

# The League of Women Voters of Benton and Franklin Counties

## VOTER Newsletter - February 2008

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### LEAGUE CALENDAR February/March

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

**Sat, Feb 2 Legislative Breakfast at Janet Nail's house, 135 Meadows Hill Drive, Richland**

**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**

**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.

**Legislative Breakfast Potluck, Saturday, February 2, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.:** Janet Nail has agreed to be the hostess for our first legislative breakfast potluck this year. The purpose of this get-together is to review and discuss the variety of issues that will come before the Washington State Legislature in this year's session. You can receive the LWVWA legislative newsletter free via e-mail. If there is a special issue that you are following this legislative session, we hope that you will join us and share your knowledge.

Janet is providing a breakfast hot dish. Please contact her at [janetnail@janetnail.com](mailto:janetnail@janetnail.com) or on 628-3114 and let her know you will be attending and what you plan to bring (pastry, fruit, or beverage).

**Birthday Dinner, Thursday, February 7:** The Birthday dinner will again be held at Tony Roma's in Kennewick. We will begin gathering at 5:30 pm, but come when you can. We will be ordering off the menu with tax and gratuity included on your bill. Our speaker will be Kimberly Camp, executive director of the Hanford Reach Interpretive Center in Richland. She will bring us up to date on the plans and funding for the Reach Interpretive Center. She comes highly recommended as a speaker and this will be a good opportunity to meet her. We will also be honoring special members of League. As always guests are very much welcome. If you have any questions, contact Marilyn Perkins on 783-8610,

**Business & Planning Meeting, Thursday, February 21, 5:30 pm supper, 6:00 pm meeting:** We meet at the Lampson Building in Kennewick. All members are welcome. Join us for supper at 5:30 pm with the meeting beginning at 6:00 pm.

**County Study Report & 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. If you will not be attending and need copies of these documents, contact Judy Golberg

**TRYs:** The 2008 TRY's have been sent to the printer and we hope to have them ready by the Birthday dinner so members can help with the distribution. If you can't attend the dinner but would be willing to help with the distribution to local agencies contact Marilyn Perkins at 783-8610.

**Voter Service:** We had a very successful voter registration drive with KNDU on January 15<sup>th</sup>. We had people waiting when we started at 10:00 am and were busy for the next nine hours. We registered 460 people at the Albertsons in Kennewick. We had 75 people from Franklin County and 10 from Walla Walla County. There were many new registrations but also many changes of addresses. I think this shows there is still a need to take registration to the people and that there is still citizen confusion about the whole process. Thanks to the following members who helped – Judy Chasse, Ruth Giese, Leona Hassing, Kay Ottem, Janet Nail and Marilyn Perkins.

**Observer Corps:** Not everyone has had a chance to attend their Observer Corps meetings, but those who have were warmly welcomed. If anyone else would like to join, please let me know. Ginger Vetrano

#### **Membership Anniversaries:**

5 years: Darci Coffman, Ruth Giese, Jan Griffin, Renee Smith

10 years: Shirley Sonnichsen

25 years: Jeene Hobbs

30 years: Judy Chasse, JoAnne McLaughlin

40 years: Alice Ellis, Ginger Vetrano

50 years: Alice Bryant

Check your recent edition of the local League Handbook to see if the year you joined League is listed and correct. Send corrections and additions to Judy Golberg.

**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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