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

April 2010

\$\$ Time to renew your LWV membership \$\$

The LWV of the San Juans has just completed a very successful year of service to our community and membership. It is now time to look ahead to what you and the League can do together for the coming year. So that our treasury can pay regularly occurring expenses, we all need to take out our check books or wallets and add our names to the membership list for the LWV SJ 2010 – 2011 year.

Our membership year is from June 1 of the current year to May 31 of the next year. Our Annual Meeting marks the beginning of this period and dues are now payable. Please fill out the membership form below showing your support of our 90-year-old organization that is highly regarded nationwide and send it to the address given or bring it to the next LWV SJ meeting.

There is also an opportunity for additional support of our Education Fund (tax deductible) with a separate check as instructed below. This is a restricted account for educational purposes such as our candidate forums and other informative meetings we hold in our community of islands.

JOIN US TODAY!

YES! I want to become a member of the League of Women Voters of the San Juans.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

Circle one: (Individual Membership-renewal: \$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 \$_____.

PLEASE RETURN TO: League of Women Voters of the San Juans, PO Box 784, Friday Harbor, WA 98250

Calendar

April 12, 2010 – Monday, 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm at the San Juan Island Library Monthly Membership Meeting

April's meeting will be a book review. All members are asked to read and be prepared to discuss *The Nine* by Jeffrey Toobin.

May 3, 2010 – Monday, 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm at the San Juan Island Library Monthly Board Meeting

All members are encouraged to attend.

May 10, 2010 – Monday 12:30 to 2:30 pm at the Orcas Hotel Annual Membership Meeting

This is an important meeting that includes election of officers for the coming year, presentation of the budget for 2010-2011, several awards and three very distinguished guests: Jeff Morris, Dave Quall and Kevin Ranker! Lunch is \$20 per person and reservations need to be made by April 30th with Nancy Wight at 378-3810 or nancywight@centurytel.net.

See page 7-8 for the meeting agenda, slate of candidates and proposed budget.

May 21-23, 2010 - Council 2010: Reason Isn't Enough— How to Have Civil Discussions in Uncivil Times Bellingham, WA

See the *Call to Council* on page 4 for more information.

June 11-15, 2010 - The LWVUS 49th National Convention Atlanta, GA

We would like to send a delegate to National and everyone who has spent time making the quilt, sitting at the Marketplace selling raffle tickets and selling tickets to friends and family is trying very hard to do just that. We hope that the proceeds from the raffle will cover the cost of registration for Convention and we hope to be able to help with lodging and other expenses as well.

See the *First Call to Convention* on page 6 for more information.

Board meetings are generally on the 1st Monday of each month and Membership Meetings are usually on the 2nd Monday. Annual Membership meetings are 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.

LWVSJ Happenings

April 5, 2010 - Monthly Board Meeting

President Ann Jarrell opened the meeting at noon. Sarah Crosby led the discussion on the August primary and the need for LWV forums in the islands. Pat Curtin reported on the chances sold for the League's handmade quilt commemorating the LWV's 90th birthday this year. The quilt will be displayed next on Lopez Island, then on Orcas.

Nancy Wight read the state office's request for feedback on hiring Democracy Live and her answer. The board voted unanimously to endorse Nancy Wight's letter. The board reviewed the treasurer's annual report. Three board members will go to Orcas Island to attend the Orcas unit meeting. Ann reminded all of the upcoming national convention in Atlanta in June.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30.

LWV of Washington

LWVWA Civic Engagement Project: The 3 Budgets of the Washington State Government

At the beginning of each legislative session, the plans for how the state government will raise and spend its money are laid out in three different budgets: (1) Transportation, (2) Capital, and (3) Operating.[\[i\]*](#)

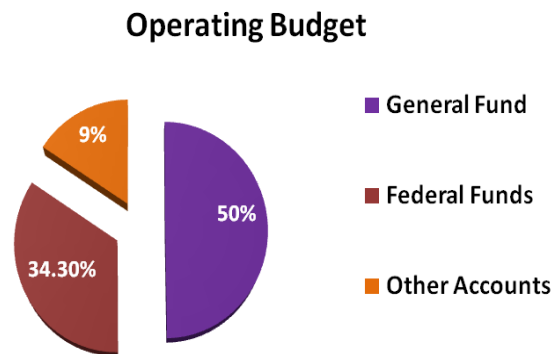
(1) Transportation: The \$4.5 billion Transportation Budget “covers the operations of transportation agencies as well as the building of highways and bridges.”[\[ii\]](#) About 25% of the funds used to cover transportation projects come from federal funds.[\[iii\]](#) Gas taxes are also “dedicated” to funding transportation purposes.[\[iv\]](#) This money can only be used for transportation purposes, and money cannot be taken from this budget and used for other purposes.

(2) Capital: “The \$7.5 billion Capital Budget is used to build and renovate new buildings and parks.”[\[v\]](#) Only state funds are included in the Capital budget.[\[vi\]](#)

(3) Operating: The \$57.2 billion Operating Budget is supported by

- a. “Federal grants dedicated to specific purposes”[\[vii\]](#) (34.3%): Most of these funds go to social services, education, and health care.[\[viii\]](#)
- b. “State accounts for specific purposes”[\[ix\]](#) (9%): State appropriations are contributed to some of the accounts deemed for certain purposes.[\[x\]](#)

c. The State General Fund (50%): This is the state’s largest account and receives all of the state’s major tax revenues, including retail sales tax, business and



occupations tax, property tax, real estate excise tax, public utility tax, and liquor and tobacco taxes.^[xi] The State General Fund receives the most attention during the budget-

building process,^[xii] as the Governor and Legislature have “the greatest discretion over how these state revenues are spent.”^[xiii]

* Notes from this article can be found on page 5.

For more information on the Civic Engagement Project, see the LWVWA website, http://www.lwvwa.org/members_only.html.

Call to Council: Reason Isn’t Enough—How to Have Civil Discussions in Uncivil Times

As League members, we are faced more and more often by public incivility. Council this year will focus on not only how some members have dealt with the problem, but also on how we as individuals can learn to deal with it and prepare ourselves to participate in and lead forums on important controversial issues as we continue to work on the statewide Civic Engagement Project in the coming year.

Council 2010 will also focus on the resources we all have as we prepare to participate in and lead those forums, as well as other useful resources we can share and produce. We will hear from each of the local Leagues on what you are doing and what guidance you want to give the state board. And, as always, we will get to know each other better.

Council is composed of the president of each local League, chair of each UAL or an alternate in the event that the president or chair is unable to attend, plus one additional delegate chosen by each local League or UAL—two delegates total per League, and members of the state board. Observers are welcome and I hope each local League delegation will include an observer or two...or more! (Observers will fully participate in the workshops and other activities, though only observe formal portions of the meeting.)

We will unofficially begin Friday afternoon, May 21st, with a special docent tour of the new Lightcatcher Building of the Whatcom Museum. (Cost is \$8, payable at the museum.) Dinner that

night will be on our own—perhaps a state board member could be invited to join the members of one or two local Leagues for that meal.

Council will be all day Saturday, May 22nd at the YWCA, with registration beginning at 8 a.m. and the meeting at 9 am sharp. From 6:00 to 7:00 there will be an informal no-host social hour at the Bellwether Hotel, with dinner following at 7:00. The dinner speaker will be Kelli Linville, 40th district representative and chair of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Sunday morning the delegates going to National Convention will meet at the Heritage Inn with Norm Turrill, our LWVUS liaison, to discuss convention plans.

A registration form for Council can be found on our website www.lwvwa.org. Go to the Members Only section and sign in with the user name: [lwvwa](#) and the password: [voter](#). Full Council, which includes all meals plus registration, is \$95. Deadline for registration is April 20.

We will be staying at the Best Western Heritage Inn. Room rate there is \$109 plus tax for a double queen or single queen room, and includes breakfast. Be sure to say you're with the League to get the special rate. Deadline for reservations is April 20th. If you are coming by train or plane, the hotel has free van pick-up. The local League would then arrange carpools to get you to the various venues. Please let Claudia know (lwvwa@lwvwa.org) so she can tell the Bellingham/Whatcom League to set up your carpool.

And, don't forget—we're asking each local League to furnish some interesting item for each of three baskets to be raffled at Council. Seattle LWV president told me she is bringing chocolates—certainly one of my favorite items. For that reason, and for all the other reasons above, I hope to see you at Council!

Notes from the CEP Article

[i] League of Women Voters of Washington (LWVWA) Education Fund, *Washington State Tax Study Update*, Executive Summary, September 2004; and Washington Senate Ways and Means (WAM) staff, *A Citizen's Guide to the Washington State Budget*, 2008, p.2.

[ii] LWVWA Civic Engagement Project (CEP), *The State Tax System*, 2009, p. 3.

[iii] *Ibid.*

[iv] HB 1314 and SB 5352 present the Transportation budget being considered by the 2009 Washington legislature.

[v] LWVWA CEP, *op. cit.*

[vi] HB 1216 and SB 5222 present the Capital budget being considered 2009 Washington legislature.

[vii] LWVWA CEP, *op. cit.*

[viii] HB 1244 and SB 5600 present the Operating budget being considered by the Washington legislature. There were \$19.6 federal funds in the early April 2009 House draft.

[ix] LWVWA CEP, *op. cit.*

[x] State of Washington Office of Financial Management, Budget Division, *Washington State Budget Process*, June 2008, p.3.

[xi] Washington Senate WAM staff, *op. cit.*, p. 2, 10.

[xii] *Ibid.*, p. 12.

[xiii] State of Washington Office of Financial Management, Budget Division, *Washington State Budget Process*, June 2008, p.3.

National LWV

First Call to Convention 2010

From LWWUS President Mary G. Wilson

WHAT: The LWWUS 49th National Convention

WHEN: June 11-15, 2010

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| Friday, June 11 | Pre-Convention Training | 2-5 pm |
| Saturday, June 12 | Briefings | 10 am-Noon |
| Saturday, June 12 | Call to Order (Convention Starts) | 1 pm |
| Sunday, June 13 | | All Day |
| Monday, June 14 | | All Day |
| Tuesday, June 15 | Adjourn | Noon |

WHERE: Atlanta Marriott Marquis
265 Peachtree Center Ave, Atlanta Georgia

According to Article IX, Section 4 of the LWWUS Bylaws: "The convention shall adopt a program, elect officers and directors, adopt a budget and transact such other business as may properly come before it." See the following articles of the LWWUS Bylaws for more information:

- Article IX - Convention
- Article XI - Nominations and Elections
- Article XII - Principles and Program
- Article XIII - Financial Administration
- Article XV - Amendments

For further information about Convention 2010, go to the LWWUS website, <http://www.lwv.org>.

LWVSJ Agenda Annual Meeting May 10, 2010
Orcas Hotel, Orcas Island WA
12:30-2:30pm

12:30 – 1:00 pm Lunch, Social

1:00 – 1:30 pm Business Meeting

Call To Order and President's Report (Ann Jarrell)

Approval of Minutes of Annual Meeting 2009

Report of the Nominating Committee (Doris Van Alen)

Presentation of the Slate of Officers - 2010-2011

Co-Presidents: Liz Illg and Ann Jarrell

Vice President: Susan Dehlendorf

Secretary: Beverly Zapalac

Treasurer: Pat Curtin

The Nominees for the Nomination Committee 2010-2011

Joyce Sobel, Chair Doris Van Alen Nancy Wight

Call for Nominations from the Floor

Election of Officers

Call for Nomination for Members-at-Large and Election

Call for Program Suggestions for 2010-2011 from Membership

Treasurer's Report (Pat Curtin)

Proposed 2010-2011 Budget Presentation and Approval (Pat Curtin)

Special Membership Award (Marj Stanley)

Woman Who Made a Difference Award (Ann Jarrell)

Quilt Raffle Drawing (Marj Stanley)

1:30 – 2:30 pm: Guest Speakers

Representative Jeff Representative Dave Quall Senator Kevin Ranker

2:30pm Closing

**Financial Report
April 10, 2010**

Current Assets

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|----------------|---------|
| Checking | 110.00 |
| Savings | 2929.28 |
| Education Fund | 273.00 |

Actual Income and Expenses: June 1, 2009 - April 10, 2010

| <u>Income</u> | | <u>Expenses</u> | |
|-------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| Dues | 740.00 | National PMP | 1299.00 |
| Interest | 6.84 | State PMP | 855.00 |
| Donations | 248.00 | Administration | 414.23 |
| Quilt Fund-raiser | 345.00 | Handbook, TRY | 239.07 |
| Subtotal | 1339.84 | Subtotal | 2807.30 |

Net Income: (1447.46)

Projected Income and Expenses April 11, 2010 - May 31, 2010

| <u>Income</u> | | <u>Expenses</u> | |
|-------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| Dues | 2000.00 | Annual Meeting | 80.00 |
| Quilt Fund-raiser | 300.00 | | |
| Total | 3639.84 | | 2887.30 |

Net Income: 752.54

Proposed Budget June 1, 2010 - May 31, 2011

| <u>Income</u> | | <u>Expenses</u> | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|---------|
| Dues | 2250.00 | National PMP | 1314.00 |
| Interest | 5.25 | State PMP | 821.25 |
| Donations | 300.00 | Administration | 420.00 |
| Fundraiser/transfer from savings | 800.00 | National convention 6/2010 | 500.00 |
| | | State Convention 5/2011 | 300.00 |
| Total | 3355.25 | Total | 3355.25 |

In 2009-2010, we reported 53 members to the State and National League of Women Voters.

Distribution of the dues:

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| US PMP | 29.20 |
| State PMP | 18.25 |
| Local Chapter | 2.55 |

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.

Goal of the League of Women Voters

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 LWVSJ meetings are nonpartisan and open to the public.

Board Members of the League of Women Voters of the San Juans

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