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# THE VOTER

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The League of Women Voters of Clallam County

Call to  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
Wednesday, May 18, 2011  
St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
525 N. 5th Avenue, Sequim

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| 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 Café<br>Assorted wraps, salad, and dessert  |
| 12:45—2:—   | Program: "City Update" by Port Angeles City Manager<br>Kent Myers and "City Update" by Sequim City<br>Manger Steven Burkett |

Lunch Buffet by reservation only—\$12  
RSVP by Friday, May 13 to  
Genaveve Starr 683-7637 or [genaveve@msn.com](mailto:genaveve@msn.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 2011-2012 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 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  
Agenda of Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 18th**

10:30	Registration	
11:00	Call to Order Introduction of Guests Introduction of 2010-2011 Board of Directors, Chairs	Lounette Templeton, President
	Credentials, Parliamentarian	Anne Murray
	Adoption of Agenda Adoption of Rules and Procedures	Lounette Templeton, President
	Approval of Minutes of 2010 Annual Meeting	Judith Parker, Secretary
	Financial Report FY 2010-2011 Adoption of Budget FY 2010-2011	Ida Fintel, Treasurer
	Adoption of Local Program Reaffirm Local Programs	Nancy Esteb, Co-Vice President
	Nominating Committee Report Election of Officers and Directors	Vicci Rudin
	Instruction to the Board	Lounette Templeton, President
12:00	Recess for Lunch	
12:45	Program: "City Update" by Port Angeles City Manager Kent Myers <i>and</i> "City Update" by Sequim City Manger Steven Burkett	
2:00	Adjourn	

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## 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, or 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 Decisions 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 the 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

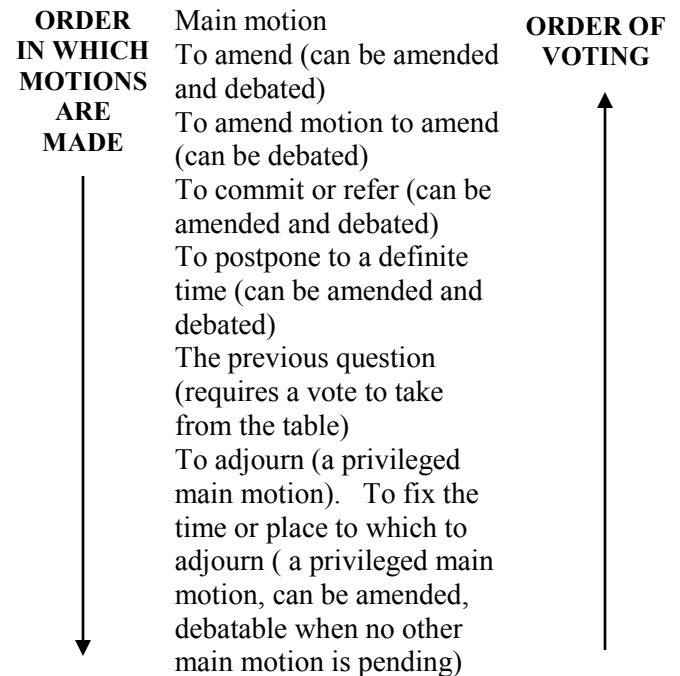
Parliamentary procedure is necessary for the orderly conduct of a local League Annual Meeting. Only members have the privilege of the floor. Members desiring to speak should stand to be recognized by the Chair. When recognized, the member should first state their name. A majority vote of those members 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 Wednesday, May 19, 2010**

The annual meeting for 2010 was called to order by President Penney Van Vleet at 11:07 am at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 525 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sequim. Penney introduced the current board members and thanked the outgoing board members, enumerating the many projects and activities that have been guided by the board this year. She also thanked off-board members Sue Erzen for guiding the Observer Corps and Walt Johnson who has maintained the member computer database for seven years. The Clallam County League is among the two fastest growing leagues in the state; our current membership is 102. Special thanks were given to Ruth Marcus who has been responsible for so many graphic projects that have publicized our league activities throughout the year.

Penney introduced Anne Hastings Murray 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 Natalie Spiegel, to waive reading of the minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting. The motion passed and the minutes were approved as published in the *Voter*.

**Budget.** Treasurer Ida Fintel referred to the 2008-2009 Year End Financial Report and the proposed budget for 2010-2011, which were published in the *Voter*. She described the major sources of revenue and thanked the members for their contributions in volunteer time and in-kind contributions as well. The Financial Report will be filed as published. Vicci Rudin explained the dues increase which the board has recommended. The proposed dues are \$60 individual, \$90 household, \$30 student. Vicci moved approval, seconded by Diane Nelson, of the proposed dues increase. Motion approved. Tommy Schwent asked for clarification of when the increase would take effect. Pointing out that there was potential confusion by the members, Norma Turner moved for reconsideration of the vote, seconded by Eloise Kailen. A 2/3 vote being required, the motion to reconsider failed. Ida then moved, seconded by Lou Templeton, that the proposed budget for 2010-2011 be approved as presented. She responded to questions concerning increases in expenses and the use of Certificates of Deposit. Following discussion, the motion to approve the budget passed.

**Proposed Local Program.** The board-recommended program for 2010-2011 was presented:

Health care: education, action and advocacy.

Chair, Sara Johnson

Water issues in eastern Clallam County. Chair, Sonja Rotter

Sustainability/Education. Chair, Carrol Hull

These three program areas are carrying forward from 2009-2010 and the chairmen described the committees' past activities and the plans for the coming year. Sustainability committee member Anne Murray also described the work being done to determine if there is community support for a food policy council. Sara Johnson moved, seconded by Helga Montgomery, approval of the proposed local program. Motion passed.

**Reaffirmation of Local Positions.** Sara Johnson moved, seconded by Carrol Hull, that the existing local positions on 1) the Clallam County Home Rule Charter and 2) Health Care be reaffirmed. Motion passed.

Penney, as an illustration of the effectiveness of our local league's efforts to increase transparency in government, described the recent lobbying to improve the City of Port Angeles' procedures for recording Council meetings and commended Norma Turner, Shirley Nixon, and Vicci Rudin for assisting her in gathering information and drafting statements.

**Slate of Officers.** Sue Erzen, on behalf of the Nominating Committee (also comprised of Clare Hatler and Tommie Schwent), presented the nominees for election to the following leadership positions:

President (2010-2012) - Lou Templeton

Vice President for Logistics (2010-2011) -  
Kathy Langhoff

Vice President for Organization (2010-2012) -  
Nancy Esteb

Secretary (2010-2012) - Judith Parker  
Director, Voter Service (2010-2011) -  
Candace Pratt

Co-Directors, Membership (2010-2012) -  
Ruth Marcus and Marcia Radey

Director, Public Relations (2010-2012) -  
Marsha Carr

*Minutes of Annual Meeting 2010, continued*

The proposed Nominating Committee off-board members for 2010-2011 are Sue Erzen and Vicci Rudin. There were no nominations from the floor. Sue Erzen moved, seconded by Sara Johnson, to accept the slate as presented. Motion passed.

Penney presented the new president and, in response, Lou indicated that her goal is for all members to find their passion in the League, just as she has. She thanked Penney for her remarkable leadership over the past two years and gave her a gift from the board in appreciation of all that Penney has done for the League.

**Instructions to the Board:** Penney and Lou then encouraged attendees to offer their suggestions for the coming year. Norma Turner asked if the League would be taking a position in support of Initiative 1098, establishing a state

income tax and reducing other taxes. Penney replied that the state League has voted to support it. Norma urged League members to gather signatures. Natalie Spiegel asked if the League would support the upcoming North Olympic Library System levy. Dottie Nicassio suggested action on campaign finance reform.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm, followed by lunch and the program. Speakers were Dr. Jane Pryne, Port Angeles School District Superintendent, and Bill Bentley, Sequim School District Superintendent, addressing the topic of meeting the challenges of serving all students in this time of diminished funding.

The meeting concluded at 2:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vicci Rudin, Secretary

### **Treasurer's Report**

Your Clallam County League operates on a small budget considering the amount of work they do for you and the community. Our board and a dedicated group of volunteers donates an incredible number of hours which is NOT reflected in our Financial Statements and our Budget. Our expenses are primarily for office supplies, per member payments to the State League and the US League. Other primary expenses are for printing, which includes promotion of events and promotion of League Membership. We were not as fortunate this year as First Federal did not pay for the printing of the TRY Brochure.

It was a good thing that we had raised funds to increase the Education Fund because we used ED Funds to pay for the TRY Brochure. It cost \$673.49 to print 3,000 copies of the TRY.

This year we received an education grant from the LWVWA Ed Fund for \$750.00 to promote for a Food Policy Summit. The first Hot Topics Luncheon netted \$ 476.44 and Womens History Tribute netted \$601.89. All other revenue came from Member Dues, Contributions.

My term will be up this June 30, 2011.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Ida Fintel, Treasurer

### **TRY**

This year we printed 3,000 copies of the TRY brochure. Over 2,315 copies were hand distributed in the Port Angeles and Sequim areas. Some were mailed to the Forks area. Many thanks to Helga Montgomery who delivered to all of the Sequim Area. Thanks to Lou Templeton and her crew for the delivery in Port Angeles. The TRY continues to have a loyal group of individuals who are always happy to receive the new publication.

This year First Federal opted out of paying for the printing costs. The payment was taken out of the Ed Fund from Seattle. I have done the TRY now for three years. I have agreed to do one more year. If anyone would like to do the brochure after next year let me or Lou know. This is an off board position so you do not have to attend board meetings.

Thanks,  
Ida Fintel, Treasurer

**LWV CLALLAM COUNTY  
YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

<b>BALANCES AS OF JULY 1, 2009</b>		
CHECKING	\$	4,343.23
CD	\$	2,024.50
Ed Fund	\$	330.00

**JULY 1, 2009 - JUNE 30, 2010**

	<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>
	<b>ACTUAL 6/30/10</b>	<b>2009-2010</b>	
<b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>			
Dues	\$ 4,150.00	\$ 3,700.00	450.00
Contributions-Members	1,004.40	400.00	604.40
Contributions-Non-Memb.	399.00	75.00	324.00
Contributions-In-Kind	250.00		250.00
Contributions- Advocacy	740.00		740.00
Program Portfolios			
Womens History Month	2,089.00	300.00	1,789.00
Clara Carlson Fund	155.00		155.00
Meetings	1,265.00	400.00	865.00
TRY	802.32	500.00	302.32
Interest Checking	4.86	3.00	1.86
Interest CD	36.27	100.00	(63.73)
Special Events		300.00	(300.00)
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Miscellaneous	225.00		225.00
<b><u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u></b>	<b>\$ 11,120.85</b>	<b>\$ 5,778.00</b>	

**EXPENSES**

Administrative Costs	\$ 673.00	\$ 300.00	373.00
Convention Expense	\$ 200.00	500.00	(300.00)
Dues - Nat'l	2,014.00	2,000.00	14.00
Dues - State	1,330.00	1,300.00	30.00
Membership	525.39	200.00	325.39
Meetings	1,141.93	100.00	1,041.93
Program - Portfolio	614.56	200.00	414.56
Voter Service	157.31	200.00	(42.69)
Advocacy	272.76		272.76
Women's History Month Tribute	276.98	75.00	201.98
Fundraisers			
Special Events	209.52	200.00	9.52
TRY printing	810.98	500.00	310.98
Publicity			
Newsletter & Postage	255.94	200.00	55.94
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Miscellaneous	154.55		154.55
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u></b>	<b>\$ 8,636.92</b>	<b>\$ 5,775.00</b>	

**RECEIPTS LESS EXPENSES**

**\$ 2,483.93    \$ 3.00**

<b>BALANCES AS OF JUNE 30, 2010</b>		
Checking	\$	7,860.89
CD	\$	2,060.77
ED Fund	\$	465.00

**EDUCATION FUND:**

Beginning Balance July 1, 2009 \$330.00  
 Contributions 135.00  
 Ending Balance June 30, 2010 \$ 465.00



## **2010-2011 Nominating Committee Report**

### Candidates for Office

Co-Presidents	Lou Templeton and Nancy Esteb (2011—2012)
Secretary	Nancy Wiersma (2011-2012)
Treasurer	Karen Westwood (2011-2013)
Public Relations	Carolyn Gill (2011-2013)
Voter Service	Candace Pratt (2011-2012)

### Nominating Committee 2011-2012

Norma Turner, Helga Montgomery

Submitted by Sue Erzen, Ida Fintel, Vicci Rudin

### **Reaffirm Local Positions**

The League of Women Voters Clallam County has local positions on Clallam County Home Rule Charter and Health Care. The full text of these positions is on pages 17-19 of your Member Handbook. A vote to reaffirm the Health Care position and a vote to update the Clallam County Home Rule Charter will occur at the Annual Meeting.

### **Proposed Local Program**

The Board of Directors of LWVCLA proposes the adoption of the following Local Program 2011-12:

**Health Care:** Education, action, advocacy. Chair, Sara Johnson

**Water Issues in Eastern Clallam County:**

Education. Chair, Sonja Rotter

**Food Health and Safety:**

Education. Chair, Jeri Weinhold

**Education:** Education (civic and environmental education in local schools). Chair, Carrol Hull

## **President's Report**

**Celebration time!** What a year this has been. Trying to keep up with you has been challenging but fun.

- Celebrate the board for their dedication to meet once a month, get reports in on time, and deal with business between meetings, all with expertise and good humor. A president couldn't wish for more.
- Celebrate two fantastic vice-presidents who made me look good most of the time. (They couldn't work miracles all the time.)
- Celebrate a board secretary who did work miracles, making sense of meetings that sometimes occurred by email and conference calls. Celebrate her skill producing the Members Handbook and her brilliant idea to start a League book club.
- Celebrate a treasurer with organizational skills and superb understanding of a treasurer's duties who had to deal with a president who can't add. Celebrate those organizational skills that produced the TRY brochure.
- Celebrate the membership committee that, through hard work, creativity and savoir-faire, added 18 members to the roster this year, most of whom became involved immediately.
- Celebrate The Voter newsletter editor and those who worked with her producing the bimonthly newsletter, which came out promptly on or before the first day of July, September, November, January, March, and May.
- Celebrate the kind member who generously took on publicity when called upon.
- Celebrate Voter Service (pause here and say Hip Hooray). This committed team could well be called Iron Jawed Angels for their successful candidate debates this year. Celebrate their sponsorship of the well received sessions on "Reading and Understanding the Constitution" and the
- amazing male Leaguer who lead the program.
- Celebrate the mover and shaker who led the Sustainability Committee that is now morphing into other committees.
- Celebrate the newly activated Education Committee and their exciting plans of involvement in
- student civic education. Celebrate the dedicated member who pulled together a team to work toward the establishment of a local Food Policy Council.
- Celebrate the new Food Health and Safety committee and their resolute chair who spurred the committee to hold a forum in their first year of existence.
- Celebrate the Water Committee for their gutsy determination to follow the starts and stops taken by Ecology concerning the water resources management rule.

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- Celebrate the Health Care Committee that never stops believing universal health care is possible.
- Celebrate the Observer Corps for their presence at the meetings of Sequim and Port Angeles City Councils, Port of Port Angeles, and OMC board, reporting from a distinct League point of view.
- Celebrate the executive board for their outstanding first annual Hot Topics Luncheon; the committee that brought women's history month alive with the "Iron Jawed Angels" showing; and the male Leaguer who lead the well received sessions on "Reading and Understanding the Constitution."
- Celebrate one of our own who has been chosen by national LWV to serve as a fellow of the Ruth S. Shur Leadership Institute, whose duties will be to strengthen League leadership on the state and local levels.

Most of all, I celebrate YOU, the members. Together we make an impact on our community.

Lou Templeton

## **Education and Sustainability 2011 Report to Membership**

### **Sustainability Committee**

The Sustainability Committee formed teams this year to work on several issues. The League sponsored a summit to form a Farm Policy Council in October. A formal council is hoped to be established by the end of this year. League members continue to attend meeting to support this effort.

A second team formed to address Food Health and Safety Issues. This team worked to become knowledgeable about current issues affecting our food. An educational food forum was sponsored by the LWVCLA in April to specifically address "What is genetically engineered food?" Future forums addressing other food issues are being planned.

A third team worked on supporting Environmental/Sustainability education in our schools. This work culminated in presenting commendations to teachers who have introduced programs, innovated curriculum or involved their students in reaching Washington State's Integrated Environmental and Sustainability Standards.

The Sustainability Committee also invited League and community members to our meetings to keep us informed of sustainability issues that affect our community, such as Biomass and the Wastewater Management Plan.

It was determined that in the coming year, each team would become their own separate portfolio to allow greater concentration on these involved issues.

### **Education Committee**

The newly reconstructed Education Meeting has met several times to discuss plans for next year. The goals of the committee are to support civics education in our schools and to involve students in the civic life of their own communities. The activities discussed included: Involving students in the screening of Iron Jaws Angels at their respective schools; involving students as participants in League forums; creating a resource list for students and faculty of projects and opportunities for student involvement in civic events and issues; creating League recognition of teachers who support civic education.

The Sustainability/Environmental Education Team has joined the Education Committee and will continue to support sustainable education goals in our schools.

Carrol Hull, Chair

## **Water Study Annual Report**

The LWVCLA Water Committee Study, Water Availability in Eastern Clallam County, have held a two-session forum in the last year entitled Managing Our Water, an Education Forum I and II.

The first forum discussed water law basics, and characteristics of the Dungeness Water Shed.

The second forum consisted of information regarding water availability in the Dungeness, techniques for sustainable water management, water availability and water conservation.

Sonja Rotter, Chair  
Water Study

## **Food Policy Council Project in Clallam County**

The League of Women Voters of Clallam County implemented a project to help Clallam County citizens determine if a Food Policy Council would be beneficial and if engaged citizens would commit their time and energy to such a council. The project committee drafted a four-page survey, which members administered in individual interviews to 42 food businesses, farmers and relevant organizations.

The committee collated the results of the surveys and brought together the participants and local politicians in a summit meeting in October funded by a generous grant from the State Education Board's Civic Education Fund.

The 35 summit participants included farmers, food retailers, a farmland protection program, community organizations, and government representatives. League members presented the results of the survey and provided information about the structure and activities of existing Food Policy Councils. Participants discussed the need, the issues and possible next steps.

A Clallam County Food policy Council has since been formed with government officials participating. Members of LWVCC provide support to the nascent group.

Anne Murray

## **Clallam County Stormwater Work Group**

The draft stormwater plan is out for review. A 25-member work group from all sectors of the county developed the plan over a 10-month period. The following goals were set for Clallam County stormwater management.

- Improve the quality of stormwater runoff in order to minimize impacts to surface water (fresh and marine) and ground-water, protect human health, restore salmonid and other aquatic habitat, and ensure shellfish beds are open to harvest.
- Reduce the speed and volume of stormwater flows in order to reduce flooding problems, prevent erosive stream flows from damaging

salmonid habitat and property, and maintain groundwater recharge.

- Raise public awareness of stormwater issues and of the value of water resources in order to encourage behavior that improves stormwater quality and reduces problematic high stormwater flows.

The work group will meet one more time before the final draft is submitted to the County Commissioner. The plan is available online for review. Just go to Clallam County and look for Stormwater Plan.

Carole Boardman, League Member  
County Stormwater Work Group

## **Voter Service, Year-End Report**

During League year 2010-11, Voter Service committee booked all "local" candidates for races directly concerning our county, thus providing:

- three primary debates for six races with multiple candidates.
- five general election events with 12 debates and four pro/con initiative discussions
- discussion of pros and cons of ballot issues to Soroptimist Club in Port Angeles

In so doing, we:

- Completed effective event contact with 35 candidates and spokespeople.
- Secured nine separate venues within budget, including set up and take down.
- Engaged four local sponsors including the Association of American University Women, KONP, the Sequim Gazette, and the Sequim Senior Activity Center.

- Increased active League member participation at each event.
- Attracted the interest of and publication by five media sources.
- Requested and received police services.

Because this was all educational, we applied for and received money from our Education Fund to cover actual costs of presenting these debates and forums.

Finally, looking to the future, we presented Moderator/Sorter training for interested members.

Candace Pratt, Chair  
Laura Lanka: contact with candidates, recordings for KONP  
Sharon Lee: venues, sponsors, publicity

## Observer Corps Report

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 as well as the Hospital Board. This past year we started observing the Port of Port Angeles, but have decided to reallocate our observers. With a few more members, we could observe the County Commissioners meetings which meet every Monday and Tuesday morning in Port Angeles.

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!

Call me if you could help especially observing the County Commissioners. 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 LWV.

Sue Erzen, Observer Chair

## Health Care Committee Report

After years of working to get significant reform of our health care system in the U.S. we finally have a major reform bill passed. It isn't the bill we wanted, but it does deal with some of the glaring inequities in access to medical care resulting from for profit insurance company practices. It did not create a universal, tax supported insurance like Medicare. And expanded subsidies for people who can't afford purchasing insurance so when the Act is fully implemented, 95% of our citizens will have health insurance. It is supposed to save money over the next decade, but strategies for controlling rising costs are not clear. The Act will take years to be fully implemented and the opposition is using the recession and the tax deficit as a reason to repeal it or gut it before it gets tried.

Our committee monitors reports on what is happening as the government begins to implement changes in the Affordable Care Act.

We look for ways to keep the public accurately informed so the benefits and pitfalls of the Act are known. Our strategy is still a work in progress, but we plan to join other groups in protecting the public from distorted, inaccurate interpretation of the law as it progresses. Our vision is that United States can develop a sustainable, quality medical system in this country that allows everyone access to the timely care they need. This is as challenging and important as women getting the vote. It will be women and enlightened men who will make it happen.

If this is an area that you have a passion for, join us. We need energy and persistence to push reform forward, just as the Suffragettes did at the beginning of the last Century.

Sara Johnson, Chair  
Healthcare Committee

## Our Local League Archives

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. Past LWVCLA president Sue Erzen and I have been working this past year to accumulate significant league documents from various sources. We are developing criteria for which

records of our League should be saved, how they should be organized, and where they should be archived. The Clallam County Historical Society has offered to work with us when we have our files compiled.

If you have served as a League board member or have led a League study committee, perhaps you still have files at your home. Please review them for what may be important documents of local League history and contact Sue or me. Or perhaps you would like to join our archives committee. We could use more help! Please contact me: 457-2860 or rudin@olypen.com.

Vicci Rudin, Archives Committee Chair

## **Membership Committee Summary 2010—2011**

Ruth Marcus and Marcia Radey were off and running as new co-chairs of the membership committee for the 2010-2011 year. Monthly evaluation and strategy meetings included committee members Sara Johnson and Helga Montgomery.

We hosted membership tables at all League events. As of April 2011, we have recruited eighteen new members. We also created a Subscriber category which offers a copy of the VOTER and invitations to League events. We have ten subscribers.

We have established a protocol for contacting, surveying and welcoming new members, which includes a welcome phone call, an email containing useful LWV documents, a survey to gather interests, availability and expectations, and a new member monthly coffee orientation. Vicci Rudin and Penny Van Vleet assisted the membership committee with orientation.

Involving new members is one of our goals. We strive to connect committee chairs with new members based on their interests. Follow-up is included in the process. We continue to refine our database, and are grateful to Sara and Walt Johnson for their dedication to maintaining it.

The Membership Committee hosted two Wine-and-Cheese events to introduce new members to the Board. This venue offers introductions, questions and answers.

Nancy Esteb represented the League as speaker at the Chamber of Commerce and Newcomer's Club as a means to promote the League and encourage new members.

Marcia Radey attended a National Webinar conference in January. We learned our membership committee is up-to-date on this process. We want to put more focus on recruiting younger and more conservative members. We plan a walking group and a monthly coffee conversation for members, venues which encouraged exchange outside of committee work.

A member survey was recently sent by our President to gauge member satisfaction. Response to the survey has been good.

Our slogan remains, **Who Do You Know To Help Us Grow?** Our members are our best recruiters.

Ruth Marcus, Co-Chair  
Membership Committee

## **Women's History Month Celebration**

The League of Women Voters of Clallam County celebrated Women's History Month in March by showing the film "Iron Jawed Angels" at the Port Angeles Library and at the Olympic Theater Arts in Sequim.

This moving story of the suffragettes who worked to secure the right to vote for women was received with rave reviews to a sold out house. Four suffragettes greeted the audience

members as they arrived and discussed voting issues. The audience responded enthusiastically to the movie and the actors.

Many thanks to the committee members, Rebecca Redshaw, Ruth Marcus, Marsha Carr; the volunteers who brought delicious desserts and helped in numerous other ways. Their hard work made this event a huge success.

Kathy Langhoff, V.P. Logistics

## **Hot Topics 2010 Annual Report**

The Board decided to hold a Hot Topics fundraiser lunch and set November 13 as the date. The executive officers served as the planning committee. We held the event at the Sunland Golf Club clubhouse and used their food service and facilities service. We invited Nancy Amidei, director of the Civic Engagement Project, who spoke on Reclaiming Democracy.

About 75 people attended for \$25 each. As a result of this event, we netted \$400. For our first try at such an event, we were happy.

We will have another Hot Topics lunch in our next fiscal year, but have decided to hold it in February rather than at the end of the year when people's calendars are so busy. We will again assign a captain for each table: this League member makes sure everyone at their table is engaged and comfortable.

We need to engage more media before the event and maximize personal invitations. We also need to get more of our elected women and students at the event.

Nancy Esteb, Vice President, Operations



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## **Calendar May June 2011**

May 10 League Book Club Meeting 2—4 Port Angeles Library, Carver Room  
Discussing Breaking Ground by Lynda Mapes

May 18 Annual Meeting 10:30 am St. Luke's Church, Sequim

May 20-22 LWVWA Convention, Richland, WA

May 24 New Board members invited to Board Meeting 1-3 pm  
place to be announced.

June 28-29 Board Retreat, Ft. Worden