

# BAY AREA

# VOTER

League of Women Voters of the Bay Area

January 2010

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Barbara Murray

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a joyous holiday season blessed with family and friends. The Bay Area League is poised to hit the ground running in 2010. You are cordially invited to participate in our January activities.

The League plans to hold several **voter registration drives** in January in preparation for the very important March 2<sup>nd</sup> state primary election. We will be calling for volunteers to staff voter registration tables at area grocery stores and other locations on Saturdays in January. If you have a couple of hours free, I hope you will say yes when you get the call. Some of the offices up for this primary election include governor, lieutenant governor, and attorney general as well as US representatives, state representatives and senators. You can find out more about the election by checking out the Texas Secretary of State's website:

<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/index.shtml>

In addition to our voter registration drives, our next **discussion meeting on January 30** should be of great interest and importance to those of us who live in the Bay Area. We will get an early introduction to the proposed "**Ike Dike**". It is a plan to protect the Gulf Coast from a hurricane's storm surge by extending Galveston's seawall and constructing massive Dutch-like floodgates at the entry to Galveston Bay. I am very eager to find out more about this possible project, and I suspect that many of you are too. Please refer to Diane Sheridan's article for meeting particulars. I hope to see you there!

2010 marks the **90th anniversary** of the founding of the League of Women Voters. I am proud to be part of an organization whose mission continues to be as relevant today as it was in 1920.

*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.*

## Finance Drive Wrap Up

Our annual finance drive proved to be successful thanks in part to the generosity of our members and several businesses. In these tough economic times, receipts from the finance drive totaled \$2438.75. More than half of our members made monetary or in-kind donations beyond their annual dues. Thank you! I'd also like to recognize Houston Products Processing and Lubrizol for their generous contributions. In addition we received \$500 from ExxonMobil's Employee and Annuitant Volunteer Involvement Program. We are able to start the new year in good financial shape.

## Lubrizol Supports Voters Service Work

LWV-BA thanks Lubrizol for its loyal and generous support of our voters service activities. The Lubrizol Corporation operates plants locally in Deer Park and Bayport. The Deer Park plant produces lubricant additives used in motor oils, automatic transmission fluids, and greases to improve their performance. The Bayport plant makes lubricant additives also as well as a fuel additive.

## The “Ike Dike” Discussion Meeting

**Saturday, January 30**

**9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

**at the home of Diane Sheridan**

Dan Seal, Executive Director of Technology Programs for the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership, will describe a proposal gaining attention from local governments and businesses. A storm barrier like those in Holland, the “Ike Dike” would extend ~60 miles across Galveston Bay to prevent storm surge damage. Learn more about what is planned and offer your input for consideration by the planners. For more information, contact Diane Sheridan at [DBSheridan@aol.com](mailto:DBSheridan@aol.com) or 281-326-5253.

Directions: KirbyWoods is off Kirby Road between NASA Road One and Red Bluff. From NASA One, turn onto Kirby at the Jack in the Box. Pass TLV City Hall and the water tower. Turn right at the KirbyWoods subdivision sign. From Red Bluff, turn south onto Kirby. Turn left at the KirbyWoods subdivision sign. This is KirbyWoods Drive. Take it till it ends. Turn left onto Live Oak; 1107 will be on your left about three-fourths of the way down the block. There is a red fire hydrant and a street light by the driveway.

## CALENDAR

### January 2010

- 4 Last day to file for place on Primary ballot
- 30 LWV-BA Discussion meeting, home of Diane Sheridan**

### February 2010

- 1 Last day to register for Primary
- 5 Last day to file for place on May ballot
- 16 First day of early voting
- 20 LWV-BA Board meeting, 9:00 am**
- 26 Last day of early voting

### March 2010

- 2 Primary Election Day



