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CALENDAR

November 7, 2015
Education Fund Luncheon
Red Lion
11:30 am

December 17, 2015
Holiday Party at
Kathleen Downey’s home

January 28, 2015
LWVTC General mtg.
Traditions Café
6 pm Social
Speakers at 6:30
Topic: Disaster Preparedness

February 25, 2015
LWVTC General mtg.
Traditions Café
6 pm Social
Speakers at 6:30
Topic: Tax Fairness

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2015 Education Fund Luncheon
When: November 7, 2015
11:30-1:30 pm
Where: Red Lion Hotel
2300 Evergreen Drive SW

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Education Fund Luncheon
Please join us!

The speaker for this event is Anna Fahey, Senior Communications Strategist for Sightline Institute. Sightline Institute’s mission is to make the Northwest a global model of sustainability—strong communities, a green economy, and a healthy environment.

There will also be a silent auction in the room adjacent to our meeting room. Come early so you can browse for something you may want to bid on.

This year, we will be honoring Cherie Davidson with our Lifetime Citizenship Award.

Luncheon tickets are $55, with $30 as tax deductible. These funds are used by the LWV Education Fund to offer non-partisan candidate forums, community education and voter registration activities. For individual reservations contact Dawn Brooks Gibbs at 360-455-4190 or dawn8152@msn.com.

Ruth Harms
This month we’re paying attention to voting and the Education Fund luncheon, both very important activities. In the primary election, about 22% of registered voters cast their ballots. The Secretary of State anticipates turn-out in the general election of around 45%. We can do much better, and our League is looking at ways to increase both voter registration and voter turn-out as we head into the 2016 elections.

We are also looking forward to the Education Fund Luncheon on November 7th—and this year’s addition: themed raffle baskets! Be sure to pick up raffle tickets at the Luncheon.

Also, we’re taking on the consensus matters from national League—the constitutional amendment response is due on 12/1 so we’ll be working quickly on that this month.

A suggestion: every time you hear someone say “I love the League” ask that person if they belong. If not, give them a membership brochure and ask them to join. (Dawn Brooks Gibbs has copies) I’ve been doing that, and people seem delighted to be asked. So let’s all ask at least one person to join League in November—we have lots of work to do, and we can always use more willing workers!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Pat Dickason
LWVTC President

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**2015 ACTION WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM**

I would like to attend the following workshop(s):

- [ ] Spokane-November 7
- [ ] Bellingham-November 14
- [ ] Bellevue-November 21
- [ ] Shelton-December 5

*Registration Fee includes lunch*

Name_______________________________________________________

League Affiliation____________________________________________

Phone______________________________________________________

Email ______________________________________________________

Address_____________________________________________________

City_______________________________State_________Zip__________

*Check all that apply.*

- [ ] Agriculture
- [ ] Budget and Revenue
- [ ] Campaign Finance and Elections
- [ ] Children and Family
- [ ] Climate Change
- [ ] Economic Justice
- [ ] Education
- [ ] Health Care and Reproductive Rights
- [ ] State Parks
- [ ] Transportation
- [ ] Other _____________________

Please mail this completed form along with a check for $25 made out to:

LWWVA, 1402 Third Avenue, Suite 430, Seattle, Washington, 98101
This year the League of Women Voters of Washington is pleased to present four Action Workshops around the state, making it easier for you to attend and get in on the action. These workshops cover LWVWA advocacy priorities for the upcoming legislative session and will give you an opportunity to:

- Help us flex our political muscle in Olympia.
- Get the inside scoop on what to expect for the upcoming legislative session.
- Learn about critical issues facing our state, such as climate change, the challenge of raising revenue, education, and campaign finance.
- Discuss the issues of greatest interest to you with legislators and our lobby team.
- Gain the knowledge, skills, and confidence to be a more effective, powerful advocate for the issues you care about.
- Network with other advocates involved in the League.

Meet LWVWA’s dynamic new lobbyist team: Nancy Sapiro and Pam Crone

For the first time, we are opening up these workshops to non-League members. This can be a great tool to involve more people in our advocacy efforts and recruit members. Please consider inviting friends who you think would like to know about our advocacy efforts.


Have questions? Contact Kathy Sakahara at 206-261-7797 or ksakahara@lwvwa.org

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### 2015 Action Workshop Information

**Spokane**
Saturday, November 7
9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Saint Andrew’s Church
2404 N. Howard St, Spokane
*Speaker: Protecting our Water and Forests*

**Bellevue/King County**
Saturday, November 21
9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Saint Andrew’s Lutheran Church
2650 148th Ave SE, Bellevue
*Speaker: Creating a Progressive Tax System in WA*

**Bellingham**
Saturday, November 14
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Northwood Hall
3240 Northwest Ave, Bellingham
*Speaker: Addressing Climate Change*

**Shelton**
Saturday, December 5
9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Mason Public Utility District
2621 East Johns Prairie Rd, Shelton
*Speaker: Economic Justice: Breaking the Cycle of Poverty*

~ LWVTC carpools will be forming soon ~
~ Stay tuned ~
LWVTC Information and Opportunities

As a result of ideas presented at our LWVTC Annual Meeting last May, and a Board Planning Retreat in August, two inter-related themes for this year emerged:

♦ Local Sustainable Living
♦ Information and Opportunities

An important foundation for our programming and activities in the coming year is Sustainable Thurston and members’ desires to build on the positive initiatives being taken to reach Sustainability Goals.* Here are several ways members can take part:

♦ Help to plan and put on a Forum or General Meeting.
♦ Work with Other Organizations to support or follow up on an issue area.
♦ Join a League Committee to study or work on a particular issue.
♦ Volunteer to take part in a short term activity, such as “getting-out-the-vote.”
♦ Participate in a League Study to Establish a Position.

During the Membership Meeting on October 22nd, there was a presentation about the upcoming LWVTC programs echoing the Living Local Theme. The Feb, Mar, and Apr programs are still in early planning stages. If you would like to help with one, contact President Pat Dickason so she can hook you up.

♦ November 7, 2015 – Education Fund Luncheon
♦ December 17, 2015 – Annual Holiday Party at Kathleen Downey’s
♦ January 22, 2016 - Disaster Preparedness
♦ February 25, 2016 - Tax Fairness
♦ March 24, 2016 – Housing
♦ April 28, 2016 – Living Wage

Small groups explored opportunities for member involvement in activities beyond our League programs and meetings. There was lively talk and planning about taking part in the LWVUS studies being done in response to Citizen’s United, with Karen Tvedt as lead. There was also good brainstorming done around get-out-the-vote efforts, with Ruth Harms as lead. You will undoubtedly be hearing about ways to become involved in these actions. Other topics still looking for people to be involved are: Agriculture, Observer Corps, Race/Diversity, and Trans Pacific Partnership. If you would like further details, or know right now you would like to volunteer, President Pat Dickason is the person to contact. Sure looks like a lively year.

* Check out Sustainable Thurston at this website: http://www.trpc.org/259/Sustainable-Thurston

R. Peggy Smith
One of the first things I did upon arriving in the Northwest last year was to join the League of Women Voters of Thurston County which was a great move because I am learning so much and enjoying getting to know everyone. I also began volunteering at the Interfaith Emergency Shelter and Needle Exchange, and participating in a number of groups working on issues related to housing and homelessness including the Home Fund Steering Committee and Thurston Thrives Housing Action Team.

During my 25 year career in public health and social services, I implemented and oversaw programs focused on public health and social service including shelter, outreach and health care services for people experiencing homelessness. My work also included providing prevention and rapid rehousing services for veterans; advocacy on social justice issues and community planning.

I recently started a new career as a real estate broker having passed the Washington Real Estate Exam and am now a realtor with Vandorm Realty. I have been married for 28 years. My husband and I are currently remodeling our ranch style house in Lacey. We have two great sons my oldest is a chef in Portland Oregon and my youngest is a senior at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University studying to be an Engineer.

Darlene Hein
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THURSTON COUNTY
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please refer to www.lwvthurston.org for more information about League activities and membership, or mail in the membership form below.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of $____

◊ $60 for my membership
◊ $____ for an Educational Fund Donation

DATE:

NAME _______________________________________________

ADDRESS_______________________________________________

CITY/STATE/ZIP_________________________________________

HOME PHONE ____________ WORK PHONE ____________

E-MAIL ____________________________________

LWVTC Newsletter:

The LWVTC newsletter, VOTER, will be distributed by e-mail.

Check this box to specifically request a paper copy by regular mail ☐

LWV Mission

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan, nonprofit political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government. The League influences public policy through education and advocacy. Anyone of voting age may become a League member.

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