

# League of Women Voters of Benton-Franklin Counties

## THE VOTER

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### Calendar of Events

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| September 2  | 5:30 PM | TABLE TALK – Meet at Judy Golberg’s Home, dinner will be provided |
| September 9  | 5:30 PM | BOARD MEETING – Lampson Building, see article below               |
| September 22 | 5:30 PM | CONVENTION PLANNING – Bamboo Gardens – You all come!!             |
| September 23 |         | CANDIDATE FORUM, see article below                                |
| October 7    | 5:30 PM | TABLE TALK – Ballot Issues  |

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### PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

I joined the League in 1979 and my first trip to an out of town League event was Council in Everett sometime in the early 80’s. Council was a two-night event back then and it was well attended. My partner on that trip was Alice Bryant. She and I always remembered that trip we took together. I like ice water and she liked warm water, other than that we meshed quite well. Alice was a faithful and dedicated member of our League. She served on the board for many years, but what I will miss most is her lovely smile and going to her home every month. She was a very gracious hostess and I don’t ever remember feeling like we were imposing and she had a very busy schedule. On the 26<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment giving women the right to vote. Alice was a strong supporter of women’s rights and thought that was a date worth commemorating and was instrumental in starting our picnic tradition. I know we will think of Alice often, but definitely every August 26.

When I first joined League I was so impressed with the women I met; there were so many good role models. I feel fortunate to have known so many of our members for such a long time, but it also makes me realize how important it is to expand our League to a new generation. This fall there will be many activities - voter forums, table talk, ballot issues and our action workshop –that would be perfect to invite a friend or neighbor. Judy Chasse invited me to my first League meeting, and that one-on-one invitation is still the best way for us to increase our membership and make sure that we have the people resources to keep our League strong.

President, [Marilyn Perkins](#), 783-8610

### LOCAL LEAGUE

**SEPTEMBER TABLE TALK** – Thursday, September 2 - Table Talk will meet at Judy Golberg’s home, 1914 Meadows Drive North, Richland (south Richland off Gage Blvd.) at 5:30 PM. If you need specific directions, please contact Judy. Dinner will be served.

A video of Helen Thomas’ speech to the League of Women Voters of the U.S. at its national convention in 2004 will be shown. Helen shared her experiences over the years as a White House reporter.

**OCTOBER TABLE TALK - Ballot Issues** – Table Talk on October 7 will feature a discussion of the ballot issues. There are more than usual this fall, two concern the sale of alcohol, others cover state taxes and industrial insurance. We need people who are willing to help research an issue or two and help present information to our membership. If you would be willing to help, contact Marilyn Perkins 783-8610. The location for this meeting will be the Bamboo Gardens, Kennewick.

[Marilyn Perkins](#), 783-8610 or [Judy Golberg](#), 627-5347

### BOARD MEETING

Business conducted at the August Board meeting included appointing the following members to the Board: Ginger Vetrano, Chris Grantham, Shari Gasperino, and Ginny McIntyre

Next Board Meeting – **September 9**, 5:30 PM–  
The Board meeting is open to all members and is held at

the Lampson Building in Kennewick. A light meal is served.

Because of a conflict with the Badger Club on September 16, we decided to move our board meeting up a week. There is a candidates' forum on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and we have too much to plan to wait for the 30<sup>th</sup>. The Badger Club will be addressing the issue of moving the County Seat and many of the board members will be attending.

### VOTER REGISTRATION

The League will be registering new citizens on Monday morning, September 13 at the Federal Building in Richland. If you would like to help, call Marilyn Perkins, 783-8610 or Madeleine Brown, 946-4082 for more details.

### COUNTY SEAT LOCATION

The Board of Directors voted to support moving the County Seat from Prosser to Kennewick.

### VOTER SERVICE

#### UPCOMING CANDIDATE FORUMS

This year our League is participating in a community-wide coalition to present General Election candidate forums for the public. Other members of the coalition include the Tri City Herald, Charter Communications, the Tri City Regional, Pasco and West Richland Chambers of Commerce, and the Associated Students of CBC.

League will be taking the lead on two forums – one covering the 8th and 16th Legislative District races and the other covering the Benton County races (see dates below). League will also coordinate with Charter to present an in-studio forum featuring the two District Court judge races. Pasco Chamber is taking the lead on the Franklin County races and has scheduled the forum at its luncheon September 13 from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. If you would like to attend, contact Leona Hassing for more details. The Herald is working on arrangements for a 4th Congressional District forum.

Charter taped the editorial board meetings the Herald conducted with the State Supreme

Court Justice candidates and may still be running on both Charter Channel 3 and YouTube.

The **State Legislature forum** will be on **Thursday, September 23 at 6:30 pm at the Mid-Columbia Library** on Union in Kennewick. 8th District races include State Senator and State Representative Position 1. The 16th District race is for State Representative Position 1.

The **Benton County forum** will be held on **Monday, October 11 at 6:30 pm at the Richland Library**. Races to be covered include Assessor, Auditor, Commissioner District 2 and Coroner. Also planned for this forum is a presentation of information regarding the issue of moving the County seat from Prosser to Kennewick. Our members Marilyn Perkins, Kay Ottem, Judy Golberg and Ginger Vetrano are League's representatives to the coalition. If other members are interested in working at any of the forums please contact one of them and let them know of your willingness to help. We need members to help serve as greeters and timers and especially to be part of the audience. If you can help, contact Kay for more details.

All League members are invited -- and encouraged -- to attend the forums.

[Kay Ottem](#), 735-4684

### EASTSIDE ACTION WORKSHOP

We look forward to hosting the Eastside Action Workshop again this fall. Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 23. Plans will be discussed at the next Board meeting and details will be printed in the newsletter.

This workshop is designed to do two things: give us information about the issues that will be key in the 2010 Legislative session and show us ways we can each, from our own homes, have an impact on legislation we care about. We'll hear from some elected officials and some of our own Lobby Team.

In the past we have sold soup and cookie mixes as a fund raising activity. Wonder what we will prepare and sell this year?

Leona Hassing, 492-4111

**SUNSHINE CHAIR**

When Alice Bryant passed away, Ginger Vetrano volunteered to be the Sunshine Chairperson. If anyone knows of a member who is ill, injured, or in need of sympathy or cheering up, give Ginger a call or email her. When appropriate, Ginger will try to have the card signed by as many members as possible.

[Ginger Vetrano](#), 783-9205

**OBSERVER CORPS**

If you are curious about participating as an Observer to any of the public entities within our Counties and want to know more, please contact Marilyn Perkins. New members are always welcome.

**STATE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS****LWVWA**

**State Convention:** May 19-22, 2011. Next planning meeting will be held in **September 22, 5:30 PM** at Judy's house. Pizza will be brought in to share. Contact [Judy Golberg](#) if you have questions. This meeting will focus on developing a theme and suggesting speakers. Your presence will be appreciated.

**THINKING AHEAD**

-  **September 2 - Table Talk**
-  **September 9 - Board Meeting**
-  **September 23 - Candidates' Forum**
-  **October 7 - Table Talk/Ballot Issues**
-  **October 11 - Candidates' Forum**
-  **October 23 - LWVWA Eastside Action Workshop in Kennewick**
-  **December 5 - Holiday Party**

**In Case You Missed It!**

The following links to articles, Editorials and interesting "stuff" are provided for the benefits of those who can access the Internet and missed seeing these tidbits. For those of you without computer access and the article sounds interesting, please contact me (627-5347) or the person listed and we will try to print it and mail it.

Are you on Facebook? If so, have you become "Friends" with other League members? Are you interested? This is one method of keeping in touch. There are a few of our members now in touch with each other through Facebook. If you would like to join us, search for Judy Golberg and I'll suggest others.

How many of you use YouTube? This is an easy way to share videos you have taken with the world, just your family, or just the people you send the link. Candidate forums are being shared through Youtube. This provides people with access without having to rely on a specific broadcast time. You do want to know more?