



OPEN WORLD PROGRAM

**Sponsored by the
Open World Leadership Center**

**Health and Social Services
September 6-16, 2007**

Yelena Borodina
Lidiya Nasrtdinova
Alexsandr Sirotkin,
Vasiliy Zhidkov

Oksana Nosova, Facilitator

League of Women Voters of Los Angeles, California

Lynn Crandall, Coordinator

Lynn Lowry and Jean Thomson Program Co-Chairs

3250 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1005

Los Angeles, CA 90010

Phone: (213) 368-1616

Cell phone number: (213) 705-7489, (818) 353-7430

Emails: Lynn.Crandall@gmail.com and gerhardlowry@earthlink.net

Administered by the League of Women Voters

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.

AGENDA

League of Women Voters of Los Angeles September 6/8-16, 2007

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 ARRIVAL IN LOS ANGELES AND WELCOME

3:00 pm Russian delegates arrive in Los Angeles, met by two members of the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles.

3:30 pm Meet and greet reception for delegates
California Institute of Health and Social Services (CIHSS),
Address: **8929 S. Sepulveda Blvd.**
Los Angeles, CA 90045
(310) 645-5227

- Welcome by **Liza White, President of the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles (LWVLA)**
- Entertainment by **The Wanda Wallace Foundation.**
- Informal presentations by **CIHSS staff.** Examples of public/private sector cooperation in providing social services and examples of the power of the arts to chart the course for universal care giving and the American Democratic Process.

Audience composed of League Board Members, community leaders and home stay host families.

5:30 pm Delegates and drivers depart for host homes. Evening meal with host families.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 ADVOCATING FOR HEALTHCARE AND SOCIAL SERVICE

Morning with host families

11:00 am University of Southern California Institute for Genetic Medicine Workshop
Address: **2250 Alcazar Street,**
Los Angeles, CA 90033-9075
Phone: **(323) 442-1144**

Orientation for delegates, outline of planned meetings, and content of meetings. Discussion of League of Women Voters involvement in healthcare and social service policy issues. Other speakers representing community

organizations that are active in shaping healthcare/social service policy are invited.

- **Liza White, President of LWVLA** welcomes guests, explains LWVLA mission and overview of this day's activities
- **LWVLA Health Consultant, Doris Isolini Nelson** - overview of Health Reform Challenges with a perspective on what the individual citizen can do to make a difference.
- **Cheryl Branch**, part time Associate Director, L.A. Metropolitan Churches (LAM) and Director of the Faith in Communities Initiative will talk about the changing landscape of grant making, explaining the necessity to forge collaborations programmed to seek a little from many rather than a lot from a few.
- **Catherine Rongey, M.D.** - Methods of community based participatory research- pairing research and community action focusing specifically on solving a public health problem in a difficult-to-treat population. A Robert Wood Johnson Fdn. Fellow, she collaborates with her RAND Corporation mentor.
- Following are demonstrations of how university, high school and middle school, and community activist programs raise awareness of the democratic/scientific process of:
 - stating the problem
 - exploring with open mind all the alternatives
 - researching existing policy and improving upon it through employing all existing resources to the challenge
 - action suggestions based on the data generated by the other three steps.

Luis Garcia - USC MSW alum, currently an Ed.D. candidate at Loyola Marymount who generated a tape on diabetes with his classmates at USC

Franklin White, a program director from the Center for Civic Education. Franklin moderated a jury session for Project Citizen that his organization conducted.

Lynn Crandall, LWVLA Board Member, VOTER Editor and USC IGM Art Gallery Director presenting the League of Women Voters' PROM special edition demonstrating how an individual member can study existing programs, gather data and share with others via communications technology to influence creative solutions to complex challenges - walk through PROM Special Edition publication and a VOTER issue and lwvla web site

Katie Moore, Senior Program Director, Constitutional Rights Foundation to explain how CRF brings teachers from Russia and the Baltic countries together with our teachers here to share and leverage their existing resources and develop pilot projects that can be documented, evaluated and replicated systemically.

Larisa Pilinsky, LWVLA VOTER Committee member, will present an international art exhibition exploring *The Art of Freedom*: principles of freedom of speech and the strategic plan for developing and funding an art exhibit and its ancillary programs to raise awareness of the arts as diplomatic ambassador tools

Lee Mentley presents DVD detailing his experiences taking a sabbatical from work to care for his mom at home, so she could age in place. She suffered from Alzheimer's Disease.

Artist, Slater Barron on tracking her parents' devolution in the course of their Alzheimer's Disease and sharing her own emotions in the process of creating the art that is on the wall at the IGM Art Gallery. Lynn Crandall and Slater will discuss how public, private, nonprofit, academic and media leaders collaborate to support the Gallery's exhibits, open minded forums, community outreach and education programs. Slater was interviewed by a local public television host, Huell Howser. We will preview that tape during her talk to the delegates.

- Conclusion Q& A and discussion of follow on projects

Early evening Social/Cultural Activities:

- dinner and entertainment by **Patricia Henley**, singer, actress, playwright and songwriter, with numerous musical theatre credits - in lecture hall,

7:30pm Delegates depart for host homes

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 **U.S. HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS AND PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS**

Breakfast with Host families

10:00 am University of Southern California
Address: **Leonard Davis School of Gerontology**
USC Andrus Center 3715 McClintock Avenue

Phone: 213-740-1364

This meeting will provide the delegates an opportunity to exchange experiences with their American counterparts.
Delegates-Please read the information about the U.S. health system included in your binder.

- **George Shannon**, Ph.D. Leonard Davis School of Gerontology - Coordinator
- **Jeanine M.F. Yonashiro**, Ph. D. Student
- **Zach Gassoumis**, Ph. D. student
- **Adria C. Emberson**, MSW, LCSW, PhD Student
 - Demographics of Aging World Populations
 - Social Security: Recent Legislation and its Effects on Latino Populations
 - An Evaluation of the Elder Abuse Forensic Center at USC
 - U.S. Health Care Transitions – From Hospital to Home-Older Adults and Local Solutions

12:00 pm **Lunch with Maria Henke**, Assistant Dean Leonard Davis School of Gerontology at University Southern California Andrus Center, who will talk about Distance Learning programs and Overview of Gerontology Practice – Accomplishments and Challenges

2:00pm University of Southern California
Address: **Mark Taper Hall of Humanities,
3501 Trousdale Parkway**

Informal discussion on International Studies Topics and Hybrid Democracy

- **Elizabeth Garrett**, Vice President for Academic Planning and Budget at the University of Southern California and the Sydney M. Irmas Professor of Public Interest Law, Legal Ethics, Political Science, and Policy, Planning and Development.

3:00 pm California African American Museum

Address: **500 State Drive, Exposition Park, Los Angeles CA 90037
213-744-7432**

Walk to California African American Museum (CAAM) for tour: The Museum began operations in 1981 housed in temporary quarters at the California Museum of Science and Industry (currently the California Science Center). The current facility in Exposition Park was built with

State and private funds for \$5 million. Designed by African American architects, Jack Haywood and the late Vince Proby, the Museum facility opened its doors to the public during the Olympic Games of July 1984. CAAM is currently in its 21st anniversary of being housed in its own facility.

The Museum occupies a 44,000 square foot facility that includes 3 full-size exhibition galleries, a theater gallery, a 14,000 square foot Sculpture Court, a conference center/special events room, an archive and research library, administrative offices, exhibit design and artifact storage areas.

6:00pm Dinner at home of League Member, Fran Lapidés

9:00pm Delegates and drivers depart for host homes

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

U.S. HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS AND PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

Breakfast with host families

10:00am TBD

FARMERS MARKET AND RECEPTION

2:00 pm Shopping at Farmers Market/Grove
Address: **633 West Third St. Los Angeles CA 90036**
323-933-9231

The Grove Los Angeles is a shopping and entertainment complex built adjacent to the historic Farmers Market. It centers on a landscaped park and a dancing fountain. It's become a popular spot for shopping and dining, and its lively crowds and street grid layout making it feel like an old-fashioned downtown.

Besides an assortment of restaurants and shops, you'll find:

- Pacific Movie Theater
- Trolley: Electric-powered cars link The Grove and Farmers Market. It's hardly necessary to cover the 3-block distance, but the cheerful, green trolley lends a hometown feel, and kids love to ride it.

- Fountain: From the same designers that created the Bellagio Hotel fountain in Las Vegas, this choreographed water-and-music show plays every half-hour.

6:00 pm Welcome Reception at Park La Brea.

Address: 475 Curson Ave. Los Angeles 90036
Phone: 818 917 5856

Reception and dinner to welcome delegates. This reception will be attended by League members, Russian community representatives, local elected officials, local government representatives and media.

Built in 1940, Park La Brea is a renovated 4,000-apartment community complex with a common green space in its center. Its design was inspired by Le Corbusier's architecture.

9:00 pm Delegates and drivers depart for host homes

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 U.S. HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AND PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

Breakfast with host families

10:00 am USC University Hospital –
Address: 1500 San Pablo Street Los Angeles, CA 90033

The Business of Medicine. A discussion on innovative, cutting edge business models for healthcare providers.

- **Tom O'Maila** - Program Director, Lloyd Greif Center for Entrepreneurship Studies at the University of Southern California Marshall School of Business

- 11:30 am Presentation, Roundtable Discussion and Hospital Tour.
- Structure of U.S. healthcare system, relationship between public and private services. Tour of hospital
- **Ellen Whalen**-Chief Nursing Officer, University Hospital
- 12:30 pm Lunch at University Hospital
- 2:00 pm The Maternal-Child and Adolescent Center (MCA) for Infectious Diseases and Virology
Address: **1640 Marengo Street HRA 300, 9300 Los Angeles, CA 90027 (323)226-5068**
- Facility tour, presentations by Director, opportunity to exchange ideas on future collaboration. MCA is an international model for the care of HIV and other infectious diseases that affects families. State of the art quality care is combined with cutting edge research to provide women, children and youth infected and affected by HIV and their families within a culturally sensitive environment.
- **Dr. Andrea Kovacs**, Director
- 5:30 pm Visit Chinatown. Tour and dinner
- Chinatown is packed with distinctive Chinese architecture, culture and cuisine. Visitors can be served dim sum any day of the week, then browse through shops that specialized in fine silks, inlaid furniture and Asian art. due to the stylized exotic atmosphere. Chinatown is very popular for on-site movie filming, such as Rush Hour with Jackie Chan. Several restaurants in Chinatown serve mainly Cantonese cuisine but there are also other various Asian cuisine restaurants.
- 9:30 pm Delegates and drivers depart for host homes

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN AND THE ELDERLY

Breakfast with host families

9:30 am St. Barnabas Senior Services and Mark Taper Fund Adult Day Health Care Center.
Address: **675 S. Carondelet Street, Los Angeles, CA 9005**
(213) 388-4444

The mission of St. Barnabas Senior Services is to enable seniors to live independently and with dignity for as long as possible. Founded in 1908, St. Barnabas is a nonprofit, nonsectarian professional social service agency providing emergency and supportive assistance to the urban elderly. The agency serves the 15 square mile area that encompasses downtown Los Angeles and is home to the heaviest concentration of poor, elderly residents in the county. Now in its ninth decade, St. Barnabas has an established reputation for the quality of its working relationship with other agencies. It is supported by government contracts, other contracts, private donations and client fees.

- **Martha Spinks**, Executive Director, St. Barnabas
- **Ed Woods**, President Los Angeles Council on Aging, services offered to seniors and chronically ill persons.
- **Doris Nelson**, League of Women Voters of Los Angeles Healthcare consultant

11:30 am Lunch and tour of Downtown Women's Center
Address: **325 S. LA Street, Los Angeles, CA**
213 680 0600

Downtown Women's Center is a non-profit organization that provides housing, health and social services for homeless women. The Downtown Women's Center (DWC) is a nationally recognized nonprofit organization that provides 40,000 meals, 47 permanent supportive housing apartments, and a wide array of health, education, and other supportive services to more than 2000 homeless and very low-income women each year

2:00 pm Angelus Plaza
Address: **255 S. Hill St, Los Angeles CA 90012**
213-623-4948

Angelus Plaza is a non-profit housing community that provides services for senior citizens, emphasizing continued learning and a healthy lifestyle with an in-house clinic staffed by Good Samaritan Hospital.

- **Jeffrey Winston**, Community Relations Coordinator

3:00pm

Tour of Good Samaritan Hospital

Address: **1225 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles CA**

(213) 482-2750

A major research center and teaching hospital

- **Thomas Bauman**, Director of Physician Development.

5:30 pm

Delegates and drivers depart for host homes.

Evening meal with host families.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 LOCAL GOVERNMENT DAY

Breakfast with host families

9:45 am Meeting with Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles City Councilmember and Chairman of the Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee, will meet with the delegates prior to the City Council presentation.

Address: **200 N. Spring Street**
213 473 2349

10:00 am Presentation to Los Angeles City Council in Council Chamber. Delegates will give a presentation about their lives, organizations, and opinions about what they have learned and seen during their visit.

Delegates will receive recognition of their visit and will be presented with a special certificate.

11:00 am Meeting roundtable discussion with Robert Aguallo, Los Angeles Chief Administrative Officer Deputy, City Employees' Retirement System
Address: **360 E. Second Street, 8th floor**

213 473 7280

The Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System (LACERS) is a public pension fund providing service retirements, disability retirements, and health insurance subsidies to members and their families. Established in 1937 under the exclusive management and control of a Board of Administration, LACERS covers over 27,000 active employees and 14,000 retirees.

12:30 pm Lunch

2:00 pm Department of Health Services (DHS) meeting with Dr. Bruce Chernof, the Director and Chief Medical Officer, to discuss the overview of the County Health Services Department, how the government is involved in the area, and provide information on all of the hospitals and clinics within their jurisdiction.
Address: **313 N. Figueroa St, Room 912**
213 240 8272

This public agency provides medical, mental **health**, public **health** and education **services** for **county** residents. Today, DHS is the second largest health system in the nation and is governed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. DHS serves the healthcare needs of nearly ten million residents and encompasses hospital and out-patient care, programs and clinics, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and rehabilitation services.

DHS serves as the major provider of healthcare for the more than two million county residents without health insurance and provides the majority of all uncompensated medical care in the county.

DHS runs five hospitals: LAC+USC Medical Center, Harbor/UCLA Medical Center, Olive View/UCLA Medical Center, Martin Luther King Jr. - Harbor Hospital, and Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center. The department also runs a multi-disciplinary ambulatory care center - High Desert Health System in the Antelope Valley, six comprehensive health centers, and numerous public health clinics.

6:00pm Evening at the Hollywood Bowl with picnic dinner
Address: 2301 N. Highland Ave. Los Angeles CA 90068

The tradition of presenting the world's greatest musicians and striving for musical excellence has remained a constant goal of this famed Los Angeles cultural landmark.

One of the largest natural amphitheaters in the world, with a current seating capacity of just under 18,000, the Hollywood Bowl has been the summer home of the Los Angeles Philharmonic since its official opening in 1922.

11:00 pm Delegates and drivers depart for host homes.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 LEISURE DAY

Morning with host families

1:00 pm Farewell Party
Potluck Beach Barbeque at ocean side home of Lynn Crandall.
Address: **5114 Pacific Ave, Marina Del Rey CA**
310-821-1501

Activities available include roller skating, canoeing, walk on Venice Beach Board walk, swimming in the ocean. We will debrief our week's activities and fill out evaluation forms. There will be songs, instruments, gifts, delivery of certificates.

Delegates will spend the night at Lynn Crandall's home.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 DEPARTURE DAY

4:00 am Departure to Los Angeles airport.

Delegates will be transported to LAX via Super Shuttle airport transportation service.

6:05am Flight departs