

# League of Women Voters of Benton-Franklin Counties

## THE VOTER

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### Calendar of Events

April 7	5:30 PM	TABLE TALK – Judy Golberg’s Home
April 9	5-7 PM	AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE (see article for details)
April 21	5:30 PM	BOARD MEETING – Lampson Building
May 19-22		LWVWA STATE CONVENTION – Shilo Inn, Richland
June 2	5:30 PM	LWVBF ANNUAL MEETING

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### PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

March has gone quickly, which means the State Convention is less than two months away. We hosted the State Convention ten years ago and it was a very positive experience for our League. During the last year there has been a dedicated core of volunteers, led by Judy Golberg, who have been working hard to plan and prepare for this year’s convention. While a few people can do the preliminary work, I am hoping that more members will be available to help during the convention. If you have a morning or afternoon or two that you could share, your help would be much appreciated.

I have attended several state conventions and I’ve enjoyed having the chance to meet other League members from throughout the state. I will be one of the delegates for our League to the convention, but we are entitled to two more. This is a great chance to attend without having to leave home. If you might be interested in being one of our delegates contact me and I will be glad to give you more information. Any member is eligible to be a delegate. Our League will pay the cost of registration, which includes meals during the convention.

Before we can think only of convention, we have two interesting meetings scheduled for this month. The Table Talk meeting will focus on the cleanup effort at Hanford. We are also sponsoring a meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup> that will focus on Community Health Clinics and their role in providing health care. Look for more information on both meetings in this *VOTER*.

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

### LOCAL LEAGUE

#### APRIL TABLE TALK

Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM at the home of Judy Golberg – 1914 Meadows Dr. North in Richland. In addition to good food and good company, the next Table Talk will feature Susan Leckband, the chair of the Hanford Advisory Board. She will have copies of the Board’s recent annual report and she will update us on progress that has been made, what still needs to be done and how future budget cuts might affect the work being done.

If you haven’t been to Table Talk before, a light meal will be provided of soup, bread and dessert. A \$3 donation is suggested. Call Judy at 627-5347 if you need directions. All members and guests are welcome.

#### ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, June 2, 5:30 PM at All Saints Episcopal Church in Richland. Because of the convention, the annual meeting for our local League will be a little later than usual. It is the one time during the year we hope to get as many members together as possible to acknowledge the work of the previous year and set a course for the upcoming year.

The annual meeting packet will be sent to all members two weeks prior to the meeting. The meeting is a potluck so there is always lots of good food.

#### BOARD MEETING

Next Board Meeting – **April 21**, 5:30 PM– Board meetings are open to all members and are held at the Lampson Building in Kennewick. A light meal is served.

**MEMBERSHIP**

If you have moved or changed an address or know someone interested in League, please contact [Leona Hassing](#), 492-4111, Membership Chair.

**AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE ACT**

Do you understand the Affordable Health Care Act? Interested in learning more?

The League of Women Voters will present a public forum on health care, especially as it relates to community health centers. As you head out for an evening on the town, plan to drop by to listen to our guest speaker, Anita Monoian, CEO of Yakima Neighborhood Health Centers. Ms. Monoian is also a member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Community Health Centers. Her program will feature a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Community Health Centers and Health Reform: What Does the Future Hold?" There will be time for questions from the audience.

The event will be held Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, from 5 – 7pm, at the Benton PUD auditorium, located at 2721 W.10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Kennewick.

**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.

As May approaches, the planning for convention is getting down to the wire. We are now asking for helpers to be at convention to assist with various duties. Many of these jobs are quite simple but do require having someone help with a simple meal for the state Board of Director, be present during the business sessions, workshops or while guest speakers are presenting.

Working during convention is also a great way to listen to the business of our organization. Sign up now! We need your help. If you can spare some time, please contact [Judy Golberg](#), 627-5347.

**THINKING AHEAD**

- + **April 7 – Table Talk**
- + **April 9 – Affordable Health Care**
- + **April 21 – Board Meeting**
- + **May 19-22 – LWVWA Convention, Richland**
- + **June 2 – Annual Meeting**

**Advertisement:**

Kathy Utz is presenting a mini-economics class scheduled for Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup> between 6-8 P.M at the Richland Community Center. It is presented as an offering of the Richland Recreation Department. The cost is \$12.50 /\$10 with Richland resident discount. This covers the use of the Meeting Room.

The class is titled "Understanding Today's Economic Debates".

The first session will cover the definitions and concepts need for a basic understanding of economic issues. The second session will identify the current issues and the differing prescriptions for dealing with them. Minimum enrollment is 5 maximum is 20.

Kathy is presenting this class because "I believe that citizens need this kind of information in order to make informed choices."