary of State certifies the election results and then compiles the Statement of Vote 39 days after the election.

Information for this article came from the websites of the Alameda County Registrar of Voters and of the California Secretary of State.

*Phoebe Watts*  
Co-VP, Election Services

## WHAT ARE LEAGUE MEMBERS READING?

Inspired by the feature in the Marin County VOTER, we have received requests to create a “Here’s What League Members Are Reading” feature in our LWVBAE VOTER. The column would include very brief (fewer than 50 words) recommendations for books that you are reading or which you have read in the past, and would consist of title, author and a brief description of the book. We may have space for two or three (or more?) testimonials each month. Contact me, *Alice Kisch*, at bambi323@sbcglobal.net. Do share with us the names of the books that you enjoy!

## HELPING THE LEAGUE FROM HOME

Have you often wished you could lend a hand but don’t have the time or energy for night-time committee meetings and driving around town delivering Pros and Cons? Here’s a very important job you can do from home, at your own convenience, to strengthen the League and extend its outreach into the community.

About one-third of our 375 members don’t have email. This one-third receives and reads our *Voter*, but often events arise after the *Voter* goes to the printer. By the time the following *Voter* comes out, the event is over. We want to share information in a timely way with all our members, whether they are connected to the Internet or not, but that requires individual telephone calls to the people we can’t reach by email. Since the members organizing short-term events are usually busy with last-minute details, we’d like to set up a telephone tree to help get the word out.

If you could participate as an *ad hoc* member of the tree, please call or email *Cheryl Nichols*, our very efficient office manager, at the League office, 510.843.8824 or office@lwvbae.org, and she’ll pass your name on to the tree coordinator.

*Helene Lecar*  
Director of Education

## ALAMEDA COUNTY COUNCIL OF LEAGUES OF WOMEN VOTERS: A REPORT

The Alameda County Council of Leagues of Women Voters (ACC) met in December 2008. Items which were discussed included:

- The proposed Prison Study that *Mim Hawley* had asked *Pat Kuhi* to evaluate and which was then referred to ACC. ACC's response is in the letter they asked me to write to the proposed chair of the proposed study which I will forward to the LWVBAE Board. Many think that the study is not a good idea.

- *Bonnie Hamlin*, now on the State board, reported on the LWVC study currently underway, and of which a report is available on the members-only site, suggesting that LWVC needs to narrow its focus to election, good government and civic engagement, and issues that are clearly tied to same. Bonnie would like feedback from Leagues on how well LWVC serves local League needs; if you have any comments, send them to *Bonnie Hamlin* (contact information below).

- *Carole Levenson*, League management training advisor, observed that even though LWVBAE is having problems recruiting for its Board and retaining new members, etc., LWVBAE has not requested her help with these issues; her contact information is below.

- Piedmont League, which manages the contacts between Leagues and the Alameda County Registrar of Voters, is having trouble getting in touch with some of the coordinators. *Bill Chapman* provided *Claudia Berger's* contact information to all who needed it. *Lianne Campodonico* is trying hard to get a simpler reporting system in place and a prompter payment system for this work.

- *Karin MacDonald*, Director of the Institute of Governmental Studies (IGS) at U. California – Berkeley, has been suggested as a terrific potential speaker on election process issues; *Bill Chapman* has worked with her at the Registrar's office.

**LWVC Management Training Advisors are** *Bonnie Hamlin* (LWVO), 5818 Ivanhoe Road, Oakland 94618, 510.658.6212, bhamlin@igc.org, and *Carole Levenson*, Alternate, 492 Staten Avenue #1103, Oakland 94610, 510.834.2040, carolesl@ips.net.

*Nancy Bickel*  
Co-Representative to the  
Alameda County Council Board

## LWVBAE GETS LINKED IN!

LWVBAE has expanded its Internet exposure! This new development has two purposes: first, to promote our external presence online, potentially increasing membership; and second, to encourage an alternative option of establishing internal cohesiveness of members. This new online exposure has been implemented on LinkedIn, a professional networking website. On LinkedIn, LWVBAE has a "group" that members of both LinkedIn and LWVBAE may join. Joining LinkedIn is free and involves creating a simple profile with as much or as little information as desired. (If you are retired, you may indicate any relevant profession.)

The idea for LWVBAE to have a LinkedIn group was presented to the Membership Development Committee on November 7 by new member, *Roxane Soucy*, at which time pre-approval was granted on a trial basis to set up the group online. At the LWVBAE Board meeting on December 18, *Bill Chapman* and *Roxane* presented the issue and received an enthusiastic response. There is no cost for LWVBAE to set up the group. In addition, LinkedIn respects privacy, so personal information is not compromised.

Visit [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com). Take a tour of how the site works, look up our group, and for profile examples, find *Bill Chapman* or *Roxane Soucy*. After you establish your own profile, look for the LWVBAE group (look up "League of Women Voters" and scroll down to LWVBAE – there are currently nine Leagues on LinkedIn), and select "Join this Group". You will then be "approved" as a member of our League and will receive email confirmation; you will soon see the LWVBAE logo on your profile page.

The LWVBAE LinkedIn presence means, internally, that LWVBAE members have the ability to "discuss" topics of general interest; they may post noteworthy articles and may also network or provide mentoring among members. Externally, anyone on LinkedIn who finds our group will also find the link to our LWVBAE website. This is a new approach for the League, so the process is in development; we will be modifying and improving the capabilities which this new online presence offers to LWVBAE. If you have questions, comments or concerns, contact *Bill* at [bill@classroomtools.com](mailto:bill@classroomtools.com) or *Roxane* at [Roxane.Soucy@gmail.com](mailto:Roxane.Soucy@gmail.com).

*Roxane Soucy*

## BOARD BRIEFS

At its meeting on December 18, 2008 in the LWVBAE office, the Board:

- Accepted the resignation of *Sherry Keith* from the Board and as Secretary;
- Discussed appointments to the Nominating Committee and assigned *Sherry Smith* to make recruitment calls;
- Approved LWVBAE Comments on Draft Climate Change Action Plan, subject to minor revisions;
- Voted to seek membership discussion and understanding of proposed Berkeley Sunshine Ordinance;
- Reviewed plans for interviews of legislative and other elected officials;
- Scheduled dates and topics for future Brown Bag programs;
- Heard Treasurer's report that LWVBAE's investments funds have lost value in the general market decline, but signature authority over the investment account has been updated; and
- Approved LWVBAE website connection with "LinkedIn".

*Ginette Polak*  
Director-at-Large

## BROWN BAG MEETING ON HOUSING

The US sub-prime mortgage crisis has caused a credit shock wave which has been felt around the world. California is among the states most severely affected by foreclosures, devaluations of neighborhood properties, homelessness and unemployment. These, in turn, have caused state property and income tax revenues to shrink, intensifying our other budget problems.

Just how bad are things closer to home? Where are the neighborhoods most affected? What do we in Alameda County see when we drive around? Join us at our Brown Bag meeting on **February 17, 12:15-2:00 pm**, at the Albany Public Library, 1247 Marin Avenue (at Masonic) in Albany, as we explore the consequences of the mortgage crisis in our communities with Michelle Starratt of the Alameda County Community Development Agency. Ms. Starratt will be talking about programs which the County already has in place and whether these programs are adequate to meet the needs of the newly-displaced families in our communities.

*Helene Lecar*  
Director of Education

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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The Nominating Committee for LWVBAE will be meeting in the near future to brainstorm about and recruit officers and directors for our League for the coming year (July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010).

We need five League members altogether, and newer members are welcome as well (no, you don't have to know everybody in the League!).

Please contact *Sherry Smith* at 510.548.1769 or via email at [js1589@berkeley.edu](mailto:js1589@berkeley.edu) if you are interested or if you have any questions before you sign on.

The Nominating Committee will meet several times before April (the names of nominees appear in the May issue of the *VOTER*, which is the Call to Meeting for the League's annual meeting of the membership). Most of the Committee's work is done via phone and email.

Please come join us in this important work!

*Sherry Smith*  
For the Board



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## calendar

### JANUARY

19 MON. 7-9 PM  
 20 TUESDAY 10:30 AM-12 NOON  
 22 THURS. 9 AM-2 PM  
 30 FRI. 3:00 PM  
 31 SAT. 5:00 PM

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY - LWVBAE OFFICE CLOSED**  
**INAUGURATION DAY**  
 BOARD MEETING, LWVBAE OFFICE *M. HAWLEY, 527.7727*  
 MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE *J. GARDNER, 548.5292*  
 LEAGUE OFFICE  
 BAY AREA LEAGUE DAY (SEE P. 2) *BAY AREA MONITOR, 839.1608*  
 METROCENTER AUDITORIUM, 101 8TH STREET, OAKLAND

### FEBRUARY

5 THURS. 3:00 PM  
 6 FRI. 5:00 PM  
 9 MON. 1:30-3 PM  
 13 FRI. 7:30-9 PM  
 15 SUN. 10:30 AM-12 NOON  
 16 MON. 2-5 PM  
 17 TUES. 12:15-2 PM

LWVB FOUNDATION BOARD, LWVBAE OFFICE *S. SMITH, 548-1769*  
**DEADLINE FOR MARCH VOTER** *A. KISCH, 985.0651*  
 HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE, LEAGUE OFFICE *C. LYNCH, 527.2173*  
 ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS (SEE P. 4) *C. STONE, 549.0959*  
 MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE *J. GARDNER, 548.5292*  
 LEAGUE OFFICE  
 SUSAN B. ANTHONY/LEAGUE BIRTHDAY PARTY *LWVBAE, 843.8824*  
 2 EUCALYPTUS ROAD (SEE P. 1)

18 WED. 7-9 PM  
 21 SAT. 1:30-3:30 PM  
 26 THURS. 7-9 PM

**PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY - LWVBAE OFFICE CLOSED**  
 BROWN BAG LUNCH SPEAKER SERIES (SEE P. 7) *H. LECAR, 549.9719*  
 ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 1247 MARIN AVE., ALBANY  
 ACTION COMMITTEE, LWVBAE OFFICE *J. SAFIR, 524-9088*  
 CLIMATE CHANGE TEAM, LWVBAE OFFICE *J. BLUMENKRANTZ, 548.3845*  
 MEDICARE SYMPOSIUM (SEE P. 3)  
 HUMANIST HALL, 390 27TH STREET, OAKLAND  
 BOARD MEETING, LWVBAE OFFICE *M. HAWLEY, 527.7727*

### MARCH

3 TUES. 12:15-2 PM  
 6 FRI. 5:00 PM  
 9 MON. 1:30-3 PM  
 13 FRI. 7:30-9 PM  
 17 TUES. 10:30 AM-12 NOON  
 18 WED. 3-5 PM  
 26 THURS. 1:30-3:30 PM  
 7-9 PM

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