

League of Women Voters of Benton-Franklin Counties

THE VOTER

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Calendar of Events

December 12	2 - 4 PM	HOLIDAY SOCIAL - Kay Ottem's Home / See article for details
December 7	5:30 PM	CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE – Richland Community House
December 16	5:30 PM	CONVENTION COMMITTEE – Shari Gasperino's Home
December	TBD	MEET WITH LEGISLATORS
January 6	5:30 PM	TABLE TALK – Judy Golberg's Home
January 20	5:30 PM	BOARD MEETING – Lampson Building

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

While December is the end of the calendar year, it is the middle of our League year. Traditionally we only meet once in December, to let everyone rest a little and enjoy the holiday season.

We are having our holiday party as usual, and it is a low key opportunity to get together, and catch up with long time friends and meet our newer members.

Never wanting to waste an opportunity to learn more about our community, we have invited the principal from Delta High School to be our guest. Education has always been a priority of League at all levels.

The nice selection of appetizers and desserts is always a good incentive to show up. We always have plenty to eat, so if your schedule is busy, remember that taking food is always optional.

I hope all our members have a peaceful year's end and enjoy time with family and friends.

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

LOCAL LEAGUE

HOLIDAY SOCIAL

Kay Ottem will host the annual Holiday Social Sunday, **December 12**, from 2-4 PM at 705 N. Reed Place, Kennewick. Kay's phone number is 735-4684.

Deidre Holmberg, Principal of Delta High School will speak on the STEM program and provide us with information regarding this new school and its program.

Please bring your favorite appetizer or dessert to share. Bring your spouse, friends and/or someone who is interested in League.

Directions to Kay's house in Kennewick:

1. Traveling either east or west on Clearwater Avenue, go NORTH (toward the river) on Morain. The street name changes to Neel, and you will go past the fire station and State offices on your right.
2. At the stop sign, take a LEFT on Hood.
3. Then, take a RIGHT on Quillan and follow it all the way until you can only turn LEFT (Klamath is the street name --a cul-de-sac is in front of you and turning right doesn't go anywhere).
4. After turning left on Klamath, take the very first LEFT into Reed Place. It is a cul-de-sac and the Ottem's home is the 3rd house on the right. The address is 705 N. Reed Place.

Another way to get there:

- Traveling along Canal Drive, turn SOUTH on Neel.
- Go to Hood and turn RIGHT.
- Following the directions above from #3.

JANUARY TABLE TALK

Please note: no Table Talk is scheduled for December.

January's Table Talk is scheduled for Thursday, January 6 at Judy Golberg's home, 1914 Meadows Drive North, Richland (627-5347). Members provide soup, bread and dessert. A three dollar donation helps to

cover the cost of ingredients. Dinner starts at 5:30 and we should be finished with discussions by 7:30.

We will be discussing the upcoming Legislative session and state program planning.

This will be fairly informal gathering, so if you can make it a little late or need to leave early, feel free to join us.

[Marilyn Perkins](#), 783-8610

100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

When our members met for Table Talk in November they put together a quick (3 days) plan to celebrate the 100th anniversary of women getting the right to vote in our state. Carol Moser convinced us that it was definitely a date to celebrate.

The Richland Community Center said we could meet there, signs were made and we showed up at noon on November 8th. Thanks to the many members who participated we had fun and reminded people that we should be thankful to the women who went before us and secured the vote and we should never take it for granted.

We got a small taste of what our suffrage sisters might have experienced when the management at the Community Center restricted us to one room; afraid that we were too controversial.

Thanks to Bree Bowen who sent out media alerts, we received coverage on KONA radio, KVEW and KNDU showed up and our picture was on the front page of the Tri-City Herald.

BOARD MEETING

Next Board Meeting – **January 20, 5:30 PM**– Board meetings are open to all members and are held at the Lampson Building in Kennewick. A light meal is served.

MEET OUR LEGISLATORS

Ginger Vetrano and Leona Hassing have been in contact with the Legislators from the 8th and 16th Districts to meet with them about the upcoming Legislative Session that begins January 10. We are waiting for final acceptance as to the time, date and location of these meetings. The plan is to schedule a day the week after Christmas and before January 1. Email messages will be sent as soon as we have confirmation.

CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 7, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM the committee will meet at the Richland Community Center in the Conference Room (immediately to the left as you enter the front door). Discussion will be on sustainable practices.

TRYs (They Represent You)

January is the month to update the TRYs brochure, our directory of elected officials. Judy Golberg has been the lead on this project for many years, but will be unavailable the end of January. Is there a member with computer skills who would be willing to finish entering the corrections?

There is a committee that helps with proof reading the final product.

Members will also be needed to help distribute the TRYs throughout the community.

If you would be able and willing to work on any aspect of the project, contact Judy Golberg 627-5347 or Marilyn Perkins 783-8610.

OBSERVER CORPS

Please let Marilyn know if you are interested in attending any public meeting as an official observer. Several of our members attend these meetings and report through the *VOTER* or during board meetings.

BIRTHDAY DINNER

Tony Roma's meeting room has been reserved for Thursday, February 3, 2011 for our League Birthday dinner. The time scheduled to begin is 5:30 PM. More details will be coming after the first of the year.

SUNSHINE CHAIR

Contact Ginger if you know of a member who is ill, injured, or in need of sympathy or cheering up.

[Ginger Vetrano](#), 783-9205

STATE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS LWVWA

State Convention: May 19-22, 2011. The theme is CROSSPOINTS. The planning committee has met off and on and the next meeting is scheduled for December 16,

5:30 PM at Shari Gasperino's home. Shari is located at 632 Clermont Drive, Richland. Phone number is: 628-1404. Directions: Drive west on Gage Blvd past Albertson's, past Cathedral of Joy, the road curves to the left. Turn left on Morency Drive, and then left on Clermont Drive.

The committee has some great ideas for topics and speakers and several individuals have volunteered to coordinate various aspect of convention. Please come to the meeting and learn what is happening and provide us with your input. Thank you.

Contact [Judy Golberg](#) if you have questions.

THINKING AHEAD

- + December 7 – Climate Change Committee**
- + December 12 – Holiday Party**
- + December 16 – Convention Committee**
- + December 28, 29 or 30??? – TBD – Meeting with Legislators**
- + January 6 – Table Talk**
- + January 20 – Board Meeting**
- + February 3 – Birthday Dinner**

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 or Leona Hassing.

New computer? New to email? Having trouble opening attachments? Do attachments disappear once you open them? Need help? Call Judy. Home visits can be arranged!