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**CALENDAR**

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| Apr 13, Wed | 12 noon      | Board Meeting, Joan Hogan's home  |
| Apr 20, Wed | 12 noon      | Land Use Presentation on Annenberg Project, Asaka Restaurant                          |
| Apr 26, Tue | 7:00-8:30 pm | Federal Impact on Education, RB Women's Club, 400 South Broadway at Pearl, (see pg 4) |
| May 11, Wed | 12 noon      | Board Meeting, Joan Hogan's home  |
| May 11, Wed | 6:30 pm      | LWVLA presents Film screening & discussion, Barnsdall Gallery Theater (see page 5)    |
| May 13-15   | Fri-Sun      | LWVC Convention Ventura   |
| June 4, Sat |              | LWVPVP Local Convention, LA Yacht Club  |
| June 8, Wed | 12 noon      | Board Meeting, Joan Hogan's home  |

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*Spring has sprung....*

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The County Convention gave us an early look at privatization – one of our national studies for the coming year. Santos Kreimann, Head of the County Department of Beaches and Harbors, commented on the way in which outsourcing has helped his department. We also elected officers and directors for the coming year and approved the County League budget.

Our local convention is coming up on June 4. Mark the date on your calendars. We'll once again meet at the Los Angeles Yacht Club. Watch for the Call to Convention which will be coming in early May.

The first of May is the target date for submitting our League's consensus and comments on the County Jail Study. The study committee will develop a position statement based on the reports from Local Leagues. The position will be considered at the March 2012 County Convention.

There is a great deal happening in the redistricting arena. The Citizens Commission is holding hearings throughout the state. Follow the schedule online at [www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov](http://www.wedrawthelines.ca.gov).

The County League is tracking the progress on the redistricting for the County supervisorial districts. Our PV League can participate by members attending meetings held in our area and reporting on their observations. We will send out notices when meetings have been announced.

We are bereaved with the passing of our long-time League members Barbeur Wise and Elise Church. They were dedicated League members who were always supportive of our activities.

March was Women's History Month. It's always important to remember the contributions of the League of Women Voters to the quality and scope of women's lives, both here and abroad. Much has been accomplished in the past – you are a part of our accomplishments in the present and into the future. Thank you *Nancy*

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*OUR*  
*SCHOOLS*

To: Any and all who are ready to take on the timely and urgent study on American Education – problem and proposed solutions

Commitment: Monthly meetings of reports and discussion. Additional time in reading and digesting recommended resources.

Interested: Call Joan Hogan, 310-375-6380

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## ONGOING ACTIVITIES

### **SMART VOTER – A RESOURCE YOU CAN COUNT ON**

Heated political rhetoric and uncivil discourse have become all too familiar in today's American politics. But your local League can proudly point to Smart Voter as an antidote! You know Smart Voter can be counted on to present only fact-based, unbiased information on candidates and ballot measures at [SmartVoter.org](http://SmartVoter.org).

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But to continue to meet this mission, Smart Voter needs our support. Funding for [SmartVoter.org](http://SmartVoter.org) does not come from your member dues (PMP paid to the LWVC). [SmartVoter.org](http://SmartVoter.org) relies on financial support from county registrars and city clerks as well as donations from local Leagues and individuals. The PV League contributes to Smart Voter. Individuals wishing to support Smart Voter may mail tax-deductible contributions (with a note designating the contribution for Smart Voter) to the LWVC Education Fund, 1107 9th Street, Suite 300, Sacramento CA 95814.

***In Memoriam***

**Barbeur G. Wise**

**1924 - 2011**

**Elise Church**

**1921 - 2011**

***Dedicated League and community  
members.***

***They will be missed***

# THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S ROLE IN PUBLIC EDUCATION

Come hear a panel of local education experts discuss the purpose of federal funding of public education, the pros and cons of No Child Left Behind and the future of our education system. This evening promises to be an informative dialogue with lively discussion on this very timely topic. We hope you will join us, please see flyer below for more information and share with others who may be interested. Harriet Chase

## HOW THE FEDS IMPACT OUR KIDS' EDUCATION

What is the purpose of federal funding of public schools?

What are the pros & cons of No Child Left Behind?

What does the future hold?

**TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2011**  
**7:00 - 8:30 PM**  
**REDONDO BEACH WOMEN'S CLUB**  
**400 SOUTH BROADWAY at Pearl**  
**(one block south of Torrance Blvd.)**



### LISTEN.....LEARN.....ASK THE EXPERTS

- Dr. Don Brann – Superintendent Emeritus, Wiseburn School District
- Tom Cox – Chief Business Official, Wiseburn School District
- Debbie Johnson – Principal, Lennox Middle School
- Bob Farran – South Bay Director, Special Education

*Light refreshments provided*

For more information email [harriet@beachvoter.org](mailto:harriet@beachvoter.org)



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## **IS PRIVATIZATION A USEFUL TOOL?**

Director Kreimann gave the County League of Women Voters an interesting prelude to the new National Study of Privatization by describing the way the Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors has implemented privatization programs at the Marina del Rey Harbor area. The department is small (256 employees) with a 60Million dollar budget divided between the Marina and the Beach areas and manages, through its privatization programs, to return money to the general fund each year; this year Mr. Kreimann estimates the Department will return \$18Million. The Department services 52Million visitors and is responsible for 1200 acres and 47,000 wet slips plus apartments, hotels, shops and other resources. Marina del Rey is undergoing significant redevelopment, much of it involving projects that are privatized.

In answer to the question "What is Privatization?" Mr. Kreimann gave the following definition: "the transfer of ownership or control of government assets or functions to private entities." He noted that there is a great deal of pressure these days to privatize for financial reasons and to improve efficiency and service. In the Los Angeles area, he pointed to charter schools and public parking garages as examples of privatization.

Among the benefits of privatization are: cash infusions to the County, risk transfer from the County to developers, expert know-how that the County does not have in house, quality of life enhancements, cost reductions and job creation. Such services to the public as food preparation and sales, equipment rentals on beaches, cleaning and maintenance have been privatized to the benefit of the County, according to Mr. Kreimann.

In answer to questions, he described the requirements for developers and other projects around the Los Angeles area: the Hollywood/Wilshire Public Health Center and Los Angeles Free Clinic Partnership, the Music Center and Disney Concert Hall Maintenance and the Grand Avenue Redevelopment and Construction of Civic Parks project.

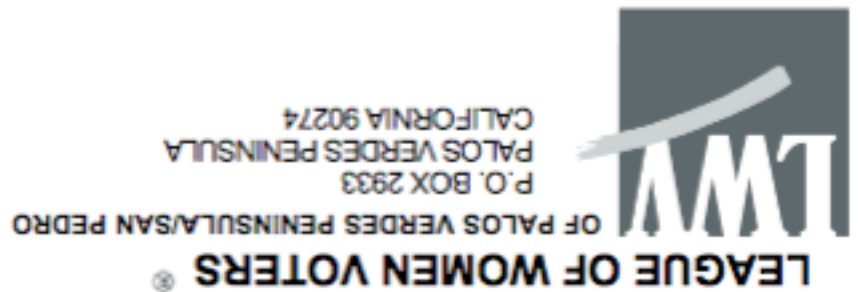
Mr. Kreimann's presentation served as an excellent introduction to the subject of privatization and left us with a great deal to think about as we begin our study.

*Joan Arias, LWV Beach Cities*

### **THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LOS ANGELES PRESENTS a Film Screening & Panel Discussion Event Wed May 11 630pm Barnsdall Gallery Theatre**

Featuring the award winning documentary, "Climate Refugees" and a video short from Oxfam America, "Sisters on the Planet." "Climate Refugees" puts a human face on the impacts of climate change already occurring and is the most talked about film on our environment since "An Inconvenient Truth." The evening begins with a 6:30 pm reception. Screening starts at 7 pm and is immediately followed by a panel discussion of local climate policy experts. Come hear what we Angelenos can do now to mitigate our carbon footprint.

REGISTER & More information: <http://www.lwvlosangeles.org/> and to see the event FLYER Admission \$10 / Students \$5



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[www.lwvpvp.org](http://www.lwvpvp.org)

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