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VOTER

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



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

Where Do You
Want This Rain?

STORM WATER

Unit Meetings will review the work done by the
LWVKCS Storm Water Committee
Study materials (gorgeous) are being sent by mail,
including discussion questions (Page 2).
Voter will come by e-mail or mail, as usual.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The results are in of the unit discussions of the direction the LWVKCS might choose to move in the near future! The two prevailing choices are:

CHOICE ONE: Options #3 and #7 have similarities in that they point to joining the Seattle LWV (or a new entity called "LWV of Greater Seattle") in some form or other. There are many questions about how that would be accomplished; whether as a merger with LWVKCS en masse, or as units at large.

CHOICE TWO: Option #5 preserves units at large retaining their autonomy, relating to the state directly and then consequently to national.

AREAS OF QUESTIONS ARISING from the discussions included, but were not limited to, the following:

DOCUMENTS in the office: Who would determine what is "of value" to be preserved in some form? Where would this electronic archive then be kept?

THE OFFICE: When would we vacate? The insurance expires in June.

FINANCES: What are the laws governing the dissolution of a unit? To whom and when can our remaining balance be disbursed? If our fiscal year ends June 31, must all our business be transacted by then? The elected board would lose some officers at that time; who would retain the authority to do business in the name of the LWVKCS?

INPUT FROM SEATTLE LEAGUE: If, in fact, we are discussing joining/merging with Seattle, at what point do we ask them to join the dialogue?

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Is it realistic to activate such a group?

Now that we have voiced our opinions, we move into the "information gathering phase" of this transition. The board will continue to discuss possible elements of our options.

If you have additional input for the board, please feel free to contact us directly, or through your unit leader.

It is my privilege to work with you at this critical time in our organization.

Sandra Nelson, Admin. Team Member #3

A Bit of History

In 1939, the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) refused permission for Marian Anderson to sing to an integrated audience in Constitution Hall. At the time, Washington D.C. was a segregated city and black patrons were upset that they had to sit at the back of Constitution Hall. The District of Columbia Board of Education also declined a request to use the auditorium of a white public high school. As a result of the ensuing furor, thousands of DAR members, including First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, resigned.

The Roosevelts, with Walter White, then-executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Anderson's manager, impresario Sol Hurok, then persuaded Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes to arrange an open air Marian Anderson concert on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. The concert was performed on Easter Sunday, April 9th. They began the performance with a dignified and stirring rendition of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee". The event attracted a crowd of more than 75,000 of all colors and was a sensation with a national radio audience of millions.

... In 1943, Anderson finally sang at Constitution Hall at the invitation of the DAR to an integrated audience as part of a benefit for the American Red Cross.

Submitted by Susan Sanders

VASHON KNOWS HOW TO THROW A PARTY

In celebration of the successful securing of funds to purchase the Maury Island land for a park to enhance the Marine Preserve in that area, Vashon threw a great party for the island and some of us "mainlanders." There were many state and county elected officials present, including US Rep. Jim McDermott. State Senator Sharon Nelson was one of the first to speak. She was the first "Preserve Our Island" president and has led the charge to save Maury Island for 13 years. Leaguers present, May Gerstle, Yvonne Kuperburg, Faye Wilkerson, Ellen Kritzman, Becky Cox and Pat McCann, were pleased to hear Sen. Nelson identify the League as one of the first organized groups to join in with POI to challenge Glacier NW Gravel's mining expansion.

It was a noisy and happy crowd, well fed by a local restaurant, The Monkey Tree. The food was the swan song for the restaurant as the owners are retiring. It was awesome!

WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE IS IN SESSION

Welcome to a busy Legislative season. I hope you have had a chance to see the new *Legislative Newsletter* format. We already have feedback on how to make it more readable and will continue making changes to make it even better. Please encourage those members who have not had a chance to sign up for the Legislative

Newsletter to do so on the state's website: www.lwvwa.org

I'm writing to encourage yourself or your Local League Action Chair to take part in the Lobby Team's weekly meetings. You are certainly welcome in person or could let us know you want to join us by using your computer to "skype" conference with the Lobby Team. Our Statewide Policies and Procedures remind me that Lobby Team meetings are open to all League members and that Local League action chairs are encouraged to participate with the Lobby Team.

Lobby Team meetings are each Thursday of the Legislative Session at 11:30 am to 1 pm, in 238 Cherberg on the State Capitol Campus.

Please email me if you want to computer conference in by Skype or just show up any time and you will be welcome.

I hope some of you and/or your Action Chairs can take advantage of this invitation.

Sincerely,
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LWVWA WINTER VOTER IS ON LINE AT <http://www.lwvwa.org/publications.html>.

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| <h2>Legislative Priorities</h2> |
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The State LWV Board and the Lobby Team have set their priorities for the 2011 legislative session. The priorities will be posted on LWVWA.ORG. If the printed version comes before the paper Voter is mailed, it will be included in that mailing.

With this Voter is a coupon for subscribing to the Legislative Newsletter (an awesome publication—non-biased info on the doings in Olympia). Note: If you subscribed by e-mail last year, you will get it this year, too. The coupon is for those who have never subscribed or want it mailed to them.

FOLLOW THE LEAGUE'S PROGRESS IN OLYMPIA

SUBSCRIBE TO THE LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER

During the legislative session you will receive information about League support or opposition to bills, pertinent committee hearings, status of bills and Action Alerts. **If you are willing to receive the newsletter via email it's free!** If you prefer to have it mailed to you there is a \$15 charge. Please specify which version you wish to receive - mail or email. **\$15 Mail Free via Email**

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Presidential Primaries

"The citizens of Washington voted some time ago to have a Presidential Primary. That was when very few people attended the party caucuses. However, unless there is a way for the results to play a decisive part in the selection of nominees, it should be abandoned, at least temporarily.

In the last few years the caucuses have been extremely well attended, to the point of almost being unmanageable. If caucuses are to be the deciding factor, then the meetings should consist of much, much smaller groups of people, such as one or two precincts.

If the citizens go back to the old ways of not attending caucuses, and instead allow a few party insiders to select presidential nominees, then we should reinstate the Presidential Primary and, in some way, insist that the results are of real value."

Miriam Helgeland

Chance to Visit Your Legislator

League of Women Voters of Washington

DAY IN OLYMPIA

February 24, 2011

Registration 8:30am; Program begins 9:00am

REGISTRATION

Cost: \$25 per person

Lunch Provided

Columbia Room, State Capitol, Olympia

Name _____

Address* _____

City, State, Zip _____

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Check enclosed _____

Mail to: LWVWA, 4730 University Way N.E., Suite #720, Seattle, WA 98105

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- * You will make a difference when you come to LWV Day at our State Capitol.
- * Learn how to help our Volunteer Lobby Team and then put it in practice immediately.
- * Make appointments NOW to meet your Legislators and spread the League's priorities (find the 2011 LWVWA Priorities at www.lwvwa.org under Positions.)



Directions:

From I-5 Southbound: Bear right on ramp at sign reading "Exit 105A to State Capitol" and go west for 0.8 miles. Continue on 14th Avenue SE and go west for 0.4 miles to the Visitor Information Center at Capitol Way S at 14th Avenue SW.

From I-5 Northbound: Bear right on ramp at sign reading "Exit 105A to State Capitol" and go northeast for 0.3 miles. Bear right on 14th Avenue SE and go west for 0.6 miles to Capitol Way S at 14th Avenue SW.

You can see a map at <http://www.ga.wa.gov/visitor/direction.htm>. Or, you can check out the Legislature web-site at <http://www.leg.wa.gov/legislature/pages/visitingthelegislature.aspx>

I-90 Wildlife Bridges Coalition

LWVWA supports wildlife under and overpasses on Snoqualmie Pass. There is a citizen-based wildlife monitoring project. If you are driving I-90 from North Bend to Easton and to see live or dead wildlife near the roadway, you are asked to report it to www.i90wildlifewatch.org. This reporting aids in planning to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions and boost safe passage for the wildlife.

Single Payer Health Care Public Meeting


Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP) are holding the following meeting to discuss single-payer possibilities for health care. There is no charge for this meeting.

**February 5 – PNHP Annual Public Meeting 7:00 pm at Kane Hall, Room 120,
University of Washington, Seattle**

Speakers: Dr Margaret Flowers (PNHP)
Katie Robbins (Healthcare Now!)
Mark Dudzic (Labor Campaign for Single Payer)

<http://www.pnhpwesternwashington.org/>

CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

- Feb 2: Board Meeting, 9:45-12 noon, 616 SW 152nd, Burien, WA.
Contact Co-president, Sande Nelson, 360-825-6771, with agenda concerns.
- Feb 5: Physicians for National Health Program Annual Public Meeting. 7:00 Pm at Kane Hall, U of W.
- Feb 8: **Special Elections.** Check with your city or county election officials to see if you have anything on the ballot.
- Feb 8: Enumclaw Unit, 7-9 p.m., Highpoint Village. **Unit Chair: Cathy Dormaier, 360-802-6799.**
Topic: Stormwater Issues in South King County.
- Feb 14: Highline Unit, 1:30-3:30 p.m., 616 SW 152nd St, Burien. Topic: Stormwater Issues in South King County. **Unit Chair: Betty Colasurdo, 206-246-4097.**
- Feb 14:  Random Acts of Kindness Week: Feb 14-20. Do something kind for someone this week.
- Feb 16: Federal Way Unit, 7-9 p.m., Foundation House, 32290 First Ave. S. Topic: The same as above. **Unit Chrs: Miriam Helgeland, 253-852-4167 and Cindy Piennett, 253-839-2883**
- Feb 17: Vashon Unit (Tent.) 2-4 p.m. Vashon Library. **Contact Ellen Kritzman, 206-567-4837** to see if a meeting is scheduled.
- Feb 24: **LWV Day in Olympia.** All details in this Voter.

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