

The League of Women Voters of Benton and Franklin Counties

VOTER Newsletter - November, 2007

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LEAGUE CALENDAR November/December/January

Thurs, Nov 1 Table Talk: A visitor from the LWVWA Board and U.S. Immigration

Sat, Nov 10 Action Workshop, Bellevue

Thurs, Nov 15 Business & Planning Meeting

Thurs, Nov 29 Table Talk: U.S. Immigration—national study consensus questions

Sun, Dec 9 Holiday Meeting

Thurs, Jan 3 Table Talk

June 13-17, 2008 LWVUS Convention, Portland, OR

Table Talk, Thursday, November 1, 5:30 p.m.: Karen Kiessling of Pullman will be our visitor at Table Talk. She sends this message: "I will be bringing greetings from the state board and from my own Pullman League as well. I do not have any presentation, just some state board business that affects your league and to share vital decisions with you. I want to know what the state board can do for you and just enjoy the chance to meet you and hear what is vital to the good work of the Benton/Franklin Counties League." Look for her brief bio in the Fall issues of the Washington State VOTER.

If time allows we will also begin the process of discussing the consensus questions from the LWVUS study on immigration. This process will continue to the next Table Talk meeting which is on Thursday, November 29.

Table Talk, which meets the first (and sometimes last) 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

Action Workshop, Saturday, November 10, 9:30 to 3:00, Bellevue: Look for details and a registration form in the Fall issue of the Washington State VOTER. The Action Workshop is our annual opportunity to learn about the State League's legislative agenda by hearing from our lobbyist and the State Board Portfolio chairs. If you are interested in carpooling to this worthwhile workshop, let Jeene Hobbs or Leona Hassing know prior to Table Talk and we will try to get it organized.

Business & Planning Meeting, Thursday, November 15, 5:30 supper, 6:00 meeting: We meet at the Lampson Building in Kennewick. All members are welcome. On this month's agenda is a report of the holiday meeting committee, formation of a committee for the birthday dinner, and a report on the yard sale. Join us for supper at 5:30 for a light supper with the meeting beginning at 6:00.

Holiday Meeting, Sunday afternoon, December 9: A committee has been formed to plan our holiday meeting. Judy Golberg has graciously agreed to be the hostess for the meeting. More details will follow.

Possible Book Discussion: Kathy Utz is reading Alan Greenspan's new book titled *The Age of Turbulence: Adventures in a New World*. If you are also reading it or plan to read it, contact Kathy to plan a discussion of the book.

NEW Member: Welcome to DeAnna P. Winterrose of Richland. Her e-mail address is 6winter@msn.com.

Opportunity for public service in Richland: The Richland Parks & Recreation Department is looking for an adult member for the Parks Commission. The due date for applications was October 19, but no one applied so the due date is extended until November 4. If you are interested, contact Wendy Spinosa in the Richland City Clerk's Office on 942-7388.

Yard Sale: Thanks to everyone who helped with the fundraising yard sale at Paula Garland's home. Rumor has it that we made \$400 that day. There wasn't really much left over.

Message from Rene Smith: Rene sent a message recently to let us know that she is moving to Spokane. She has grandchildren there. I'll pass along her new address as soon as she has one.

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. Suggestions and constructive criticisms are welcomed.

The League of Women Voters of Benton-Franklin Counties affirms its belief in and commitment to pluralism and diversity. There shall be no barriers to participation in any activity of the LWVBF on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or socio-economic level.