

# The League of Women Voters of Benton and Franklin Counties

## VOTER Newsletter - January 2008

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### LEAGUE CALENDAR January/February

**Thurs, Jan. 17 Business & Planning Meeting, Lampson Building, Kenn**

**Fri, Feb. 1 Lobby Day, Olympia**

**Thurs, Feb. 7 Birthday Dinner, Tony Roma's, Kennewick**

**Thurs, Feb. 21 Business & Planning Meeting**

**Thurs, March 6 Table Talk**

**May 31-June 1 LWVWA Council, Yakima**

**June 13-17, 2008 LWVUS Convention, Portland, OR**

**Business & Planning Meeting, Thursday, January 17, 5:30 pm supper, 6:00 pm meeting:**  
We meet at the Lampson Building in Kennewick. All members are welcome. On this month's agenda is a discussion of creating a website for our League, our responses to the LWVUS immigration study and planning for the spring. Join us for supper at 5:30 pm with the meeting beginning at 6:00 pm.

**Holiday Meeting:** Our special Thanks to Judy Golberg and her husband for hosting our holiday meeting. We had a good turn-out despite the snowfall. Thanks go out to Ginger Vetrano for arranging for our speaker.

**Birthday Dinner, Thursday, February 7:** We will return to the same venue as last year, Tony Roma's Restaurant in Kennewick. Our guest speaker will be Kimberly Camp, chief executive officer of The Reach project. This project has been in the news recently because of a large gift from Battelle. Join us to hear the most up-to-date information on this local project.

**Lobby Day, Friday, February 1, Olympia:** Check your recent Washington State VOTER for details and a registration form. If you can't find it, go online to [www.lwvwa.org](http://www.lwvwa.org) and click on Washington State VOTER, then Winter 2008. You'll find lots of information in this recent edition.

**County Study; Membership Handbook:** For members who have not yet received their updated Membership Handbook or a copy of the Benton County Study, they will be available at the birthday dinner.

**TRYs** are in the process of being updated. The goal is to have them available by the birthday dinner.

**Observer Corps:** Ginger Vetrano reports that two League members have been to meetings and really enjoyed it. Agency members were warm and welcoming.

**Treasurer's Report:** The membership renewal campaign ends February 1. Sadly, four long-time local members and one national member have not renewed their memberships as of January 11. On the up-side, two new national members and one new local member are on board. With those changes, here's the current count: 37 local members, 1 member recruited nationally but paying locally, 3 lifetime members, and 5 national members. Using info coming in via personal checks and phone books, Treasurer Helen LaDouceur always attempts to verify e-mail and traditional mail addresses, as well as telephone numbers, so that national, state and local rosters will be current. Please remember to inform her or any other officer should your personal contact information change.

**MESSAGE FROM THE VOTER EDITOR:** Comments, questions, and concerns about this newsletter may be addressed to Jeene Hobbs at 545-0127 or via e-mail at [jhobbs@pocketinet.com](mailto:jhobbs@pocketinet.com). Suggestions and constructive criticisms are welcomed.

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