

The Voter

September 2013

Standing on the Past; Working toward the Future

At our opening meeting last Sunday, our League celebrated 75 years of existence, of action and education, by spending a little time in the company of three of our remarkable founders – Leisa Bronson, Ruth Ordway, and Jane Sanders – thanks to the story-telling skills of Barbara Rugeley, who inhabited each personality long enough to convey some of the important characteristics and accomplishments of each.

Bob and Katie Gerecke deserve thanks for hours spent reviewing League tapes and locating gems of information for Barbara to use in her recreation of our early leaders. Katie and Barbara, together with Anne Bellemin and co-chairs Ruth Currie and Jerry Klassik, comprised the committee that put together our opening meeting program. One of the important lessons/ reminders of the day was that League is an activist group that needs both dedicated, visionary leaders and committed, resourceful participants. Fortunately, our League has had the people and the persistence needed to make a difference in our community.

Once introduced to our beginnings, we heard from four of our more recent presidents in person – Charlene Martin, Mary Jane Merrill, Marilee Scaff, and Ellen Taylor – all well known to most members and all displaying the personalities and characteristics that make them irreplaceable, irrepensible, and invaluable to our League and to our community. None of them has limited her contributions to League and yet each has contributed without limit to League. Sunday gave us another chance to reflect on our good fortune in being part of such a group.

Sunday also had important updates on present activities focused on improving the future. Since its beginning, our League has been encouraging the city of Claremont to acquire its water system. It would have been cheaper in

the past but only grows more expensive as time passes. From the beginning, League has emphasized the advantages of local control of a resource that is indispensable to our existence, our water. With unanimity on our current City Council, water system acquisition is moving forward. We in League can be pleased but not satisfied; until all Claremont residents understand the importance and the economics of water control, League's task is not done. So, too, with sustainability, not a one-time concern but an on-going realization that sustainability is basic to League and to life itself; sustainability is survivability and needs to become a basic attitude toward political, economic, and social aspects of life, not just the environment and natural resources.

There was yet more on Sunday afternoon – we went on to “table topics” and a chance to discuss various aspects of League program with tablemates, while enjoying ice cream, toppings, and other goodies. Following reports on the table topic discussions, Ellen was introduced as our Caroline Beatty Award Recipient for 2013. She appeared appropriately surprised and claimed to be “speechless.” (More details of Ellen's contributions to League are in a separate article in this issue.) Typically with League, there is always more to do and say than time allows. There were interesting displays that merited more attention than they received, the ice cream and goodies seemed to be fully appreciated, and the opportunity to converse with interesting, thoughtful, involved people who care about making the world better was energizing and motivating.

This year's opening meeting reminded us of what we have done and what there is yet to do; it reminded us of why League continues to matter and that it is in good hands: theirs, yours, ours.

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Town Hall Meeting on our Oldest Goal

As the Claremont League celebrates its 75th Anniversary, we also celebrate the coming achievement of our oldest goal: 73 years ago the League first recommended City ownership of the local water system. According to a recent *Claremont City Newsletter*, "The Claremont City Council will hold a town hall meeting this fall to update the community on the potential water system acquisition." Watch for it and for our new “Claremont's Water Future” pamphlet.

Freeman Allen

Co-Presidents' Message

September – when everything starts to pick up and we return to our “groove”. After a rather mild summer, September’s heat sears our minds and bodies so that we don’t forget we live in a semi-arid area and must be mindful of our energy and water consumption, part of our legacy to the next generation. As “Leaguers” we are always aware of the need to protect our democratic institutions and participate civically. In that vein, we hope that all of you will mark your calendars to participate in two important upcoming events.

On **October 6th** from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm we will provide another opportunity for the Claremont membership to support the League in a mini fundraiser to be held on the patio of the Garner House. This is a continuation of our “Food for Thought” series. Our featured guest will be Dr. Marilyn Wyatt, wife of US Ambassador (2010-2012) to Pakistan, Cameron Munter. Cameron is the son of long-time league members, Helen-Jeanne Munter and Leonard Munter. “Marilyn has more than 30 years of experience in non-profit governance, communications and foreign affairs. In 2012 she worked in the Development Outreach and Communications office of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Pakistan. Before her development work in Pakistan, she was a consultant to non-profit boards, with clients ranging from international foundations to grassroots NGOs in more than 30 countries. She is the author of a widely used handbook of NGO governance and has written many articles on non-profit accountability and good governance.” (Information from Myram Inram of *The International News*, **3.15.2012**.)

Be sure to make your reservation for an interesting and insightful presentation by Marilyn.

The LWV of the Claremont Area is delighted to announce that the Voter Service position has been filled! At our board meeting on Thursday, October 5, Cindy Reul’s nomination was put before the board and unanimously approved. Cindy has been hard at work ever since. Over the past couple of years she has been the Observer for the Upland City Council. She takes on this new role in addition to being a League Observer.

On **October 23rd** (Wednesday) there will be a Candidates Forum at Hughes Center for open positions on the Claremont School Board. Five candidates are vying for three open positions. The forum will be held from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Padua room. Please mark your calendars and attend what is sure to be an enlightening evening.

September 24th has been designated the National Voter Registration Day throughout the USA by the National Association of Secretaries of State. If you know of anyone who would like to register to vote and does not know what to do, please leave a contact name and number at the League office. If individuals lives in Los Angeles County, they can now register online by going to www.longdistancevoter.org/ If you have recently moved and changed your address, you need to let the County Voter Registrar know of your new location. Again, if you call the LWV office, 909-624-9457, and leave contact information we can provide you with the necessary documents to re-register.

Ruth Currie and Jerry Klasik

In Memoriam

Jean Ferguson Platt, founding first lady of Harvey Mudd College and local League member, died on Monday, February 18, 2013 in Claremont. She was 91. Mrs. Platt, wife of founding president and physics professor Joseph Beaven Platt, was deeply involved in the founding of HMC, helping to establish the college in the 1950s and supporting its mission in the decades that followed.

Algird ‘Al’ Leiga, a 40-year resident of Claremont, died August 2, 2013, following a brief hospitalization and a losing battle with cancer. Mr. Leiga, a member of the local League while he served on the City Council, was 80 years of age.

Marjorie Elaine Bennett Ryan, a longtime Claremont resident, died on July 1, 2013. She was 89. Marj was a member of the local League Board for many years as well as an active participant in the Annual Fundraising Auction Committee. She and her husband Bill, who predeceased her, received the Ruth Ordway Award in 1994 for their outstanding service to the League and the community.

“Food for Thought” Series Continues

Our next “Food for Thought” event will feature speaker Dr. Marilyn Wyatt, “Reflections on Life in Pakistan,” on Sunday, October 6 on the Garner House Patio from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Dr. Wyatt has a PhD in comparative literature from John Hopkins University, a BA from Cornell University, and more than 30 years of experience in non-profit governance, communications, and foreign affairs in over 30 countries. While her husband Cameron Munter (son of local League members Helen-Jeanne and Leonard

Munter) was Ambassador to Pakistan, she worked in the Development Outreach and Communications office of USAID in that country. Dr. Wyatt believes in the importance of people-to-people contact and the way it bridges gaps especially while advocating gender equality and women’s development programs.

Wine and cheese will be served. Since this is one of our fundraisers, there will be a \$35 charge.

Caroline Beatty Award 2013

A highlight of the League's Annual Fall Meeting is the presentation of the Beatty Award to one of our members for Distinguished Service to the Claremont Area League. The Beatty Award was established to honor Caroline Beatty for her more than sixty years of distinguished and wide-ranging service to the League of Women Voters. Remembering Caroline's broad interests and involvements, her energy and high standards, continues to motivate, astonish and sometimes admonish those of us left to carry on. Besides being a Voter Service Chair, a very active participant in Speakers' Bureau for over 50 years, working on studies, and observing boards, Caroline was local President for two terms. When she was given the Ordway Award in 1987, she was described as "Claremont's civic conscience." It is to our benefit to remember her at least once a year, and we do that now by adding a fourteenth name to our list of honorees.

After heading a League Study, this year's awardee was asked to serve as its president for two terms and has been on the board several times. She infused the board with her enthusiasm. She initiated the Action Forum for board members and she began the "Do You Know" column in the Courier that brought in new members. Also, she and the board influenced the city to extend the city-run day care for the full academic year. For State Convention she came up with so many ideas and filled out so many forms that Our League received the State Award for Innovative Membership Recruitment. On the plane home, she said, "I guess we had better start doing some of these things."

In her second year a new edition of the "Profile of a City" was produced and League distributed its own video to defeat Proposition 174. She represented League on the LA County Citizens Advisory Committee and the City Committee on the Master Plan for Bonelli Park. She spearheaded the drive to bring the National League 75th Anniversary Traveling Exhibit to Claremont. We were the only League to undertake this event as a single sponsor. It was her drive that made it a success. It was very popular with teachers and children.

You now must know that this awardee is Ellen Taylor. Ellen Shack was born in Lawrence, Mass., the youngest of three. She graduated from Skidmore College with a Sociology Degree in 1965. Shortly after, she married Marhsall Taylor whom she had met on a blind date. They lived in many places: Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Colorado, and then in 1978 they came to Claremont. They have two children, Matthew and Andrew, and now two daughters-in-law (Amy and Sara) and four grandchildren (Grant, Evan, Gavin, and Jayden).

Ellen's first job in Claremont was, as she described it, "walking the streets to find seniors and tell them about the fledgling Joslyn Senior Center". Then she worked at the University of LaVerne, and from 1985 to 2011 she managed her husband's law practice.

Along the way, with the Program Committee of League, she brought the Stand Up for Diversity play, "Experiences" to Claremont in coordination with other groups. She was Co-chair of the League Trash Study and worked on other studies. When Claremont was going through a particularly difficult time, Ellen started the Study Circles. This was so innovative that she was asked to speak about it at their national conference on the East Coast. She has also served on the State Board of the League of Women Voters.

Ellen's favorite position is Action! She currently serves on the League Board as Action Chair, as she has in years before. She is an avid and informed letter writer and in the Archives we found a very large collection of letters by Ellen. Among the vital topics were the Voter Rights Act, Immigration Reform, Clean Air, Term Limit Reform, and Redistricting. Martin Weinberger actually limited her in the number of letters he would publish each month.

Often being active in League leads to other positions in the City. Ellen won election to the City Council and also served as mayor.

We thank Ellen for the continuing work she has done, and is doing still, and we are honored to honor her with the Caroline Beatty Award.

LWVLAC Spurs LA County Supervisors to Act Concerning the Voting Rights Act

The Claremont Area LWV is part of an Inter-League Organization (an ILO), the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles County. It began as an entity made up of representatives from each League in the County but soon became an elective body with board membership open to all members of local Leagues within the county; at any one time representation varies across the Leagues. Our local League currently has three members serving on the LWV/LAC board, Betsey Coffman (secretary), Jack Sullivan (natural resources), and Sally Seven (government). From time to time LWV testifies before the LA County Board of Supervisors on timely issues on which LWV has positions. Recently, Lola Ungar, Action VP, addressed the Supervisors about voting rights legislation.

Honorable Mark Ridley-Thomas and Supervisors,

My name is Lola Ungar, Past-President and current Vice President/Advocate for the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles County and its 11 local Leagues and with the support of the LWVCalifornia and the LWVUS. I come before you today to strongly support the motion of Supervisors Ridley-Thomas and Molina to support immediate passage of legislation to update Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act (VRA).

Ninety-three years ago this week, in 1920, following over seven decades of tireless advocacy, the League of Women Voters was founded, the 19th Amendment became law, and women gained the right to vote ...yet, some women and men who were African American still did not achieve that right in parts of our country where there were various impediments. In the century after the Civil War, African Americans in the South faced overwhelming obstacles to voting. Despite the Fifteenth and Nineteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, which had enfranchised black men and then all women, southern voter registration boards used poll taxes, literacy tests, and other bureaucratic obstacles to deny African Americans their legal rights. Southern blacks also risked harassment, intimidation, economic reprisals, and physical violence when they tried to register or vote. As a result, African Americans had little if any political power, either locally or nationally. In 1960, in Mississippi, for instance, only five percent of eligible blacks were registered to vote.

Tomorrow, another important anniversary occurs – the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech, which later helped spark Congressional action on the Voting Rights Act (VRA) in 1965.

Then, this past June, the U.S. Supreme Court in the Shelby decision erased fundamental protections in the VRA against racial discrimination in voting that have been critical to protecting our democracy. And now, as we attempt to celebrate our nation's progress toward equality, voting rights have once again come under attack across the country...48 years after the historic civil rights

legislation was signed by President Lyndon Johnson in 1965.

We are reminded of what Carrie Chapman Catt, founder of the League of Women Voters, proclaimed upon passage of the 19th amendment in 1920. She said, "Progress is calling to you to make no pause. Act!" These words continue to ring true as we remain committed to fighting back against the attacks on voting rights.

The damage to the VRA can and must be fixed – Congress has the power to act swiftly to restore the effectiveness of the Voting Rights Act. We implore you as the Board of Supervisors of the largest County in the United States, Los Angeles County, to pay attention to these threats to this basic liberty that many of us have fought for so long, the right to vote. Let us move forward and not backward for the sake of our children and grandchildren and wholeheartedly sign the proposed motion set before you.

Yesterday, LWVUS President MacNamara wrote, "The League is continuing to pursue all avenues to fight for voters' rights following the Supreme Court's decision. This past weekend, I joined with members of the League and thousands of other activists at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC to mark the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington. Speakers at the rally renewed the call to protect our voting rights and called on Congress to restore the VRA."

The League of Women Voters has always been committed to registering, educating and turning out voters – and we're not stopping now. League members fight every day for free, fair and accessible democracy that works for all of its citizens – not special interests. Therefore, please add your voices to those who rally in Washington and tell Congress to work quickly to fix the Voting Rights Act.

Honorable Supervisors, please help us in this effort to Make Democracy Work and approve this motion to support immediate passage of legislation to update Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act (VRA).

Lola M. Ungar 8/27/2013

November Elections

The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November is Election Day in the United States, an especially notable 24 hours if the year ends in an even number. Our current year, 2013, being of the odd variety, will be less busy at the polls, although some local elections will take place in our LWV area.

In Claremont, we will be electing three members to our local School District Governing Board. One incumbent, Steven Llanusa, will be running for a third term, while two incumbents, Mary Caenepeel and Jeff Stark, are retiring. Joining Mr. Llanusa in the race for the three seats are David Nemer, a retired teacher; Nancy Tresser Osgood, college administrator; Joseph Salas, a teacher and County lifeguard; and Paul A. Steffen, real estate broker.

Pomona USD will have three incumbents running for three seats on its Governing Board. They are Adrienne D. Konigar Macklin, PUSD Board member; Roberta A. Perlman, Boardmember/Optometrlist /Educator; and Andrew S. Wong, Governing Board member, Pomona. One challenger has also entered this race –John Mendoza.

In San Dimas/La Verne, incumbents Charles (Chuck) Coyne and Patti A. LaTouelle have both filed to serve again on the Bonita USD Governing Board. One potential challenger did not return his nomination papers by the filing deadline, so an election will probably not be necessary. For the two trustee positions to be filled on Glendora USD's Board, two incumbents -- Michael Gautreau and Chuck Gomer-- are running along with two challengers -- tax attorney Cory Ellenson and businessman Michael James Christensen.

Other cities in the Claremont LWV area were not listed on the Los Angeles County or San Bernardino County Registrar websites as having local elections scheduled for November 5, 2013.

Candidates for Trustee positions for all three local Community Colleges will be on the November ballot for communities in their areas. For Citrus College District Governing Board Trustee from Area No. 3 only the incumbent, Duarte resident Edward C. Ortell, has filed to run, so there will be no contest for this office. However, there are five contenders for the Area No. 1 position (Azusa). These include Gary L. Woods, incumbent; Barbara Ransom Dickerson, Executive Director/Educator; Christina Cruz Madrid, Attorney at Law; Shawn Millner, Human Resources Manager; and Lorenzo Rios, Retired Utility Worker. Adding to the excitement in this race are accusations that Mr. Woods does not actually live in Area No.1, according to the August 30, 2013 edition of the Claremont Courier (p. 5).

For Mt. San Antonio College, Trustee Area No. 3 has two non-incumbent candidates on the ballot -- Marlen Garcia, a City Council member from Baldwin Park, and Laura Santos, a Bassett USD Governing Board member. For Mt. SAC Trustee Area No. 4 (West Covina), three non-incumbent candidates are running -- Steve Herfert, City Council member; Robert F. Hildago, educator/school administrator; and R. William "Bill" Robinson, environmental chemist. Incumbent and Diamond Bar resident Judy Chen Haggerty is the only candidate who has filed for Mt. SAC Board Member from Trustee Area No. 6.

Chaffey Community College has two incumbents running for two positions on its Governing Board -- Kathleen Brugger and Katie Roberts. Engineer/Teacher Zafar S. Inam is the only challenger in this contest.

Our local LWV will be holding a Candidates' Forum for the Claremont USD contenders on October 23, 2013.

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Bits & Pieces

Percentage of all Americans who consider themselves part of the top 1% of U.S. earners: 13

Percentage of Hispanic Americans who do: 28

Percentage of Canadians who believe in global warming: 98

Percentage of Americans who do: 70

Ratio of U.S. farmers age 65 and older to those under the age of 35: 7:1

Percentage increase in per student spending at major public U.S. colleges since 2005: 23

In per student spending on college athletes: 61

Percentage of public U.S. colleges and universities whose tuition has increased by more than half in the past five years: 15

Portion of university teaching positions that are filled by graduate students or adjunct faculty: $\frac{3}{4}$

Percentage of college professors teaching online courses who do not believe students should receive credit for them: 72

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Agriculture Programs and Food Security

A recent controversy in Congress has concerned whether or not the U. S. food stamp program should be part of the farm bill, raising implicit questions about the history of food stamps and their association with the Department of Agriculture. Those seeking to remove the food stamp program from the farm bill believe that would make it more vulnerable to repeal. Those supporting the integration point out that farmers as well as the food-insecure benefit from the food stamp program. LWVUS has a position on Agricultural Policy that supports “adequate supplies of food and fiber at reasonable prices to consumers” but doesn’t directly address the food stamp issue. Since a review of agricultural policy is now underway, a brief look at the history of food stamps seems relevant.

The first U. S. food stamp program began on May 16, 1939 (mid-depression) under Henry Wallace, then Secretary of Agriculture. Under the original program, people on relief could buy orange food stamps and for every dollar in orange food stamps the purchaser would receive 50 cents worth of blue stamps. The orange stamps could be used for any food, but blue bonus stamps could only buy agricultural surplus items. The program ended in the spring of 1943 “since conditions that brought the program into being – unmarketable food surpluses and wide-spread unemployment – no longer existed.”

An 18-year gap in the U. S. food stamp program ensued, filled with studies, reports, and legislative proposals. Finally, on September 21, 1959 the Secretary of Agriculture was authorized to operate a food stamp program through the end of January 1962. President Eisenhower did not implement the legislation, but President Kennedy’s first executive order called for expanded food distribution and on February 2, 1961, a new food stamp program was announced. Isabella Kelley, one of a panel of four who designed the program, became the first director of the program and the first woman to head a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) action program.

The USDA web site has a multi-page summary of the details of the provisions, requirements, and restrictions of the food stamp program, now called the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), over the next 50 years. It’s called “A Short History of SNAP”. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has been responsible for managing the nation’s food assistance programs, now under the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of USDA. In California, SNAP is now called CalFresh.

Benefits provided under SNAP depend partly on food prices, so they are revised annually based on prices as of June 1 and made effective on October 1. Prices typically

increase, so benefits usually increase slightly on the first of October. An additional factor has affected benefit levels since April 2009 when the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 (sometimes called “the stimulus”) was passed. As part of that legislation, SNAP benefits were temporarily increased to help people impacted by the recession; that temporary increase is due to “sunset” on November 1, 2013, so most SNAP participants will see a slight increase on October 1 followed by a decrease on November 1 this year..

Benefits will continue to reflect household income, size, and expenses. Tables showing California benefit amounts can be found at the CA Department of Social Services site, www.calfresh.ca.gov. An additional person in a family can increase the benefit amount as much as \$167 (from 1 to 2) or as little as \$100 (from 6 to 7); after 8, the increment per person is \$150, but the considerable variability up to that point is not explained.

The Economic Research Service (ERS) of USDA monitors the effectiveness of SNAP through an annual, representative survey of food insecurity in U.S. households, paying special attention to households with children. The most recent ERS report found that 79 percent of households with children were food secure throughout the year, meaning they had consistent access to adequate food, but the other 21 percent were food insecure at some time during the year. One percent of households with children experienced the most severe condition monitored by USDA, very low food security, indicating that one or more children in a family were hungry, skipped a meal, or did not eat for a whole day because there was not enough money for food.

Following the ARRA increases, ERS found that low-income households’ spending on food increased and food-security improved, but between 2009 and 2011 food-price inflation erased about half of the ARRA increase. A recent (August 2013) ERS report looked at the impact of the change:

- The value of maximum SNAP benefits for a family of four lost about 7% or \$47 per month.
- Food spending by SNAP households went down about \$26 per month for a family of four.
- The number of SNAP-receiving households with very low food security increased 16.5%.
- As the inflation-adjusted value of SNAP benefits went down, low-income households receiving SNAP benefits were less food-secure but comparably low-income households not on SNAP did not experience such a change.

- Changes in food spending and food security in low-income non-SNAP households were too small to be statistically significant.

- Self-targeting of SNAP participation is evident: Households with greater unmet food needs tend to enroll in SNAP and their greater need is only partly met by program benefits.

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It's *Yes* on Ojai Water – by 87%!

As reported in the last Voter, on August 27 voters in Ojai went to the polls to decide if they would approve a property tax increase to buy out Golden State Water Company as the local water utility. A two-thirds majority vote was required. The *yes* vote was 87%!

The GSWC campaign against the takeover sounds very familiar: articles about a “Water Grab”; warnings about how much more rates would go up if we have a takeover. We heard the same thing about Felton, another small town that bought out their private water system. GSWC says they were sorry they did, but a quick check on the Internet shows that’s not so. Although it costs a typical user about \$600 a year to pay for the takeover, there was an actual net saving of \$400 per year. Felton residents are pleased with the outcome.

Ojai gets almost all its water from local wells. That water costs much less than water that must be imported. Here in

Claremont, imported water is about five-times as expensive as well water, and a third to a half of our water is imported. Yet typical Claremont water bills, for the same amount of usage, are *lower* than in Ojai. No wonder Ojai revolted. But our water is no bargain. Our high Claremont rates are close to twice those in neighboring La Verne and have more than doubled in the last five years. “Claremont Outrage” rose up to protest. Each year Claremont water users pay more than \$7 million a year as profits to GSWC. Our City Council is negotiating a takeover from GSWC. Will Claremont follow in Ojai’s footsteps? We should know before long, and that \$7+ million could pay for bonds for the buyout without raising taxes.

The “Claremont’s Water Future” pamphlet, to be included in next month’s Voter, summarizes relevant facts.

Freeman Allen



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Oct 6 (Sunday)	Food for Thought	Garner House Patio	4 – 6 pm	Reflections on Life in Pakistan, Dr. Marilyn Wyatt		Wine and cheese - \$35
Oct 17 (Thursday)	Unit discussion	MSAG Sue's	9:30 am 7 pm	National study: Agriculture	Needed	
Oct 23 (Wednesday)	Candidates' Forum					
Nov 21 (Thursday)	Unit discussion	MSAG Sue's	9:30 am 7 pm	Education	Coffman, Nemer, Andrew	
Dec 8 (Sunday)	Party	Garner House		Holiday Party	Schenk	Potluck: bring appetizer or dessert or drink
Jan 16 (Thursday)	Unit discussion	MSAG Sue's	9:30 am 7 pm	Sustainability Plan Update	Allen, Veirs, Lyon	
Feb 20 (Thursday)	Unit discussion	MSAG Sue's	9:30 am 7 pm	National study: Agriculture		