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### Calendar 2009

- Sept. 2** LWV/LAC Board Meeting - Pasadena Area office, 1353 North Hill St., Pasadena, CA
- Sept. 25** Fall League Day is canceled
- Oct. 7** LWV/LAC Board Meeting
- Oct. 10** LWVC Regional Workshop at Covina Woman's Club ( see flyer inside)
- Oct. 17** LWV/LAC Presidents Luncheon (tentative)
- Nov. 4** LWV/LAC Board Meeting
- Dec. 2** LWV/LAC Board Meeting and Holiday Lunch



Sheriff Lee Baca and LWV/LAC President Nancy Mahr

**From the President's Desk...**

Summer is quickly passing. Before we know it, fall will be here and time to kick off our League programs for 2009-2010. The LWV/LACounty board is beginning the year with an in-depth review and discussion of the County Jail Study. We need to assess the material that the small, but enthusiastic, study committee has put together and see what our direction will be for this study. With no ballot measures until spring, we have not yet scheduled our usual fall County League Day; the Jail Study discussion may result in a program being scheduled on that topic.

At Popovers, Sheriff Baca gave us some points to consider relating to the Jail Study. He indicated that the LWV could be helpful in supporting his efforts to expand educational opportunities to all inmates in County jails. At this time, he is only able to offer such options to individuals sentenced to County jails.

As you develop your program schedules for the year, don't forget to include some time for both LWVUS and LWV/LACounty program planning.

I hope all of you are making good use of the excellent online resources available through the LWV and LWVUS Web sites. The leaders updates are available there, if you don't receive them by email.

The LWV/LACounty board has changed its regular meeting day from the second Tuesday of each month to the first Wednesday. Our first meeting is September 2, 9:30 am to 1:30 PM, at LWV Pasadena Area Office, 1353 North Hill St., Pasadena. This is the Jail Study discussion meeting, as well as a bit of business.

Special thanks to **Georganne Thomsen** and **Gwen Cochran** for organizing another great Popovers event. And many thanks to our workshop coordinators: **Chris Carson**, **Joanne Leavitt** and **Barbara Inatsugu**, and **Jack Sullivan**.

*Nancy*

**Resources from Jack Sullivan, LWV/LAC Natural Resources Director**

The State of California has released a report on California and dealing with climate change. You can find the report (it is quite long) at: <http://www.climatechange.ca.gov/adaptation/>

Earth Policy Institute has an interesting "book byte" on "learning from past civilizations." This is an excerpt from Lester Brown's **Plan B 3.0: Mobilizing to Save Civilization**. You can access the "book byte" and other information about Brown's book at: [http://www.earthpolicy.org/Books/Seg/PB3ch01\\_ss3.htm](http://www.earthpolicy.org/Books/Seg/PB3ch01_ss3.htm)

**350 International Day of Climate Action – October 24, 2009**

Leagues may want to participate in the 350 International Day of Climate Action on October 24, 2009. Information about the international program, [350.org](http://www.350.org), and activities to date are available on the organization's website at [www.350.org](http://www.350.org). [350.org](http://www.350.org) is bringing together people around the world to engage in creative action to build visibility and understanding about the seriousness of global climate change. The reason for the October 24 date is to influence world leaders heading to the December 2009 climate change treaty meeting to take decisive action to reduce carbon emissions now. Leagues could collaborate with other local organizations in planning participation.

LWVC REGIONAL WORKSHOP



The East San Gabriel Valley League invites you to learn what the League does and how it does it!

Date & Time: Saturday, October 10 - Registration 9:30 am  
Workshop ends at 2:30 PM

Location: Covina Woman’s Club  
128 S. San Jose Avenue  
Covina CA 91723  
*Just off E. Badillo St., between S. Citrus & S. Barranca Avenues*

Price: \$25 / person; \$30 after October 2 (\$15 if bring own lunch)

Topics: “Constitutional Reform: What’s Happening and What You Can Do to Make It Happen”  
“Political, YES; Partisan, NO! Walking the Fine Line”  
“Tools You Can Use: A Guided Tour of the League’s Members’ Only Web Page”  
“The Welcoming League: Engaging and Retaining Your Members”

Please register (and pay by credit card) at the  
LWVC Members’ Only Web Page  
by October 2  
or write check payable to LWVC & mail with form to  
LWV East San Gabriel Valley, P.O. Box 4242, Covina CA 91723

If you have questions or need additional information please contact  
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Torrance, CA 90503  
310/540-9696

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Make check payable to: Tri-League (Deadline – Sept. 19, 2009)  
Send to Peggy Bartlett (310 545-1087) 701 13th Street  
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Number of reservations \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 per person - Check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Internet Election Resources**

**Smart Voter** [www.smartvoter.org](http://www.smartvoter.org)

Statewide propositions plus local candidates & issues on your ballot, with extensive Background materials and media links from LWV California Ed Fund

**LA County Registrar-Recorder** [www.lavote.net](http://www.lavote.net)

Election calendar, polling place look-up, absentee voting info, multilingual voting materials, Locations for Touchscreen early voting

**Easy Voter Guide** [www.easyvoter.org](http://www.easyvoter.org)

Concise facts on statewide propositions; Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Vietnamese, and English

**Secretary of State** [www.ss.ca.gov](http://www.ss.ca.gov)

Official text of ballot measures

**CA Legislative Analyst** [www.lao.ca.gov](http://www.lao.ca.gov)

Analysis of all ballot measures

**CA Voter Foundation** [www.calvoter.org](http://www.calvoter.org)

Data on campaign contributions to candidates and measures

**CA Budget Project** [www.cbp.org](http://www.cbp.org)

Analyzes the fiscal effects of statewide ballot measures

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