

# KING COUNTY SOUTH VOTER

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF KING COUNTY SOUTH

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*LWV Mission: The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.*

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**ALL MEMBERS, NATIONAL AND LOCAL, ARE INVITED TO ATTEND, PARTICIPATE AND VOTE AT OUR ANNUAL MEETING!**

**06-07 Membership Available!**

**Raffle tickets!**

## ANNUAL MEETING

## KIT

## ENCLOSED!

1. What color would you call the annual meeting kit cover?
2. Where is the vital information you need to put the meeting on your calendar and to find your way there? (Check that cover!)
3. Are you putting the date and time on your calendar right now?
4. Are you carpooling with other Leaguers?
5. We are privileged to have Eleanor Hadley as our speaker. (Article in April VOTER)

## PRESIDENT'S MUSINGS

We are wrapping up another year of discussions, action and involvement in south King County. I was especially happy to see the eagerness of a large group attending a "retreat" deciding to keep the LWV of KCS intact. I also was very happy about the "restart" of the Enumclaw unit. This year our LWV testified at hearings, sent letters to the appropriate officials regarding election reform and regarding homelessness., invited resource people and legislators to our units, gave talks, responded to action calls from National and participated in a variety of voter service activities. To all who participated in one way or another, THANK YOU.

My idea for next year is for the units to develop an action plan for the units based on the excellent ideas you all had at program go-around in January. I would like to see the units a little more independent, with the Board serving the units rather than the other way around. We will need to do consensus for the state next year and that is an obligation to the State LWV. Beyond that, the sky is the limit for units. The Board is ready to take on any action the units suggest. (OK, within reason!)

## WHO IS JOLLY OCTOPUS?

When this League member moved to the beach on Vashon, she wanted to name her little beach cottage in the manner of some places in this country and in England. She came up with "Jolly Octopus." But alas, she never got around to putting up an actual sign.

"Jolly Octopus" seemed a natural for several reasons. First, in her thirty years of teaching kindergarten, when things were very busy and she had many little people all wanting her to help them at the same time with activities that involved her hands, she would say, "You'll just have to be patient and take turns. I am not an octopus." On a rainy blustery night when she would come home after shopping, pushing her cart with her groceries the length of a long city block, she would need an umbrella and a flashlight and — more hands! She wished she were an octopus, or at least one of the India Indian Goddesses with many arms.

And finally, though she never has seen them, she has been told by people who did dives right off her beach that, about 75 feet down, some of the biggest octopuses (or octopii?) in the world live among the rocky underwater cliffs offshore.

**Who is this League member with the email address of JOLLYOCTOPUS@FOXINTERNET.COM?**

Answer at the Annual Meeting!

## 2-1-1 LAUNCHED IN KING AND SNOHOMISH COUNTIES

Citizens are familiar with dialing 9-1-1 for emergencies and 4-1-1 for information. Now, with the same ease, citizens in King County will be able to dial 2-1-1 to connect to community information such as how to get assistance or where to volunteer. 2-1-1 will be staffed by Crisis Clinic as an expansion of the Community Information Line, which has been helping citizens navigate our region's network of health and human service agencies for thirty years. 2-1-1 is funded locally by United Way of King County, Seattle, and King County. The program may be offered statewide next year.

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