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VOTER SPECIAL ISSUE

SUMMER , 2010

Introducing “Kitty’s Column”

Our new (returning) League Board member Kitty Jubran has volunteered to bring you the League Board news throughout the next year. Here is her first installment including the exciting events in the works for Summer, 2010

Kitty's Column

Calling all members! Ever wonder what's happening with the League? Well, after spending two years off the League Board, so did I. I felt left out and ready to drop my membership. But then I decided, instead, to rejoin the Board so I'd be in the “know” again. Cont.

As you are aware, the monthly Board meetings plan and coordinate the local League's activities as well as working toward state and national League goals. On June 12th, President Cynthia Garrick held a Board Retreat to consider next year's League activities and the issues we face. Four major topics were addressed: Membership; Voter Service (it's an election year); possible programs, and fund-raising.

Voter Service. As this is an election year, the Board has decided to plan for several election-related public events. **One election year event already under way is a "Meet & Greet" Candidate Reception at Davis High School's KIVA on July 28th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Contact Jackie Hertel, 469 4458 or Elaine Smith, 452 0460 if you want to help.**

Secondly, Karen Pilon, Board Secretary, will contact KIMA to see whether the League will again co-sponsor a televised October Candidate's Forum. We also discussed holding an informational meeting for the public in September in preparation for the November ballot Initiatives and referenda.

Fund-raising. In our League, and in all of the Leagues nationally, fund-raising is an opportunity looking for a sponsor. Currently, we are without a 2nd Vice President whose responsibility would be fund-raising, and therefore our problem is compounded.

However, our hard-working Downtown Committee has tentative plans for a Fall event involving the Capitol Theater: Wine, Desserts (and good-looking conductors) as a fund-raising possibility. Do I see any hands or hear any voices out there offering to help?

Contact Jackie Call 453 8150 or Marilyn Shearer, 865 5019.

Membership. In the planning stages is a gathering to honor and thank long-time and former Board members. Be on the lookout for announcements for this event.

Secondly, we are planning some small social gatherings for tea or coffee over the next couple of months to give all members a time to reacquaint themselves with the League and to meet old friends and new members. So, when your invitation arrives send your RSVP and bring a friend or acquaintance who you think would enjoy League fellowship. *Ice tea anyone?*

Lastly, some considerable discussion was given to our need to diversify our membership in light of the changing demographic of Yakima County. Board members are gathering ideas to address this important issue.

Please give them your help.

News from the TRY Committee

At the retreat, Mary Crago gave a report on the recent publication of the TRY. She, Becky Scholl and Doris Ayyoub have completed a notebook of directions, a manual, for whoever is responsible for the demanding job of updating, publishing and distributing the TRY. Under this plan, no longer will it be the work of one or two Board members. Now, everyone will have an opportunity to help, even for an hour.

Every Board meeting is open to the membership, and you are invited to sit in on any of the meetings any second Thursday at the Unitarian Church annex, 225 N. 2nd Street. We value your ideas and your energy.

Hope to see you there, Kitty Jubran.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF YAKIMA
COUNTY

Cordially invites you to: JOIN US!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Membership Categories:

_____ **\$10 Student Associate**

_____ **\$60 Basic**

_____ **\$70 Contributing**

_____ **\$80 Supporting**

_____ **\$40** Each additional family member
at the same residence

Student Associate is not a voting member

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Yakima County Commissioners

Yakima City Council Chambers

Tuesdays, 10 am

129 North 2nd Street 574 1500

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Please call Jackie Call, Mary Crago, Jackie Hertel, or
Marilyn Shearer for forms and
information to get started.