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Linnea Hirst, LWVWA President, attends the Day of Jubilation in Olympia.

**The Day of Jubilation** on November 8, 2010 at the Washington State Capitol Campus was a glorious day! Commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Washington women's suffrage, the celebration filled the Capitol, spilling over into the Temple of Justice, and the Newhouse Building. The day began with a parade of "suffragettes", continued with performances of plays, a sing-a-long, a trial re-enactment (starring all current Supreme Court justices plus several law clerks), varied exhibits, a wonderful youth choir, NW Tribal dancers, to name a few. A formal program, emceed by Sam

Reed, WA Secretary of State, concluded the celebration by presenting a *Votes for Women Five Star Banner* to delegations from California and Oregon states to use in their celebrations in 2011 and 2012. State League President Linnea Hirst welcomed attendees, and other League members were spotted all over the Capitol, both in suffragette costumes and in "regular" clothes---all joined in celebration of this most momentous day! Huzzah!!



The Golden Oldies Guild represented Tacoma Goodwill during the centennial of women's right to vote in Washington State, celebrated in Olympia on Tuesday November 9th. This event was sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Washington, among others. As part of the festivities, the guild held a special vintage fashion show that included members dressed as famous historical figures in the suffrage movement. Congratulations to the guild and thanks to Sally Perkins in the marketing department for arranging this public relations success that featured coverage in The (Tacoma) News Tribune, The (Everett) Herald and Seattle Post-Intelligencer, among many other publications.

### President's Message *by Linnea Hirst*

We need to cheer loudly and long for all the local League members who have worked so hard on our basic mission—educating the voters! You've done candidate and ballot issue forums throughout the state, generally with accolades, sometimes with a few shouters. Hundreds learned from your efforts, and we honor you all. Thank you.

Meanwhile, at the state level, we filled some requests—in just one day recently, we sent Katie Bethel (Seattle LWV) to KING-TV for ballot issue discussion on their morning talk show, Allison Feher (also Seattle LWV) to Dayton in the Walla Walla area for a ballot issue panel before high school students who then had a mock election on those issues, and I went to KOMO NewsRadio for an interview on the initiative process. (The reason I asked Allison to go to Dayton was because the sponsors asked for a west-side Leaguer to come, since the other panelists were all from the east side of the mountain.)

We also produced—or at least steered production—of a public service announcement urging people to vote. Peter Vogt did the work, Seattle Storm basketball team was featured, and the results ran on TV stations throughout the state. (Kudos especially to Kelly Powers, Seattle LWV, for finding Peter for us.)

We celebrated in various ways 100 years of women getting the vote, culminating with a two-day celebration in Olympia, with the main events on Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. I did the kick-off for one of the series of programs that morning, and besides talking about how wonderful the women were who fought to give us this equal position with men, I thought it important to point out that not all women got the vote at that point. Chinese-Americans, Japanese-Americans, Native Americans and blacks had to wait a lot longer before they were brought into the fold. I also pointed out that throughout the state, over 40% of the eligible voters DID NOT VOTE this month. I ended by saying we would spend the day celebrating, but then we need to get back to work.

And back to work we are. We're in the process of planning a major series of training workshops throughout the state and the grant we'll need in order to do it. We're planning workshops for the

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coming convention in the TriCities area. Our lobby team is working hard on ways to work with the legislature to save the things we love.

From our correspondence with various local Leagues, we know you're back at it too. Keep up the good work! Know we are trusted and appreciated in the work we do.

#### Education Fund Handbook for Local Leagues Updated

We have posted a new version of the Education Fund Handbook for Local Leagues on our website, <http://www.lwvwa.org/studies.html>.

The handbook includes the latest information about applying for grants and using your own education fund money.

Guidelines for Civic Education Fund Grants are incorporated into the handbook  
Process flowcharts illustrate the steps to follow  
Frequently Asked Questions are answered  
New forms are included

\* Soon to be released on the website - e-forms to make the application process still easier.

## Spotlight on Local Leagues

How Something Happened in King County South by Mary Ehlers

Last May at the Bellingham State Council, I heard Mary Moore and Cynthia Stewart, Thurston League, talking about how they had used Conversation Cafes instead of forums for informational sessions. This sounded interesting, so I asked about it. The result was that Mary and Cynthia agreed to come to Burien and train the King County South League on Conversation Cafes. I could stop here and thank them, but the story goes on.

We are using and have more events scheduled to use our Civic Engagement Grant to host events using Conversation Cafes. We have used this format for book club reviews at unit meetings and have plans to use them to engage the public to discuss violence in our community this spring. Because of Mary and Cynthia, Conversation Cafes are becoming part of how the King County South League works.

What are Conversation Cafes? They are a process for open, hosted conversations (civil discussion) on subjects that matter. There is a website <http://conversationcafe.org/>, but we found having Mary and Cynthia come and train us was a wonderful sharing event between Leagues. We feel we are improving our League discussions by incorporating this new process. Thank you, Mary Moore and Cynthia Stewart, Thurston League.

The League of Women Voters of Clallam County sponsored a summit meeting October 7, 2010 in Port Angeles to explore the potential of establishing a local Food Policy Council.

A Food Policy Council has the potential to strengthen a local food system and make it more sustainable while enhancing the local economy, community health, and food security. A council could recommend changes to government policy and coordinate initiatives to increase production, processing, sales, and distribution of local farm products.

Last spring, locals involved in the local food system requested assistance from the League to explore the possibility of a Food Policy Council. After checking with the positions of the state and national League organizations, the Clallam League, under the leadership of Anne Murray, agreed to survey representatives from the food community and organize a summit if results indicated there was sufficient interest in forming a Food Policy Council. Responses were posi-

tive and the summit was held, funded by a grant from the League of Women Voters of Washington.

The summit began at 9:30 am and closed at 2:30 pm with 28 of the surveyed individuals attending. Participants included farmers, grocery businesses, community organizations, and government representatives.

League members presented the results of the survey along with information about the structure and activities of existing Food Policy Councils. Margaret Colony, a former President of the League of Women Voters of Washington, facilitated the discussion. Response was favorable. A group of participants volunteered to organize a second meeting to start the formation process of a Clallam Food Policy Council.

LWV Yakima held an event on Tuesday November 16th to honor four Yakima women who are legendary for their commitment to civic education, voter participation, in-depth studies of political and quality of life issues, forums and study sessions leading to consensus positions and advocacy and dialogue and communication on local political issues and between political parties. Honored were: Kay Gempler, Laura Hopp, Charlotte Kendrick and Dorothy Plath.

“Great speaker, good subject, wonderful venue” was the general consensus of the 71 persons attending the Hot Topics Luncheon sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Clallam County on Nov. 13 at Sunland Country, Sequim. Nancy Amadei, director of the Civic Engagement Project, spoke on “Reclaiming Democracy”.

Amadei, an admitted political junkie and incurable optimist, reminded her audience that some of the most far-reaching legislation was passed when the president and congress were from opposing parties. She also noted that although the media constantly tells the public that the last election proved Americans want change, in reality only 41% of eligible voters actually voted. “That’s hardly a mandate for change,” she said. Amadei also encouraged her listeners to call or write their elected officials. Legislators tell her that personal contact from 12-20 of their constituents makes a difference.

Added benefits of the event were two new members, many new friends of the League, and a firm decision to make the Hot Topics Luncheon an annual affair.

### Eastside Action Workshop in Kennewick

24 League members, guests and speakers attended the Action Workshop on Saturday, October 23. League members came from Pullman, Spokane, Kittitas and Tri-Cities, and Snohomish County to learn about the 2011 Legislative Priorities as presented by members of the LWVWA Lobby team.



Representative Timm Ormsby,  
3rd Legislative District  
(Spokane)

The workshop started with opening remarks from LWVWA President Linnea Hirst. Presenters for the day included Representative Larry Haler (R) 8th Legislative District (Tri-Cities), Representative Timm Ormsby (D) 3rd Legislative District (Spokane). Each focused on the state budget issues. Local attorney Tom Roach spoke on Immigration.

Kim Abel, LWVWA 1st Vice-President, Action Committee Chair, reviewed the 2011 Legislative Priorities, giving attention to developing a working relationship with our legislators. Lobby team members talked about their specific assignments. Morning breakfast foods and lunch (all wonderfully delicious and appreciated) were provided by the Benton Franklin County league. Cookie mixes in a jar and "Christmas Fudge" were sold as a fundraiser. Thanks to our members who organized the workshop and those who attended.

### Westside Action Workshop in Bellevue

65 League members, guests and speakers attended the Action Workshop on Saturday, November 6th. League members came from most of the Western Washington Leagues to learn about the 2011 Legislative Priorities. They also heard about the challenging budget situation facing the 2011 Legislature.

The workshop began with opening remarks from LWVWA President, Linnea Hirst. The morning session brought state electeds to speak about budget issues from their committee perspectives. Representative Jeannie Darneille (D), 27th Legislative District (Downtown Tacoma and surrounds), spoke in regards to General Government, Representative Pat Sullivan (D) 47th Legislative District (Southeast King County), spoke on Education, and Senator Ed Murray (D), 43rd Legislative District (Seattle neighborhoods), focused on Health and Long-Term Care.

After a wonderful luncheon provided by the host Leagues of Bellevue, Issaquah and Kirkland, Lonnie Johns-Brown, the State League's lobbyist provided perspectives on the upcoming session. **Lonnie reminded Leaguers that opportunities to share the League's priorities are abundant with at least 30 new legislators and encouraged League members to begin making appointments and meet with their legislators prior to session.**

Kim Abel, LWVWA 1st Vice-President & Action Committee Chair, invited Lobby Team members to speak about their priorities. She also asked that League members commit to doing one more thing this year: one letter, one phone call, one email, one visit with their legislator. Lobby team members talked about their specific assignments.



Rep. Pat Sullivan

**Fix Washington's Three Strikes Law**

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I feel strongly that Washington's Three Strikes Law needs to be changed. At the September 10<sup>th</sup> LWVWA Board Meeting, I made a motion asking that the Board approve LWVWA becoming a signatory to the statement that appears on the website and agreement form of Fix Washington's 3-Strikes Law. See [fix3strikes.org](http://fix3strikes.org). After much discussion, the motion passed.

Earlier this year the LWVWA board approved a motion endorsing revised legislative reform of Washington's Persistent Offenders Accountability Act, commonly known as Three Strikes. Senator Adam Kline would change the sentence for 3-Strikers who have no convictions for higher-seriousness (Class A) crimes. The sentence for these 3-Strikers, currently about 35 individuals, would be reduced from Life Without Possibility of Release to 15 years to Life. After serving 15 years, these individuals would be eligible to apply for parole.

When the 2011 Legislative Session begins, I will give you more specific information on the contents of the bill.

Let me know if you have any questions.

**Come to Lobby Day!!**

**February 24, 2011**

**Registration Form on last page of Voter**

## **LWVUS Federal Education Study**

**The LWVUS Federal Education Study materials will be ready in May 2011. Local leagues should schedule discussion and consensus meetings in the fall of 2011.**

LWVWA State Convention May 2011

May 20 through 22, 2011  
Shilo Inn Suites Hotel, Richland WA

The LWV Benton-Franklin Counties is planning a great winery tour on Thursday May 19. We hope you will come early to join us! Convention officially begins at 1pm on Friday May 20. Speakers are being invited, workshops planned and an agenda of the business developed. For a relaxing few days in the warmth of eastern Washington along the Columbia River, put this on your calendar now! Perhaps "relaxing" is not the right word to use when we all gather as League members..."stimulating" is better. See you in May!

### LEAGUE WEBSITES AND LISTSERVE RESOURCES

[www.lwvwa.org](http://www.lwvwa.org). The League of Women Voters of Washington web site provides tools to get involved in the democratic process. Some of the pages are:

Positions, Action and Advocacy—information on League issues, legislative priorities and state government links.

Local Leagues—links to their pages

Members only—(for user name and password, contact state office): Includes lists of state board members, local League leaders, policies and procedures, bylaws, guidelines for Leagues and the Civic Engagement Project papers.

[www.washingtonvoter.org](http://www.washingtonvoter.org). A nonpartisan website for Washington state voting information and elections (a project of LWVW Education Fund). Includes information about registering to vote, a candidates' page and ballot issues page.

[www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org). --non-partisan election information (also from LWV Ed Fund).

[www.secstate.wa.gov](http://www.secstate.wa.gov). The Secretary of State's website, with extensive information on voter registration as well as a list of candidates who have filed, initiatives filed, and a state voters' pamphlet.

#### LWVWA LISTSERVES

LWVWA Online Discussion list—[lwvwatopics](mailto:lwvwatopics@lwvwa.org) is open to League members. The idea is to share ideas and information and to ask questions; for example, action alerts, state board updates, initiative campaign updates, internet sites. How to subscribe: send an email message to [lwvwatopics-requests@lwvwa.org](mailto:lwvwatopics-requests@lwvwa.org) with "subscribe" in the subject line. How to post a message: [lwvwatopics@lwvwa.org](mailto:lwvwatopics@lwvwa.org).

LWVWA Online News List—[lwvwanews](mailto:lwvwanews@lwvwa.org) is a one-way list that sends to League members. The Legislative Newsletter is sent via the list as well as action alerts and other timely information. To subscribe: [lwvwanews\\_lwvwa.org-request@lwvwa.org](mailto:lwvwanews_lwvwa.org-request@lwvwa.org).

## CANCER: THE LATEST REPORT

In April of this year the President's Cancer Panel released its 2008-2009 annual report: *Reducing Environmental Cancer Risk: What We Can do Now*. In its transmittal letter to the President, this Panel stated:

"The Panel was particularly concerned to find that the true burden of environmentally induced cancer has been grossly underestimated. With nearly 80,000 chemicals on the market in the United States, many of which are used by millions of Americans in their daily lives and are un- or understudied and largely unregulated, exposure to potential environmental carcinogens is widespread. One such ubiquitous chemical, bisphenol A(BPA), is still found in many consumer products and remains unregulated in the United States, despite the growing link between BPA and several diseases, including various cancers."

That bisphenol A is specifically mentioned in this letter is significant for Leaguers and the many others who worked for two years to enact state legislation that bans bisphenol A from food and drink containers intended for use by children three years of age and under.

One of the Panel's chief recommendations states: "Children Are at Special Risk for Cancer Due to Environmental Contaminants and Should Be Protected....They are at special risk due to their smaller body mass and rapid physical development, both of which magnify their vulnerability to known or suspected carcinogens, including radiation. Numerous environmental contaminants can cross the placental barrier; to a disturbing extent, babies are born "pre-polluted."

The President's Cancer Panel was established by Congress in 1971. The Panel monitors the multi-billion dollar National Cancer Program and reports directly to the President every year. This year's report is the first in its thirty-nine years of reporting that addresses the environmental causes of cancer.

## TOXIPEDIA: INFORMATION RESOURCE

As a follow-up to the article about the President's Cancer Panel report, there is an easily available resource that can provide information and answers to many questions about the toxic substances to which all of us are exposed. Toxipedia is a website to go to for information on toxic chemicals, environmental health, and toxicology. From its website we learn that the site's emphasis is to present scientific information in a clear and compelling way and to empower people to make choices that protect their own health and the health of families, communities, and the environment. Toxipedia puts scientific information in the context of history, society, and culture. The site offers articles and resources about toxic chemicals (such as pesticides and persistent pollutants), diseases, laws and regulations, consumer products, ethical issues, the history of toxicology, and more.

For example, go to [www.toxipedia.org](http://www.toxipedia.org), and search for phthalates. The resulting article on phthalates discusses an overview of this chemical; its uses, metabolism, exposure, health effects, regulation, precaution, external links; and additional references.

Toxipedia is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving public health and the environment by furthering collaboration between scientists, researchers, regulators, businesses, NGOs, and concerned citizens. Toxipedia also supports several other specialized web sites including one on integrated pest management IPMopedia - [www.ipmopedia.org](http://www.ipmopedia.org). Both sites were established by Steven G. Gilbert, PhD., Director and Founder of the Institute of Neurotoxicology and Neurological Disorders (INND) in Seattle, Washington.

[Articles by Elizabeth Davis,  
LWVWA Natural Resources chair]

## WHAT IS YOUR PASSION? State Program Planning 2011-2012

**Program Planning: the way the League chooses its issues.** League members choose issues to place on our public policy agenda, and consider what role your local League will play in addressing those issues during the program planning process. You also decide which items to recommend to state or national convention as state (this year) and national (next year) study priorities. The process culminates when the program is adopted at the local annual meeting or at the biennial state or national convention. Our State Convention will be held May 20-22 in Richland, WA.

### League Guidelines for Choosing a Study Item:

Is there widespread member interest

Is this a timely issue?

Is government action the most effective way to address the problem?

**It is important to be familiar with our current positions. You can find these on the LWVWA web site [www.lwvwa.org](http://www.lwvwa.org) or in *Program In Action 2009-2011*.**

A good way to determine a state issue you want to suggest and would be willing to work on is to ask yourself, “**What is My Passion?**” Below are some suggestions of state issues that League members are passionate about.

### Land Use

A review of the Growth Management Report of 2006 to potentially add any more recent legislation that affects the value of our report. This report, like other recent reports, is of great value as a resource for new elected officials and needs to be kept up to date. Possibly, the changes could be simply added as an inserted typed page with references to the appropriate section of the Report.

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### Study how to reduce recidivism of sexual offenders.

Perpetrators of sexual assaults very often reoffend. How can this cycle be stopped? What do theories about recidivism have to offer us? Today the only solutions seem to be incarceration or castration (physical or chemical). Are there other ways to address the problem of one of every three women being sexually assaulted in her life time? Are there any studies that would offer alternatives? Given that most of these sexual assaults are committed by a family member, friend or acquaintance would a conversation between victims and perpetrators lead to a solution? Is the present legislation adequate? Are perpetrators victims, too?

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## Transportation and Art Adventure

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On November 4<sup>th</sup>, twelve of us used three forms of public transportation (bus, light rail and commuter train) to travel to and from Seattle to visit the Seattle Art Museum. This adventure was made even more wonderful by the mild sunny day.

We all learned a lot about using an Orca Card to use public transportation, and since some had not yet acquired an Orca Card, we learned how to purchase a ticket. I think all of us will feel more comfortable travelling on public transit in the future.

Louise Boolman had scouted out a restaurant near the Seattle Art Museum, West Edge Market & Deli. This turned out to be a great place to get our lunch, and because of the mild sunny weather, we were able to eat at tables outside.

Those of us who planned to purchase tickets for the Picasso Exhibit were pleasantly surprised that the cost was \$9 rather than the expected \$17. We enjoyed the Picasso Exhibit and the other exhibits at the Museum.

Some of us did other small excursions, like going to Pike Place Market, the Kitchen Store, and Benaroya Hall to purchase tickets for another day.

Those of us participating (Jean Buhaly, Worth Gurley, Heather Gurley, Liz Lathrop, Shera & Zoeb Mogri, Shera's sister, Carole Pedersen, Mary Watson, Martha Wuersten, and Jenny Yu) talked about doing a similar adventure another time. More of you might be able to participate and learn more about our public transportation system. Let me know if you have any ideas. We might even go to Portland on Amtrak and check out the Portland Transit System.



## Small Victories Lead to Big Ones (Civics Education History)

Catherine Ahl, LWVWA Education Chair

In 2004 the Legislature passed HB 2195 which mandated Classroom Based Assessments (CBAs) in Social Studies, the Arts, and Health and Fitness (done because there was no WASL for these subjects). In 2006 the Legislature passed HB 2579 which mandated separate Civics CBAs. LWVWA testified in favor of funding for professional development for teachers of civics, but it was not included in the 2008 supplemental budget.

Around this same time the State Board of Education came up with a list of additional required high school graduation requirements, what was called Core 24. An additional .5 of a credit (semester) of Social Studies was included without specifying what it should be. During our Lobby Team retreat in the fall of 2008, we decided one of our priorities would be to pass a bill requiring that .5 credit to be Civics.

We discussed the need for a separate Civics class with Rep. Dave Quall and convinced him to sponsor HB 2132, which passed the Legislature unanimously and was signed by the Governor in 2009. The bill basically says: If, after July 2009, the SBE increases the number of Social Studies credits required for high school graduation, at least one-half credit must be coursework in civics. The content of the civics requirement must include: federal, state, and local government organizations and procedures; rights and responsibilities of citizens addressed in the state and federal Constitutions; current issues addressed at each level of government; and electoral issues, including elections, ballot measures, initiatives, and referenda.

On November 10, 2010, the State Board of Education voted to add 0.5 credit of Civics to the graduation requirements for the high school class of 2016. LWVWA members should feel proud of this victory. This added requirement still has to be approved by the Legislature during the 2011 session, and your Lobby Team will work hard to ensure this happens.

**"Democracy needs to be reborn in every generation, and education is its midwife." - John Dewey**

### Election Season 2010

Election Season surely found our local league members very busy informing voters about ballot issues and providing a forum for candidates to meet the voters.

The Kitsap league sponsored primary candidate debates for their legislative district races and County Commissioners. During the general election season they sponsored debates for the 23rd legislative district candidates and one for the county races as well as a Ballot Issue Forum. Bremerton-Kitsap Access Television station broadcast several of their meetings. They discovered that meeting facilities had increased their charges and set high insurance requirements this year which increased costs to the league. Attendance at all of their forums was very good.

Tacoma-Pierce County held a public forum at the University of Washington/Tacoma on Initiative 1098. It was jointly sponsored with UWT, Tacoma-Pierce County Chamber of Commerce and the City Club of Tacoma. They were fortunate to have Bill Gates Sr. and former Senator Slade Gorton as the main Pro & Con speakers on the tax initiative and the hall was filled!

The Bellingham/Whatcom County League sponsored a debate for candidates in the 40th and 42nd Legislative Districts and then partnered with AAUW to sponsor a forum on the Ballot Issues. Both meetings were well attended and the Ballot Issues forum was filmed.

Most other local leagues were also busy holding forums and candidate debates.

### At Last--A Potential Environmental Success!

Becky Cox, LWV King County South

After YEARS (about 13) of pressure on the Army Corps of Engineers, the state, the county and anyone else we could find, the League and many other environmental groups have finally secured a solution for the shoreline around **Maury Island**. Ann Aagaard of the LWVWA Board worked many hours to analyze the nearly incomprehensible permit applications, shoreline plans and other documents. She helped me prepare testimony to be given before the Corps and the county as well as writing letters. Maury Island is in King County South's jurisdiction and they are most grateful for Ann's help.

Now the trick is to find \$2 million to complete the purchase price. See below and help save Maury Island. Be a part of this historic effort and donate today.

With your contribution to the Save Maury NOW campaign, this unique Island nearshore area will continue to welcome endangered orcas and their newborn calves in the winter months and Chinook salmon in the summer.

And, in the uplands, there will be a place for our children, and their children to gaze across shimmering blue waters to the shoulders of Mount Rainer, mesmerized by the wonder that is the Puget Sound.

*Please make check donations payable to Preserve Our Islands and write Save Maury Island NOW on the memo line. Mail to PO Box 845, Vashon WA 98070. Preserve Our Islands is a 501(c)(3) non-profit environmental organization and all your donation is fully tax deductible.*

All donations made under the Save Maury Island NOW Campaign are dedicated funds and will be refundable by donor request should the acquisition not be finalized.

December 31 is the deadline for raising the \$2 million.

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**LWV of Washington  
Issues Results**

<b>Initiative/Referendum</b>	<b>League Position</b>	<b>Final Results</b>
<b>Ref Bill 52</b> to fund energy efficiency projects in schools	Supported	Did not pass
<b>Int. 1098</b> to establish a state income tax and other tax adjustments	Supported	Did not pass
<b>Int. 1053</b> to restate requirements that raising state taxes must be approved by 2/3 vote of the legislature	Opposed	Passed
<b>Int. 1100</b> to close state liquor stores.	Opposed	Did not pass
<b>Int. 1105</b> to close all state liquor stores but license private distributors	Opposed	Did not pass
<b>Int. 1107</b> to reverse sales tax on candy, etc	Opposed	Passed
<b>Int. 1082</b> concerning industrial insurance.	No position	Did not pass
<b>ESHJR 4220</b> denying bail for persons charged with certain crimes.	No position	Passed
<b>SJR 8225</b> concerning the limitation on state debt	No position	Passed

**Women's History Celebrated in Spokane**

Ann Murphy, LWV Spokane Area President

As many Leaguers in Washington did this year, LWV of the Spokane Area found several ways to celebrate the centennial of suffrage in Washington State. The League of Women Voters of the Spokane Area joined with The Susie Forest project to plant the 100th tree in the city limits of Spokane to commemorate the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in Washington State. A proclamation was read at the Spokane City Council meeting on October 4, and the tree was planted on October 7. The City of Spokane forester Jim Perry selected the Accolade Elm to plant in Riverfront Park

Susie's Forest is in memory of Susie Stephens, a bicyclist, an environmentalist, an activist, and a world traveler, who was dedicated to educating others about bicyclist and pedestrian safety. She was killed in 2002 and her mother, Nancy MacKerrow, started The Susie Forest as a living, growing, legacy to Susie's commitment to creating livable communities. Each tree planted is a reminder that life goes on and starts anew. Thus we honor the suffragists and all those who seek to expand equality in our world on this 100th year anniversary of women's votes in Washington. This 100th anniversary celebration of women's suffrage in Washington State will be extended 100 years into the future (or longer) for the life of this tree.

"Women's Votes, Women's Voices" opened at the Museum of Arts and Culture in Spokane on October 30, 2010, and will close on May 7, 2011. The Spokane League was involved in the local planning committee. LWVSA is one of the sponsors of the documentary "Courage in Corsets," a documentary that focuses on women's suffrage in the Northwest, produced by Mary DeCesare for Spokane's public television – KSPS. Sponsorship dollars came through member contributions to the LWVSA Ed Fund and a grant from the LWVWA Ed Fund-Civic Education Outreach Fund. The premier screening of the documentary was at the opening of "Women's Votes, Women's Voices." There were several broadcasts by KSPS through early November with national broadcasts to follow. The documentary was also aired at the November 8 celebration in Olympia. KSPS also proposes to develop programming for use in area schools.

Ann Murphy, LWVSA President, presented "League of Women Voters – Taking Women from Suffrage to Civic Engagement" at the Pacific Northwest History Conference in Spokane (Nov 3-5, 2010). Conference theme was "Game Changers and History Makers: Women in Pacific Northwest History." For more information, visit: <http://www.washingtonhistory.org>. The Spokane League also used this presentation for its November unit meetings.

At this point, I feel very steeped in Women's History....

# League of Women Voters of Washington

## LOBBY DAY

February 24, 2011

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

### REGISTRATION

**Cost: \$25 per person**

**Lunch Provided**

Columbia Room, State Capitol, Olympia

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Tel/email \_\_\_\_\_

VISA or Mastercard

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exp. date \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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

### ***Save the Date***

February 24th, 2011 – **LWV Day** – Olympia

- \* You will make a difference when you come to Lobby Day at our State Capitol.
- \* Learn how to help our Volunteer Lobby Team and then put it in practice immediately.
- \* Meet your Legislators and spread the League's priorities (find the 2011 LWVWA Priorities at [lwvwa.org](http://lwvwa.org) under Positions.)

*Registration Materials Available in mid-January*

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>

