

ANN GARFINKEL, NEW PRESIDENT, IS GRASSROOTS VETERAN – FROM NY TO HONG KONG



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2007-09 President

The new president of the League of Women Voters of San Luis Obispo County is a 39-year veteran of Leagues from Rochester NY to Hong Kong, including two previous terms as president at points along the way.

"It's a life-long passion for this completely nonpartisan organization," said **Ann Garfinkel** of Los Osos, who was elected president at the local League's forty-fifth annual meeting on June 9.

"I've always cared deeply about the world I live in, about good government, and the process of government. And I believe in the League's grassroots approach. We can make a difference in the world by being informed and involved citizens – starting with our own community.

"I especially like that we don't think alike. The League attracts leaders and activists that span an array of perspectives. The key is to be respectful of another person's point of view. If we can't agree on plan A or B, let's craft a C together. That's what the League does every day. That wide diversity, careful deliberation and vigorous discussion is reflected in each and every one of our positions."

In addition to Garfinkel, the 2007-08 board includes newly elected **Emily Penfield**, first vice president; **Lee Chivens**, secretary; and directors **Marlys McPherson**, **Arlene Powers** and **Galen Ricard**. Their terms expire in 2009. Board members continuing through 2008 include **Sara Horne**, second vice president; **Maggie Higgins**, treasurer; and directors **Elinor Kogan**, **Bob McDougale** and **Donna Sullivan**.

The League of Women Voters of San Luis Obispo County is a nonpartisan organization of men and women that encourages informed and active participation in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. For further information, call (805) 543-2220.