



# THE VOTER

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### GENERAL MEETING WILL ADDRESS TRANSPORTATION POSITION

In accordance with the motion adopted at the last annual meeting, the position of our League will be studied and updated. The study will include presentations dealing with the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit plans, projected ridership, effects on land use, and anticipated costs and subsidies.

#### The following questions will be considered:

- What are the current and future problems with the existing transportation system?
- What are the opportunities for alternative modes of transportation?
- What are the key benefits and shortcomings of each mode?
- How much will rail transit cost and how will it be paid for?
- Will the sources of funds be equitably distributed and economically sustainable?
- What are the pros and cons of the effect of rail transit on land use and the environment?

We propose the following consensus question:

#### Would Sonoma County be well served by including passenger rail in the LWVSC Transportation position?

#### Presentations:

- An overview of the SMART proposal - **George Ellman**
- The express bus alternative and the coordination of bus service with rail - **Brian Albee** (tentative)
- Sustainability and economics of transportation modes - **Willard Richards**
- Social equity issues related to transportation - **Lynda Hungerford**
- The effects of transportation systems on land use and the environment - **Bill Kortum**



### Transportation Position Update and Study

**When:** Thursday, March 23  
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**Where:** Rincon Valley Regional Library  
6959 Montecito Boulevard  
Santa Rosa

Public invited.  
Bring your brown bag lunch.  
Light refreshments provided.

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**BOOK CLUB CORNER**

Members of the book group invite you to join them on Thursday, March 16, in room 6 of the Steele Lane Community Center, 415 Steele Lane, Santa Rosa to discuss George Packer's *The Assassin's Gate: America in Iraq*.

Packer is a staff writer for *The New Yorker* magazine. At the outset of the war, he supported it "by about the same margin that the voting public had supported Al Gore."



Christopher Hitchens describes the book as resting on "three main pillars: analysis of the intellectual origins of the Iraq war, summary of the political argument that preceded and then led to it, and firsthand description of the consequences on the ground."

Some of this book has previously appeared in *The New Yorker*. Those who have read February's book, *The Scorpion's Gate* by Richard Clarke, may find it interesting to see how Packer's non-fiction account comments on Clarke's fictional extrapolation into the future. However, there are no pre-requisites for the March meeting.

League members and the public are invited to join in our book discussions the third Thursday of every month from 10:30 AM until NOON. Check the VOTER or the calendar on the website (<http://www.lwvsonoma.org>) for the location of a meeting and the scheduled book. If you have questions about the book group, please call the office (546-5943) or send me an email.

*Lynda Hungerford*

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**MEETING IN THE MIDDLE**

**LWVUS Convention 2006 in Minneapolis**

The LWVUS invites all members to join fellow Leaguers from 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Hong Kong to celebrate 86 remarkable years of League achievements and chart the course for the next biennium of League programs. The Minnesota Leagues are excited and getting out the welcome mat to their beautiful city for this "Meeting in the Middle" of our 47th National Convention from June 10-13. For more information, go to the web link below and click on Convention 2006.

[http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Current\\_Issue](http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Current_Issue)

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS STUDY GROUP**

The International Relations discussion group will meet on Tuesday, March 14, at 12 NOON in the Santa Rosa League office. It is a brown-bag lunch session.

The topic for discussion will be "The energy policy conundrum. Energy supply and consumption have a significant impact on U.S. politics and economy. Is reliance on Middle East oil making the U.S.



vulnerable to political influence and economic peril? How will the rapidly increasing consumption of energy by countries like China affect the U.S. and the world?"

The group meets the second Tuesday of the month. The topics are selected from the *Great Decisions* briefing book published by the Foreign Policy Association in New York City. All members and friends are welcome to join the group discussion, with or without the briefing book. We also refer to the most current news items and articles pertaining to the discussion topic.

If anyone has a question about the group, please contact Rosalie Gillmore at 769-8826.

*Rosalie Gillmore*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With elections fast approaching, our local Voters Service Committee is moving into high gear. We need strong member involvement in our efforts to help educate our communities about the importance of informed participation in the election process. Please consider working on the committee. Everyone is welcome. It's a great way to learn how important League can be to so many of our fellow citizens.



I would like to call your attention to activities and events taking place in other areas of League. Earlier this month LWVUS recommended benchmarks for upcoming lobbying reform proposals at a press conference in Washington, DC. The League called on the US Supreme court to overturn the partisan gerrymandering imposed in Texas in 2003. In addition, League is promoting an event entitled "Sunshine Week 2006: Are WE Safer in the dark?" in March. (See p. 8.)

In California, League opposed Proposition 77 on the November '05 ballot, which addressed redistricting. That measure failed. LWVC wrote to the governor supporting the California Environmental Quality Act, and has taken action in support of SB 840 (Kuehl), Health Care Coverage for All.

You can follow these activities in detail on the Internet at <http://www.lwv.org> and <http://www.lwvc.org>. Please remember to check these sites from time to time. I'm sure you will find the information available to be very interesting.

*Carol Ann Fontana-Cary*

## LEADERSHIP COUNCIL 2006

### "Effective Leaders--Effective Leagues"

In February, local League presidents received the "Call to Leadership Council 2006" to be held May 6-7 at the Downtown Plaza Holiday Inn in Sacramento. LWVUS President Kay Maxwell will be our guest at Council and will address the attendees during the weekend.

Ideas are percolating for other speakers at the meeting and will be finalized in the near future. We are also considering the feasibility of having a pre-workshop focusing on energy and a Lobby Day at the Capitol on Monday, May 8.

## LWV SUPPORTS REFORM OF THE LOBBYING PROCESS

**TO: Members of the House of Representatives**  
**FROM: Kay J. Maxwell, President**  
**RE: Lobby Reform Legislation**

The League of Women Voters strongly urges you to support effective legislation to reform the lobbying process and to begin to rebuild public confidence in Congress. We believe that lobby reform legislation must:



- set new contribution and fundraising limits on lobbyists and lobbying firms;
- fundamentally change the gift, travel and employment relationships among Members of Congress, lobbyists and lobbying firms; and
- institute new and effective enforcement mechanisms.

The current round of lobbying scandals demonstrates that current mechanisms, from the congressional ethics process to campaign finance regulation, to gift and travel restrictions are simply inadequate to protect against corruption. Fundamental change is needed.

The role of lobbyists and lobbying firms in providing campaign money to Members of Congress must be addressed. We support capping contributions to candidates from lobbyists and lobbying firm PACs at \$200 per election. We also support prohibiting lobbyists and firms from arranging contributions and from serving on campaign committees and leadership PACs.

The League believes that private interests should not finance trips, an effective gift ban must be put in place and the revolving door between Congress and the private sector must be slowed. Specifically, lobbyists and others should be barred from funding parties for specific members; corporations and others should be prohibited from providing planes at less than the full cost of a charter; and members and senior executive branch officials should be barred from paid lobbying activities for two years after leaving their positions.

Finally, there are gaping holes in the ethics process. Congress needs an independent office or commission to oversee and enforce ethics rules and lobbying laws, receive allegations and complaints, conduct investigations and present cases to congressional ethics committees. Additional lobbying disclosure rules are also needed.

The League calls on Congress to enact lobby reform, and to do it through an open process that allows for open debate and meaningful amendments.

*Kay J. Maxwell*

## UPDATE FROM THE LWV BAY AREA

### State of the Bay Symposium: Restoration, Stewardship, Access

More than 100 people attended our biennial regional meeting. It began with a beautiful video highlighting "Saving the Bay." Will Travis, Executive Director, of the Bay Conservation and Development Commission, made a poetic presentation on why the Bay matters as a sense of place (among other reasons). He acknowledged Sylvia McLaughlin's efforts with the Save the Bay movement. "The Bay is never saved at *one* time, but needs to be saved day-by-day."



Information about current projects such as the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration and the Bay Trail were expanded by discussions about how to address the balance between access and wildlife needs and also between maintaining or restoring the habitats for salt water and freshwater species. Finally, the need for youth to become friendly with and to use the Bay was viewed as important to maintaining the legacy of protection of the Bay.

For more information, check out our website <http://www.lwvba-ca.org/> for the names of the speakers and their organization's website. And Will Travis' poetic presentation 'Why the Bay Matters' will also be on our website very soon.

Please plan on attending our LWVBA Convention on May 13, 2006 and our next regional meeting in September.

Linda Craig, President  
League of Women Voters of the Bay Area  
[president@lwvba-ca.org](mailto:president@lwvba-ca.org)

## AB 583 MOVES FORWARD

Last month's VOTER included an article by Stan Gold summarizing Assemblywoman Loni Hancock's AB 583, The California Clean Money and Fair Elections Act.

By a vote of 47-26, AB 583 has passed out of the full Assembly!

All Democrats voted for the bill with the exception of Assembly member Tom Umberg who abstained.

Several Republican legislators abstained as well, including Keith Richman who declared that he supported the bill and looked forward to voting in favor of it in the future after a few corrections had been made on the Senate side.

## BUILDING GLOBAL NETWORKS

### Commemorating International Women's Day

**Saturday, March 18**  
**9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**  
**Santa Rosa Junior**  
**College**  
**Newman Auditorium**



9:00 Registration

9:30 **"Imagining Ourselves"**

International Museum of Women Preview

Welcome:

- **Marsha Vas Dupre, Ph.D.**  
Santa Rosa Junior College Trustee

Keynote Address:

- **Carolyn Donovan**  
AAUW Representative at the United Nations  
**"How Non-Governmental Organizations Represent You at the United Nations"**

10:30 Break

10:45 Speakers

- **Marilyn Fowler**  
Women's Intercultural Network Founder and President  
**"Linking Young Women Across Cultures"**
- **Aileen Hernandez**  
California Women's Agenda Chair  
**"Future Leaders Help Move the Agenda 2006"**
- **Marianne Holt**  
AAUW Santa Rosa Branch Membership Vice President  
**"New Leaders Shape the Future"**

12:00 Lunch in SRJC Student Union Cafeteria

Join the speakers for lunch and network with NGOs

1:15 Speaker

- **Linda Hiebert Sekiguchi**  
AAUW International Affairs Committee Chair  
**"Leadership Training in Developing Countries"**  
The Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund

2:00 Closing

**"TAKE A LOOK THROUGH WOMEN'S EYES"**

Song from the U.N. World Conference on Women held in Beijing, China 1995

Mail \$15 registration fee payable to AAUW Santa Rosa Branch by March 8 to IWD Commemoration: Anne Horne, 2424 Compadre Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95405

For questions email: [IWDay@aauwsantarosa.org](mailto:IWDay@aauwsantarosa.org)

## VOTERS SERVICE

### Candidate Races on the June Ballot

The filing period for candidates begins on February 13 and ends March 10. It will be a very large ballot with the possibility of primary contests for these partisan offices:

- Federal: U.S. Senator; U.S. Representatives, 1st and 6th Districts
- State: Governor; Lt. Governor; Controller; Treasurer; Secretary of State; Attorney General; Insurance Commissioner; Board of Equalization; State Senate, 1st and 2nd Districts; and Members of the Assembly 1st, 6th and 7th Districts
- Party Offices

Also, the following nonpartisan offices:

- Superior Court Judge (6 yrs)
- State Superintendent of Public Instruction (4 yrs)
- County Superintendent of Schools (4 yrs)
- Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax Collector (4 yrs)
- County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor (4 yrs)
- District Attorney (4 yrs)
- Sheriff-Coroner (4 yrs)
- County Supervisor, 2nd and 4th districts (4 yrs)

If an incumbent does not run, an extra 5 days is allowed for candidates' filing, i.e., until March 15.

This information is from the Consolidated Primary Election, June 6, 2006 Campaign Guide. Further details, such as candidate qualifications, will be available on the Sonoma County Registrar's website.

### More Ballot Measures on the Way

Two state measures have qualified for the June 2006 ballot as of this writing. Numbers have not yet been assigned.

- The first is a \$600 million bond measure: California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2006, placed on the ballot by the state legislature. The LWVC board of directors voted at its January 2006 meeting to support the library bond measure that will appear on the June 6 statewide ballot. For more information on this act, visit: <http://www.yesforlibraries.com>.
- The second would establish the right to voluntary public preschool for all four-year-olds. It proposes a new tax on higher income taxpayers (a 1.7% tax on incomes of individuals earning more than \$400,000 and couples earning more than \$800,000) and would be administered by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and county offices of education. The sponsors of this measure are partners in the East Bay law firm of Remcho, Johanson, Purcell.

If you want to keep an eye on impending ballot measures, the California Secretary of State keeps a running tally with full descriptions of the proposals at: <http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/>

To date, for Sonoma and Marin Counties, the SMART bond measure has also qualified for the November 2006 ballot, and—hold your breath—there are 29 measures still in circulation for either June or November, depending how well the circulators do with the deadlines they have to meet.

### Ballot and Registration Deadlines

April 27 is the first day sample ballots may be mailed, and absentee ballots will be mailed starting May 8 (29 days before the election). 15 days before the election is the deadline to register, i.e., May 22. May 30 is the last date to request an absentee ballot by mail; you can vote in person at the Registrar's office using an absentee ballot up to and including election day. Absentee ballots voted and returned by mail must arrive at the Registrar's office by election day.

### Your Help Needed

This election cycle is a terrific opportunity to learn the nuts and bolts of League's Voters Service activities and help us be ready to function efficiently in the bigger November election! We need your energy and talent to be effective, and there are many ways to help.



- Pros & Cons of ballot measures: a chance to study the propositions and schedule presentations.
- Training in the use of video recording and editing equipment at the local community access television studio (2 positions available).
- Help with Smart Voter
- Co-chair for Voters Service.

Please join us at a Voters Service meeting or call Amy, Rosalie or Carol Ann if you cannot attend a daytime meeting. The next Voters Service meeting will be Thursday, March 9, at 9:30 AM in the League office.

**Amy Southwick**

Voters Service Co-Chair

### MISSION

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

## ENERGY UPDATE MEETING DRAWS THIRTY-FIVE PEOPLE

Thirty-five people turned out for the January 28 meeting, "Update on Energy in California." The Study Guide produced by the LWVC Energy Update Committee was used as the basis for the presentations by Willard Richards, Ardath Lee, George Ellman, Stan Gold and Maureen Latimer. Charts were hung around the room illustrating the sources of our energy, the structure of our electric system, etc. Nancy Richards was our recorder, Roger White was the timer and Sandy Benson arranged for the refreshments.



Some of the issues which our current Energy Position does not address are:

- Consumer rights and protection
- The structure of the energy industry
- The role of market forces
- Federal/state regulatory interrelationships
- Siting of liquefied natural gas terminals
- The interrelationship of the systems of water and energy use
- Conservation
- The idea of having a single state agency handle all planning, permitting, rule-making and legal functions associated with energy.

Our consensus is being sent to the LWV State Energy Committee.

Some of the energy bills now in the legislature are:

- AB 1165 (Bogh)--Energy resources: Energy agency resources and organization: Dept. of Energy: CA Energy Commission: Market oversight (now in Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee)
- AB 1365 (Ruskin)--Greenhouse gas emission levels (awaiting floor vote in Senate)
- SB 1059 (Escutia)--Electric transmission corridors (awaiting action in Assembly)
- SB 107 (Simitian)--Renewable energy (awaiting floor vote in Assembly)
- SB 426 (Simitian) State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission

Another bill, SB 1 (Murray) Electricity, the Million Solar Roofs Initiative failed the floor vote in the Assembly, but was effectively implemented by the PUC.

*Phyllis Stanley*

LWVSC Energy Committee

## BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE Our Children, Our Community

The Sonoma County Child Care Planning Council (SCCCPC) is sponsoring a forum to discuss resources and services needed to address gaps in Child Care services. The goals of the forum are to take action on the Comprehensive Plan for Child Care and Learning Programs. This report is available online at [http://www.scoe.org/scccpc/docs/plan\\_05.pdf](http://www.scoe.org/scccpc/docs/plan_05.pdf). Their three goals for the meeting are:



- What are individuals and organizations doing to implement the Plan?
- What do we need as a community to achieve all the goals?
- What are the next steps?

Keep this community-based Plan for our children alive by attending this meeting.

March 3, 2006

9:00 AM – noon

Finley Community Center

Valley Oak Room

LWVC's position in brief on Child Care is:

Support state and local policies, legislation and programs which meet the need for accessible, affordable and quality child care.

Presently going through our Action Committee is a request to support the inclusion of planning for child care facilities when redevelopment monies are used. The current example is the Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit project in Railroad Square in Santa Rosa.

Our representative on the Sonoma County Child Care Planning Council is E. Ann Berens.

### SONOMA COUNTY CHILD CARE PLANNING COUNCIL MISSION

The mission of the SCCCPC is to advocate, advise and plan for quality, accessible, and affordable child care services in Sonoma County. Toward the accomplishment of this mission, the SCCCPC will:

- Inform and advise local policymakers (including, but not limited to, the Board of Supervisors and County Office of Education) of child care issues;
- Promote coordinated effective child care systems to children ages 1 - 14;
- Promote public awareness of child care issues as part of a continuum of family support services;
- Develop and update the Sonoma County Child Care Priorities Plan, as needed; and
- Work with other child care advocates to advance these goals.

## BOARD BRIEFS

February 7, 2006

At the February 7 meeting of the LWVSC board, the following key items were covered:

- Treasurer Susannah Likins reported total income of \$1,400.00 and total expenses of \$1,303.69 which included \$275.00 for the City of Santa Rosa's downtown assessment and \$292.72 for the new membership roster.
- The board decided to give the budgeted amount of \$500 to the Smart Voter. An additional \$250 will be given later if there are sufficient funds.
- President Corol Ann Fontana-Cary announced the National Convention "Meeting in the Middle" would be held June 10-13. In addition, she recommended that everyone attend the State Leadership Council to be held in Sacramento on May 6 and 7.
- Leena Merritt is our League representative on the Sonoma County Recycling Task Force. She reported on AB 939 including issues of private and public ownership of waste management facilities. The State gives permits for private ownership and Sonoma County forbids private ownership. There is a public hearing on this issue on February 15.
- Lynda Hungerford gave an overview of the progress of the LWVC's "Meeting the Challenge" program. Our goal is to increase our membership this year by 5%.
- Amy Southwick described the cardboard addition to the registration display box and the card that will contain vital voter information.
- Eve Roberson described her proposed candidate forum for the position of Secretary of State in the June primary election. The board decided that she should explore such a forum.
- Phyllis Stanley reported that 35 people attended the Energy Update meeting. The major values the group expressed were environmental protection and reliability of service. Important to the group were the impact of greenhouse gases and the diversity and mix of resources. The report is due to the State League March 15.
- George Ellman announced a meeting for League members and the public on our local transportation position to be held March 23 at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Chlele Gummer*

## NEW NATIONAL MEMBERS

Rosamond Bray

Elise V. Black

Lora Moss

Gloria Frost

Jane Nielson

## ROSTER ADDITION

Mary West

## ACTION COMMITTEE REVIEWS SMART DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

The review resulted in a joint letter to the SMART District from Sonoma and Marin County Leagues. See below.

January 17, 2006

Ms. Lillian Hames, General Manager  
Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District  
4040 Civic Center Drive, Suite 200  
San Rafael, CA 94903

Dear Ms. Hames,

The League of Women Voters of Sonoma County and the League of Women Voters of Marin County together have reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the SMART rail transit project. We find the draft EIR to be comprehensive and thorough. We will submit jointly a written list of very specific comments and questions for you to consider as you revise and refine the draft.

However, we have one overriding concern that is so important we are presenting it to you publicly at this meeting. Namely, we believe that the assumptions in the Draft EIR regarding planned improvements for Highway 101 are inaccurate. The traffic modeling in the Draft EIR includes too many mixed flow lanes on Highway 101 in both Marin and Sonoma Counties in 2025. Consequently, the Highway capacity analyzed in the Draft EIR was incorrect in both counties. The actual capacity of the Highway in 2025 will be considerably less than the capacity that was modeled.

It is vital that assumptions about improvements to Highway 101 be accurate. These assumptions affect the results of the traffic modeling that predicts the volume of traffic and level of congestion on Highway 101, and, ultimately, train ridership. If more improvements are assumed than are, in fact, planned, then the traffic modeling will project less congestion than will turn out to be the case. As a consequence, projected train ridership will be significantly understated.

We recognize that the Draft EIR is not intended to be a balanced evaluation of the pros and cons of the project. Nevertheless, accurate projections regarding traffic congestion on Highway 101 and train ridership are critically important in assessing the overall environmental impact of the project.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns and comments.

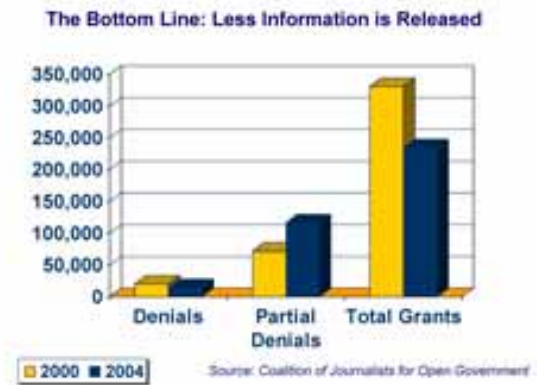
Carol Ann Fontana-Cary, President  
League of Women Voters of Sonoma County

Perry Newman, President  
League of Women Voters of Marin County



## MAKING THE CASE FOR SUNSHINE WEEK

Approaching its 40th birthday, the Freedom of Information Act is looking more than a little worn around the edges. In fact, what it needs is a week of good, solid sunshine and Sunshine Week 2006, March 12-18, is just the ticket.



The current administration has been characterized by open government observers—both conservatives and liberals—as one of the most secretive in recent history; a stance adopted even before the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Sunshine Week is not about journalists, it's not about partisan politics, it's about the public and the importance of protecting and promoting open government. Sunshine Week is not about protecting journalists' rights, it's about the right of all citizens to know what their government is doing—and why.

Sunshine Week 2005 proved that developing a critical mass of discussion about the importance of open government can move the needle a little. Sunshine Week 2006 is off to a fantastic start, but the sunlight at the end of the tunnel remains a long way off.

The League and several other national organizations are sponsoring the event. It will include a panel of distinguished speakers at the National Press Club in Washington, DC carried via satellite feed to participating libraries around the country. Details about the event can be found at <http://www.openthegovernment.org/>

### THANKS TO OUR CONTRIBUTORS

Mildred Benioff  
Esther Meskis

### LWVSC WEB PRIVACY POLICY

There is increasing concern about privacy of information posted on websites. As most of you know, our League posts this newsletter, the VOTER, on the web at <http://www.lwvsonoma.org/>. Beginning last September, it became our policy to suppress members' addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses on the web versions of the newsletter.

As an additional measure, this information will be removed from past issues of the VOTER as well. This policy does not apply to contact information included by the authors of articles, assuming they want to be contacted.

If you have any questions about this policy, please contact the VOTER editor at [newsletter@lwvsonoma.org](mailto:newsletter@lwvsonoma.org).

**Join the Gang –  
Become a member of the  
Charles M. Schulz Museum**



We have a world-class museum as an attraction in our county. Memberships are important to sustain the museum, and every membership level rewards YOU!

Call Emily @ 579-4452 ext. 108  
or visit the Museum web site:  
[www.SchulzMuseum.org](http://www.SchulzMuseum.org)  
Click on Membership.



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## League of Women Voters® of Sonoma County Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I want to join the League of Women Voters. Enclosed is my check for dues. (\$50.00 for individual annual membership, \$75.00 for household, and \$37.00 for limited income. The membership year is July 1 to June 30.) Please mail check to LWV Sonoma County, 100 E Street, Suite 209, Santa Rosa, CA 95404. Thank you.

I am interested in the following areas:

Program \_\_\_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Speakers Bureau \_\_\_\_\_ Social Policy \_\_\_\_\_

Natural Resources \_\_\_\_\_ Voters Service \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter \_\_\_\_\_ Fundraising \_\_\_\_\_

Cable TV \_\_\_\_\_ Smart Voter \_\_\_\_\_

Community Outreach \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

## MARCH 2006 CALENDAR

*Unless otherwise noted, meetings are open to the public.*

Date	Time	Place	Description
Tuesday March 7	10:00 AM – 12 NOON	League Office 100 E Street, Suite 209 Santa Rosa	<b>Board Meeting</b> League members are welcome. Board meetings are not open to the public.
Thursday March 9	9:30 AM	League Office 100 E Street, Suite 209 Santa Rosa	<b>Voters Service Meeting</b> See p. 5.
Tuesday March 14	12:00 NOON	League Office 100 E Street, Suite 209 Santa Rosa	<b>International Relations Study Group</b> The Energy Policy Conundrum See p. 2.
Thursday March 16	10:30 AM	Steele Lane Community Center Room 6 415 Steele Lane Santa Rosa	<b>Book Club</b> George Packer's <i>The Assassin's Gate: America in Iraq</i> See p. 2.
Tuesday March 21	10:00 AM	League Office 100 E Street, Suite 209 Santa Rosa	<b>Action Committee</b>
Thursday March 23	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Rincon Valley Regional Library 6959 Montecito Boulevard Santa Rosa	<b>Transportation Position Update and Study</b> See p. 1.

**LINK TO CURRENT CALENDAR**