



VOTER

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE SAN JUANS
P. O. Box 784, Friday Harbor, WA 98250-0784

July 2008

Calendar

**July 14, Monday, Noon to 2:00 pm at the San Juan Island Library –
Monthly Board Meeting**

This meeting has been scheduled for the 14th because the library had a previously scheduled event on the first Monday, the board's normal meeting day. On the agenda will be programs for the coming year's general meetings, selection of committee chairs and planning for the forums. All members are welcome. If you are coming from another island, call any board member and we'll arrange a ride from the ferry.

July 18, Friday – Voter Registration Day

Mark your calendars! A red letter day for the League! Barbara Seitle, President of the LWVWA, has arranged for an all out, one day, state wide voter registration drive with KOMOTV. KOMO will advertise July 18 as Voter Registration Day in Washington through spots during their regular news broadcasts on TV and radio and will have a promo on the KOMO web site. This is a super opportunity for league visibility as well as an opportunity to register as many voters as possible before the August primary election. We will also have membership materials to hand out. Lee Sturdivant has secured the area outside the Friday Harbor Drug Store to set up a table. If you can put in a couple of hours during this day, please let Lee know. She can be reached at naturals@rockisland.com.

**August 2, Saturday, 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm at the Mullis Center –
Primary Candidate's Forum**

The 2008 Primary Candidate's Forum will be held on San Juan Island only. Videos of the proceedings will be made available to members from the other islands and will be

available in each library. If you can help with the forum, please let Nancy know at nancywight@centurytel.net.

September 17, Wednesday, 10 am to 5 pm –Transportation Summit

This event is being supported by a coalition of organizations including the State LWV and is open to the public. More information will be published as it becomes available.

LWVSJ Happenings

June 2 – LWVSJ Board of Directors Meeting

Items discussed at this meeting included:

- A letter thanking Ian Byington's Graphic Arts class for helping with the posters for Ed Dolan's presentation has been sent.
- Interest was expressed in continuing education on Global Warming/Climate Change by scheduling a general membership meeting around this topic.
- Further implications of the change in the due date of annual membership dues were discussed.
- Future general membership meetings and board meetings will be held at 12:00 noon at the San Juan Island Library.
- Planning for the LWV Forums will be on the agenda at the next board meeting in July.

June 7 – LWVSJ Board of Directors Meeting

A special board meeting was called to discuss the Primary Forum. After consideration of a number of issues including the number and location of forums, ferry schedules and availability of members to staff the forums, a motion to hold one forum on San Juan Island and to video the proceedings was made, seconded, and passed. A potential conflict was discussed and it was felt, at that time, to be a sufficient reason to reconsider holding the primary forum. However, after further discussions among board members at a later date, it was determined that the primary was too important to forgo the forums. Because the effects of the "Top Two" primary now in place are as yet unknown, and because of the large number of candidates in some races, it is critical to allow all candidates the opportunity to participate in such a discussion.

State/Local LWV

Members of the LWVSJ and the community joined Washington State Ferries chief, David Moseley, board members and staff to discuss "Pricing and Reservations" at the ferry hearing on June 26th at the Mullis Center. Reservations through the internet and connecting public transportation from and to the ferries were the main topics.

National LWV

Voters Win: Anti Voter Constitutional Amendment Dies in Missouri Senate

League of Women Voters: "Protect, Don't Deny Voters Their Rights"

The Missouri Legislature ended their legislative session for the year without a vote on a proposed constitutional amendment that would have required all citizens to have photo identification and proof of citizenship as a prerequisite to voting. The bill, HJR 48, was considered one of the most restrictive Voter ID bills of its kind in the nation. The legislation would have prevented up to 240,000 Missourians from voting.

"The death of this bill is the rebirth of hope that *all* Missouri voters will have their voices heard this November," said national League of Women Voters president Mary G. Wilson. "Thanks to the hard work of the Missouri League, and the efforts of a broad coalition of organizations, hundreds of thousands of Missouri voters will be protected from a discriminatory requirement that would do nothing to actually improve the voting process."

"This is a clear signal to lawmakers nationwide that they should be in the business of protecting voters and encouraging participation, not denying us our most fundamental rights," she concluded.

The League of Women Voters helped create Missourians for Fair Elections, a coalition of organizations and individuals that worked diligently to educate the legislators and voters of Missouri about the negative ramifications of the proposed constitutional amendment. Because of the coalition's hard work, thousands of contacts were made with lawmakers in the past two weeks. The League joined the AARP, labor organizations, disability advocates and other community organizations in the effort to ensure that every citizen's voting rights were protected by making sure this bill did not become law.

League of Women Voters and Reform Groups Urge Presidential Candidates To Reveal More Donor Information

The League of Women Voters joined government watchdog organizations today urging Senators Barack Obama and John McCain to reveal more details about fundraisers for their presidential campaigns who "bundle" contributions in amounts greatly exceeding

what they're permitted to contribute on their own, and to furnish additional data about their small donors.

“Now that Senator Obama has stepped away from public financing, it is time for him to step up and show leadership on disclosure,” said national League President Mary G. Wilson. “Senator McCain’s long record of leadership and commitment on these issues needs to be reinforced by full disclosure now that he is a Presidential candidate. Both of these candidates need to stop hiding.”

The letters were signed by Campaign Finance Institute, Center for Responsive Politics, Common Cause, Democracy 21, League of Women Voters of the United States, Public Citizen, Sunlight Foundation, and U.S. PIRG.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Joan Dayton on
the loss of her husband, Eli.

Mission of the League of Women Voters

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

The goal of the League of Women Voters

Is to empower citizens to shape better communities worldwide. Membership is open to any citizen over the age of 18 who subscribes to the League's purposes and policies. All LWVWSJ meetings are nonpartisan and open to the public.

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YES! I want to become a member of the League of Women Voters of the San Juans for the year June 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ ***Email*** _____

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(Individual Membership \$50) (Two Members at same address \$75) (Student Membership \$25)

I would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the League of Women Voters of WA Education Fund and have enclosed a separate check (to LWVWA-EF) in the amount of \$_____.

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