

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

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LEAGUE CALENDAR	March/April/May
Thurs, April 3	Table Talk
Thurs, April 17	Business & Planning Meeting
Thurs, May 1	Table Talk
Thurs, May 15	Annual Meeting
Thurs, June 5	Table Talk
May 31-June 1	LWVWA Council, Yakima
June 13-17, 2008	LWVUS Convention, Portland, OR

Table Talk, Thursday, April 3, 5:30 p.m.: It is time again to review our local programs and make plans for next year. Marilyn Perkins will lead the discussion of possible local programs for the coming year. One suggestion mentioned at the Business & Planning meeting was river shore development especially for the City of Kennewick and the Port District. We will also spend some time talking about future plans for table talk. Jeene Hobbs, who has been one of the organizers and soup makers, for Table Talk will be moving to Nebraska this spring. Now is the time to consider how Table Talk will operate in the future. Dea Podhajsky, who will be the new VOTER editor, will be talking about ideas for the newsletter. Come and join in what will no doubt be a lively discussion.

Jeene will be flying to Omaha for a house hunting trip and will not be at Table Talk. If you are able to help with the meal (soup, bread, or dessert), contact Alice Bryant on 375-0189.

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, April 17, 5:30 pm supper, 6:00 pm meeting: We meet at the Lampson Building in Kennewick. On the agenda for this month are local program recommendations, the 2008-2009 budget proposal, and the nominating committee report. All members are welcome. Join us for supper at 5:30 pm with the meeting beginning at 6:00 pm.

Nominations for Officers and Board Members: If you are interested in serving your League as an Officer or a Board member, contact Ruth Giese, 783-2412, nominating committee chair. Officers and Board members serve two-year terms beginning in July.

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

Personal Message From the VOTER Editor (Jeene Hobbs): My husband has accepted a job with Omaha Public Power District working at the Fort Calhoun Nuclear Power Station. Our family will be flying to Omaha in early April to look for a new house. We anticipate moving by the end of April. Everything is moving quickly.

I do plan a yard sale for Saturday, April, 19. If you have a table that you can lend me or a couple hours of time on Friday to sort or Saturday to watch and sell, I would be happy to donate a portion of the proceeds to our League. I also need plastic grocery bags for selling little boy clothes. I have started using reusable ones and do not have many.

Thanks to all of you for your friendship and support during my 25 years with this League. I have learned much about how Washington works, which is why I joined the League. I will miss you very much. Good bye.

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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