



THE VOTER

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Noted Columnist

JANE ANN MORRISON
Political Potpourri

League Business Meeting immediately following

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2010

**IF YOU ARE
VOTING,
PLEASE
BRING THIS
MANUAL
TO THE
APRIL
MEETING**



LWVLVV OFFICERS 2009-2010

President: Mary Beth Heavrin
1st. VP: Sam King
2nd VP: Jan Biggerstaff
Secretary: Ann Marie Smith
Treasurer: Sandy Metcalf
Directors: Teresa Bell
Laura Golod
Freda Greenfield
Betty Pardo

**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

Members & guests with reservations \$18

(no shows will be charged)

Members without reservations and Non-members: \$20

10:00 A.M. PROGRAM

Phone: 702-464-7887

E-mail: lwv@lwvlasvegasvalley.org

Reservations by Wednesday, April 14, 2010

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *By: Mary Beth Heavrin*

As the Las Vegas Valley League of Women Voters' 2009-2010 year comes to a close, I would like to give my thanks and appreciation to our Board, the Ed Fund Board, and to our members for all of your support during my year as President. It was a year for celebrating women's suffrage through:

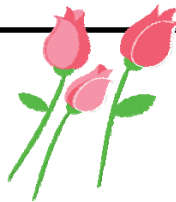
- ◆ Social gatherings and memories as we rekindled the Holiday December Social and celebrated our organization's founding with a festive 90th Birthday Party;
- ◆ Unique presentations that enlightened and enhanced our understanding of the issues confronting our community, state, and nation.
- ◆ Fun times at each of our monthly breakfast meetings when we were able to sit and visit with each other about the important issues of the day;
- ◆ Focusing on building for the future and growing League's presence in our community;
- ◆ Realizing that we are walking in the footprints of those valiant League women who came before us and deepening their impressions as we continue their efforts into the future;
- ◆ Active and enthusiastic League volunteers working to improve our community;
- ◆ Great work being done by League committees as they addressed the vital issues concerning their committee's focus; and,
- ◆ Eager League volunteers who were willing to help whenever a call went out.

Although the 2009-2010 League year will soon come to a close, the work of the League will continue throughout the summer. If you have a desire to become more involved in League, there are many ways to do so, just please let us know of your interest. I am looking forward to seeing you at April's Breakfast Meeting and thanks again for all you do on behalf of League.

JANE ANN MORRISON

Our April speaker is noted Las Vegas Review Journal columnist Jane Ann Morrison. From her start in Boston, MA on the Christian Science Monitor, then on to Fort Smith, Arkansas and stopping off in Las Vegas in 1976 to work for the Las Vegas Review-Journal temporarily, she has worked in newspapers since 1971. A feature writer working from the night cops, to federal court then gaming, in 2003 she became the first woman general interest columnist for the RJ.

Jane Ann is noted for her outspoken, direct and often humorous take on the political scene in Nevada - especially Las Vegas - and we are fortunate to welcome her to our April meeting.



STATE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *By: Sam King*

The League of Woman Voters celebrated our 90th birthday in February. We then roared into March with a busy advocacy agenda fighting for good governance with an informed understanding of the innovation that comes with each new decade. The League of Women Voters respects the process of democratic government dependent upon informed, active, citizen participation. League at every level - national, state and local - works to ensure that our elected officials and governmental bodies protect the citizens' right to know, and gives adequate notice of proposed actions in a clear and transparent form. Our democratic-representative government is charged with creating policy ensuring that every person has access to public education, minimally ensuring national literacy while maximizing transition into secondary, post-secondary and lifelong learning so that individuals have equal opportunity and do not suffer legal, economic, or administrative discrimination. A literate population is inherent to supporting a sustainable quality of life for our citizens so that, as a nation, we are globally competitive and a leader at the international table.

The League of Woman Voters supports responsible government. Responsible government must be responsive to the will of the people; maintains an equitable and flexible fiscal system, promotes conservation and the development of resources in the public interest, provides solutions for economic and social problems that affect the general welfare, promotes a sound economy and adopts policies that facilitate solutions to domestic and global issues. League positions begin with our mission and develop as the result of study and consensus requiring respect for individual differences, collaboration and cooperation. Cooperation and collaboration are basic for sustainable, reasonable solutions and policy. The League of Women Voters of Nevada is a visible advocate. Our vision, beliefs and intentions guide activities and advocacy. We lobbied during the 26th Special Session of our Nevada Legislature; participated in the annual meeting of the Nevada Taxpayers Association, partnered with the Las Vegas Clean Cities Coalition, participated in the Washington D.C. Oxfam International Summit and Lobby Event with Sisters of the Planet, focusing on global climate change, economic impacts, health care, and woman's issues in celebration of March 8, 2010 International Women's Day. In cooperation with the League of Woman Voters US, our Nevada League promotes an independent judiciary and will be providing forums to explain upcoming Nevada ballot questions for adaptation of the merit selection of judges and asking voters to support the creation of a Nevada appellate court.

The United States Constitution requires that a census be taken every ten years. The 2010 Census count will determine a return of federal dollars to support state services. We are partnering with the Nevada 2010 Community March to Mail Boxes Census in preparation of count day.

No matter how long the winter, spring is sure to follow. ~Proverb



Please note: You are always welcome to join one or more of our active committees

EDUCATION: The League supports adequate and equitable funding for all levels of public education, is committed to continuing efforts to establish excellence in all our children’s schools.

ENVIRONMENT: We are interested in learning more about various aspects of our environment, the political processes that govern decisions about the environment, and sharing ideas and stories about those issues.

HEALTH: We continue to work in coalition with other groups to support health issues relevant to our local as well as national populations. Members interested in learning how to affect a change in the health care system are encouraged to join us.

JUVENILE JUSTICE: An ongoing committee that often meets and works in conjunction with the Education Committee to bring awareness to the problems facing incarcerated juveniles.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE: A dormant committee that needs someone to chair and lead this much needed committee. Volunteers??

LEGISLATIVE: A popular and very active group that directs the legislative program for our League.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: We continue to monitor and work with the community on finding solutions to a growing problem in our community. .

MEMBERSHIP: An organization is only as strong as its membership. We actively go into the community and recruit new members as well as increase the community’s awareness of the activities of our League to show how being involved with League is educational and fun.

VOTER SERVICES: We are an organization that endorses and assists in voter registration. Classes are held regularly through the County Registrar to provide members with training to become voter registrars.

TIMES AND PLACES OF MEETINGS ON BACK PAGE OF THE VOTER

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

NAME _____ **PHONE** _____ **FAX** _____

DATE _____ **EMAIL** _____

ADDRESS _____ **ZIP** _____

Permission to publish the above, *minus FAX & email address*, in the LWVLVV For MEMBERS ONLY Roster.

New Member (joined this year) Continuing Member in Las Vegas Previous Member from out of state

How did you learn about the League of Women Voters?

Did another member invite you to a meeting? _____ If yes, who?

PLEASE LIST YOUR INTERESTS / HOBBIES / PROFESSION / AREAS OF EXPERTISE, ETC.:

PLEASE CHECK THE COMMITTEE(S) THAT INTEREST YOU:

EDUCATION **ENVIRONMENT** **HEALTH** **JUVENILE JUSTICE** **LEGISLATIVE**
 AFFORDABLE HOUSING **CRIMINAL JUSTICE** **MEMBERSHIP** **VOTER SERVICES**

Please Complete and Return to:

**League of Women Voters of Las Vegas Valley; P.O. Box 12991; Las Vegas, NV 89112
 or bring to our next meeting...Thank You**

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAS VEGAS VALLEY



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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 meets 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 9:30 a.m. breakfast is followed by the program at 10:00 a.m.

Breakfast is \$18.00 with reservation, without reservation and non-members \$20

2010 PROGRAM CALENDAR

April 17, 2010 Jane Ann Morrison -Political Potpourri
League Business Meeting

September 18, 2010 We're Back

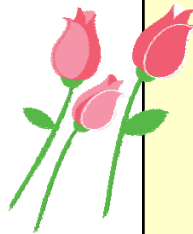
COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULES

- Affordable Housing— following monthly program
- Education — prior to monthly meeting
- Environment— 3rd Tuesday, 2 pm, Borders, Towne Sq. Shopping Center
- Health—First Tuesday of month (phone for location and time)
- Legislative—Call of the Chair (check League website)
- Juvenile Justice —Call of the Chair

**NAME
BADGES**

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



INTERIM LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULES

PLEASE CHECK LEAGUE'S WEBSITE

www.lwvlasvegasvalley.org

For current alerts

and

'google' Nevada Legislature for meeting schedules

Meetings held at the Grant Sawyer Building

YEARLY DUES—MARCH 2010—MARCH 2011 DUE NOW

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LAS VEGAS VALLEY

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)

Please note: Pictures are occasionally taken for our publications during meetings. Please check if ok to use

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