



THE VOTER

JANUARY 2011

HAPPY NEW YEAR



*Redistricting
Why Worry?*
**Assemblyman
'Tick' Segerblom**

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2011

THE LAS VEGAS SOCIAL CLUB

ADJACENT TO
MAIN STREET STATION

200 N. Main at Main & Stewart

9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

SOCIAL & BREAKFAST

10:00 A.M. PROGRAM

BREAKFAST \$20 with reservation

Admittance \$5.00

(included in breakfast charge)

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Reservations by Wednesday, January 12, 2011

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2010-2011**

President: Sandy Metcalf
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Secretary: Ann Marie Smith
Treasurer: Lyell Metcalf
Directors: Beverly Abderrahman
Teresa Bell
Freda Greenfield
Betty Pardo

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *By: Sandy Metcalf*

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! It is almost time for the games to begin. The League will be sending you alerts when the legislature is considering bills. We will be supporting or opposing issues so be prepared to send an e-mail, a letter, or a phone call when you see the action alert. We will concentrate our efforts in support of our most pressing issues. I know, I know, that means everything but we are trying to be vigilant on the crucial issues.

Additionally, we will be asking for people to work on the national study in which our board voted to participate. The study is on the Role of the Federal Government in Education. This is a critical issue for all of us, so come learn all the information as we begin our study. Times and places for our work schedule will be in future editions of the Voter and on the web site. This is part of our "trickle up" way of doing things because the opinions and ideas from all participating Leagues will result in our national position. So plan to be part of the action this spring and stay tuned; as Betty Davis once said, "it could be a bumpy ride".



JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITTEE:

By: Liz Bates

The Juvenile Justice Committee members will be meeting on Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at 10:30 at Main Street Station to car pool to visits at Safe Nest and Shade Tree shelters. The purpose of these visits is to obtain information about needs regarding juveniles and children at risk who are assisted in these programs and whether or not there are any ways the League can be of assistance. If you would like to join our committee in these visits, please call Liz Bates at 702-686-9040.

The next Committee meeting will be held immediately after the general meeting on January 15. We welcome new members to join us as we anticipate a new year of exciting ventures seeking ways to make a difference in furthering justice among juveniles and children at risk in our community. Look for the table with the red, white and blue balloons!

STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *By: Sam King*

Hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season. During the December State Board Meeting plans for an effective strategy for our grassroots efforts were discussed. League defined our positions in a letter to elected officials. We set in motion plans for aggressive fund raising to support our advocacy and worked to improve communication efforts among our four Leagues; Northern Nevada, Las Vegas Valley, Mesquite and Pahrump.

Our Board is working with League of Women Voters US in our strategy to address redistricting, Susan Wilson is our liaison and she attended the December 6 Board Meeting in Las Vegas. LWVNV continues to work with the Secretary of State, Ross Miller and the DVM to ensure that the 1994 Voters Registration Act is fully implemented in Nevada. We are planning for the June LWVNV Convention in Mesquite and we are looking at studies to support our positions.

A letter to our elected officials outlines the work ahead. Our Legislative Committee will be the center of our advocacy. Meetings parallel the State Board meeting, However, with the need for alerts and actions we will communicate through alerts and information emails as needed.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

During the legislative session, The League of Women Voters of Nevada has always had representation supporting our positions. This year our State President Sam King will take on the duties and responsibility of keeping us informed and up to date on the bills as well as lobbying. However she will need active participation from you. You will be able to follow the activities of the legislature by going to the Nevada Legislature online and checking out the bills and meetings. You will also be able to go to our website to see the alerts and what actions are recommended.

It will take money to take Sam to Carson City when it is necessary. We know most of the meetings are teleconferenced at the Grant Sawyer building, but direct contact with the legislators is important.

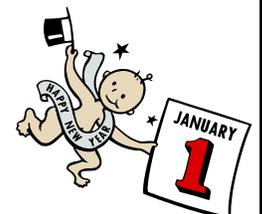
We estimated if each member contributed \$11 we would have sufficient funds. To generate additional lobbying funds, the proceeds from our monthly basket drawing will all go to our lobbying effort. To sweeten the 'pot' we will sell 20 tickets for \$11 at each meeting.

A discussion at the December LWVNV Board meeting was to hold a state-wide League gathering in Carson City in May. Information all members to attend will follow.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: *By: Sam King*

The Education Committee will have a very busy calendar as we begin 2011 and prepare for the upcoming 2011 Legislative Session. There is consensus from all quarters that quality education, K-20 followed by life-long learning is the foundation for our community and our nation to move forward and meet the challenges of rebuilding our economy and supporting services that improve the quality of life for everyone.

The Education Committee will follow local, state and national policy that impacts systems of education. We meet at 8:30 am prior to the monthly program the third Saturday of the month.



SEGERBLOM TO SPEAK AT JANUARY MEETING

Assemblyman ‘Tick’ Segerblom was first elected in 2006. During the last session he served as the Vice Chair of the Judiciary Committee. He also served on the Elections, Procedures, Ethics and Constitutional Amendments Committees and is a strong advocate for the preservation of historic neighborhoods, elections reform and fair employment. He is a fourth generation Nevada legislator, his mother Gene Segerblom (a member of League) served in the legislature for 8 years.

Come prepared with your questions on the “elephant in the room” re-districting and why it will be a very divisive and bargaining issue at the 2011 Legislature.

VOUCHERS?

From: State Education Superintendent Keith Rheault

“There will probably be several school voucher bills, however, I think the bill that will get the most discussion will be one that I heard Governor Sandoval will be pushing. It will call for constitutional changes which will take several legislative sessions to accomplish but won’t require that he try to find the additional funding this session to support. I have not seen the bill but have heard through the grapevine about his voucher plan. I don’t think that any of the other bills will gain much traction this session because there will be a fiscal impact to start the program.”

VOTER SERVICES *By: Sondra Cosgrove*

The Voter Services Committee enters the new year with high hopes for invigorating our existing members and increasing our numbers. We’d like to begin with a survey of our current members to discover what types of voter service activities each is most interested in as a way to better align our mission with our members’ willingness to contribute. We also would like to increase our numbers through a membership recruiting drive so that we can evenly distribute regular activities to more helping hands. In the bigger picture, we hope that pursuing these two goals will also provide the opportunity for leadership training and promotion at the committee level. There are many young people in the Las Vegas community looking for community service activities for various reasons, including college admissions and scholarships. If we can match these fine and eager folks with voter service and other League activities it will benefit not only the new members and our organization, but also the state as a whole with a new stream of civic minded leaders.

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT

Sign up for one of our committees at our next meeting

- ◆ Health
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Legislative
- ◆ Voter Services
- ◆ Juvenile Justice

THESE TWO COMMITTEES NEED CHAIRS

- ◆ Affordable Housing
- ◆ Environment



The LWVLVV December Board meeting was held at President Sandy and Treasurer Lyell Metcalf’s home.

Left: Lyell Metcalf, Secretary Ann Smith and Director Beverly Abderrahman looking over the December’s agenda.



League’s speakers are generating media attention.



Sam King, Betty Pardo, Teresa Bell and Freda Greenfield (left) reviewing mail at Board meeting.

New Year’s Resolution: To tolerate fools more gladly, provided this does not encourage them to take up more of my time.

James Agate

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2011 PROGRAM CALENDAR

February 19 **How to Lobby, Bobbi Gang**
March 13-15 **Grassroots Lobby Days - Carson City**
March 19 **Is now the time for annual sessions??**
April 16 **Nevada Wilderness Project , Charlotte Overby**

NEVADA LEGISLATURE

January 24 **Governors State of the State Address**
January 29 **Concurrent Town Hall Meetings on Budget**
February 7 **76th Session begins**
March 14 **Grassroots Lobby Day at Legislature - Carson City**
June 11 & 12 **League State Convention, Mesquite**
All legislative meetings teleconferenced at the Grant Sawyer Building unless noted.

LEAGUE COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULES

- Education — prior to monthly meeting
- Health—1st. Tues of month @ 5:30- Borders Books in Town Square
- Legislative—Call of the Chair (check League website)
- Juvenile Justice — following monthly meeting

2009-2010 NEVADA STATE LEAGUE OFFICERS

President — Sam King, Las Vegas
 Vice-President — Rosemary Gary, Mesquite
 Secretary — Alicia Wright, Sparks * Treasurer - Vivian Fully, Las Vegas
 Directors — Karen Beardsley, Kathleen Dickinson, Mary Liveretti,
 Sandy Metcalf, Betty Pardo, Lisa Stiller

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

The LWVLVV meet September through April, the third Saturday of the month. Meetings are currently held at the Las Vegas Social Club adjacent to Main Street Station, Main and Stewart. A 9:00- 10:00 a.m. social & breakfast is followed by the program at 10:00 a.m.

BREAKFAST \$20 with reservation.
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Magnetic \$10.00
 Pin \$9.00
 All profits go to the
 501 (c)(3) Education Project Fund
 See: **Freda Greenfield**
 at meeting or
lwv@lwvlasvegasvalley.org

YEARLY DUES—(MARCH —thru—MARCH)

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Name(s) _____
 Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

Yearly dues: () \$55 New/Renew Member () \$75 Household () \$25 Student

Donation to Education Fund _____ (tax deductible) Donation to Lobby Fund _____ (not tax deductible)

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