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

February 2010

Calendar

Please note that the monthly board meeting usually scheduled for the first Monday of the month was held on January 25th to allow for timely planning of the upcoming open house. See ***LWVSJ Happenings*** for a summary of the board meeting proceedings.

February 9, 2010 – Special Election

There will be a special election in San Juan County on February 9th. Ballots were mailed to registered voters during the week of January 25th. The election will be for three school board levies; Lopez School District, Orcas School District and San Juan School District. Orcas voters will also decide on a school bond and San Juan Island voters will decide on whether or not to renew the Hospital District levy including EMS. Ballots must be returned by hand or postmarked by February 9th.

February 13, 2010 – Saturday, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm LWVSJ Open House

The February membership meeting will be the LWV Birthday Party Open House at the home of Susan Dehlendorf. This will take the place of the regular membership meeting scheduled for the 2nd Monday. This meeting will serve two purposes. One is to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the League of Women Voters. The second is to give potential new members insight into the type of activities with which the League is involved. Members are encouraged to come to the Open House and bring a guest who wants to learn more about the League.

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.

Susan lives at 165 Byron Road. From town, take Roche Harbor Road north for approximately 7 miles to Rouleau Road. Turn right on Rouleau and go about one mile to Limestone Point Road. Turn right on Limestone Point and go less than half a mile to Byron Road on the right. Byron is opposite the entrance to Lonesome Cove Resort. Turn right on Byron and go approximately 200 yards to the second driveway on the left. There is a sign reading "Vilcabamba" hanging over the driveway. There is limited parking inside. Someone will be at the entrance giving parking directions. Please carpool if possible. If you get lost, call Susan at 378-1082.

The following piece is a membership recruitment tool used by LWVUS. It can be printed and handed out to prospective members.

HOW MUCH TIME DOES IT TAKE TO BE ACTIVE IN LEAGUE?

Do you have an extra **5 minutes** once a year?

In **5 minutes** you can pay your dues.

In **5 minutes** you can join click a button to make your voice be heard.

In **5 minutes** you can check lww.org,

Your local League website,

Your state League website.

Join the League on Facebook!

THAT IS BEING ACTIVE IN LEAGUE

Do you have an extra **20 minutes** a month?

In **20 minutes** you can read what your dues pay for:

Your local League *Voter* or

Your *State Voter* or

The *e-Voice* or *Susan Bee*

all three if you are a speed reader

THAT IS BEING ACTIVE IN LEAGUE

Do you have an extra hour or two here and there?

Look at the things you can do at that time:

Distribute voters guides around town

Observe a public meeting in your community

Do voter registration

Staff a League booth

Make phone calls

Attend a League meeting

Welcome guests at a candidate forum or other meeting

Join a study committee

THAT IS BEING ACTIVE IN THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

JOIN US!

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March Board Meeting - Date to Be Determined

All members are encouraged to attend.

March 8, 2010 - Monday, 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm at the San Juan Island Library Monthly Membership Meeting

The March membership meeting will be a presentation on the Critical Area Ordinance by Shireen Hale from the SJC Planning Department with a question and answer session to follow. Shireen is well versed in the requirements of the CAO, its relationship to the Growth Management Act and implications of inaction.

April 5, 2010 - Monday, 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm at the San Juan Island Library Monthly Board Meeting

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.

LWVSJ Happenings

January 11, 2010 - Monthly Membership Meeting

The January 11th program featured Dean Jacobsen of the Lopez School Levy Committee and Jim Cole of San Juan Island EMS. They spoke in support of the levies which are up for approval in the February special election.

The members also discussed the convention program issues to be considered at the National LWV Convention in June.

January 19, 2010 - Columbia Room, State Capitol, Olympia LWVWA Lobby Day

Ann Jarrell and Jill Johnson attended the annual League Lobby Day in Olympia.

January 25, 2010 - Monthly Board Meeting

Board Members present: Ann Jarrell, Susan Dehlendorf, Pat Curtin, Nancy Wight, Marj Stanley, Louisa Nishitani, and Janna Gingras. Also present was League member Jill Johnson.

The Board approved Jill Johnson to move ahead on the League Cookbook project, to raise funds for the League. She will write up a request for recipes, which will go out to members. Jill will compile the recipes, edit the cookbook and have it printed at Printonyx.

Janna and Marj have almost completed the quilt, which is to be raffled to raise funds to meet the expenses of sending representatives to the National Convention. Tickets will be sold at \$5 each, or 5 for \$20, and the drawing will be held at the Annual Meeting in May. Members will be able to see it and buy tickets at the February Open House.

The League Birthday Party and Open House will be on Saturday, February 13 at the home of Susan Dehlendorf from 3 to 5 in the afternoon. Members will be asked to bring appetizers; Ann will order a cake. Sparkling wine as well as non-alcoholic beverages will be served.

LWWA Lobby Day was attended by Ann and Jill. They learned that this is the 100th anniversary of the State of Washington granting women the right to vote. The group agreed that this should be noted at our Open House.

The board decided to honor a woman who has made a difference in our community as a part of our Annual Meeting each year. Doris Estabrooks will be the recipient of the award for 2010, for her work in getting the county-wide Styrofoam ban. The group will be thinking about what kind of award or plaque would be appropriate.

The Annual Meeting will be on May 10th on Orcas Island at the Orcas Hotel. Nancy Wight will be the chair. Lunch will be \$20, which will cover all expenses. Marj noted that the agenda, nominations and budget all need to be out to the membership two weeks in advance of the meeting. Pat and Janna will put together a budget.

It was agreed to purchase a PA Pro Wireless Portable Sound System for use at forums and other occasions. Education Fund monies will be used for this.

The next board meeting will be March 1, 2010.

Submitted by Janna Gingras, Secretary

LWV of Washington

LWWA Civic Engagement Project – State Government Spending

Part Three of the State League's Civic Engagement Project papers follows. For more information on the project, go to <http://www.lvwva.org> and click on *The Civic Engagement Project*.

State Government Spending

“As of the 2008 legislative session, the State of Washington will spend a total of \$69.2 billion for the 2007-2009 biennium.”

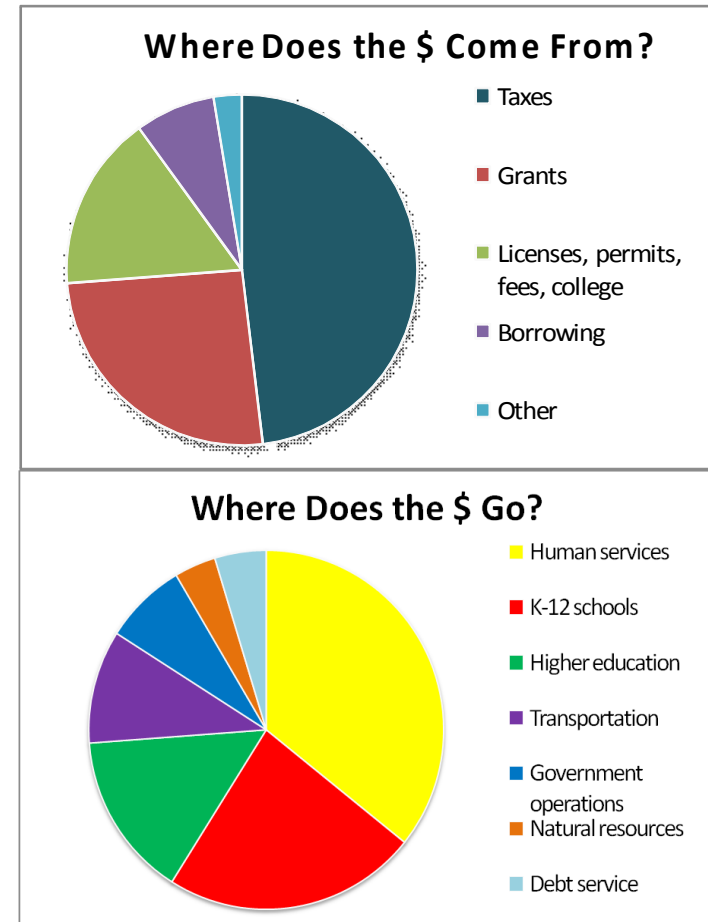
“Where Does the Money Come From?”

- Taxes: \$33.1 billion or 48.1 % of budget
- Grants: \$17.7 billion or 25.7 % of budget
- Licenses, permits, fees and college tuition and fees: \$11.2 billion or 16.2% of budget
- Borrowing: \$5.1 billion or 7.4% of budget
- Other: \$1.8 billion or 2.6% of budget

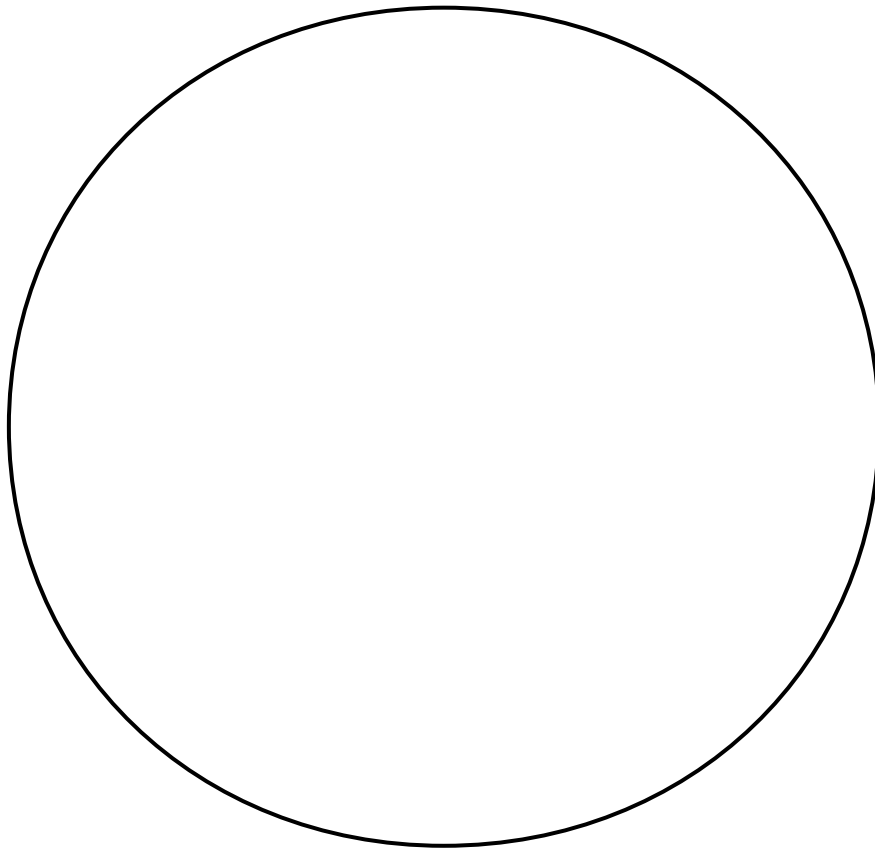
“Where Does the Money Go?”

- Human services: \$24.7 billion or 35.8% of budget
- K-12 public schools: \$16.1 billion or 23.2% of budget
- Higher education: \$10.3 billion or 14.9% of budget
- Transportation: \$7.1 billion or 10.2% of budget
- Governmental operations: \$5.2 billion or 7.5% of budget
- Natural resources: \$2.6 billion or 3.8% of budget
- Debt service/Other: \$3.2 billion or 4.7% of budget

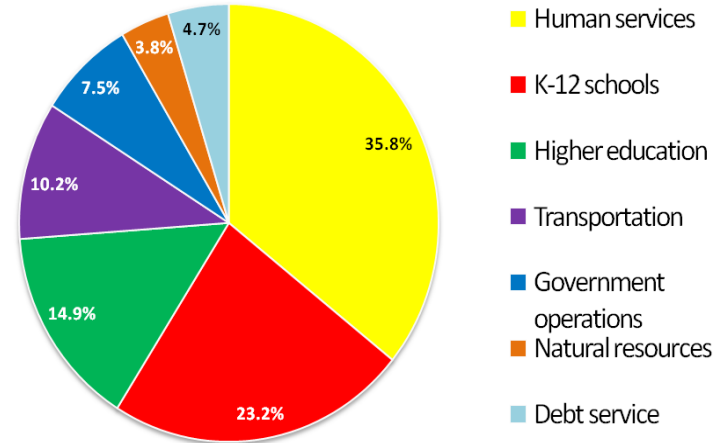
How would you allocate these funds? Would your chart look different?



Use the empty chart below to create your own budget. Then fill in the percentages below and use the calculation to determine how many billions of dollars would be allocated to each service.



Where Does the \$ Go?



- _____ % Human services x \$62.9 = \$ _____ billion
- _____ % K-12 public schools x \$62.9 = \$ _____ billion
- _____ % Higher education x \$62.9 = \$ _____ billion
- _____ % Transportation x \$62.9 = \$ _____ billion
- _____ % Government operations x \$62.9 = \$ _____ billion
- _____ % Natural resources x \$62.9 = \$ _____ billion
- _____ % Debt service x \$62.9 = \$ _____ billion

National LWV

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE UNITED STATES 49TH NATIONAL CONVENTION JUNE 11-15, 2010 MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK: A HISTORY OF CHANGE. A FUTURE OF HOPE.

Have you thought about going to the National LWV Convention in Atlanta in June? It's a wonderful opportunity to learn more about what the League really stands for and how it works. We are allowed two delegates this year so give this idea some consideration. To learn more about it, call or email Janna at 370-5743, jannag@rockisland.com

The following is information from LWVUS about the upcoming convention.

The LWVUS invites all members to join fellow Leaguers from 50 states, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico and Hong Kong to celebrate 90 remarkable years of League achievements and chart the course for the next biennium of League programs.

All League members are invited to attend Convention, but presidents of local, state and ILO Leagues appoint their allotted delegates. Non-voting members can be part of the excitement as the Convention delegate body debates and adopts the 2010-2012 National Program, the LWVUS Budget for the next fiscal year, and amendments to the LWVUS Bylaws. Delegates will also be choosing the LWVUS Board officers, directors and nominating committee for the next biennium.

Convention 2010 site, the Marriott Atlanta Marquis, is located in the downtown area known as Atlanta's heartbeat. It's where you can experience the world's largest aquarium, relax in Centennial Olympic Park, tour CNN Worldwide, and enjoy myriad dining, cultural and shopping experiences. Nearby are the President Jimmy Carter Library and Museum and the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site and Visitors Center. For detailed information on this fabulous metropolis, visit the website www.Atlanta.net and click on *50 Things to do in Atlanta*. Do plan to arrive early or stay a few extra days to explore the many attractions the Atlanta area has to offer.

The Marriott Atlanta Marquis recently completed a \$120 million renovation including a new ballroom and meeting rooms on the atrium level which will accommodate all of the LWVUS Convention events. Guests enter the hotel and a soaring 50 story atrium, and can check-in at the front desk or at a self-serve interactive kiosk which produces your room key with a swipe of a credit card. Hotel restaurants include a Starbucks Café, SEAR for breakfast, lunch and dinner and the M-Shop Deli. The hotel has an indoor/outdoor pool and a Health Club and Spa. A two minute walk on an indoor covered pathway leads to Peachtree Center, with over 60 restaurants and shops. For more information please call 404-521-0000 or visit www.Atlantamarquis.com.

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.

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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 \$_____.

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