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Annual LWV Monterey Peninsula Business Meeting and 85th Anniversary Reminiscence

This month, instead of the usual General Meeting with a guest speaker, our League will be celebrating its 85th anniversary at the Annual Meeting.

The after-luncheon program will feature a History of the League of Women Voters of the Monterey Peninsula. We will hear from several longtime members, who will describe the issues they faced during their watches. Our latest 50-year member will be announced: can you guess who it is?

In 1911, nine years in advance of the 19th Amendment to the federal constitution, the suffrage campaign convinced a majority of California voters (all men at the time) to pass a state constitutional amendment granting women the right to vote in all elections.

Dennis Mar will talk about the 1911 women's suffrage campaign on the Monterey Peninsula (yes, *Herbert Hoover's mother-in-law* was a suffragist). Dennis will also delve into the early activities of the LWVMP. Can you believe that in 1933, they were talking about water?

Beverly Bean will conduct the business part of our Annual Meeting (see page 2 for details).

Note: The meeting begins at **11 am**. And, please **bring your copy of the April 2012 Voter** (the 12-pager) that contains the background articles regarding the proposed merger of the Salinas Valley and Monterey Peninsula leagues. This will be a discussion of, should we say, *historic proportions*.

Dennis Mar DennisRMar3@yahoo.com

LWVMP Annual Meeting Luncheon

(General Meetings usually on 2nd Wednesday of month)

Business Meeting begins at 11am

Lunch 12:15 / Presentation 12:45

\$20 per person for lunch (*entrée, salads, beverages, dessert*)

Reservations are a must for lunch!

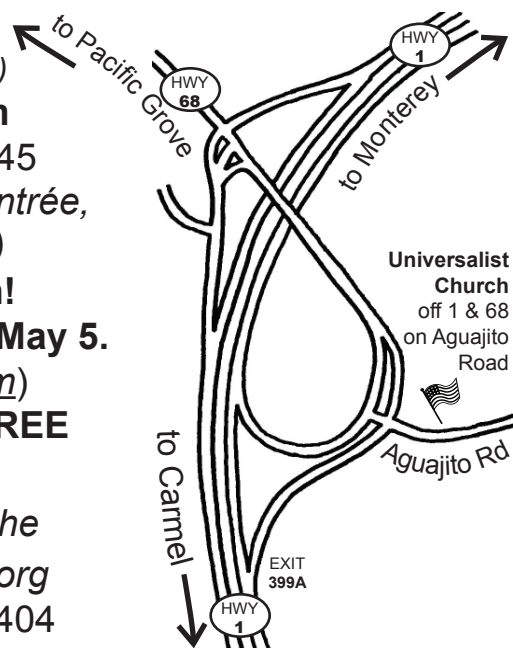
Contact Tamara Harris by Saturday, May 5.

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Pay at the door for lunch: meeting/presentation is **FREE** and does not require a reservation.

LWVMP General Luncheon Meetings are held at the

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The PRESIDENT'S Message

Annual Meeting

Please be sure to join us at our Monterey Peninsula League's Annual Meeting on **Wednesday, May 9 at 11 am** (*please note the early start time*). The business meeting will be followed by luncheon at 12:15 and a celebration of our history starting at 12:45.

We need a quorum to complete our agenda. We will be electing the Board and adopting the budget and want to hear your suggestions for topics and speakers for the next League year. All the details are in your **Call to the Annual Meeting**, which you will soon receive by mail, thanks to the efforts of **Dennis Mar**.

This Annual Meeting is the occasion of a major decision regarding a merger with the **LWV of the Salinas Valley (LWVSV)**. The merger process is not simply each League voting in favor and it is done. We are advised by our MTA, **Jackie Jacobberger**, a past president of the LWV California, that approval must then be sought from both state and national Leagues. The last step will be a joint meeting to adopt our by-laws.

Our representatives to the merger committee, **Robin Tokmakian** and **Tamara Harris** studied the issues, along with representatives from the LWVSV and they presented their report to the LWVMP Board on February 22. Thank you to both Tamara and Robin for all your work. **Phyllis Meuer** attended for the LWVSV.



After a lively discussion and a few suggested changes, the Board voted to submit the report to the membership for their consideration, with the name recommendation of: **"League of Women Voters of Monterey County."** The vote is scheduled for this meeting.

May is Last luncheon meeting until September

The Voter will also be taking a summer break. So I look forward to seeing many of you before the "holiday" and to celebrating our 85th anniversary together!

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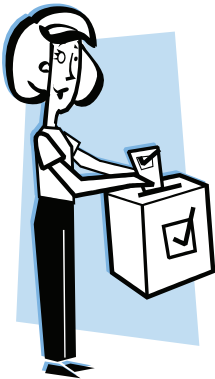
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Voting in the Primary Election

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In our Voters Service role, we present unbiased, nonpartisan information about elections, the voting process, and issues on the ballot. Being registered with a political party will make a difference when you vote in a Presidential primary election, but in California it will not make a difference when you vote in the statewide primary election for state constitutional, US Congressional, and state legislative offices. **Both the next Presidential and statewide primaries will be held on June 5, 2012.**



Presidential Primary

If you are registered to vote with a political party, you will be given a ballot for that party in a Presidential primary election.

If you are unaffiliated with any party (sometimes called “no party preference” or “decline to state”), you will be given a nonpartisan ballot, containing only the names of all candidates for nonpartisan offices and any ballot measures to be voted upon at the primary election.

Or, you may be able to request the ballot of one of the political parties at the polls or on your vote-by-mail ballot request form. Each political party has the option of allowing decline-to-state voters to vote in their Presidential primary.

California Statewide Primary

As of June 2012, California will start using the Top Two Candidate Open Primary system for statewide offices. All candidates for a given state or congressional office will be listed on a single Primary Election ballot. Voters can vote for the candidate of their choice for these offices. The top two candidates, as determined by the voters, will advance to the General Election in November.

More at <http://www.cavotes.org/vote/primary>

MEMBERSHIP MEMO

New LWVMP Member

Please give a warm welcome to **Martha Ashelman**, 200 Glenwood Circle #G-4, Monterey CA 93940, (831) 656-9148. And don't forget to add Martha to your current membership roster.



Updated Membership Roster

Our membership roster will be updated in the summer. New members will be included, but if your personal information has changed, please let me know as soon as possible.

Discussion of Possible League Merger at Annual Meeting

Please review and bring with you the information included in April's Voter regarding the merger proposal (Pages 7 to 10). This will be discussed and voted on at the annual meeting. Bring your questions, ideas and opinions to add to an important decision for both our and the Salinas Valley League.

Tamara Harris

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a
difference

The League of Women Voters of California is looking for **PROVEN** leaders for their **Board of Directors**. Know of a League member who is:

- Passionate** about League, has
- Respect** for the League mission, is
- Observant** of League traditions, has a
- Vision** for League's future, is
- Experienced** in League procedures, and has
- Notable** achievements?

Nominate her/him by at www.ca.lwv.org/lwvonly/forms/nomination_form.html, or contact LWVC NC Chair **Trudy Jarratt** at trjarratt@charter.net for more information.



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Annual Meeting & Anniversary Festivities



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11am Business Meeting

We need a quorum of members!

*Bring your April 2012 issue of
The Voter with you if possible*

(contact Beverly Bean)

12:15 Luncheon

(contact Tamara Harris)

12:45 History of LWVMP

(contact Dennis Mar)

May 2012

Program Calendar

Natural Resources Committee

THURSDAY, May 10

noon to 1:30pm

(second Thursday of each month)

Mariposa Hall, 801 Lighthouse, Monterey

Contact: **Janet Brennan**, 659-2090

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Joint Board Meeting

(old and new boards)

WEDNESDAY, May 23

11am followed by potluck lunch

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LWVMP and The Voter **SUMMER BREAK**



June / July / August

Next issue in September!

