



THE VOTER

TEN THINGS TO DO IN THE NEW YEAR TO HELP STOP GLOBAL WARMING

The LWVC has an Energy position that supports the creation of responsible energy policy that includes conservation and energy efficiency. Here is what you can do individually to support this effort.

1. Change a light bulb

Replacing one regular light bulb with a compact fluorescent bulb will save 150 POUNDS of carbon dioxide a year. Just ONE light bulb!

2. Drive less

Walk, bike, carpool or take mass transit more often. You'll save ONE POUND of carbon dioxide for every mile you don't drive.

3. Recycle more

You can save 2,400 POUNDS of carbon dioxide per year by recycling just half of your household waste. You're probably halfway there already!

4. Check your tires

Keeping your tires properly inflated can improve gas mileage by MORE THAN 3%. Every gallon of gas saved keeps 20 POUNDS of carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere.

5. Use less hot water

It takes a lot of energy to heat water. Use less hot water by installing a low-flow shower head (350 POUNDS of carbon dioxide saved per year) and washing your clothes in cold or warm water (500 POUNDS saved per year)!

6. Avoid products with a lot of packaging

You can save 1,200 POUNDS of carbon dioxide if you cut down your garbage by 10%!

7. Adjust your thermostat

Moving your thermostat just 2 degrees down in winter and up 2 degrees in summer could save about 2,000 POUNDS of carbon dioxide a year - so put on a sweater (or a tank top) and save those pounds!

8. Plant a tree

A single tree will absorb ONE TON of carbon dioxide over its lifetime!

9. Turn off electronic devices

Simply turning off your television, DVD player, stereo, and computer when you're not using them will save you THOUSANDS of pounds of carbon dioxide a year!

10. Share these tips with your friends

The more of us who are trying, the better off we will all be in stopping global warming!

*- provided by League member Leslie Marcus
from the Ecology Group, St. John's Episcopal Church, Oakland*

SAVE THE DATE

**February 7
2007**

**LWV Woodland's
13th Annual State
of the Community
Luncheon**

**11:45 am
Woodland United
Methodist Church**

**Featuring
State
Assembly-
member Lois
Wolk as guest
speaker**

**Tickets will be
available from
League members
or by calling event
chairperson,
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Bj Ford

It is with gratitude that I acknowledge the League members who opened their homes for our Holiday Progressive dinner held on December 14. Judy Simas prepared a myriad of appetizers that fortified us at the beginning of our festive culinary journey. At Kathy Harryman's two delicious soups provided warmth and sustenance, along with great conversation; after which we headed out to Pat Murray's where we were sampled a delicious tenderloin carefully prepared for dipping in flavored salts, along with some delicious olive oils and French bread, as well as crackers and cheese. The final stop was at Lucinda Talkington's where dessert tempted us all: pumpkin and lemon meringue pies, coffee, cookies, liqueurs, and chocolates. It was a festive evening made possible by the generosity of these members, and those who were able to attend.

I have just read through the LWVC Update for December (sent to local League presidents each month) and came across this: "Carol Souza Cole, representing the Easy Voter Guide Outreach/Connecting with Communities Committee, briefed the board on a transition in the committee structure and purpose." Yes, under our Carol's leadership, this LWVC commit-

tee has redefined its mission - to make Leagues stronger, strengthening the LWVC and adding value to the already effective work of the League, while weaving it through all that League does, and to provide a forum through which best practices in reaching out can be shared. Being able to share and profit from other League's endeavors

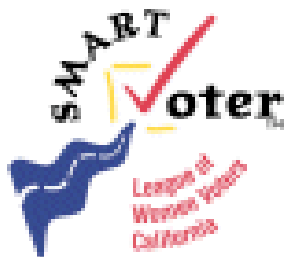
rather than each League struggling to 'reinvent the wheel' can only help in the effectiveness of our local League and for Leagues throughout the state.

I would also like to acknowledge Debbie Peterson, our membership chair, who researched our current dues collecting and record-keeping procedure, and devised a simpler method which should provide a benefit to our League by collecting dues at a individual member anniversary dates. On that note, if you received an envelope in November, and have not yet submitted your dues, please do so now as our final member report must be submitted at the end of this month.

As I look forward to the New Year, I am heartened by the continued work of the LWV Woodland: advocating for responsible government while encouraging the informed and active participation of our citizens. Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Bj



PROGRAM PLANNING JANUARY 13

Every two years League members throughout the state are invited to set the agenda for the LWVC for the upcoming biennium, keeping the work of the League a truly grassroots function. Each League member has the opportunity to influence the selection of where the League will focus its time, talent and money. It takes the enthusiasm and interest of our members to make our program vital.

In Woodland, program planning will take place on Saturday, January 13, 9:30 am at the home of Pat Murray. All local members are encouraged to attend. A soup luncheon will follow. Please phone Pat Murray, 662-9092 if you have questions or plan to attend.

“RALLY IN THE VALLEY”

LWV Bakersfield will host the state League convention May 18-20, 2007. Convention workshops will be organized around program and advocacy. Mark your calendar and plan to attend with other members from LWV Woodland. If you would like to attend, contact co-president Bj Ford, 662-0952 or email bjford@pacbell.net

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Proposition 89, the Clean Money and Fair Election Act initiative on last November's ballot failed - but LWVC will continue to push for comprehensive reform in this vital area. The League and its partners are beginning discussions on how to move public financing of campaigns forward.

Leagues throughout the state are involved in lobbying for local measures and the LWVC are in the process of assembling a committee that will assist local Leagues in this effort.

Locally, LWV Woodland will be looking into campaign financing on the local level. Bj Ford is chairing the committee that will review the City of Woodland's campaign finance ordinance. Comparisons with surrounding communities' ordinances, as well as gathering information from other local Leagues will comprise much of the information gathering process. It is anticipated that the committee work will culminate in a position recommendation that will be considered at the annual meeting in June.

The first meeting of the committee will be held Tuesday, **January 23rd** at 7 pm. It will be held at Bj Ford's home. Please call Bj (662-0952) or email bjford@pacbell.net to participate or obtain more information.

TAKE ACTION, CREATE CHANGE REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM DAY 2007



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Calendar 2007

- January 9** Board Meeting 7 pm
Pat Murray's, Members welcome
- January 13** Program Planning 9:30 am
Pat Murray's house
- January 23** Woodland Campaign Finance
Study Committee Meeting 7 pm
Bj Ford's house
- February 7** State of the Community
Luncheon featuring Assemblymember
Lois Wolk as guest speaker
11:45 am Methodist Church,