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February 2011

Reminder! Bay Area League Day

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: Taking it to The Next Level is the focus of Bay Area League Day (BALD) sponsored by the Bay Area LWV.

When: Saturday, January 29, 2011, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Where: MetroCenter, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland

The Keynote address “**Renewables for Success**” will be given by **Dan Reicher**, Director of Energy and Climate Initiatives at Google.

Three panels will follow:

What Government is Doing

What Science is Doing

What We Can Do

It is not too late to register. See page 2 for registration information and form.

February Conversation: State and Local League Program Planning

“Conversations with the League” on February 1, 2011 will be on Program Planning for State and Local League.

What do you want to see on the agenda for the League in California, and for our LWVBAE agenda, for the coming two years?

At the next League Conversation, on Tuesday, February 1, we will be discussing the issues on which you believe the League and LWVBAE should focus our time, talent, money, and reputation.

The biennial State League Convention will be held this year in Ventura (May 13-15) and the results of these local program planning meetings will inform that convention about the grassroots interest in issues, and help guide the will of the convention to set priorities from both a policy and a budgetary standpoint.

Our own LWVBAE Annual Meeting will be held after that, and our February 1 “conversation” will help our local Board prepare for that meeting as well.

When: Tuesday, February 1, from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m.

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

To help you prepare for this meeting, you can go to:

<http://ca.lwv.org/lwvonly/studies.html>, and take a look at the State studies of the last few years; to

<http://ca.lwv.org/lwvc/issues/index.html> to see our current State positions and issues for emphasis; and to

<http://lwvbae.org/position.pdf> for our own LWVBAE local positions

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

Sherry Smith
President

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January Conversation with the League: Climate change is happening NOW.

At the January Conversations with the League the Environmental Concerns Committee and Climate Change Team of the League talked about the Boundaries for a Healthy Planet and the three tipping points that are most threatening to the habitability of our planet. (See the April 2010 Scientific American article "Boundaries for Healthy Planet" by Jonathan Foley for full information)

1. Biodiversity Loss – Species loss accelerated by land development, expanding agriculture and tropical forest clearing
2. Climate Change – Loss of polar ice sheets, collapse of freshwater supplies and disruption of regional weather
3. Nitrogen & Phosphorus Pollution – Impact of industrial fertilizers resulting in widespread water pollution and "Dead Zones" in oceans

What can we as a League do? What are the burning issues to address? We as a League can continue to discuss and educate regarding healthy planet issues and climate change. In addition, we could now review the positions of the League, more specifically any holes in current positions, to include biodiversity. Funding our State Parks, possibly with a vehicle registration fee to preserve biodiversity was suggested. A campaign of public service announcements could be carried out in the media and on BART trains or AC Transit showing the CO₂ saved taking public transit. This would involve working across jurisdictions. The education campaign should include social media such as Facebook and Twitter. The suggestion was made to work with other agencies and the Bay Area League if we do this. The support for a ban or charge for one time use of plastic bags was suggested. This led to a discussion of recycling of batteries, CFL's, fluorescent lights and the disposal of pharmaceuticals. The cost of recycling should be built into the purchase price of items. Paying for the

cost of disposal up front would make money available for recycling or reuse. This – known as Life Cycle Assessment of goods – is something the League could work on. In addition the League could look into the charges to recycle computers and TV's which vary from city to city. What is the true cost of items when we include packaging, the cost of trash and recycling? Networking with other organizations on these issues was brought up. First we should check with the State League's environmental portfolio and see if they are already connected with specific environmental organizations.

There will be a Conversations with the League presentation on the environment and climate change on Tuesday, April 5th, as we approach the 41st Anniversary of Earth Day. More information will follow.

Anyone who would like an electronic version of the extensive resource list that was handed out at our meeting, or if you'd like an electronic copy of the "Boundaries For A Healthy Planet" article, email Regina. Interested in joining our Climate Change Committee? We will now be meeting the 4th Wednesday of the month from 1:30 – 3:00pm at the League office, 1414 University Avenue, Suite D, Berkeley. Call Regina at 524-6904 for more information.

Regina Beatus
Chair Climate Change Team
beatusr@sprintmail.com

eScrip

eScrip is a convenient way to donate to LWVBAE; it benefits both you and the League. If you are using a red Safeway card or any other recipient of eScrip, such as Macy's, the League will receive 3% of your purchase price.

Call Ruthann Taylor at 510-527-0673 for more information and to get registered.

Ruthann Taylor
Scrip Coordinator

BAY AREA LEAGUE DAY REGISTRATION FORM

The price of this year's Bay Area League Day is \$30 (\$20 without lunch) in advance or \$35 (\$25 without lunch) at the door. A light breakfast will be served to all who attend. To register, please write check payable to "LWVBA" and mail with this form to 1611 Telegraph Ave., Suite 300, Oakland, CA 94612.

Name: _____

Local League: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Registration is also available online through January 24 via PayPal at www.lwvbayarea.org.
For more details, call (510) 839-1608 or send an e-mail to editor@bayareamonitor.org.

NASA Eyes on the Earth

Current Vital Signs

Arctic Sea Ice Minimum

- ▼ 11.5% per decade*

Land Ice (Greenland)

- ▼ 24 cubic miles per year

Carbon Dioxide

- ▲ 391 parts per million,
(currently)

Sea Level

- ▲ 52 mm since 1992
(about 2 inches)

Global Temperature

- ▲ 1.5° F average
since 1880*

*The link below shows more details and graphs over the years: <http://climate.nasa.gov/>

Ozone Hole 10.4 million square miles

In 2007 Arctic summer sea ice reached its lowest extent on record. Greenland ice loss doubled between 1996 and 2005. Carbon Dioxide at 350 per million is thought by many as the maximum for sustainability. The year 2010 has been one of the three hottest years on record. January 2000 to December 2009 was the warmest decade on record. The global average sea level has risen 4 – 8 inches over the past century.

<http://climate.nasa.gov/>

November-December 2010 Environmental Concerns Report

The Environmental Concerns November 8 meeting was a departure from the norm when our slated speaker rescheduled for 2011 and we encouraged our group to attend The Berkeley Rep that evening for a free lecture by Berkeley Lab Science at the Theater presenting, “Get Smart About Carbon: Putting Carbon in its Place: What You Can Do.” Berkeley Lab Scientists Cindy Regnier, Eric Masanet and Iain Walker talked about the latest research on how to reduce your carbon footprint at home, at work, and when you shop, showing how even the small choices can have a big impact.

Regnier, who has over 13 years of mechanical engineering design experience and is Project Manager in the Energy Technologies Division at Berkeley Lab, focused on low-energy buildings. Her projects have included several LEED Platinum buildings including design of the 200,000 square-foot, carbon-neutral, net-zero energy science museum in San Francisco. The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System™ is a third-party certification program and a nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high performance green buildings. But LEED, Regnier said, is not always a guarantee of good energy performance. U.S. building energy end-use consumption is 40% of all U.S. energy; 40% of CO₂ emissions; 71% of electricity; and 54% of natural gas. The path to energy reduction, she said, includes lowering plug loads by using Energy Star (or similar) appliances, and the use of programmable circuit breakers, occupancy or power-controlled power strips, ‘manual on-auto off,’ low wattage bulbs, to set thermostats and dress seasonally, and to avoid space heaters.

Masanet, Acting Deputy Director of the International Energy Studies Group at Berkeley Lab who holds a joint research appointment in the Institute of Transportation Studies at UC Berkeley, focuses his research on life cycle assessment (LCA) and energy efficiency analysis. LCA is a concept and methodology to evaluate the effects of a product holistically by analyzing its impact on the environment. He suggested reducing food waste, especially meat and dairy, which are carbon intensive, and to buy organic foods when possible; to reduce, reuse and recycle; and to consider product longevity. Walker, staff scientist in the Energy Performance of Buildings Group at Berkeley Lab’s Environmental Technologies Division, focuses research on optimizing the energy use and comfort of buildings. Executive editor of Home Energy Magazine, Walker said candidly, “Chances are, if you want to change your carbon footprint, you’re going to have to change how you live.” If we want to do significant things, he said, we need to know where the energy is going. “The different things we do can have a huge impact.”

How do we use carbon?

Goods and Services – 44%;
Home Utilities – 27%
Private Transport, 29%.

2004 Direct and Indirect CO₂ Emissions

Average for U.S. Households: 50 metric tons CO₂/year;
Avg. U.S. person: 19 metric tons CO₂/yr;
Global Average: 7 metric tons/yr.
<http://www.lbl.gov/LBL-PID/fobl>
Main Laboratory Phone No.: 510-486-4000

The Environmental Concerns December 13 holiday potluck meeting featured author, mountaineer and scholar Edwin Bernbaum, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, The Mountain Institute (TMI), <http://www.mountain.org>. He gave an illustrated presentation of “The Heights of Inspiration, Culture and the Environment” examining how the evocative meanings of mountains can be used to enrich people’s experience of the natural world and motivate efforts to protect the environment.

A scholar of comparative religions and mythology focusing on culture and the environment, Bernbaum worked with TMI on a program in the Indian Himalayas to involve pilgrims in reforestation, and he initiated TMI’s project to develop interpretive materials for US National Parks based on the cultural and spiritual significance of mountains. He is the author of the award-winning *Sacred Mountains of the World*, the basis for a photographic exhibit at the Smithsonian Institution, and *The Way to Shambhala*, a study of Tibetan myths of the hidden valleys resembling the fictional Shangri-La of *Lost Horizon*. He has climbed and conducted research in mountain ranges throughout the world, and he leads seminars and lectures on mountains, leadership, culture, and the environment for organizations and audiences such as the Smithsonian, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Wharton School, and the American Museum of Natural History.

A special “thank you” to Judy and Atis Folkmanis who graciously hosted Environmental Concerns Fall 2010 meetings. February 14, March 14 and April 11, 2011 meetings will be at the home of Jeanette Zerneke, 1174 Euclid Avenue, Berkeley, 94708. For more information contact Carol Stone, seastone11@hotmail.com 510-549-0959, or Gail Schickele, gails@bayarea.net, 415-922-5826.

Gail Schickele
Co-chair Environmental Concerns

February Environmental Concerns

On Monday, February 14, 2011 our speaker will be **Elanor Starmer**, Western Region Director of **Food & Water Watch**. In her **Roundup of Current Food Policy** she will give us a sense of where we are with a new Congress and a Farm Bill coming up in 2012 as well as some background on the Food Safety Modification Act just signed by President Obama. This is an important discussion on food safety and security from a national consumer organization.

The time is from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at 1174 Euclid Avenue (at Crystal Way, just north of Eunice) in north Berkeley (house is set back from the street. Go through the gate on the path from the street), the home of Jeanette Zerneke and Mark Nyman.

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Citizens Redistricting Commission

Every 10 years, after the federal census, California and every state in the country must redraw the boundaries of its legislative and other political districts to reflect the new population data. How these boundaries are drawn affects how people are represented. In California, the process of redrawing the boundaries, or “redistricting,” was a duty of state elected officials. But when voters passed Proposition 11 (the Voters FIRST Act) in the November 2008 general election, responsibility for redrawing the legislative and Board of Equalization district lines transferred to the people in the form of a new Citizens Redistricting Commission. In November 2010, voters passed Proposition 20 (the Voters FIRST Act for Congress), adding to the responsibilities of the Citizens Redistricting Commission the task of adjusting the boundary lines for the Congressional districts as well. California’s first Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) is a new 14-member Commission charged with redrawing California’s Senate, Assembly, State Board of Equalization, and now Congressional districts based on information gathered during the 2010 census.

The Commission must draw the State Senate, Assembly, and State Board of Equalization districts in conformity with strict, nonpartisan rules designed to create districts of relatively equal population that will provide fair representation for all Californians. Congressional districts shall achieve population equality as nearly as is practicable according to Proposition 20.

The Commission must hold public hearings and accept public comment. After hearing from the public and drawing the maps for the 40 Senate districts, 80 Assembly districts, and four Board of Equalization districts, the Commission must vote on the new maps to be used for the next decade. To approve the new maps, the maps must receive nine “yes” votes from the Commission “three “yes” votes from members registered with the two largest parties, and three from the other members. The final maps must be approved by August 15, 2011.

The 14-member Commission is made up of five Republicans, five Democrats, and 4 not affiliated with either of those two parties but belonging to another party or are “decline-to-state.” In accordance with the Voters FIRST Act, the first eight members of the commission were randomly selected by the California State Auditor, from a pool of 36 applicants from three subpools who had been identified as among the most qualified applicants by the Applicant Review Panel (Panel). Previously, the Panel had identified 60 of the most qualified applicants “20 from each of the subpools” based on criteria set forth by the Voters FIRST Act: relevant analytical skills, the ability to be impartial, and an appreciation for California’s diverse demographics and

geography. The Panel provided the list of those 60 names to legislative leaders on September 29, 2010. Each of the four legislative leaders had the opportunity to strike up to two names in each of the subpools. The leaders exercised their strikes and reduced the applicant pool to 36 potential commissioners, with 12 applicants remaining in each of the three subpools randomly selected on November 18, 2010 in accordance with the Voters FIRST Act.

The randomly selected commissioners are Vincent Barabba, a former Director of the U.S. Census Bureau appointed by Presidents Nixon, Ford and Carter; Cynthia Dai, a UC Berkeley academic who launched the Tsinghua-Berkeley Global Technology Leadership program; Connie Galambos Malloy, an urban planner who served five years on the board of Adopted & Fostered Adults of the African Diaspora and works for Urban Habitat; Jodie Filkins Webber, a litigation defense attorney who also mentored incarcerated adolescents; Stanley Forbes, a former Davis City Councilmember, bookstore owner and family farm operator; Elaine Kuo, who worked as a caregiver for the last five years, before which she was a tutor for recent immigrants and a Senior Research Analyst at UCLA; Jeanne Raya, an insurance broker who served on the San Gabriel Chamber of Commerce and as President of La Raza Lawyers of California; and Peter Yao, Councilmember of the City of Claremont and former Director of Engineering at Raytheon.

From the applicants remaining in each of the subpools, the first eight commissioners selected the remaining six commissioners two from each subpool. They chose Gabino Aguirre, Michelle R. DiGuilio-Matz, Maria Blanco, Lilibert "Gil" R. Ontai, Michael Ward, and M. Andre Parvenu.

The Commission is meeting January 12, 2011 through January 31, 2011. You can follow its progress and learn much more about its work at <http://wedrawthelines.ca.gov>

Office Volunteers

Office volunteers learn about the League from the inside out. They answer the phone, get the mail, process checks and receipts and do special projects.

We train and coordinate volunteers and have *A Primer for Office Volunteers at LWVBAE* to guide the work. (When things are quiet, there are a multitude of informative and interesting things to read).

Since we no longer have a paid Office Manager, office volunteers are more important than ever, especially in this, an election year.

If you have a few hours a month available, contact Jane Barrett at 845-8055 to learn more about this worthwhile and interesting opportunity.

Our Centennial

The one hundredth anniversary of women gaining the right to vote in California and the one hundredth anniversary of the Berkeley League of Women Voters will be celebrated this year. The League was founded on October 30, 1911 as the "Berkeley Center of California Civic League," by women who had been active in the successful campaign to win the vote in the state. The purpose of the League's founders was "to follow up the recent victory of Women's Suffrage in California with effective civic work."

To help commemorate the two centennials, the LWVBAE Board voted in November to become a cosponsor of **California Woman's Suffrage Centennial: Berkeley's Role in the 1911 Votes for Women Campaign**, a project spearheaded by the Berkeley Historical Society. LWVBAE has contributed \$500 to support the project and encourage other organizations and individuals to contribute.

Phyllis Gale of the BHS chairs the committee, which includes Nancy Bickel representing LWVBAE and Joseph Ryshpan researching and writing about League founders' activities during the suffrage campaign and the League's role in the early suffrage years.

Other regular committee attendees are Sarah Miyazaki for the AAUW and John Aronovici and Therese Pipe for the Berkeley Historical Society. Phyllis Gale coordinates with the statewide committee to recognize the centenary.

An exhibit of photos and narrative texts, accompanied by a pamphlet, will be the main commemorative event. It will open next September at the Berkeley History Center in the Veteran's Building. Other celebratory events are planned from the fall through spring 2012, including lectures and panel discussions, an additional exhibit at the Berkeley Public Library and a costumed group of suffragists to march in the fall Solano Stroll parade.

Your Chance to Enjoy the Centennial Celebrations

- March as a suffragist in the Solano Stroll
- Find or make a costume to wear for the Stroll
- Help sew and decorate a historical banner to lead the suffragist marchers
- Loan family suffragist heirlooms to the exhibit
- Research facts, photos and other materials as part of the committee
- Contact us with suggestions and leads for the exhibit and booklet

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Donations November–January

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Many thanks for remembering our League.

Louetta Erlin
Donations Secretary

Firefighting in Berkeley

Some of us who voted for the Disaster Fire Protection bonds (Measure Q), which passed by 2/3 vote in November 2000, were pleased to join Berkeley officials, staff and firefighters when the Hytrans Fire System (HFS) equipment was demonstrated on October 21 at the Berkeley Marina.

The HFS pump can deliver 6000 gallons of water per minute from the Bay for 3 miles (to edge of UC campus on Oxford Street), and then with a supplemental unit for a further 3 miles of 12" hoses, if necessary, so the water at fire-fighting pressure can reach Berkeley homes in hillside locations. If an earthquake breaks neighborhood fire hydrants and pipes, Berkeley now has a backup with this mobile water supply. Hose laying and pick-up are accomplished with minimal labor as the HFS truck drives slowly on its way to and from the fire. Ramps can be placed over the hoses to avoid blocking street access by other traffic.

The HFS system can also remove water during flood emergencies. This technology, developed in The Netherlands, is quite new, economical, and meets Berkeley's needs to protect all its residents. An Albany fire truck and other nearby jurisdictions also came to see the demonstration.

The HFS equipment can be viewed online at www.hytransfiresystem.com. A copy of their colorful brochure is in the LWVBAE Office.

Ginette Polak

Welcome

New Members: Rebecca Chambers, Frances Davis, Donna Garaventa, Vida Lehmann, Frank Norick, Mary Jane & Robert Pauley.

Returning Member: Michael Mayer.

City Auditor's Report on Employee Benefits: Tough Decisions Ahead

In November, Berkeley City Auditor Ann-Marie Hogan presented the City Council with a report on the City's unfunded employee benefits and her recommendations for dealing with the problem. The report said:

As with most service organizations, the City's largest expense is labor costs. Over \$123 million is budgeted for fiscal year 2011 salaries. Total employee compensation for the year, however is budgeted at over \$212 million. The difference? Workers' compensation and employee benefit costs, including health insurance and retirement costs.

Total Compensation Package for Average Mid-range Employees in Fiscal Year 2011

Police Officer

Salary: \$105,941

Benefits: \$64,243 (60.64% of salary)

Total Compensation = \$170,184

Workers' Comp: \$8,963 (8.46% of salary)

Total Labor Cost = \$179,147

Community Services Officer

Salary: \$62,172

Benefits: \$34,349 (55.25% of salary)

Total Compensation = \$96,521

Workers' Comp: \$5,172 (8.32% of salary)

Total Labor Cost = \$101,693

Office Specialist II

Salary: \$53,688

Benefits: \$29,661 (55.25% of salary)

Total Compensation = \$83,349

Workers' Comp: \$1,187 (2.21% of salary)

Total Labor Cost = \$84,536

Solid Waste Truck Driver

Salary: \$66,336

Benefits: \$36,649 (55.25% of salary)

Total Compensation = \$102,985

Workers' Comp: \$11,562 (17.43% of salary)

Total Labor Cost = \$114,547

Firefighter/Transport Paramedic

Salary: \$100,849

Benefits: \$49,144 (48.73% of salary)

Total Compensation = \$149,993

Workers' Comp: \$8,754 (8.68% of salary)

Total Labor Cost = \$158,747

Registered Nurse

Salary: \$88,956

Benefits: \$49,146 (55.25% of salary)

Total Compensation = \$138,102

Workers' Comp: \$1,966 (2.21% of salary)

Total Labor Cost = \$140,068

Benefit costs are expected to increase sharply over the the next five years. This means that if the City reduced salaries, total compensation costs could still rise. Even worse, compared to salaries, benefit costs are less predictable, less controllable, and less likely to be fully funded.

The City's employer-share of CalPERS (California Public Employees Retirement System) is estimated to total \$40.9 million by fiscal year 2016, which is an increase of \$15.12 million over fiscal year 2010 payments. By fiscal year 2016, the cost to fully pay the annual required contribution for the Police Retiree Medical Plan is estimated at \$3.3 million.

Three Significant Employee-Benefit-Related Liabilities

(in millions)

Benefit	Funds Available	Future Liability	Shortfall	Amount Funded
CalPERS	\$843.76	\$990.32	\$146.56	85%
Police Retiree Medical	\$4.73	\$37.24	\$32.51	13%
Sick Leave & Vacation Payout	\$0.40	\$17.12*	\$16.72	2%

*\$8.22 for public-safety personnel and \$8.90 for all other employees.

Recommendations

The City of Berkeley must:

- Reduce today's expenses and tomorrow's liabilities.
- Ensure that significant changes to employee benefits are subject to an actuarial review.
- Make it a policy to take into consideration the costs to administer new and existing benefits.
- Increase transparency and reduce administrative costs by working to implement previous audit recommendations to simplify and standardize existing employee pay and benefits.
- Clearly communicate costs and liabilities to Council and the public.

For the Auditor's full report see:

<http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/auditor>

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January

26	Wed	1:30-3:00 pm	Climate Change Com, LWVBAE Office	R. Beatus	524-6904
26	Wed	3:00-5:00 pm	Board Meeting, LWVBAE Office	S. Smith	548-1769
29	Sat	9:00am-2:00pm	Bay Area League Day MetroCenter, 101 Eighth St, Oakland	J. Safir	524-9088

February

1	Tues	noon-2 pm	Conversation: Program Planning Albany Library 1247 Marin Avenue, Albany	G. Polak	841-4546
4	Fri	5:00 pm	Deadline for March <i>Voter</i>	F. Packard	845-3037
14	Mon	7:30-9:00 pm	Environmental Concerns 1174 Euclid Avenue	C. Stone	549-0959
21	Mon	1:30-3:30 pm	Health Care Com, LWVBAE Office	L. Wang	848-5765
23	Wed	1:30-3:00 pm	Climate Change Com, LWVBAE Office	R. Beatus	524-6904
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