

**The League of Women Voters of Benton and Franklin Counties
VOTER Newsletter - March 2008**

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LEAGUE CALENDAR	March/April/May
Thurs, March 6	Table Talk. Topic: Judicial Independence
Thurs, March 20	Business & Planning Meeting
Thurs, April 3	Table Talk
Thurs, April 17	Business & Planning Meeting
Thurs, May 1	Table Talk
Thurs, May 15	Annual Meeting
May 31-June 1	LWVWA Council, Yakima
June 13-17, 2008	LWVUS Convention, Portland, OR

Table Talk, Thursday, March 6, 5:30 p.m.: The discussion topic for Table Talk this month is judicial independence. Retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor had two articles published recently. One was printed in last Sunday's *Parade* magazine (2/24) and the other one in the recent LWVUS VOTER. Find one of those articles and read up on her thoughts. Bring your thoughts and any other articles you want to share.

Table Talk, which meets the first Thursday of each month, begins with visiting and a light meal. While discussions generally center on current events, League subjects will occasionally be included. The meal is prepared by members and donations (\$3 suggested) are collected to cover the cost. All members and friends are invited to attend at the home of Alice Bryant, 2408 Alexander in Richland. Call Alice at 375-0189 for more information, directions, or with suggestions for topics to discuss.

Business & Planning Meeting, Thursday, 20, 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.

LWVUS National Convention: The National Convention will be held in Portland, Oregon, this June. This is an excellent opportunity to meet with a variety of folks from all over the country who are interested in good government. Our League is allowed one voting delegate. However, members are welcome to attend the meeting. If you are interested in attending, contact our president Leona Hassing. Registrations are due soon.

Observer Corps: Several observer corps members have begun attending local governmental district meetings. Those present provided brief reports at the February business & planning

meeting. Everyone had something interesting to share. If you are interested in attending meetings as a representative of League, contact Ginger Vetrano.

MESSAGE FROM THE VOTER EDITOR: You may recall I (Jeene Hobbs) announced last summer that my husband was looking for employment outside of the area. He will be flying to Omaha, NE, for an interview on March 6. Therefore, I am making tentative plans to transfer my League responsibilities to other members. If you are interested in producing the VOTER on a monthly basis or helping with Table Talk, contact me and we can talk about what each responsibility entails. Or contact Leona Hassing and volunteer your services. Also I will leave my seat on the Board vacant. If you are interested in being on the Board, contact Ruth Giese of the nominating committee. I have very much enjoyed my 25 years of association with the League of Women Voters of Benton-Franklin Counties.

Comments, questions, and concerns about this newsletter may be addressed to Jeene Hobbs at 545-0127 or via e-mail at jhobbs@pocketinet.com. Suggestions and constructive criticisms are welcomed.

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