



The Voter

The League of Women Voters of Clallam County

May-June 2010

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Call To ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 19, 2010
St. Luke's Episcopal Church
525 N. 5th Avenue, Sequim

- 10:30-11:00 Registration, coffee and socializing
- 11:00-12:00 Introduction of Guests, and Business Meeting
- 12:00-12:45 Lunch, catered by Cameron's Cafe
Assorted wraps, salad, and dessert
- 12:45-2:00 Program: "State of Education in Port Angeles and
Sequim School Districts" with Superintendents
Jane S. Pryne, Ed.D. and Bill Bentley

Lunch Buffet by Reservation only — \$12
RSVP by Friday, May 14, 2010
to Ida Fintel 504-2271 or jf@wavecable.com

The Annual Meeting is one of the most important membership meetings of the year. This is your opportunity to direct the future of our League by adopting program, positions, and budget for 2010-2011 plus electing the board members to govern this organization.

Your continued support and participation are necessary if we are to accomplish our mission and reach our goals. The Annual Meeting provides renewed effort and excitement for the coming year!

Please review this Annual Meeting packet before the meeting and bring it with you so you can participate in the discussions and votes.



League of Women Voters Clallam County

Annual Meeting

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

AGENDA

10:30	Registration	
11:00	Call to order	Penney Van Vleet, President
	Introduction of Guests	
	Introduction of 2009-10 Board of Directors, Chairs	
	Credentials, Parliamentarian	Anne Hastings Murray
	Adoption of Agenda	
	Adoption of Rules and Procedures	
	Approval of Minutes of 2009 Annual Meeting	Vicci Rudin, Secretary
	Financial Report FY 2009-2010	Ida Fintel, Treasurer
	Adoption of Dues Increase	Vicci Rudin
	Adoption of Budget FY 2010-2011	Ida Fintel, Treasurer
	Adoption of Local Program	Clare Manis Hatler
	Reaffirm Local Positions	Clare Manis Hatler
	Nominating Committee Report	Sue Erzen
	Election of Officers and Directors	
	Instruction to the Board	Kathy Langhoff
12 noon	Recess for Lunch	
12:45 pm	Program: State of Education in Port Angeles and Sequim School Districts	
2 pm	Adjourn	

LEAGUE LEADERSHIP

OFFICERS

President	PENNEY VAN VLEET 360-682-0071
Vice President	CLAIRE MANIS HATLER 683-6967
Secretary	VICCI RUDIN 457-2860
Treasurer	IDA FINTEL 504-2271

DIRECTORS

Water Resources: SONJA ROTTER	Director-at-Large: NATALIE SPIEGEL
Public Relations: KATHY LANGHOFF	Voter Service: CANDACE PRATT
Membership: SARA JOHNSON	Health Care: LOU TEMPLETON
Education/Sustainability CARROL HULL	Women's History Month MARSHA CARR

OFF BOARD PORTFOLIOS

Observer Corps:	Newsletter Editor
SUE ERZEN	GENAVEVE STARR

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

SUE ERZEN
TOMMIE SCHWENT
CLARE MANIS HATLER

The board meets the 4th Tuesday of the month in the conference room at First Federal Bank on Sequim Avenue at 1:00 pm.



ANNUAL MEETING RULES AND PROCEDURES

LWVCLA BYLAWS

Article VII, Section 2. Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting shall be held in the spring, at such a time as to allow newly elected board or council members to attend one board meeting prior to taking office, July 1 of the new term. The annual meeting shall adopt a local program, elect officers, directors and nominating committee members and adopt a budget and proposed bylaws amendments.

Section 3. Quorum.

Fifteen percent of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum. Absentee or proxy voting shall not be permitted.

METHODS USED TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS

Your rights as a member: to demand orderly procedure; to appeal from the decision of the Chair; to be informed of the question of procedure; to make, second, debate or amend (if debatable or amendable) motions; to vote and be assured of an accurate count.

1. **Rise to a Point of Order.** This means you think the rules are being violated in some way. You may stand and say, "Madam/Mr. Chair, I rise to a point of order." There is no need to wait for recognition by the Chair or for a member to finish speaking. However, a point of order must be made at the time of violation.

2. **Appeal from the Decision of the Chair.** If the decision of the Chair on a point of order does not satisfy the member, he/she can appeal the decision by saying, "Madam/Mr. Chair, I appeal from the decision of the Chair." The appeal must be seconded. The decision then rests with the assembly.

3. **Rise to a Question of Privilege.** These relate to the comfort of the members regarding heating, lighting, noise, or disturbance; to the conduct of the officers, employees, or visitors; to the accuracy of the reports of the proceedings of the assembly or to its organization. The same procedure as in #1 above applies.

4. **Call for the question.** If you feel that debate has gone on too long, call for the question by saying, "I move the previous question." Motion must be seconded, but is not debatable, and will be put to an immediate vote. A two-thirds vote is necessary to adopt. If adopted, debate is immediately terminated and the motion under debate is voted upon.

5. **Division of the House.** If you doubt the result of a voice vote, you may call for a division of the house. This requires that the vote be taken again, this time by rising. Stand and say, "Madam/Mr. Chair, "I call for a division of the house."

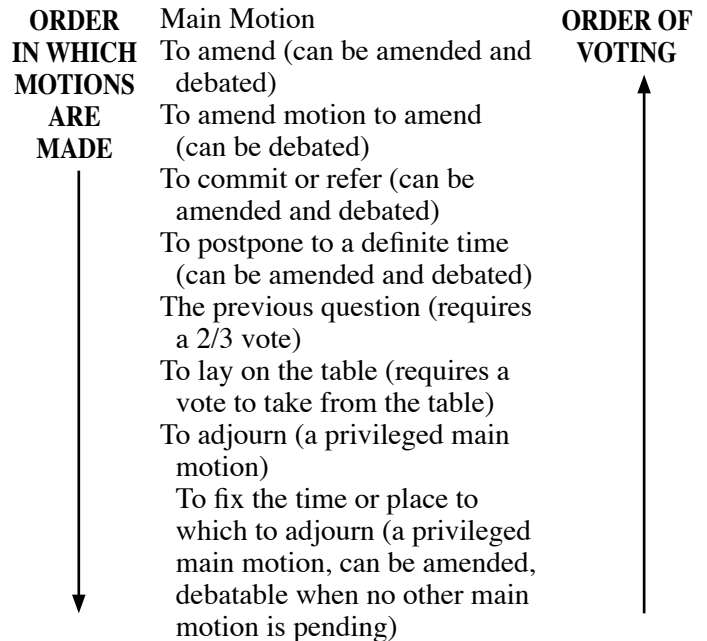
Parliamentary Procedure

Parliamentary procedure is necessary for the orderly conduct of a local League Annual Meeting. Only members have the privilege of the floor. Members desiring to speak should stand to be recognized by the Chair. When recognized, the member should first state their name. A majority vote of those members present and voting shall be required for adoption of any measure.

The Six Steps of a Motion:

A motion must be

1. made;
 2. seconded;
 3. stated by the Chair*
 4. debated or amended if debatable or amendable;
 5. put to vote, affirmative or negative;
 6. the result of the vote declared by the Chair,
- *after which the motion becomes the property of the assembly and cannot be withdrawn without the consent of the assembly.





LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CLALLAM COUNTY

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, May 21, 2009

The annual meeting for 2009 was called to order by President Penney Van Vleet at 11:07 am at Olympic Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 73 Howe Road, Sequim. Penney introduced the current board members and off-board chairs and commented on the exceedingly busy year for the league. She expressed appreciation for Sue Erzen's coordination of the very successful finance drive and to Vicci Rudin for production of the member handbook. She commended Ida Fintel for the 2009 edition of *They Represent You*, who in turn thanked the members who helped with proofing and distribution and First Federal who underwrote the cost of publication. Sara Johnson and her membership committee were thanked for the member telephone survey they organized. Voter Service chair Candace Pratt enumerated the forums held for the primary and general elections. She expressed appreciation for the efforts of the very active Health Care committee members, particularly Patty McCarty, in support of the Olympic Medical Center levy campaign.

Penney also spoke of the local league's lobbying successes regarding the election procedures of the Conservation District boards and the position of the Olympic Medical Center board on implementation of the Death With Dignity law. She commended Norma Turner and Shirley Nixon for their concentrated efforts to convince the City of Port Angeles to improve its open government practices.

Penney then introduced Norma Turner as parliamentarian for the meeting, who confirmed that a quorum was present. The agenda for the meeting and the rules and procedures as published in the *Voter* were accepted. It was moved by Vicci Rudin, seconded by Carrol Hull, to waive reading of the minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting. The motion passed and the minutes were approved as published.

Budget. Treasurer Marsha Carr presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2009-2010, comparing it to the current budget and expenses year-to-date and the year-end financial statement for 2007-2008, all of which were published in the *Voter*. Norma Turner asked why the "contributions in kind" category shown in the prior year financial statement was not included in the proposed budget. Marsha responded that any such contributions will be recorded within member contributions in the future. Penney described the board's discussion of dues

and explained its decision not to raise dues this year. She has since learned of the state league's intent to raise its dues by \$5 over the next two years which will have a serious impact on our local budget. She encouraged member donations to compensate and noted that a local dues increase is likely in 2010. It was moved by Marsha Carr, seconded by Candace Pratt, to approve the proposed budget. Motion passed..

Proposed Local Program. The board-recommended local program for 2009-2010 was presented:

- Health care: education, action and advocacy. Lou Templeton, chair.
- Water study: water issues in eastern Clallam County. Sonja Rotter, chair.
- Education: extending League resources to Clallam County school districts. Carrol Hull, chair.
- Sustainability: action to support sustainable efforts in our community that are aligned with national and state League positions on natural resources. Sustainability is defined as the ability for humans to live on the earth and consume resources at a rate that can be replenished. Carrol Hull, chair.

Clare Hatler moved approval of the proposed local program as published, seconded by Candace Pratt. Motion passed.

Reaffirmation of Local Positions. Clare Hatler moved, seconded by Natalie Spiegel, that the existing local positions on 1) the Clallam County Home Rule Charter and 2) Health Care be reaffirmed. Motion passed.

Slate of Officers. Dottie Nicassio, on behalf of the Nominating Committee (also comprised of Tommie Schwent and Carrol Hull), presented the nominees for election to leadership positions for the two year term 2009-2011: Vice President – Clare Hatler; Treasurer – Ida Fintel; Director, Voter – Natalie Spiegel. The proposed Nominating Committee off-board members for 2009-2010 are Sue Erzen and Tommie Schwent. There were no nominations from the floor. Dottie moved, seconded by Candace Pratt, to accept the slate as presented. Motion passed.

Instructions to the Board. On behalf of the board, Clare Hatler encouraged attendees to offer their suggestions for the coming year. Ben Rotter asked whether the

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING, continued

League could take a position in support of future school levies. Norma Turner suggested that the League sponsor more forums on open government, perhaps holding one in Sequim. Carrol Hull spoke to an idea used successfully elsewhere: hosting a luncheon on “the state of the county.” Vicci Rudin urged more members to participate as observers at meetings of local elected bodies.

In closing, Penney emphasized the value of broad member participation in league activities. Candace Pratt applauded Penney for her outstanding leadership this year and noted

that Penney will be serving on the state league board as well as continuing as President of our local league this coming year. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm, followed by lunch and the program -- speaker Patrick Williams, public interest environmental lawyer, addressing the subject of water justice.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicci Rudin
Secretary

DUES

Last year your board struggled with whether or not to recommend a dues increase and, because of the economic downturn, the Board decided not to propose an increase. The State League was having a tough time financially and at the 2009 State Convention League members voted to approve an increase of \$2 for 2009-10 and a \$3 increase for 2010-11 for the state per member payment (PMP). The National Convention will propose an increase of \$0.40 for this year and only \$0.40 for the following year.

Our PMP for 2009-10 and 2010-11 are listed below:

2010 PMP		2011 PMP	
US	\$29.20		\$29.60
State	\$19.00		\$22.00
Total	\$48.20		\$51.60

So instead of \$1 or \$2 for the local League, we would have to use some of our reserve to pay the PMP to state and national, which leaves nothing for our local League. Out of the 21 local Leagues across the state only one other League was paying \$50 for dues and the rest were between \$55 and \$75. Since 1998 we have raised the dues 3 times; \$5 each time. This year our Dues Committee has proposed a raise of \$10 in hopes that we won't have to do this again for at least 5 years.

Just to say that other organizations with national, state and local membership are in the same boat does not address the issue. Granted we feel the most allegiance to our local League which is where we take action and know the people with whom we work. But without the national and state League we would have a very difficult time in lobbying for national and state issues which are crucial to all of us. Plus, both national and state are in constant communication with us and provide us with study materials on issues that are adopted at convention; membership and fundraising materials; best practices from around the country and state; and much more.

As you can see by our budget, we have inserted a new category of fundraising and your board will be appointing a committee to recommend several fundraisers to the board to raise \$1000 for the next year. If you have a talent for fundraisers or proposals we would appreciate your help.

The past two years have been difficult for our League as we have constrained our expenditures and have a backlog of items that need replacing and other needs such as: state and national materials for our board members and off-board chairs, an updated web site with software to support it, and hall rentals and materials for our forums. We are not spendthrifts, as you can see by our financial statement, but you can only run an organization on a shoestring and board donations for so long.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Your Clallam County League operates on a small budget considering the amount of work they do for you and the community. A dedicated group of volunteers donates an incredible number of hours which are not reflected in our budget. Our expenses primarily are for the printing costs of the brochures we had printed this year both for membership and the education committee. We are fortunate that First Federal pays for the TRY printing. This is reflected in our financial statement as an income and printing expense. We also had one professional in-kind contribution of \$250.00 for printing set up. Revenue came from Member Dues, Contributions, one Sustainability kick off Lunch, and the Women's History Month event.

I'd like to thank all the Board members who have been so helpful to me this last year. My term will be up July, 2011. Special thanks to Penney Van Vleet for her guidance on my first board position.

—Ida Fintel, Treasurer

LWV CLALLAM COUNTY
YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JULY 1, 2008 - JUNE 30, 2009



BALANCES AS OF JULY 1, 2008		
Checking	\$	2,554.44
FF CD	\$	2,878.56

	2008-2009 BUDGET	Y-T-D ACTUAL	DIFFERENCE
RECEIPTS			
Dues	\$ 4,325.00	\$ 3,450.00	\$ (875.00)
Political Action Donations			
Women's Hist. Mo. Tribute		282.00	282.00
Interest Checking	2.00	3.27	1.27
Contributions - Members	425.00	907.50	482.50
Contributions - Non-memb.	75.00	900.00	825.00
Program Portfolios		700.00	700.00
TRY	500.00	487.80	(12.20)
Meetings		876.00	876.00
Interest CD		85.01	85.01
Miscellaneous		604.87	604.87
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 5,327.00	\$ 8,296.45	
EXPENSES			
Administrative Costs	\$ 160.00	\$ 335.62	\$ (175.62)
Meetings		781.88	(781.88)
Convention/Council	500.00	450.00	50.00
Dues - Nat'l	2,296.00	2,098.00	198.00
Dues - State	1,394.00	962.61	431.39
Fundraisers			
Membership	50.00	135.34	(85.34)
Newsletter & Postage	500.00	222.04	277.96
Program - Portfolio	100.00	700.00	(600.00)
Publicity	25.00		
TRY printing	500.00	487.80	12.20
Voter Service	180.00	263.07	(83.07)
Political Action		31.96	(31.96)
Women's Hist. Mo. Tribute		92.53	(92.53)
Miscellaneous		455.87	(455.87)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 5,705.00	\$ 7,016.72	
RECEIPTS LESS EXPENSES	\$ (378.00)	\$ 1,279.73	

BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2009		
Checking	\$	4,343.23
CD	\$	2,024.50

EDUCATION FUND	
Beginning Balance: July 1, 2008	\$200
Contributions:	130
Ending Balance: June 30, 2009	\$330

**LWV CLALLAM COUNTY
PROPOSED BUDGET 2010-2011**



BALANCES AS OF JULY 1, 2009		
Checking	\$	4,343.23
FF CD	\$	2,024.50
Ed Fund	\$	330.00

	As of 3/31/10 Y-T-D ACTUAL	CURRENT BUDGET 2009-2010	BUDGET 2010-2011
RECEIPTS			
Dues	\$ 3,850.00	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 6,150.00
Contributions-Members	540.00	400.00	500.00
Contributions-Non-Memb.	125.00	75.00	100.00
Contributions-In-Kind	250.00		300.00
Contributions- Advocacy Program/Grant	390.00		140.00
Fund Raising Events			425.00
Womens History Month	2,089.00	300.00	1,000.00
Clara Carlson Fund	50.00		300.00
Meetings	708.00	400.00	200.00
TRY	802.32	500.00	500.00
Interest Checking	3.01	3.00	805.00
Interest CD	25.73	100.00	5.00
Special Events		300.00	40.00
Miscellaneous	50.00		100.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 8,883.06	\$ 5,778.00	\$ 10,565.00

EXPENSES			
Administrative Costs	\$ 177.53	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00
Convention Expense/State		500.00	750.00
Dues - Nat'l Expense/Nat'l	2,014.00	2,000.00	2,444.00
Dues - State	1,330.00	1,300.00	1,716.00
Membership	490.76	200.00	600.00
Meetings	598.91	100.00	800.00
Program - Portfolio	\$557.20	200.00	900.00
Voter Service	48.86	200.00	500.00
Advocacy	22.76		400.00
Women's History Month	210.97	75.00	100.00
Fundraisers			150.00
Special Events	157.47	200.00	450.00
TRY printing	810.98	500.00	805.00
Publicity			100.00
Newsletter & Postage	81.54	200.00	250.00
Miscellaneous	54.55		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 6,555.53	\$ 5,775.00	\$ 10,565.00

RECEIPTS LESS EXPENSES	\$ 2,327.53	\$ 3.00	
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BALANCES AS OF MAR. 31, 2010		
Checking	\$	4,895.31
CD	\$	2,054.16
ED Fund	\$	405.00



2009-2010 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following nominees for election to leadership positions.

OFFICERS

President	Lou Templeton (2010-2012)
VP for Logistics	Kathy Langhoff (2010-2011)
VP for Organization	Nancy Esteb (2010-2012)
Secretary	Judith Parker (2010-2012)

DIRECTORS

Voter Service	Candace Pratt (2010-2011)
Membership	Ruth Marcus & Marcia Radey (2010-2012)
Public Relations	Marsha Carr (2010-2012)

Nominating Committee 2010-2011

Vicci Rudin & Sue Erzen

Respectfully submitted,
Nominating Committee 2010
Sue Erzen, Clare Hatler, Tommie Schwent

REAFFIRM LOCAL POSITIONS

The League of Women Voters of Clallam County had adopted local positions on the Clallam County Home Rule Charter and Health Care. The full text of these positions are contained on pages 15-17 of your Member Handbook. A vote to reaffirm these positions will occur at the Annual Meeting.

PROPOSED LOCAL PROGRAM

The Board of Directors of LWVCLA proposes the adoption of the following Local Program for 2010-2011:

Health Care: education, action and advocacy. Chair, Sara Johnson

Water issues in eastern Clallam County. Chair, Sonja Rotter

Sustainability/Education: Chair, Carrol Hull



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Thank you for the privilege of serving as the President of the League of Women Voters of Clallam County. It was challenging, rewarding and fun. The Board was a delight to work with and sometimes I had to run to keep up with them. Most studies indicate that only about 20 percent of the members are active. In our organization that is not true! I would say it is closer to between 30 and 40 percent in our local League. And active does not mean that they are on the board or chairing a committee, but participating at various levels.

It was an action packed year again with everyone contributing to its success:

- Carrol Hull planned a great kick-off meeting on sustainability with Patty McManus Huber as our speaker. Carrol and her sustainability committee are tackling important issues.
- Lou Templeton has been front and center for two years with health care and at long last we have health care re-

form at the national level. And the day before our annual meeting Lou Templeton and her health care committee have planned a community forum on the new health care legislation.

- Candace Pratt outdid herself once again and put together numerous Candidate and Issue forums. And it was great to see so many of you volunteer to perform the various jobs that make these forums a success. Candace and Vicci Rudin planned our "balloon bouquets" for our elected officials.
- Ida Fintel stepped into the Treasurer's position last year and is keeping us on the straight and narrow. She also found time to publish and distribute the TRY brochure, which is quite a feat!
- Vicci Rudin published our Member Handbook which is crucial for all of us. It is always with me by the computer and phone. Vicci is preparing all of our historical LWVCLA materials for the Archival Project. Vicci and Kathy Langhoff are working with me to put together a Policy and Procedures Manual for the next Board.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT, *continued*

- Marsha Carr, almost single-handedly, put on the best fundraiser we have ever had: "Shattered Ceilings" performed by the Readers Theatre Plus. A thousand thanks, not only for the play and what it meant to all of us, but for the visibility it created for the League and women's suffrage!
- Sara Johnson has built up over the years a great membership procedure with a great data base (thanks Walt), scheduled orientation sessions for new members, and a retention program.
- Kathy Langhoff did a spectacular job of keeping our name out there in the public through all of League's press releases.
- Natalie Spiegel was our newsletter editor, until we found Genaveve Starr, and has worked with Kathy Langhoff and Ruth Marcus on a grand redo of our web site.
- Clare Hatler, our VP, stepped up to the plate several times; conducting our program planning and serving on our nominating committee.
- Sonja Rotter and the water committee have been busy this year on the WRIA 18 rule for the Dungeness River Basin. They met with the Port Townsend Mayor to review their experience with the WRIA 17 rule for their area and

met with the head of the Department of Ecology on the League's state position on water.

We also made public statements to elected bodies again this year: a statement to the Sequim City Council on Impact Fees, and a statement to the Port Angeles City Council regarding their switch to Action Minutes.

The League was asked to meet with the head of the Department of Ecology, about WRIA 18, when he visited Clallam County. The County asked the League to send a representative to the Stormwater Management Work Group after taking part in the selection of their consultant.

And, on the lighter side, we end up the year as we began it: marching in another community parade. Dottie Nicassio (who organized both ventures for us) and Lou Templeton were the hits of the Port Angeles 4th of July parade, and we will march in the Irrigation Festival Parade in Sequim May 8th.

The League of Women Voters, at the national, state and local level, is a strong and vibrant organization, because of who we are and how we function. We are non-partisan and deliberative in our studies, consensus and action!

Get involved. This IS where the action is!!!

—Penney Van Vleet



PORTFOLIO REPORTS

EDUCATION

The Education Committee published its new Educational Resource Brochure which was distributed to schools throughout Clallam County. As efforts advanced in education for sustainability, the Education Committee joined in to support this outreach. Attempts to aid teachers in civics education continue, as well as the effort to involve students in League activities.

—Carrol Hull, Chair

SUSTAINABILITY

The Sustainability Committee was established at last year's Annual Meeting. Most of the League's national and state positions concerning natural resources, water, land use, transportation, waste reduction and global warming reflect the major priorities and goals of sustainability.

The Sustainability Committee met for the first time in August to determine its priorities and areas of action. The primary goal was to add our voices to the concerns

expressed by many organizations and local governments in working towards a sustainable future that preserves our environment, our quality of life and our economic vitality. Members of the committee were already involved in planning for the Sequim Earth Day and had asked Patty McManus to speak at our September Kick-Off Luncheon on "Keeping our Food Choices Local." The committee divided into teams and investigated several areas to determine where the League could be effective in supporting other organizations working on sustainability issues as well as promote sustainability education.

Several proposals were put forward by the committee and approved by the Board. The first proposal was to investigate the support for a Food Policy Council that would coordinate all aspects of our food issues on the north end of the Olympic Peninsula. A team was organized to create a survey of the important organizations and people involved. If the team finds support for the creation of a Food Policy Council, a meeting/roundtable would be formed to organize such a council. The team is now preparing for the interviews and hopes to have them completed by the end

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of June. The timeline includes a period for an analysis of the data collected plus planning time for a possible round-table in the fall.

A second project proposed and approved concerned the status of Sustainability and Environmental Education in our schools. A survey is being prepared for teachers and districts with the intent of determining what programs are now being offered and what resources are needed to meet the standards established by the Office of the Superintendent of the State of Washington. In addition, attempts are being made to work with individual teachers and students to support their efforts.

Several other projects are being considered by the Sustainability Committee including supporting recycling efforts, waste material reduction and perhaps an update to the State League's position on waste and recycling. Members of the committee also had a booth at the Sequim Earth Day event to distribute information regarding sustainability issues.

The Committee would welcome new members. The teams meet to further their work on an as needed basis. The whole committee meets every other month to report and share progress plus consider new proposals.

Contacts:

Food Policy Council: Anne Murray and Ed Chadd

Education for Sustainability: Carrol Hull and Don Wilkin

Recycling: Judith Parker and Rudy Meyer

—Carrol Hull, Chair

WATER ISSUES IN EASTERN CLALLAM COUNTY

Several committee meetings regarding the Department of Ecology's In-Stream and Water Management rule were attended by the water committee in the last year, including the Dungeness River Management Team and the Dungeness Executive Committee. The committee also met with the mayor and the League of Women Voters in Port Townsend to discuss the WRIA 17 In-stream Flow Rule which is now in place. In March, a member of the committee, Penney Van Vleet, met with the Department of Ecology Director along with representatives of other organizations. A document of talking points regarding the Dungeness Water Management Rule from the LWVCLA was given to the Director that included:

- The League wants to educate the public about the pressing need to manage the region's water wisely. LWVCLA is committed to furthering sustainable solutions.
- A water crisis is at hand. We believe that science is adequate to justify the need to limit new water withdrawals in the basin.

- The proposed rule reflects water management strategies reached through careful study and collaboration among diverse interests in the Dungeness basin.
- The proposed water management rule is not enough to address the Dungeness Basin's water availability problems. The basin is already oversubscribed, and the in-stream flow rule is junior to older appropriative rights. Climate change and population growth will increase stress on existing resources. Solutions to this problem should therefore include more region-wide initiatives—including the exploration of inter-basin transfers from the Elwha drainage.
- The success of the proposed management rule be dependent upon adequate, sustainable funding and the political will to enforce the rules provisions. We are concerned that both of these elements are in doubt.
- We recommend that Ecology initiate discussions with all units of government and tribes in WRIA 18 including the City of Port Angeles to determine whether a regional water distribution system that includes inter-basin transfers from the Elwha River drainage is feasible and sustainable.

—Sonja Rotter, Chair

HEALTH CARE

September Highlights:

The League contributed to the success of the Mad as Hell Doctors event August 22. Special thanks go to Norma Turner and Ruth Marcus for the full page PDN ad August 27 with names of persons supporting public option and a second quarter-page PDN ad September 28 with names of those who didn't get on the first. Donations collected covered the ad, with the remainder donated to the League. Committee chair attended a meeting of Jefferson Coalition for Healthcare Access.

October Highlights:

The committee discussed 2009/2010 goals and how we can continue to advocate our single payer position while supporting local efforts to provide stop-gap measures for those with inadequate coverage. (Forums, support United Way health care agencies, local VA, OMC and Public Health).

November Highlights:

We discussed health care reform developments at the national level and agreed that until legislation is passed, future plans are on hold.

We agreed to maintain our contacts with other health care reform groups on the state level. Dottie Nicassio and the chair attended the annual meeting of Healthcare for All—WA.

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January Highlights:

We continued to watch national and state health care legislation. We discussed an educational forum about how “reform” affects Clallam County.

The Medication Abuse Working Group invited the chair to join its working group.

We discussed Town Hall meetings on end of life issues.

February Highlights:

We discussed further the need for end of life issues education.

March Highlights:

We worked on plans for a community town hall type meeting to discuss end of life issues. We also discussed showing the film “Money Driven Medicine” with discussion afterwards.

April Highlights:

Plans were made to hold an educational forum, How the New Health Care Law Affects YOU. The forum will be held on Tuesday May 18 at OMC Linkletter Hall. Speakers: Dr. Tom Locke, Eric Lewis, and a representative from the state Insurance Commissioner’s office.

—Lounette Templeton, Chair

PUBLICITY/PUBLIC RELATIONS

Press releases and calendar alerts for the following events were sent, as appropriate, to the Peninsula Daily News, Sequim Gazette, Forks Forum, KONP, Sequim This Week and KSQM.

2009

- May: Annual meeting
- June: Organizing for America health care kickoff meeting
- July: Healthcare Forum, Primary Candidates Forum
- September: General Meeting on Sustainability
- October: Candidates and Issues Forums (3)

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- January: Sequim School District Levy meeting
- February: State and Local Program planning meeting, Balloon bouquets to elected officials
- March: Women’s History Month Celebration “Shattered Ceilings,” thank you balloon bouquet to First Federal for underwriting TRY
- April: Wild Olympic Campaign luncheon at the Sequim Library, sponsor Earth Day celebration at Boys and Girls Club.

Met with Peninsula College students to update the local League website

—Kathy Langhoff, Chair

OBSERVER CORPS

Have you enjoyed reading our Observer Reports this year?

We are the eyes and ears of our League at the City Council meetings in Port Angeles and Sequim and at the Hospital Board meetings. With more members, we’re hoping to start observing at the Port Commission which meets in the mornings two Mondays a month.

The Observer Corps is a chance to learn about government in action and report information of importance to our League. Your commitment can be as little as one evening or morning a month!

Sign up to help. By our presence at meetings, we let the councils know that citizens are interested in what they do, and we build good public relations as a visible example of the League.

—Sue Erzen, Chair

VOTER SERVICE

We had a voter registration booth at the Sequim Open Aire Market in June.

We held a candidates forum in Port Angeles City Council Chamber in July before the Primary election. Three forums were held before the general election featuring candidates and ballot issues. We enjoyed cosponsoring these with AAUW. High school students from YMCA’s Youth in Government program were runners at the PA forums. The Sequim Senior Activity Center hosted the forum for the Sequim candidates, and Michael Smith, Director, was a big help. Port Angeles waived the fees for the use of City Council Chamber. We enjoyed collaborating with all of these groups.

In late February, balloon bouquets were given to the City Councils and School Boards of Forks, Port Angeles and Sequim; the Port of Port Angeles Board; the PUD Board; and the boards of Forks Community Hospital and Olympic Medical Center. This surprise event was timed to commemorate the 90th birthday of the League and the publication of the latest TRY. A statement was read commending the officials for serving the public, with the reminder that “we shall continue to urge you to seek out the counsel of your constituents in your decision making, strive to maintain your individual integrity, and be determined to conduct your governing in the brightest of daylight. In doing so, you will surely maintain the support and trust of your community.”

Moderator/sorter training was attended by thirteen members. Vicci Rudin, Sue Erzen and Anne Murray, our

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stalwart moderators, shared their expertise on all aspects of the moderating and importance of sorting. We are delighted to have these new volunteers for future forums—coming right up in July, September and October.

None of these events would have happened without help from you, our members. Thank you to all who made the year in Voter Service a success.

—Candace Pratt, Chair

THE HISTORY OF OUR LEAGUE / ARCHIVAL PROJECT

Do you enjoy history? Are you an organizer at heart? Are you just curious about who did what when, where, and why?

Our League of Women Voters of Clallam County was first organized in 1967 and recognized as an official chapter of the LWVUS the following year. Can you imagine how many issues and events our league has participated in over those ensuing forty-plus years?

We can all appreciate how important it is that the history of our local league not be lost or forgotten. Our league board has given me the go-ahead to establish a committee to plan what records of our league should be saved, how they should be organized, and where they should be archived. The Clallam County Historical Society is willing to work with us. Please contact me if you would be willing to join me in this endeavor.

—Vicci Rudin, Chair

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Nearly 1,000 copies of the TRY Brochure were hand-distributed the second and third weeks of February. Many thanks to Helga Montgomery for her delivery to most of the Sequim sites. The Port Angeles deliveries were done by various League Members. This year we added some major real estate offices to our distribution list. We appreciate the time and resources donated by our dedicated members.

This year Olympic Printers printed the TRY and they did a magnificent job. Many thanks to FIRST FEDERAL who, once again, underwrote the cost of printing. Any suggestions for next year, please contact me.

—Ida Fintel

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Women's History Month

Financials

Friday, March 26, 2010

Tickets Sold: 108 @ \$12.00 \$1,296.00

Saturday, March 27, 2010

Tickets Sold: 65 @ \$12.00 780.00

Total Ticket Sales \$2,076.00

Donations 13.00

Total Income \$2,089.00

Expenses:

Posters \$ 97.69

Programs and Tickets 108.40

Masking Tape 4.88

Roses 66.01

Total Reimbursed Expenses: **\$ 276.98**

Net Income

\$1,812.02

Readers Theatre Plus Expenses:

Dungeness School House Rental \$75.00

P.A. Community Playhouse Rental 50.00

Royalty for 2 performances 150.00

Total Expenses: \$275.00

Jim and Carol Dries and I will explore performing the play in at least one of the local schools: Sequim H.S., P.A. H.S. and/or Peninsula College.

—Marsha Carr, Chair



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