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Time Again For

Program Planning “Souper” Lunch

Monday January 23, 2017

9:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

Saratoga Federated Church

20390 Park Place, Saratoga

What Political Issues Should Our League Study at the Local, County, Bay Area & State Levels?



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President's Letter

I hope that you and your family are enjoying all the blessings of this season, and I wish you all a happy New Year filled with joyful memorable moments. In this time of gratitude and thankfulness, I want to thank all Board and Off-Board members, all the volunteers, and all the donors for your continuous contributions and your generous support to keep our League striving and growing. It was a joy to see so many of you at our Holiday Party. Thanks to Judy and Terry Zaccone for helping our Leaguers to have another joyful memorable event.

I read the following story and thought that it is worth sharing it with all of you. One day a Professor asked his students to prepare for a surprise test. He handed out the quiz papers, with the text facing down as usual. Once he handed them all out, he asked his students to turn the page and begin. To everyone's surprise, there were no questions, just a black dot in the center of the page. The Professor then said, "I want you to write what you see there." The students confused, got started on the inexplicable task. At the end of the class, the Professor read each one of them aloud in front of all the students. All of them with no exceptions, described the black dot, trying to explain its position in the center of the sheet, etc... After all the descriptions had been read, the classroom in complete silence, the Professor began to explain, "I am not going to grade these on you. I just wanted to give you something to think about. No one wrote about the white

part of the paper. Everyone focused on the black dot and the same happens in our lives. We always focus on the dark spots. Our life is a gift given to us by God, with love and care, and we always have reasons to celebrate. However we insist on focusing only on the dark spots -- the health issues that bother us, the lack of money, the complicated relationship with family members, the disappointment with a friend etc..." He continued, "The dark spots are very small compared to everything we have in our lives, but they are the ones that pollute our minds. Take your eyes away from the black spots in your life and enjoy each one of your blessings, each moment that life gives you, and be happy and live a life positively."

In this great country of ours, we live in the golden state, in a distinguished region among fabulous communities. Your involvement in the League shows how grateful you are for your blessings and that you want to give back.

Let us all contribute to Peace in this world by sharing the positive enrichments of different communities and cultures. We all share one world regardless of race, culture or religion. Knowingly or unknowingly, our decisions and actions affect so many individuals in this world. Let's all embrace and enforce Peace as the foundation of our ideals and philosophies.

I want to extend an invitation to all our members to take advantage of a great opportunity by signing up for the Annual Bay Area League Day, which will start at 8:30 A.M. on Saturday, January 28, 2017, at the Camden Community Center, on 3369 Union Ave in San Jose. Pre-registration is \$35 including lunch. The topic this year will focus on Housing. This event will be replacing our regular program for February.

Normally around this time, the season for legislative interviews begins. Please let me know if you are interested in participating at these important interviews. Try to get involved with these interviews especially if you have never done it before. You'll find out that it is easy and enlightening.

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Board Bytes

Meeting of Dec 7, 2016

Treasurer: Last month's major expenses were due to LWVC PMPs and the many Voters Service events. We're still doing fine!

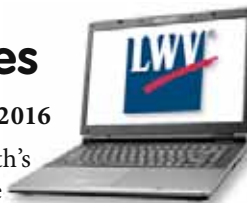
Brochure: The Board approved printing of 400 copies of the new brochure created for prospective members. Hana requested copies be given to all Board members when completed.

Announcements: President Itani discussed Leadership Training in February. She would like to see this expanded to include not just our chapter, but for all of Santa Clara County.

The Board approved an April program on The Right To Vote as requested by the San Jose Women's Clubhouse.

Programs: Eleanor Yick is holding a meeting for organization of Program Planning. She will concentrate on local issues given that LWVC has changed the process.

President Itani announced that the League State Convention will be held



in Sacramento in June 1-4. We can have three voting delegates along with other members attending as well. Details will be discussed at future Board meetings.

Suggestions for future programs such as one on the Midpeninsula Open Space organization and the history of the League presented as a skit were discussed.

Youth Outreach: Wanda Alexander discussed work and ideas on obtaining new, younger members. A committee was formed with Barbara Lea, Elaine Barnes, Sharon Graham, and Chata Alfaro all volunteering. Wanda suggested reviving the student contest with a dollar prize for the winner. The Board voted approval on a prize of \$500.

Study: A report from the Local Money in Politics Study Committee will include suggestions from local politicians. Candidates were interviewed for insights on best practices useful for future candidates trying to win a local office!

The Board is fermenting ideas for increasing our membership and our value to the community. **We encourage you to think about how you can help, too?**

Nancy Rucker, Secretary

President's Letter (Cont.)

We are a grassroots organization. Program planning is one of the ways for all of us to participate in a meaningful way. We all have the opportunity and the responsibility to participate in program planning. I am looking forward to seeing

you all at our Program Planning event on Monday, January 23, at 9:30 A.M. at the Federated Church in Saratoga.

Hana Itani, President LWVSWSCV
408-lwv-1842, hana.lwv@gmail.com.

LWV UN Delegates

Commission on the Status of Women: Upcoming Events

The focus of the United Nations turns toward women and gender issues during the 61st session of the Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations in New York, March 13-24, 2017. The priority theme of the meetings will be Women's Economic Empowerment in the Changing World of Work.

The League of Women Voters can register up to 20 members to attend Commission

meetings and events in the UN. Please contact Suzanne Stassevitch at smstass@mac.com



if you're interested in attending as a LWV UN Delegate. All League members can also self-register to attend more than 450 NGO events, panels and trainings conducted outside the UN complex and in parallel with the Commission meetings. Registration is open through March 3, 2017.

What Is Program Planning?

Our League's most important meeting of the year, **Program Planning**, is scheduled for **Monday, January 23, 2017**. Many new and sometimes even long-time members will ask, "What exactly is **Program Planning**?"

Program Planning: In the League, this is the process by which we jointly decide where and how we will focus our resources—member time, money, reputation—over the next two years. Typically, we have done this by reviewing our local, bay area and state or national positions depending on which level is hosting a convention. But, this year, a more streamlined process will be followed as we better coordinate our efforts with LWVC.

Delegates to the LWVUS Convention last June adopted a national campaign for Making Democracy Work® program, with a focus on:

- Voter protection and mobilization
- Election reform
- Money in politics, constitutional amendment, and redistricting.

In California, the League will be involved in implementing Making Democracy Work® both at the state and at the local level. Here's some of what we know LWV California will be doing:

- Expanding the electorate: continuing work to make the electorate in California more representative of the population as a whole
- Election reform: continued improvements to the voting experience and the elections process
- Implementation of SB 450 – vote centers and increased vote by mail
- Increased and stable funding for elections
- Designing improvements and standards for election materials, including ballots and vote by mail envelopes

- Implementation of same-day voter registration
- Standards and improvements for acceptance of vote by mail and provisional ballots

Money in politics:

- increasing transparency of the money spent on elections, including both legislation and the implementation of the new campaign finance reporting system (Cal-Access)
- Local government reforms such as public financing of local elections and ordinances limiting the size of campaign contributions.

Redistricting:

- Supporting local redistricting reform efforts
- Starting the statewide preparations for the redistricting process following the 2020 census, with attention to measures that count people in prisons appropriately (avoiding "prison gerrymandering") and an adequate budget for the state Citizens Redistricting Commission. Some of these items are statewide work, but a number—especially implementation issues—are areas in which we hope local Leagues will be active.

Here are a few more issues where the League has been active and/or League leaders anticipate ongoing work:

Higher education:

We expect to use our newly adopted position on Public Higher Education, for example, to support or oppose legislation about funding of the state's higher education systems

Equity issues:

in the distribution of school construction bond funds

Housing:

increasing the supply of low- and moderate- income housing

Criminal Justice System:

- Aspects such as felon disenfranchisement, privatization of prisons (for-profit prisons), and alternatives to incarceration
- Water: The LWVC will continue to act on issues such as water availability and quality, especially for low-income or disadvantaged users; environmental protection; and sustainable management of groundwater
 - California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): continuing to oppose proposals that limit the public's chance to weigh in on community land-use and environmental decisions; supporting proposals that streamline but do not weaken the CEQA process
 - State and local finances (SLF): We have joined in community education and action on proposals to modify Proposition 13 but have not taken action in other areas where our SLF position gives insufficient guidance, such as revenue bonds, sales tax on services, or earmarking/long-term funding for programs established by initiatives. Should we do a limited update study?

Where will our League have the most impact? What will help build our League name—and help build our organization? We are a grassroots organization. Program planning is one of the ways for all of us to participate in a meaningful way. We all have the opportunity and the responsibility to participate in program planning—to add our voices. We invite your participation as we address these crucial questions on Monday, January 23, 2017.

Please Note: additional information for pre reading will be sent out in an e-blast around January 10.

Located

Saratoga Federated Church

20390 Park Place, Saratoga

Time

9:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

Including our Souper Lunch!!

Parking available in the lower lot; elevator access available to upper floor of building.

Eleanor Yick, Organizer



City & Town Council Observers

Campbell: Our very own League Member, Liz Gibbons, was sworn in as Mayor of Campbell.

Congratulations Mayor Gibbons!

12/12/16 – The City Council voted to scrap the Dell Avenue Area Plan (DAAP), which had been released on June 22, 2015. The plan was looking to guide future growth for the 112 acre Dell Avenue area. The proposed plan would have included high-tech office buildings, employee housing units, and open space. After hearing residents’ concerns and taking into account the environmental impact on traffic and air quality, the Council made its decision to discontinue the plan.

Jackie Costanzo, Observer

Los Gatos: League member Marico Sayok has been sworn in as Mayor of Los Gatos.

Congratulations Mayor Sayoc!

12/6/16 - A budget savings excess of \$2.6 million of funds already set aside for specific projects was reported. Proposals for use will be discussed in January 2017 meetings.

Volunteer Assistance

Below are a few ways to participate and/or contribute to our League:

* **Voters Service**, Register voters at the New Citizen’s ceremonies. Contact Jackie Costanzo at jjc717@aol.com.

* **Local Elections Finance Study**, If interested in participating in this money-in-politics study at the local level, contact Danice & Tom Picraux at dpicraux@gmail.com or 408)356-8129.

* **Membership**, An assistant is needed. Please contact Sharon Graham at sharona.graham@gmail.com.

* **Observers**, Volunteer for the Monte Sereno Council meetings. They can be watched on TV. Contact Raquel Durand at sra_durand@yahoo.com

* **LWVC Convention**, mcox@lwvc.org

* **LWV Delegate to the UN**, to the Commission on the Status of Women smstass@mac.com.



The Council heard concerns on how high costs of traffic mitigation fees deter new businesses from locating here. Policy was changed to group businesses located in downtown area as a whole (mall-like), in effort to encourage new businesses within the town.

Marcia Jensen and Barbara Spector were sworn in to serve four-year terms. Candidates to fill vacancies in town commissions, committees, and boards were interviewed and selected. The General Plan Committee and Building Board of Appeals have openings remaining for applicants.

Lynda Jandron, Observer

Saratoga: League member Emily Low is now Saratoga City Mayor.

The Council approved the results of the November 8 general election with the City Clerk administering the Oath of Office to the newly elected.

Congratulations Mayor Low!

12/7/16 – Council members were appointed to the Traffic Safety and Heritage Preservation Commissions. The appropriate administering of the oath of office followed.

A presentation from Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) Commission provided a status update. Council recommended direction to the City’s renewable energy accounts once the SVCE’s 100% carbon-free electricity services become available.

The City Council proposed an Urgent Interim Ordinance extending the November 2 ordinance, in anticipation of the passage of Proposition 64, prohibiting the outdoor cultivation of marijuana. The Council will explore options and report back at the end of 2017.

Having participated in the 2015 study, the Council never the less rejected the study’s recommendation to raise the minimum wage to \$15 by 2019. Council voted instead to adopt Senate Bill 3 raising the minimum wage to \$15 by 2023.

Council recommended opening a public hearing to receive public testimony on the Formation of the Arrowhead Community Facilities District (No.16-1) continuing the Public Hearing on the December 21, 2016, City Council Meeting.

Raquel Durand, Observer Chair

Great Decisions 2017

Below is the roster signup for section leaders. The dates of the Great decisions are also on this roster. Volunteers are needed to lead sessions in both Sections.

Pickup for the Great Decisions books will be on February 29, 2017, at the Oak Room of the Saratoga Senior Center between 1 P.M. and 3 P.M. Please contact Terry Zaccone to lead a session or for further questions at tzaccone@pacbell.net.

Date	Topic	Section One	Section Two
2/2/2017	EU	Wendy/Dan Hendry	
2/16/2017	Trade		
3/2/2017	China		
3/16/2017	Gulf Cooperation Council & Saudi Arabia		
4/6/2017	Geopolitics of Energy	Ginger Good	
4/20/2017	Latin America	Sumi Tanabe	
5/11/2017	Afghanistan/Pakistan		
5/25/2017	Nuclear Security	Wendy/Dan Hendry	

Climate Change Update: Sea Level Rise & Real Estate

The topic of Climate Change is appearing in places where you least expect it. In a recent Finet Mortgage of Saratoga Newsletter the following article noted:

“There’s been a lot of talk about underwater homes in the past several years. But what if they were really underwater and not just when it comes to equity?

According to Zillow, 1.87 million American homes with a combined value of about \$880 billion would be flooded with seawater if the oceans rose six feet today. A Zillow research team used data from the National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to come up with those estimates. Scientists studying ...ice loss predicted a six foot rise in seal level by the end of the century if carbon emissions continue unabated.

Some cities are already gearing up. Miami, where nearly 37,500 homes would be affected, plans to spend \$500 million over the next several years to install pumps and raise roads and sea walls. The rest of south Florida might be in

worse shape. Its bedrock is porous. If sea levels rose six feet, water would push through the rock like a sponge. According to climate scientist Benjamin Strauss at Climate Central, a nonprofit news organization. He recently told the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources that Miami-Dade County would become a “collection of islands” if predictions are accurate.

In New York City, almost 32,000 homes would take on water with a six-foot sea level rise. The city plans to break ground next year on a barrier system ...meant to protect lower Manhattan. It will start with an undulating 10-foot-high steel and concrete-reinforced berm running two miles along the East River.

But other areas are less fortunate. According to Zillow’s predictions, Louisiana would lose over 80,000 homes, South Carolina would lose over 83,000, and New Jersey could lose over 190,000 from their beloved Jersey Shore. But low-lying Florida would lose a whopping 934,000 homes, about half the national total!

California has perhaps the priciest coastal real estate, but thanks to our hilly topography, fewer homes will be affected than in the southeast. Nevertheless, low-lying areas surrounding San Francisco Bay would be in peril.

While some land loss is inevitable (it’s already happening in Louisiana), we humans still have the capacity to minimize how much and how quickly the seas rise. Remember that the six-foot estimate is based on the continued unabated release of greenhouse gases. Even if we reduce emissions to zero, we can still expect a two-foot rise, according to experts. That’s a tall order, and there’s nothing to suggest we could meet that goal.

Despite near-unanimous consensus among climate scientists, there are still political headwinds hampering progress. About the only place the debate over the reality of global warming still takes place is in the halls of Congress.

Dave Yick, Environment Chair

California Water In View of Climate Change, the 1000 lb. Gorilla”

“Forever drought” looms if we can’t manage water sustainably in California, said William Patzert, Ph.D., a NASA Climate Scientist at a seminar this fall. He ranked the top two drivers of California’s future water problems as:

- global warming with its associated drying,
- agriculture, along with aquifer depletion.

For example, by 2050, net water runoff available for capture will decrease between 24-28% due to a warmer, drier climate, according to UCD drought/temperature study predictions. As a result, cutbacks are predicted for agricultural water use and acreage, said a UCD economist.

A number of people promote open market water trading as a solution—where, for instance, farmers may choose to fallow their fields and sell “their” water to the

highest bidder. Others are concerned about the extremely subsidized nature of agricultural water, and question the potential for individuals’ enrichment from the sale of taxpayer-subsidized water, which water might be subject to public trust values.

What can citizens do with drought staring us in the face? “Greening” infrastructure and relying more on local water figured among important solutions to the continuing water crisis suggested by UCLA’s Associate Vice Chancellor for Environment and Sustainability, speaking at the same seminar. Clean Water Act compliance has driven utilities to clean up wastewater, which is now being considered a valuable supply of locally-controlled water—rather than being discharged as a semi-treated pollutant to a local water body.

Groundwater—as mentioned in my December article in our Voter—should take center stage as inexpensive water storage. Groundwater storage is cheaper than dams/reservoirs to build and maintain, with less evaporative loss than surface storage. As our State Water Resources Control Board chairperson said at a symposium last year, “our groundwater basins are the only thing that even approximate in size of storage [what] we’re going to lose when we lose our snowpack in the decades to come.”

Which brings us full circle to how Dr. Patzert finished his talk, saying citizens need to inform themselves about water, its fair allocations, and how to deal with global warming—and then vote.

Meg Giberson, Natural Resources Director



Are You Ready for “A Capitol Connection?”

2017 LWVC Convention Sacramento • June 2-4

With a busy election season behind us and the holidays upon us, the 2017 LWVC Convention in Sacramento, scheduled for June 2-4, 2017 at the **Sheraton Grand**, may seem far off in the distance. That is, unless you are a member of the LWVC Convention Planning Team. Then, you're busy planning a convention that will energize, inspire and inform.

Speaking of the Convention Planning Team, you may have recently received an invitation letter from the Sacramento County League – the Convention host League – asking for your help. **Please consider one or several of the options** they've presented as a way to support their efforts, whether it's **volunteering for a job** that you'd love

to do, contributing a special piece or event for the silent auction (weekend getaways are always fun!) or contributing financially which helps us to provide great presenters, great workshops and the most inspiring convention possible.

Speakers, you say? An impressive list of speakers and presenters is being assembled.

To give you a taste of what's in store, we're pleased to announce that Chris Hoene, Exec. Director of the California Budget & Policy Center, will be one of our speakers. If you attended the 2013 Convention in San Jose, you may remember Chris. He was a hit then, and we knew we wanted him back. You

won't want to miss his insights and stories about public policy and finance.

We encourage you to consider arriving early for **Lobby Day at the State Capitol on Thursday, June 1**. You'll be pleased to know it's just a short walk from the convention hotel.

What's it going to cost (?) is always a question. We have secured a room rate of \$169 for convention attendees. The

2017 LWVC Convention website is up and running right now with its “Save the Date” placeholder. So stay tuned and check back often. We look forward to “Connecting” in June!

Martha Cox, LWVC Vice President
mcox@lwvc.org



Wow... Just Wow... November 2016 Election Debrief

Congratulations and thanks to all our Leagues for the tremendous voter service work performed in the November 2016 Election Season!

Face-to-face voter service work:

1. The LWVUS survey shows over 1,100 Voters Service events, including Voter Registration, Pros & Cons presentations and Candidate Forums.
2. Requests for Pros & Cons presentations exceeded, sometimes far exceeded, normal numbers. Our League members waded through complex and numerous ballot propositions to give their listeners unbiased information in hundreds of presentations.
3. Leagues wrote their own voter guides, including pros and cons of local ballot measures.
4. Of course, there were numerous candidate forums and voter registration events by our Leagues.
5. Over 200,000 copies of the Easy Voter Guide were distributed throughout the state. This number does not reflect

copies downloaded directly from the Easy Voter Guide website.

LWVC online presence:

1. Voter's Edge California's preliminary numbers show approximately 1.7 million visitors to the site looking at multiple pages during the combined primary and general election seasons. This is a thrilling achievement for all who worked on the site.
2. Voter's Edge California formed partnerships with a variety of public media and community groups including CA's four main PBS outlets, NBC and ABC affiliates, two Telemundo affiliates, the ACLU, CA PTA, and CalPIRG.
3. Voter's Edge also partnered with Mi Familia Vota, NALEO, the National Council of La Raza and other Spanish community groups.
4. Mi Familia Vota not only put the Voter's Edge widget on their website, they produced a video promoting the Easy Voter Guide.
5. Several county registrars placed the Voter's Edge widget on their websites.

6. Voter's Edge California contained Easy Voter Guide and the Pros & Cons in both English and Spanish.

7. Our Voter's Edge California (VEC) county and local coordinators contacted and cajoled 2053 candidates (45% of all candidates) to place information on VEC so that the general public could learn who they are and what they stood for.

8. Our CAVotes.org site received 2 1/2 times the amount of traffic that it received in 2014.

9. The top five subjects accessed on CAVotes.org were the Pros & Cons of ballot measures, Prop 52 in particular, plus the basic voter information of how to register and how to vote by mail.

Please extend the gratitude of the LWVC Board of Directors to your team of voter service directors and volunteers. They carried out the mission and voter service strategy of the League of Women Voters in the best tradition of our 96-year-old organization. **Well done!**

Bay Area League Day 2017

Dear Bay Area League Members,
I am writing this note to you first of all to thank you for all your hard work this election season. You are all much appreciated, and clearly there is still much work to be done.

Moving forward, this January the Bay Area League will host our annual Bay Area League Day. This year our topic will be Housing.

Camden Community Center
3369 Union Ave. San Jose

Tickets:

Pre-registration: \$35. includes lunch

Pre-registration: \$20 without lunch

Day of the Event: \$40 with lunch

Day of the Event: \$25 without lunch

Please Note: PayPal options began in December. You do not need a PayPal account to process your credit card.

This promises to be a very informative day discussing one of the Bay Area's hottest

topics. Please share this information with your members and plan to attend.

In addition, the Bay Area Board has learned that we need to conduct a special meeting to address a technical issue we overlooked at our Council meeting last May to conclude the merger of the Education Fund and our League. This will be a short one-item agenda with a vote on this technical language that would allow us to go forward with the merger. We will need to have a quorum of our leagues present for the meeting to be valid.

The special meeting will be held briefly at the lunch hour. If we are unable to conduct the special meeting at League Day, we will have to call a Special Meeting later in the year to finalize the merger.

Finally, a list of the Regional Agencies that the Bay Area League monitors will soon be available. As you can see, several

of the agencies have no monitor at all. So, I am also requesting that you share this information with your members to see if anyone is interested in attending (in person or on line) these meetings and reporting back to us with a short report on the actions these agencies are taking. The reports can be very brief— simply reporting out on meeting outcomes. We know many of your leagues may already have members who are tracking these agencies and we would appreciate their insights (we would appreciate having more than one monitor assigned to each agency).

(A PDF of the Regional Agencies list has been posted on our web site.)

Again, as we move forward into our new year, thank you again for all you've done this year; and I look forward to seeing you all in January.

Warmest wishes, Madeline Kronenberg,
LWV Bay Area President



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you a member at all levels: County, Bay Area, State, and National. Financial assistance is available; please address questions regarding membership to Chata Alfaro at calfaro@aol.com or call 408-374-5077 and Sharon Graham at sharona.graham@gmail.com or call 408-204-2585.

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- PANEL 1 - MEASURING THE AFFORDABILITY GAP & ITS IMPACT
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- PANEL 3 - STATE, REGIONAL & LOCAL ROLES IN ADDRESSING AFFORDABILITY
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Holiday Party



Women Changing Our World: Paths to Leadership



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Sunday • January 29, 2017 • 2:00 – 4:00 P.M.

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For more information contact Claire Noonan at c.noonan@yahoo.com.

New Citizens Voter Registration

On Election Day, November 8, three of our League members worked at the Registrar of Voters Office and chose to donate their stipend to the League. Those members were **Carol Barmier, Laurel Smith and Jackie Costanzo**. A check in the amount of \$260 was sent to the League P.O. Box. The next New Citizen Ceremony will be held on Thursday, January 26,

Thank You

Correction

Please Note: Member Directory Addition

Patty Weber (408) 264-2601


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❧ Event Calendar ❧

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| Jan | 4 | Wed | Board Meeting , 10:00 A.M. Saratoga Fire Station |
| Jan | 12 | Thu | Clip ‘n Come , Noon, Bring Salad/Food & Clipping to Share Home of Natalie Heling, 849 Eden Ave., San Jose
Call (408) 247-6897 • Please let hostess know you will be coming. |
| Jan | 23 | Mon | “Souper” Program Planning , 9:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Saratoga Federated Church, Saratoga |
| Jan | 28 | Sat | Bay Area League Day – Focus on Housing , 8:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
Assyemblyman Tom Thurmond, Camden Community Center
3369 Union Ave. San Jose |

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