

# THE VOTER

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*Our JANUARY TIMELY TOPIC*

## **AFGHANISTAN**

**Travels & Impressions by Jo Gilbert**



**Tuesday, January 14**

**7 - 9 pm**

**at the home of  
Lucile Spurlock  
Menlo Park**

*Jo Gilbert, one of our League members, is a well-seasoned world traveler to 65 countries and 5 continents. She visited Afghanistan in 2008 with Global Exchange, a group connecting people, issues, and movements to social change. Join us for wine and dessert and learn about her eye-opening experiences in this pivotal part of the world.*

**RSVP to Ellen Hope by Monday, January 13:**

**[Ellenhope@aol.com](mailto:Ellenhope@aol.com) or 650 839-8647**

***Need transportation? Rides are available.***

***Just ask when you RSVP!***

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



Once the holidays are over and the Inauguration takes place, the real work of rebuilding our nation, economically, structurally and ethically, can begin in earnest. Obama could hardly face more daunting challenges at home and abroad. Our own state's future still hangs in the

balance as budgetary constraints will force difficult decisions and compromises in Sacramento. Our former County Supervisor Jerry Hill had very little time to make that transition before being thrown into the budget lions' den.

Yet I am upbeat about our future. Our dream of real redistricting reform has been realized! We are already ahead in the Green Revolution, especially here in San Mateo County - ***find out how much progress we have made and what more we can do at County League Day Feb 21!*** We will make time to study the national issues and focus our attention again on State League programs and policies in advance of the May State Convention. Now is the time to harness that energy created by the Presidential Election into LOCAL ACTION. Now is the time to forge ahead on a new path in pursuit of new ideas and time-honored ideals on which our country has been built.

*Jamie Shepard, Board President*  
[jamieshepard@att.net](mailto:jamieshepard@att.net)

## BOARD MEETING BRIEFS

**Highlights from Monday evening, Dec 1:**

**GREEN RIBBON COMMITTEE:** The Menlo Park Green Ribbon Citizens Committee will host a community workshop entitled "A New Day Is Dawning: What's Next for Our Community?" on Saturday, Dec 13 at 10:30-12:00 noon in the Menlo Park Library downstairs conference room. Gail Slocum, San Mateo County Planning Commission Chair and former Menlo Park Mayor, will be the featured speaker.

**SAN MATEO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**VACANCY:** Jackie Jacobberger (North/Central League) has been asked to act as moderator for the selection process to appoint a replacement for Jerry Hill (District 2). *See page 6 for details*

**POTENTIAL STATE-WIDE STUDY:** Several Leagues have proposed a state-wide study on California's prison system. Input from our membership will be gathered as part of program planning at our Dec 9 holiday party.

**ADMIN MATTERS:** Our antiquated office answering machine has now been replaced with AT&T's voicemail system. *Thanks to Lucile Spurlock for cleaning up the post-elections mess!*

**HOUSING:** Patty Boyle has been in discussion with the local non-profit Threshold 2008 about co-sponsoring a "Community Conversation on Housing" in Menlo Park early in 2009. The forum would provide an open and inclusive process for all of our South San Mateo County community members to explore and share perspectives on long-term housing needs and solutions. Several League members have been trained as facilitators using Threshold's process.

**MEMBERSHIP:** The Board agreed on a process to grant a limited number of membership scholarships to ensure that financial hardship doesn't stand in the way of League membership and participation. Scholarship recommendations may be approved through our League President, Membership Chair, or Dues Secretary.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Two non-Board League members are still needed to serve on this year's Nominating Committee, chaired by Mary Kneip. Current Board members will review and update their position descriptions in advance of the January Board meeting.

**PROGRAMS:** Jo Gilbert will discuss her experience in Afghanistan at January's "Timely Topics". Ellen Hope and Barbara Boles are coordinating a series of monthly small group discussion meetings starting in January on four topics of national urgency, which were highlighted in "An Open Letter to the Next President" in the LWV U.S.'s November League-Voice newsletter: climate change, health care, immigration, and tax policies. Discussion will center on the League's existing positions, as well as the process for how the League formulates positions. *See pages 4-5 for Topic #1 brief*

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, Feb 5, 7pm, at Lucile Spurlock's, Menlo Park.

*Kathy Armstrong, Board Secretary*  
[karmstro@conncoll.edu](mailto:karmstro@conncoll.edu)

## LOCAL LEAGUE NEWS

### WE KICK OFF THE NEW YEAR WITH A SERIES OF IN-DEPTH DISCUSSIONS ON NATIONAL ISSUES



### Topic #1: Tax Policy & Income Inequality

The League has always prided itself on being ahead of the curve when it studies and takes positions on issues. On the national level, we have many positions that might actually have a chance of becoming policy or law in the new Obama administration. As a result, we anticipate that we will receive many "Calls to Action" in the future. To prepare ourselves for those letters to our Congressional representatives, we plan to review and discuss some of those positions over the upcoming months. We will launch this series of informal discussions in January by first examining our national positions related to tax policy and income inequality. You may have already read the "Letter to the New President" in the October issue of the National Voter. To aid your understanding and facilitate our discussion, the article is reprinted in this issue on pages 4-5. Please join the discussion at **1pm** on **Thursday, January 22**, at **Barbara Boles' home, 964 Durlston Rd, Redwood City**.

**Contacts: Ellen Hope, 650 839-8647, or Barbara Boles, 650 368-4766**

### LEAGUE INFO ONLINE

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LWV CA: [www.CA.LWV.org](http://www.CA.LWV.org)  
LWVUS: [www.LWV.org](http://www.LWV.org)

## COUNTY LEAGUE DAY

### Saturday, February 21

### "SUSTAINABILITY:

### Making A Green Difference"

Hosted by the North/Central San Mateo County League. Come hear from community leaders who are delivering sustainable prosperity, and, even more important, learn how you can make a green difference in your home or business .



**WHEN:** Saturday February 21, 9am-1pm

**WHERE:** The Sustainable Center of South San Francisco, 1 Chestnut Ave, South San Francisco

*Details to follow in the February 2009 VOTER*

## BOOK GROUP

The Book Group kicks off the New Year with Tom Friedman's *Hot, Flat, and Crowded: Why We Need A Green Revolution & How It Can Renew America*. We will meet on January 15 at 7:30pm. A timely topic indeed, given our County League Day's agenda!

**Contact: Judy Orttung, 650 234-9837**

## BOOK PURCHASES AT KEPLER'S BENEFIT OUR LEAGUE ALL YEAR!



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your purchases in store and online to our local League year-round - just ask!

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**If you want to make an online purchase**, go to our website ([www.LWVSSMC.org](http://www.LWVSSMC.org)) Click on the Kepler's logo on our home page and 10% of your online purchases will be donated automatically to our League.

# #1 TAX POLICY

By **WILLIAM WOODWELL, JR**  
(reprinted from *National LWV Voter*)

## **WHAT WE MUST DO:**

The United States is hailed as a land of opportunity, a place where anyone can succeed, provided they work hard and play by the rules. For too many Americans, however, this vision has become an unattainable dream—not because of anything they did or didn't do, but because the system is stacked against them. The combination of an unfair tax system and insufficient (and inequitable) public investment in education, job creation, and crucial supports for middle- and lower-income Americans has created a nation where the rich get richer while millions struggle just to get by. We have to restore equality and fairness to America's tax system, while ensuring that the federal government continues to play a leading role in providing health insurance, income support and vital services to the elderly, children and others in need. "We can have democracy in this country, or we can have great wealth concentrated in the hands of a few. But we can't have both," said U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis.

## **WHY IT'S IMPORTANT:**

Americans have always understood that living in a free, capitalist and entrepreneurial society means accepting disparities in wealth and income. In recent years, however, government decisions have made those disparities more pronounced, harder to bridge—and, as a result, harder to accept.

• **POVERTY IS ON THE RISE.** In 2006, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, 36.5 million Americans were living in poverty—defined as roughly \$20,500 income for a family of four. This marked an increase from 31.5 million in poverty in 2000. The official poverty rate for 2006—12.3 percent of the population — masked glaring differences among various segments of the population. The poverty rates for African Americans and Hispanics, for example, were 24.3 percent and 20.6 percent, respectively. Among children under 18 years of age, the rate was 17.4 percent—meaning 12.8 million

American children were living in poverty in 2006, up from 11.6 million in 2000.

• **INEQUALITY IS ON THE RISE.** According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, the gap between the richest and poorest families, and between rich and middle income families, grew significantly in most states over the last two decades. In fact, the income gap accelerated since the late 1990s as incomes fell for poor families and stagnated for middle-income families in a number of states. In 2006, the top 20 percent of households earned more than half (50.5 percent) of the nation's total household income, and their share continues to grow. Meanwhile, the share of income earned by those at all other income levels has been in a steady decline over the last two decades.

• **GOVERNMENT POLICIES HAVE WIDENED THE GAP.** An array of government decisions in areas from tax policy to levels of funding for education and social services have contributed to growing inequality in America. Among the government actions that have done the most to widen the gap: reductions in taxes for the wealthiest Americans

## **WHAT'S IN IT FOR US:**

Inequality threatens the well-being of all Americans, no matter what we earn or where we live.

• **A FRAYING SOCIAL FABRIC.** That millions of Americans are living in poverty or on the edge can lead to family breakdowns and higher rates of crime and violence. People feel more isolated, more disconnected and more frustrated and are more reluctant to join with others to solve common problems. Other concerns take a backseat to the work of surviving and getting by. Researchers such as Robert Putnam at Harvard University have linked a steady decline in civic engagement in the United States to rising levels of inequality. As Putnam notes in the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*:

*Folks in small towns who have managed to climb the ladder of success through education and well-paid employment are just as happy and socially engaged as their advantaged peers elsewhere. But the large numbers of small-town people who have not managed to get on that ladder are as unhappy, fearful about the future and unlikely to think government will listen to them as their peers in cities and suburbs.*

• **A WEAKENING ECONOMY.** Growing disparities in health and income hurt the nation by lowering efficiency and productivity, reducing demand for goods and services, and increasing costs for health care and social services. A recent analysis found that the costs to the United States associated with child poverty alone total about \$500 billion per year. More specifically, the authors found that childhood poverty reduces productivity and economic output by about 1.3 percent of the U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) each year, while raising the costs of crime by 1.3 percent of GDP. (2)

### **WHERE WE ARE NOW:**

In the year 2000, dividend income was taxed as ordinary income—this meant the wealthiest Americans were paying a top marginal rate of 39.6 percent on dividends. The top tax rate on capital gains from the sale of stocks and other assets was 20 percent. In 2003, the President and Congress lowered the top rate for capital gains and corporate stock dividends to 15 percent. An analysis of 2005 IRS statistics by Citizens for Tax Justice found that nearly three-fourths of the tax reductions went to Americans earning more than \$500,000—just 0.6 percent of the population. Meanwhile, the 67 million tax filers reporting adjusted gross incomes of less than \$30,000—half of all filers—got virtually none of the capital gains and dividend tax breaks. The total cost of the tax breaks to the federal government: \$91.7 billion in 2005, about the costs of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan that year.

In addition to slashing dividend and capital gains taxes, Congress and the President offered another new tax break to the wealthiest Americans in 2001 when they agreed to gradually phase out the federal tax on inherited estates. However, because of concerns about lost revenue, the estate tax is slated to come back to life in 2011 after vanishing entirely in 2010. According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, permanent repeal of the tax would cost the U.S. Treasury more than \$1 trillion between 2012 and 2021. (3) Proponents of repealing the estate tax regularly argue that it has dire consequences for small, family-owned farms and businesses. But the reality is that very few family-owned farm estates and businesses would owe any estate

tax under current federal rules, which exempt estates valued at under \$2 million. In fact, more than 99 percent of estates pay no estate tax. No less a capitalist than Warren Buffett has called on Congress to keep the estate tax in place, arguing that a “meaningful estate tax is needed to prevent our democracy from becoming a dynastic plutocracy.”

Buffett added that in the last 20 years, U.S. tax laws have allowed the “super-rich” to get richer. “Tax-law changes have benefited this group, including me, in a huge way,” he said. “During that time the average American went exactly nowhere on the economic scale: He’s been on a treadmill while the super rich have been on a spaceship.” (4)

### **AGENDA FOR THE NEW PRESIDENT:**

The disparities between the haves and have-nots in America have reached unacceptable levels. The President and Congress must take action to level the playing field by:

- Repealing the Bush tax cuts that provide benefits exclusively to the wealthiest Americans, including cuts in the tax rates on capital gains and dividends.
- Preserving the estate tax for the largest inherited estates.
- Restoring fairness to the U.S. tax system by expanding tax benefits for working families, including the Earned Income Tax Credit.
- Ensuring adequate and flexible funding for federal government programs, and a strong federal role in providing mandatory, universal, old-age, survivors, disability and health insurance.

#### *Endnotes*

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## LOCAL SPOTLIGHT: JOBTRAIN, Menlo Park

*League members Anne De Carli and Barbara Seaney are long-time volunteers at JobTrain*

JobTrain is an educational and vocational training institution, providing life skills classes, career counseling, and job placement services primarily for residents of what are considered the poorest areas of San Mateo County – East Palo Alto, east-side Menlo Park, and North Fair Oaks



(Redwood City). JobTrain is committed to helping those who are most in need to succeed, and provide our clients and their families with what they truly need – a hand up, and not a hand out.

Since its inception 43 years ago, JobTrain has helped over 130,000 low-income individuals move toward a better life. Last year, the staff and volunteers like Anne and Barbara touched the lives of nearly 5,000 people and placed 81% of graduates in quality jobs. With the recent spike in unemployment, demand for services has more than tripled. Even so, JobTrain placed 89% of graduates in the past five months into jobs at an average starting wage of \$17/hour.

For more information, contact Kate Bryan at 650 330.6499 or [kbryan@jobtrainworks.org](mailto:kbryan@jobtrainworks.org).

## ELECTION VS APPOINTMENT: San Mateo County Board of Supervisors faces dilemma

Jerry Hill's successful bid for a State Assembly seat has caused considerable angst at the San Mateo



County Board of Supervisors. After much wrangling, the Supervisors approved the recommendation put forth by Supervisors Gordon and Church to consider an appointment to fill Jerry Hill's vacancy.

Ten years ago, past State League President and North/Central League member Jackie Jacobberger facilitated the process by which Supervisor Rose Gibson was appointed. At this writing, the Supervisors have asked Jackie to again serve in this capacity. The timeline and process approved are:

- IMMEDIATE: Those seeking the position will be asked to complete an application form;
- DEC 9, Regular meeting date: Hold public hearing, explaining the process
- DEC 11: Application deadline
- DEC 15, Special Session: Each of the applicants will be given 15 minutes to present why they should succeed Jerry Hill. Supporters will also be allowed to speak on the applicant's behalf
- DEC 16 (regular meeting date): The Supervisors will decide to appoint one of the applicants to fill the term or to call for an election.

The League usually champions elections over appointments. Both Boards weighed this position against the time delay, the cost to the candidates, the \$1.6M expense of an election, and potential low voter turnout. However, the election argument proved more compelling when the race could be added to the June 2 ballot for state. Ultimately, the decision lies with the Supervisors.

## BAY AREA LEAGUE DAY JANUARY 31, 2009:

**"Water – California's  
New Gold"**



**TOPICS:** Climate change and drought, the Delta, agriculture, other water uses, water meters, and more.

**SCHEDULE:** Registration opens at 9am; the program runs 9:30am - 2pm.

**PLACE:** MetroCenter Auditorium, 101 Eighth Street, downtown Oakland.

**PRICE: \$25 (\$15 w/o lunch) before Jan 23; \$30 (\$20 w/o lunch) after.** Register online at [www.LWVBayArea.org](http://www.LWVBayArea.org) or by mail (check payable to "LWVBA") to 1611 Telegraph Avenue, Suite 300, Oakland, CA 94612.

**For more information, call (510) 839-1608**

## BAY AREA LEAGUE NEWS

### NEW WOOD BURNING REGULATION FOR THE BAY AREA HELPS SPARE OUR WINTER AIR

At the Dec. 2 meeting, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) explained the new fireplace wood burning regulations. Small particulate matter from wood and synthetic wood logs leads to levels of tiny particles in the air that penetrate to small passages deep in the lungs and harm the health and function of vulnerable populations, like asthma sufferers. The new regulation, now in effect, makes it illegal to have an indoor wood fire whenever BAAQMD declares a "Winter Spare the Air Alert". Check the daily burn status and sign up for AirAlerts at [www.sparetheair.org](http://www.sparetheair.org) or call the toll-free hotline **1-877-4-NO-BURN**.

### PROGRAM PLANNING FOR 2009-2011

## STATE LEAGUE NEWS LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY

Every two years, local Leagues participate in the program planning process to give direction on the issues our State League will emphasize through advocacy, community education or study in the next biennium. The 2009-2011 Program Planning Kit (*to be mailed to each League president*) will contain background material about current LWVC positions and how they have been used in advocacy. In addition, it contains information about concurrence and the newly-updated policies concerning the study and consensus process.

In 2008, the LWVC was engaged in a strategic planning process. We are spread far and wide - both in the number of policy positions we currently have and in the increased number of voter service projects we have undertaken - and must optimize our limited resources. Within the context of strategic planning, the State Board asks you to focus on issues of Democracy, Voting and Civic Engagement because these are areas in which we can have the greatest impact. We respect the process of grass-roots member interest in any issue which may be suitable for the League to undertake, as well as the will of the state convention to set priorities from both a policy and a budgetary standpoint. Visit the *Resources for Thinking Strategically*" page

on the State League's website to find out more.

Program planning reports from each League are due Feb 13. This is the first step in a process which ends with the adoption of a 2009-2011 program by delegates to the LWVC convention in Long Beach this May. *See below*

### OTHER ADVOCACY ON THE HORIZON

- Prop 11 Redistricting has passed! Thank you for all your hard work to make redistricting reform a reality in California! Interest in pushing forward with other needed reforms has everybody buzzing. Fix the structural budget problem? The initiative process? Further reforms in campaign financing? Our election systems? Open primaries? Give me your input!
- The state budget deficit is back big time, with the Governor declaring a fiscal emergency and calling a second special budget session of the Legislature. Moreover, ballot measures passed in November now require monitoring, possible legal action, public education about implementation, etc. Stay tuned for more about what the LWVC will be doing and what efforts we will be suggesting for your assistance.
- There will likely be another statewide special election in June 2009. The legislature needs to take action to call this election, but it is apparent that budgetary issues that require a vote of the people will need action sooner than June 2010.

## Catch the Wave to the Future

### LWVC Convention in Long Beach, May 15-17, 2009

Friday, May 15 - Sunday, May 17, 2009 is when it all comes together in Long Beach for three days of fun and policy at the LWVC Convention 2009. The Long Beach LWV has been hard at work preparing a warm welcome to League members. A dinner and tour of the famous Queen Mary will be offered on Friday evening as a special event!

### Suggested Speakers/Topics for State Convention?

I must provide any suggestions to Convention Chair Trudy Jarratt very soon. Topics will be decided at the LWVC's mid-January board meeting. Please include names of possible speakers, a summary outline, and any presentation details.

*Linda Craig, Advocacy Director, LWV of California*  
[lcraig@lwvc.org](mailto:lcraig@lwvc.org) 650 322-6914

# UPCOMING EVENTS on THE CALENDAR

## JANUARY

5 Mon	7pm	<b>LWVSSMC Board Meeting</b> at Lucile Spurlock's home, Menlo Park
14 Wed	7pm	<b>TIMELY TOPIC: "Afghanistan"</b> with Jo Gilbert, at Lucile Spurlock's home, Menlo Park. <b>RSVP to Ellen Hope: ellenjhope@aol.com or 650 839-8647</b>
15 Thurs	7:30pm	<b>BOOK GROUP</b> on Tom Friedman's <i>Hot, Flat, and Crowded: Why We Need A Green Revolution &amp; How It Can Renew America</i>
22 Thurs	1-3pm	<b>NATIONAL ISSUES DISCUSSION #1: "Tax Policy and Income Inequality"</b> at Barbara Boles home, 650 368-4766
29 Thurs	4:30 - 6:30pm	<b>WORKSHOP by "CALIFORNIA WOMEN LEAD"</b> , educating and encouraging women to seek public office. Co-sponsored by LWV-NCSMC, Peninsula Library & San Mateo County Commission on the Status of Women. Location: Canada College, 4200 Farm Hill Rd, Redwood City. Info: Ruth Nagler 650 356-2128
31 Sat	9am - 2pm	<b>BAY AREA LEAGUE DAY "Water: California's New Gold"</b> Registration 9am, program 9:30am Location: MetroCenter Auditorium, 101 Eighth St, Oakland

## FEBRUARY

2 Mon	7pm	<b>LWVSSMC Board Meeting</b> at Lucile Spurlock's home, Menlo Park
21 Sat	9am - 1pm	<b>COUNTY LEAGUE DAY "Sustainability: Making a Green Difference"</b> , hosted by the North/Central LWV. Location: The Sustainable Center of South San Francisco, 1 Chestnut Ave, South San Francisco

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