

VOTER

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF KING COUNTY SOUTH

OCTOBER 2005

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BALLOT ISSUES GENERAL MEETING 305 SO 33RD ST RENTON, WA

*Titles on the Tip of Your Tongue?
No?*

*Bring your friends and find out about the issues
that will be on the ballot.*

State issues that will be on the ballot:

I-330

I-336

I-900

I-901

I-912

*The League always offers both pro and con to
every issue.*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have many things going on in October as we move toward another general election. We managed to survive another round of the "Montana" style primary. The ultimate fate of our primary system is still up in the air.

The Board discussed the dissemination of email addresses. We decided that we will not submit your email address to anyone without your permission. Just as we decided that, National LWV has come out with a gimmick to get you on their email list. They do have a lot of interesting things, including the E-Voice, an email newsletter, and action alerts. Here is a quote from the LWVUS president:

"We want the League membership to be as informed and active as possible and to have some fun! In this spirit, the LWVUS is announcing a contest that will combine those ideas by generating interest in collecting emails. Having more of our members' emails allows us to vastly improve and enhance our communications. All individual members whose email addresses are added or updated in the LWVUS database between September 1, 2005 and January 31, 2006, will be eligible for a drawing of prizes that includes valuable vintage posters, historical note cards and autographed publications. Please spread the word and help LWVUS reach 100% of your members. You can update email addresses via the online database. Questions? Contact membership@lww.org.

Be sure and review the calendar below for things of interest.

CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER +

- October 4: Enumclaw Unit. Location : Highpoint, 1777 Highpoint. Time 7-9. Topic: "Human Rights in Post 9.11". Unit Chair: Cathy Dormaier, 360-802-6799. Excellent resource person coming. Bring friends!
- October 5: Board Meeting, 9:30-12:00, LWV office, 616 SW 152nd St., Burien
- October 6: Seattle LWV 1st Thursday Forum. Topic "Ballot Issues". Seattle 1st Baptist Church, 111 Harvard Ave, 7:30 p.m.
- October 16: Federal Way Candidates' Night, 6:30 p.m., Federal Way Regional Library, 34200 1st Way So. Co-Sponsors, AAUW.
- October 20: Candidates' Night. Burien City Council and School Board. Location: Burien City Hall, 415 SW 150th, Burien. Co-sponsors, AAUW and Chamber of Commerce of South King.
- October 22: **ACTION WORKSHOP.** See Flyer (will be emailed to those receiving by email)
- October 25: **GENERAL MEETING: BALLOT ISSUES.** Location: UGN Center, 305 S 43rd St, Renton (Across street to south from Valley General) Time 7-9 p.m. Co-sponsors, AAUW.
- October 26: Vashon Island's Candidates' Night. Location: Courthouse Square, 7 p.m.
- November: Units resume. Topic "Early Care and Education of Young Children"
- December 3: HOLIDAY PARTY and Silent Auction. Time 10-3 (It is Saturday)

Vashon Island Unit In Action!!!

We are very busy these days on Vashon. On September 14 we sponsored a Candidates Forum along with the PTSA and the Chamber of Commerce for the three way race for the School Board.

The very next day we had a very successful regular meeting with speaker Bill Ameling, an Island expert on local taxes. Bill does a really good job of explaining complex issues and we all are wiser voters for his presentation. So many requests have come for a repeat performance that we are scheduling Bill Ameling for an evening meeting in two weeks. Now we would like to plan some future meetings with leaders of each of our taxing districts to learn about their mission and how they prioritize items in their budgets.

On October 26 we will join the Community Council in presenting all of the candidates for our local offices. Our president ,Becky Cox , will be the moderator.

Jennie Hodgson. Vashon Chair

UNIT MEETINGS TIME, PLACE, AND CONTACTS

Next Units in November

(Be sure you are well-informed for the discussion, and then consider bringing a guest to see how League's approach to issues of the day works to be thorough and fair.)

HIGHLINE UNIT

3rd Tuesday, Location: Conference Area next to our new office, 616 SW 152nd, Burien. Time 1-3 p.m.
Contact: Christel Brunnenkant; 425-255-6981

VASHON UNIT

3rd Thursday, Location: Vashon Library. Time 2:30 p.m.
Contact: Jennie Hodgson: 206-463-5408

FEDERAL WAY UNIT

3rd Wednesday, September 21, 7 p.m. Foundation House, 32290 1st Ave So.
Contact: Kathy Jorgensen: 253-859-8349

ENUMCLAW UNIT

1st Tuesday, Location HighPoint. 1777 Highpoint. Time 7-9 p.m.
Contact: Cathy **Dormaier** (We got it right this time!) 360-802-6799

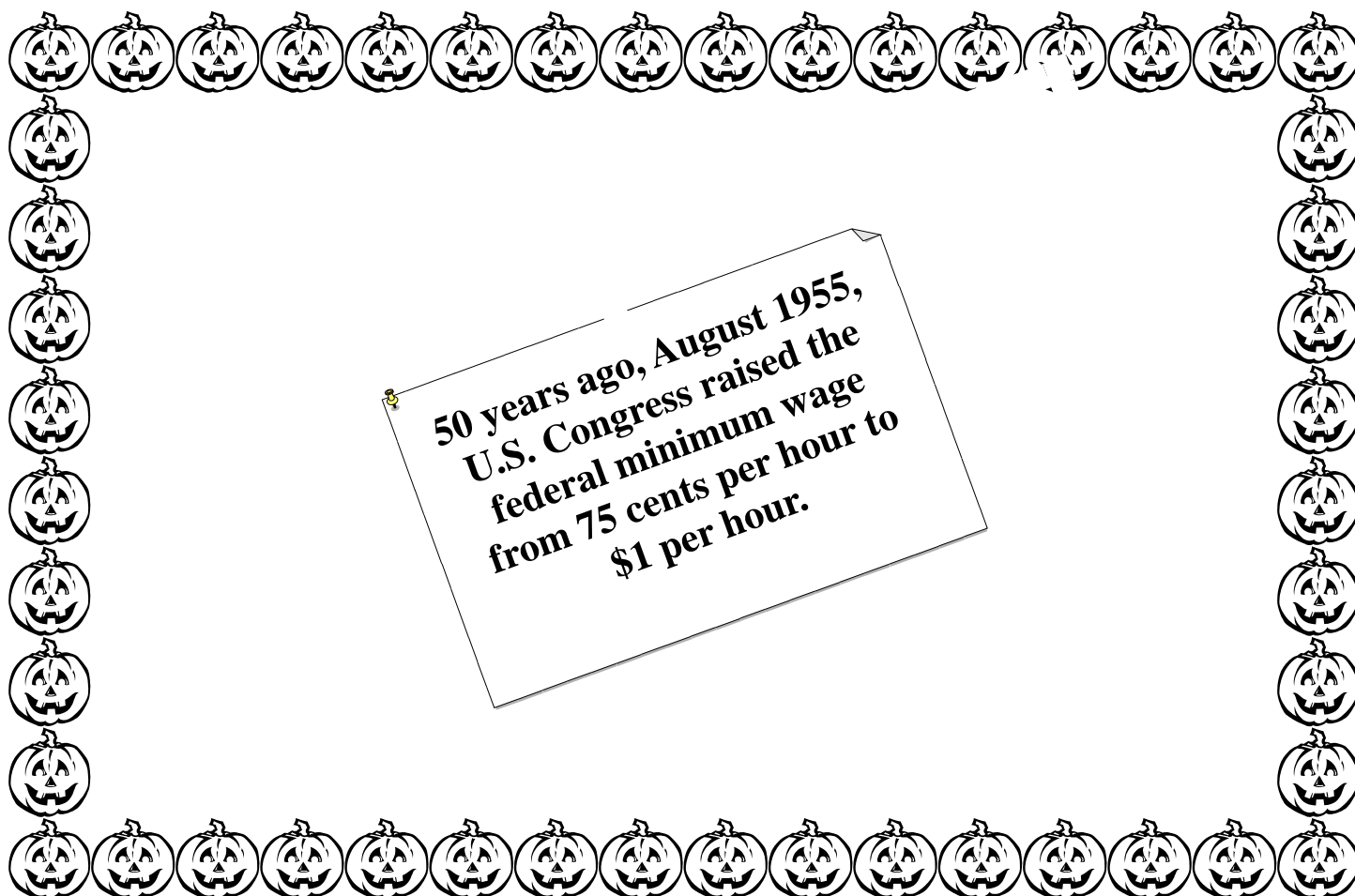
BURIEN PARK BEACHES DECLARED MARINE RESERVE AREAS

The Burien City Council has approved a resolution declaring beaches at Seahurst and Eagle Landing parks as marine reserve areas to help protect the marine habitat at the parks. People are prohibited from intentional taking or damaging shells, rocks, plants, driftwood, shellfish or animals dead or alive from beaches that have been designated marine reserve areas.

The Council directed that the beaches be posted as “No Take” areas and that the harvesting of shellfish on the beaches be restricted.

Burien’s city code that applies to parks currently makes unlawful to remove or destroy any property, plants or animals (living or dead) within a park. The primary benefit of the marine reserve declaration is to educate the public regarding proper conservation and uses of the beach.

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**LWVWA JUDICIAL SELECTION AND INDEPENDENCE SYMPOSIUM
NOV. 11TH.**

LWV of Washington is co-sponsoring a Symposium on Judicial Selection and Independence at Seattle University School of Law on Friday, November 11, 2005. The Symposium will explore ways by which we can work together to protect judges from undue influence in elections; preserve the appearance of fairness in the judicial selection process; and enhance the public's confidence in our state's judiciary during this time of increasingly harsh criticism of state and federal judges.

Concerns that make this Symposium timely include the increasingly partisan nature of judicial campaigns in Washington State; the escalating costs of funding judicial elections; the lack of judicial campaign financing limits; the growing amounts of special interest money being injected into judicial races; the relative shortage of useful information available to voters regarding judicial candidates and the difficulties of ferreting out such information; and the skewing of voting results by irrelevant factors such as ballot placement and commonness of names of judicial candidates.

Space is limited. Contact Julie Gardner, King County Bar Association, 206-267-7013, for registration information.

(Ed Note: Talked to Julie on 9/17 and the space is approximately 1/2 reserved.)

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WOMEN ENGAGING GLOBALLY

Saturday, November 12, 2005, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Kane Hall, University of Washington in Seattle

LWV has joined forces with the Center for Women Policy Studies and the Women's Environment and Development Organization to engage influential U.S. women as advocates for U.S. foreign policy that promotes human rights, economic development, peace and security, and sustainable development. Seattle is one of eight cities in the U.S. participating in this effort. Our focus will be on Poverty, Globalization and Trade. Most of the world's poorest of the poor are women. Women make up the vast majority of both low-wage workers and consumers. The forum will examine how current U.S. macroeconomic policy impacts women at home and abroad.

Welcome: Zaida Arguedas, LWVUS

Moderator: Barbara Seitle, President, LWVWA

Debra Glassman, UW Global Business Center will deliver an overview of U.S. macroeconomic policy gender specific aspects of that policy.

A panel of local leaders and state legislators will discuss local aspects and responses to the issues raised by the speakers. This panel will be moderated by Leslie Wolfe, president of the Center for Women Policy Studies. Panelists may include Senator Karen Fraser, Rep. Phyllis Kenney, Rep. Ruth Kagi, Sen. Jeanne Kohl-Wells, Rep. Sharon Tomiko-Santos.

A REMINDER—

DUES WERE DUE AS OF JULY 1ST.

WE DO NOT SEND OUT NOTICES SO YOU ARE ON YOUR OWN!

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE LEAGUE'S ACTIVITIES AND STUDIES.

What is environment?

As we prepare for our November unit meetings, stimulated by the Seattle LWV study guide, **Early Care and Education of Young Children Birth to Five** I suggest that we broaden our scope to fully recognize how much early education affects our own communities, our various levels of government, and eventually the whole world.

Environment is described in my dictionary: 1: The circumstances, objects, and conditions by which one is surrounded. . . . 2) b: the aggregate of social and cultural conditions that influence the life of an individual or community.

I think the Katrina disaster has awakened Americans to the need for citizens to take more responsibility for creative, dedicated leadership to develop the common good. Pioneers in villages or on caravans west had to consider the common good lest they all perish.

In recent years education has too often been focused on earning money – and using that money far beyond real needs to keep ahead of the Jones. We ask ‘What’s in it for me?’ rather than what do we need as a society to be safe and productive?

I was dismayed by a response I once got to a phone call I made on behalf of a school levy. "Why Should I Support the Education of the Obnoxious Brats Across the Street?!!"

The Seattle LWV current position supports "the use of public funds for programs designed to meet the cognitive, physical and social education, parent involvement , health and nutrition services needs of children in their early years." They call for QUALITY CHILDCARE.

What does that mean?

Brain research has shown that lifetime learning capacity in babies and young children starts even before birth. Alert hospitals seek out young mothers in early pregnancy to help not only with nutrition but also to improve the surround in the womb of positive thoughts and reduction of tension. Sometimes hard to do without stable finances and housing.

The Readiness to Learn is good but should begin younger than four years old.

I heard a conscienciu father apologize to a presenter because he had been neglecting to use the math flash cards with his three year old. Flash cards are NOT QUALITY education for three year olds. Those early years are for exploring, thinking, communicating. A story read by a parent has much greater value than even the well done Sesame Street.

A Child’ capacity for learning was formerly viewed as an empty box which the parents and teachers filled with knowledge and skills. Recent studies have indicated that the child is born with 100 billion neurons (nerve cells), which is essentially the number in the adult brain . . . It is the number of dendrites and synapses, or connections, and myelin (insulation between nerves) will increase exponentially under stimulus of use."

(To be continued in the November VOTER)

Jean Hueston, LWV South King, Human Services Portfolio--
Jean T Hueston

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 MEETING IN
 SEPTEMBER.

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