



VOTER

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

December 2011

Calendar

**December 12, 2011 - Monday, 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm at
The Place in Friday Harbor: Holiday Party**

The LWV holiday luncheon will be at The Place in Friday Harbor, just steps from the ferry landing at the foot of Spring Street. Carrie Lacher, Lovel Pratt and Patty Miller will be our guest speakers. Included in the \$25 cost are an entrée, salad, dessert and coffee or tea. Wine and cocktails will be available on a cash basis from the bar. We will have goodies to raffle and an auction, too.

**January 9, 2011 - Monday, 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm at the
San Juan Island Library: Board Meeting**

Because the first Monday in January is a holiday, the board and membership meetings will be moved forward one week. All members are encouraged to attend.

**January 16, 2011 - Monday, 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm at the
San Juan Island Library: Membership Meeting**

The topic is to be determined.

LWVSJ Happenings

November 14, 2011 - Membership Meeting

The Consensus Meeting was attended by 19 League members. The LWVUS study, *The Role of the Federal Government in Public Education*, was discussed. Members

Board meetings are generally on the 1st Monday of each month and Membership Meetings are usually on the 2nd Monday. Annual Membership meetings are usually in May of each year. If you are coming from another island, call any board member and we'll arrange a ride from the ferry.

had been sent the necessary documents to study on their own prior to the meeting. The discussions on each section were led by our knowledgeable members Marty Huleatte, Barbara Kline and Joyce Sobel, all with extensive experience in the field of education. Susan Dehlendorf recorded our answers and comments as the lively discussion progressed. It was an extremely worthwhile exercise and one that will direct our attention to further public school legislation as better informed citizens and League members.

Ann Jarrell

November 11, 2011 – State Board Meeting

Sarah Crosby attended the State Board meeting which took place at the League office in Seattle. The following is her report.

The LWVUS Privatization Study materials are slowly being sent to local Leagues. Our consensus reports will be due to LWVUS in May of 2012. The LWVWA Conservation Study report is on the website. We have five copies to distribute as well. Consensus reports are due to the state office by the end of October 2012. The energy update, with which I am helping, will be finished in 2012 and consensus will not be due until March 2013.

Regarding questions to which members wanted answers:

- Whatcom County/Bellingham concerns about the train and shipping traffic anticipated with the shipment of coal from the US interior to China: National LWV took the position that this is a local league concern. They did write a letter to the state organizations along the train routes and urged those states to express their concerns to their local legislatures, and the issue remains in the hands of the states.
- The Keystone XL pipeline: There is a LWVUS position which allowed the national organization to weigh in on this by urging that the pipeline not be approved. There was discussion at the board meeting that to weigh in on one of these issues and not the other seems inconsistent, but there was no action called for to rectify this inconsistency.
- LWVWA *Voter*: It is published four times a year and in theory is sent to every League member. They are sent both electronically and vial snail mail. **If you are not getting the *Voter*, you should send an email to lwwwa@lwwwa.org and request that they check their records to be sure they have the correct information.** We discussed moving to an entirely electronic *Voter* and sending hard copies only to those without email capacity. This is the ultimate goal. For now, if you have not received the Fall *Voter* and would like a copy, go to www.lwwwa.org then click on "publications" on the left hand side of the screen, and you will see the Fall *Voter* beside the heading "Latest".

I did not get the opportunity to check on the possibility of a local league presenting a resolution to the County Council, but I will pursue this.

It was a long and productive meeting, and long, wet and windy drive to Anacortes, but a calm and relaxing ferry trip back to the island. The weather gods were kind.

Sarah Crosby

October 6, 2011 – Board Meeting

The following is a summary of the minutes from the October Board Meeting.

Pat Curtin gave a treasurer's report indicating that we have \$305 in our checking account and \$3053 in our savings account.

A debriefing of the Forums took place next. Approximately 85 people attended the SJ Island one and the donation basket came up with \$116. We will try to make some rules very clear next year right at the beginning of the event:

- Cell phones must be turned off.
- Will attendees please help put away chairs at the end?
- Speakers are the only ones allowed to answer questions from the floor.
- Speakers need to use the microphones for the benefit of the audience.
- Donation baskets need to be passed during the event, and perhaps it should be pointed out that the League incurs expenses in putting on these Forums.

We discussed the Ed Dolan presentation on September 12th. We had a good turnout; the program was excellent and very well received. The program was written up in the *State Voter* and in the local media. Ed Dolan is willing to come back again and apparently enjoyed himself and our group. Sarah Crosby brought up the idea of putting up flyers around town to advertise our programs. She said if someone would put them together on the computer, she will be happy to post them. Ann Jarrell volunteered Don.

Ann brought up the November Consensus Meeting and said she will send out a reminder to all members because attendees need to do some reading and study ahead of time. Materials can be found online. Marty will also remind people in the *Voter*. Joyce Sobel, Marty Huleatte, and Barbara Kline will present the program to members on November 14th.

Diane Martindale gave an update on plans for the December holiday luncheon. It will take place at the Place Bar and Grill at noon on December the 12th. There will be menu options, not a buffet, at a cost of \$25. We voted to allow Diane to spend up to \$40 for decorations and other needed items. Members and their guests may pay at the door or send in their money ahead of time, but must RSVP at least a week ahead. Our chapter will pay for our guest speakers, four women in government, Carrie Lacher, Lovel Pratt, Patty Miller, and Kris Lytton. All have accepted our invitations, but Kris Lytton may have to send a representative. Each speaker will be given time to speak and at the end, there will be time for questions. Sarah will moderate.

Delivery of the TRY to the County Elections Office

Task leaders for the project, Diane Martindale and Marty Huleatte (far left and far right below), deliver copies of the TRY to San Juan County Elections Supervisor Doris Schaller and Elections Assistant Carlys Allen (left and right center). The TRYs are available at no cost at the elections office in Friday Harbor and at all the county public libraries.



LWV of Washington - National LWV

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Goal of the League of Women Voters

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