



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
OF PALOS VERDES PENINSULA**

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**CALENDAR 2013**

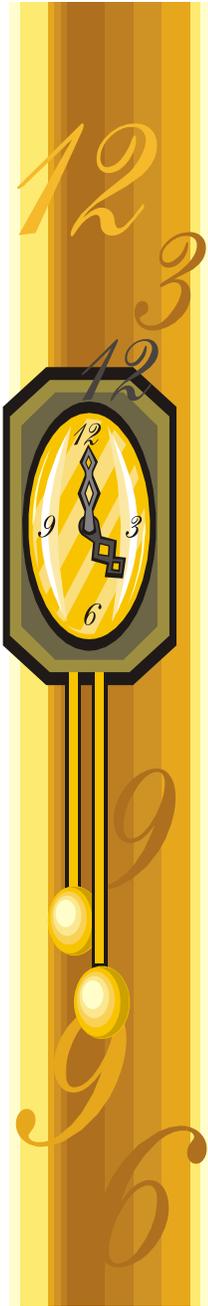
<b>Wed, Jan 9</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b> , Joan Hogan's home
<b>Tues, Jan 15</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Initiative &amp; Referendum Committee</b> , Nell Mirels' home, brown bag
<b>Sat, Jan 19</b>	<b>10-12 noon</b>	<b>Program Planning meeting</b> , Arlene Block's home
<b>Sat, Jan 26</b>	<b>10:30 am-2 pm</b>	<b>County Winter League Day, Topic is California Education</b> , Taix Restaurant in Los Angeles
<b>Wed, Feb 12</b>	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b> , Joan Hogan's home
<b>Sat, Feb 16</b>	<b>10:00 am-2 pm</b>	<b>Initiative &amp; Referendum presentation &amp; consensus</b> , Peninsula Center Library Community Room, brown bag, drinks & dessert will be provided

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



This Voter spans the changing of the year. We can begin 2013 with renewed energy to address the many issues facing California and the nation. Communication will be a key activity - the public needs to know and understand what progress is underway.

LA County Winter League Day is coming up on January 26 at Taix Restaurant in LA. The focus is on education in California. Watch for a flyer/registration form to come by email.

We are about to begin program planning for LWVC and our local League. The State results are due February 22, 2013. Please attend our program planning meeting and be a part of the discussion: Saturday, January 19, 10 a.m. to noon, at Arlene Block's home.

Elizabeth MacNamara noted in her Huffington Post Blog that LWVUS has identified four proactive priorities for elections administration reform work in the coming year:

Secure Online Voter Registration

Permanent and Portable Statewide Voter Registration

Expanded Early Voting

Improved Polling Place Management

These can be state and county goals as well.

*Nancy*

*In Loving Memory*

*Virginia "Ginny" Robertson*

*Long-time member and supporter of LWVPVP*

## ELECTED OFFICIALS PARTY!!

### SAY THANK YOU TO OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS PARTY DONORS

The 2012 Elected Officials Party was another big success. We were pleased to have almost all of invited officials present, including Supervisor Don Knabe. We partnered with the PV Chamber this year – a partnership that is likely to continue. About 70 people attended.

Wonderful food was generously provided by several area restaurants and markets. Everyone enjoyed the hors d'oeuvres and dessert tables! Please make a point of thanking them for their contributions to the event when you visit their businesses.

**Admiral Risty**

**Asaka Japanese Cuisine**

**Bristol Farms**

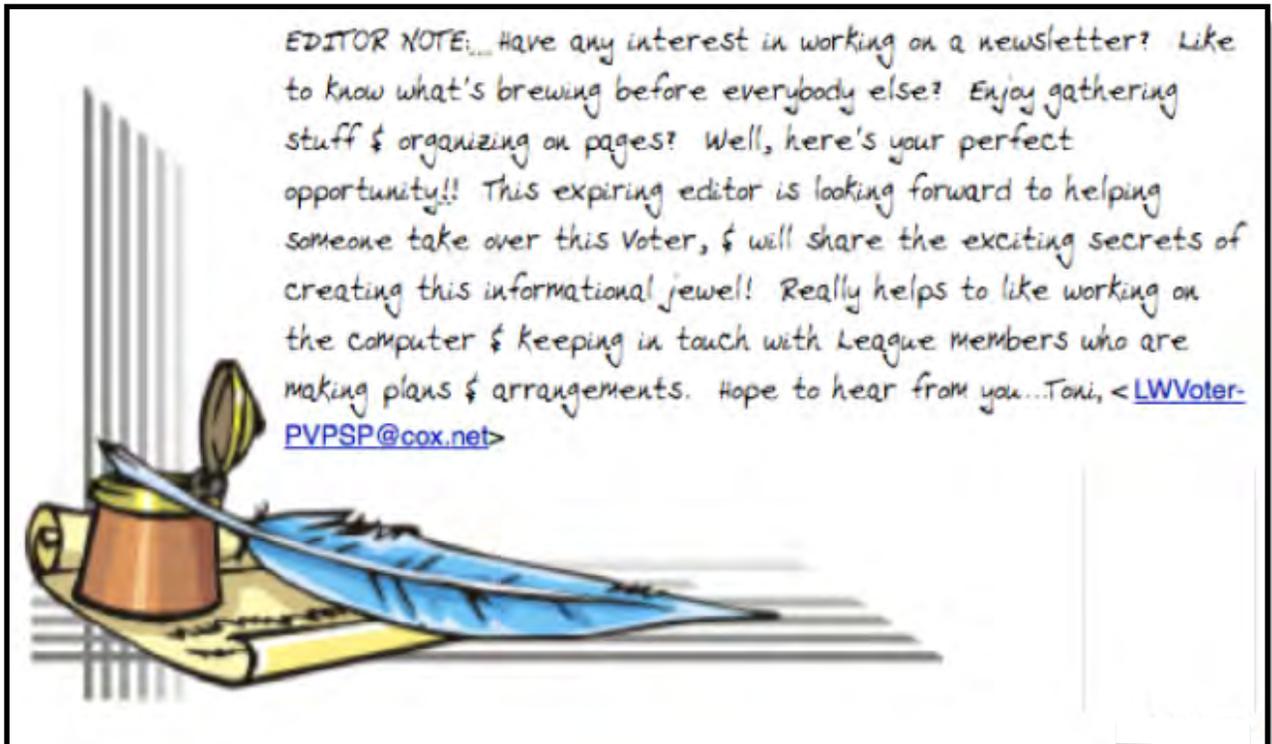
**Luna Rosa**

**Maui Chicken**

**Original Red Onion**

**Ralph's Market**

**Trader Joe's, Golden Cove**



# THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA LWV & CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## HONOR LOCALLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

The PVP Chamber of Commerce & PVP League of Women Voters joined to recognize and honor locally elected officials at a party at Point Vicente Interpretive Center in November. Officials from the four cities, PV Library District and PV Peninsula Unified School District were thanked for their time and effort and expertise.



Marilyn Lyon, Don Knabe, Nancy Mahr



Jim Knight, Carolyn Lehr, Anthony Misetich, Jerry Duhovic, Susan Brooks, Brian Campbell



Connie Davenport, Fran Wielin



Susan Seamans, John Addleman, Judith Mitchell



Erin LaMonte, Malcolm Sharp, Barbara Lucky



Dr. James Black, Frank Hill, Tom Heinsheimer, Tony Dahlerbruch



Kathy Gould & Don Gould



George Bird, Rosemary Humphrey, Judy Smith, Ellen Perkins, John Rea, James Goodhart



Rebekah Kim, Marilyn Lyon, Eileen Huff



Ron Thomas, Ann Shaw

Some of the elected officials and guests enjoying the party, **excellent photos thanks to Shirley Borks**



Tom Heinsheimer, Julie Heinsheimer, DeDe Hicks

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **TIME FOR PROGRAM PLANNING**

Help our League decide our priorities for next year - studies, issues, speakers. Join in the discussion of state and local program.

Saturday, January 19, 2013  
Reservations not needed.

Call Nancy Mahr if you need a ride - 310-377-0735.

*REMINDER - LWV  
MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS  
WELCOME TO ATTEND  
MONTHLY LWV BOARD  
MEETINGS*

### **SAVE-THE-DATE**

#### **INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM STUDY CONSENSUS MEETING**

The study committee has been meeting and has planned a most informative presentation of Initiative and Referendum reform.

Write the date in your calendar so you can hear the information, discuss the issues, and join in consensus.

**Saturday, February 16, 2013**

**10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

## **2013 INITIATIVE & REFERENDUM UPDATE**

### **IS THERE NEED FOR REFORM?**

Our local League has begun a study of California's Initiative and Referendum Process using the resources of an excellent study guide developed by the League's State Board committee to assist our own research and study. Consensus must be completed by the end of March 2013.

The PVP LWV has a nine-member committee that has been meeting on a regular basis to prepare our presentation to the membership in February. We have scheduled the meeting for Saturday, February 16 at the Peninsula Center Library community room from 10 am to 2 pm. It will be a brown bag lunch and drinks will be provided.

At the consensus meeting we will be presenting the history of the initiative and referendum process in California along with the current LWVC current position. There are fourteen questions we will be asked to consider to form our consensus.

It is important to note that legislative interviews completed by local Leagues throughout the State made clear that there is support for some kind of change.

Several of the legislators expressed support for the overall intent of the initiative process—allowing a voice for the grassroots in the political process, while at the same time expressing the view that this is no longer the case. One of the many “yes, but” situations is finding a way to reduce the influence of special interests while also acknowledging the need to limit the overall number of initiatives.

Other ideas suggested included ensuring that the language in initiatives is clear and understandable, strict interpretation of the single issue requirement for initiatives, requiring all measures be submitted to the California Supreme Court for a pre-election review for constitutionality, ensuring that the title and summary for each measure is impartial, and raising the filing fees. The fees have been the same since 1943, and do not come close to covering the cost of analyzing the measures, and writing the titles and summaries.

Support for the California DISCLOSE Act was mentioned, as were the ideas of changing the number of signatures required and putting a moratorium for some number of years on measures once an issue had been on a ballot. No one mentioned changing the length of time proponents have to collect signatures. There was support for making it more difficult to amend the constitution, as opposed to passing statutes.

Finally, one person mentioned limiting initiatives to only those issues over which the legislature has no authority, one supported returning to having elections for initiatives at both the primary and general elections, and another felt that spending limits only put groups with limited money at a disadvantage against those who can self-fund a campaign.

We hope you will put this event on your calendar and plan to attend. We anticipate a lively discussion of these issues as they certainly affect each of us during each election cycle.

*Katy Watkins & Linda Herman, LWVPVPSP*

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PARTY = OTHERS**



Peggy Pages, Edith Mayerson, Valerie Larson



Tres Mennis and Brian



Phil Barnes & Mary Ellen Barnes



Barbara Gleghorn & George Gleghorn



Sherry Kramer & Terry Arnush



Bill and Lynn Swank



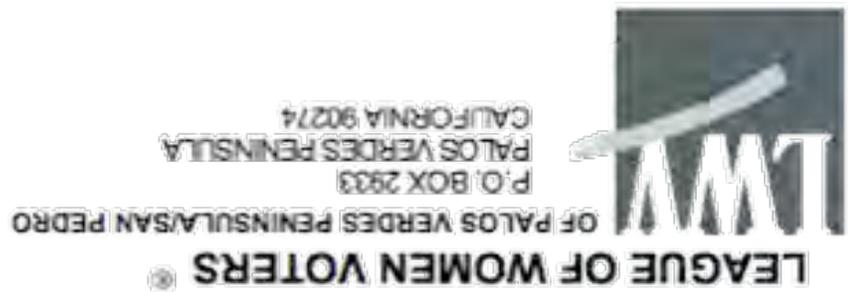
Sally Brown, Ellen Perkins, Britt Huff



Jacki & Bob Bacharach



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has an excellent, informative website:  
[www.lwvpvp.org](http://www.lwvpvp.org)  
**thanks to BETTY RIEDMAN  
& PALOS VERDES ON THE NET**  
for providing & hosting this web site as  
a public service to our community  
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