

# League of Women Voters of Benton-Franklin Counties

## THE VOTER

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### Calendar of Events

January 7	5:30 PM	TABLE TALK, Thursday evening at Alice Bryant's home, 2408 Alexander, Richland, 375-0189 – All members welcome! National Program Planning
January 21	5:30 PM	BOARD MEETING – All members welcome to attend and participate. JoAnne and Marilyn will provide meal.

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### PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

A new month, a new year, with all the opportunities and challenges they bring. Health care, climate change, immigration-many issues will be discussed and some actions will occur this year. The League has positions on all of these and, at every level, they will be advocated.

The January Table Talk will be devoted to the National program. As of this date, I do not have all the information, but expect it soon.

Russ Douthat, a New York Times columnist, stated that a "sudden and artificially induced increase in voter turnout would only mean in an increase in the number of ill-informed, poorly thought out and just plain stupid votes. To be blunt, most of the people who don't vote, shouldn't vote." The League has at least 2 missions-to increase voter turnout, but also to educate voters so that they don't vote stupidly. Are we succeeding? Failing? That is food for thought.

By this time, we will have spoken to our legislators from the 8th and 16th districts about their priorities and ours. It is always good to have them know us personally and that we study and care about state issues.

President, [Ginger Vetrano](#), 735-4248

### LOCAL LEAGUE

DECEMBER TABLE TALK – Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

Table Talk is held at Alice Bryant's home in Richland. The topic to be discussed is:

- National Program Planning

A light meal will be provided. \$3 is a suggested contribution toward the meal.

Report from December Table Talk: Climate change update was reported and Ellyn provided us with a brief discussion regarding her upcoming trip to Copenhagen.

### HEALTH CARE STUDY GROUP

Tri-City Herald published the article written by Susan Kayser on Sunday, January 3.

### THINKING AHEAD

**League's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday – February 14, 2010**  
**Women's Equality Day - August 26, 2010**  
**LWVWA Convention – May 19-22, 2011**

We welcome all help with planning these events. If you want to help in any capacity, contact [Ginger Vetrano](#), [Marilyn Perkins](#) or [Judy Golberg](#).

### STATE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS LWVWA

Committee meeting to start working on the 2011 State Convention will meet Thursday, January 14, 10 AM at Judy Golberg's home (1914 Meadows Drive North, Richland). If you are interested in learning more, please attend and find out what is needed. Your input would be appreciated.

**Happy New Years!**