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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE SAN JUANS
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February 2014

Calendar

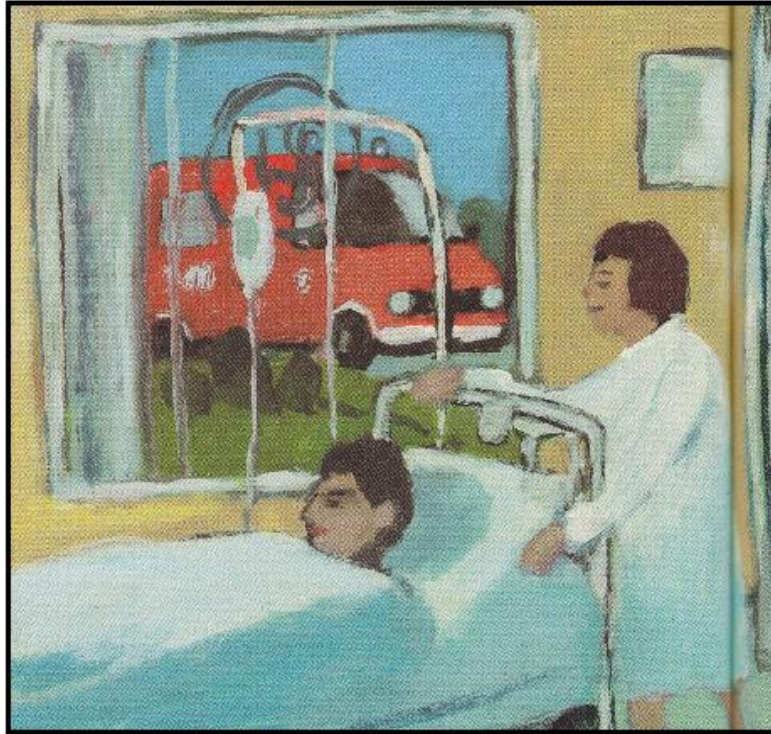
**February 3, 2014 — Monday, 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm at the
San Juan Island Library: Board Meeting**

All members are encouraged to attend.

**February 12, 2014 — Wednesday, 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm in the
Garden Room at Key Bank: Membership Meeting**

Note the change of date and location. The February membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 12th, in the Garden Room at Key Bank (lower level). Our speaker will be Dr. Frank James, Health Officer with the San Juan County Department of Health and Community Services. Dr. James will speak to us about the public health threats he sees in our county. Our county has one of the lowest rates of immunization in the state. In view of recent outbreaks of chicken pox and whooping cough in the islands, is this a statistic we should be concerned about? This and other health matters will be discussed at this important meeting. The public is welcome to join our members.

Board meetings are generally on the 1st Monday of each month and Membership Meetings are usually on the 2nd Monday. Annual Membership meetings are usually 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.



A County “State of the Health” Address

by Dr. Frank James, County Department of Health

We think we live in the healthiest place possible; is that true? Dr. James will discuss the state of public health in San Juan County and any threats and challenges. We have one of the lowest



rates of immunization in the state. In view of recent outbreaks of chicken pox and whooping cough in the islands, should we be

concerned? This and other health matters will be discussed at this important meeting. Questions? Call Sarah 378-3021.

Bring your questions and sack lunch.

What: General meeting of the League of Women Voters of the San Juans

When: Wednesday, February 12, 2014

Where: Key Bank, Garden Room, lower level

Time: Noon to 2:00 p.m.

Other: Public welcome

**March 3, 2014 – Monday, 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm at the
San Juan Island Library: Board Meeting**

**March 10, 2014 – Wednesday, 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm at the
San Juan Island Library: Membership Meeting**

The March membership meeting will be devoted to a consensus workshop for the LWVUS Agricultural Update. This subject should be of wide interest in our county. You may want to alert friends and invite them to join us, both for the information

available and to see how the League does its work. Our meetings are open to the public as well as to the membership, though only members will be able to weigh in on the actual votes for consensus. In preparation for the meeting, members are urged to read the background material provided by the study group. This is available online at [Agriculture-Update](#).

Board Member Interview

The arrival of a grandchild takes precedence over the interview of the grandmother. Watch for the interview of Susie Dehlendorf in next month's *Voter*.

LWVSJ Happenings

January 6, 2014 – Board Meeting

Minutes Summary

Four major projects were discussed for further action:

- 1) The annual membership planning meeting on January 13th - As always, programs and responses relevant to national League positions will be suggested, e.g. updating the existing position on agriculture. In addition, members are encouraged to present suggestions for topics of local or state interest.
- 2) A membership skills survey - The information from this survey will be of general interest and also of help to the board with program planning.
- 3) The League “road show” to be offered to schools, service groups, the Chamber of Commerce and others. It is intended to strengthen our presence in the community by providing information about what the League is all about, our history and mission, our work as a grassroots organization and the resource we can be to the San Juan Islands community.
- 4) A cookbook - It will be intended to especially appeal to tourists, will showcase the San Juans and be lighthearted and appealing as well as useful. A possible title: *Women Voters Cook Too*, and a possible section: *Campaign Canapé’s*.

Other projects were updated and progress discussed: DVDs at the libraries; the TRY flyer; PR; League signs and banners; strengthening awareness of the League’s non-partisan stance.

As always, we hope all League members will feel free to ask questions or make suggestions about any of these projects.

Audra Adelberger

January 13, 2014 – Membership Meeting

The yearly Program Planning meeting took place on Monday, January 13th, with a good attendance of both members and potential members. We jumped right into the two-phase process, beginning with national program planning. We had three opportunities for input: proposal of a new study, an update of a current position or a concurrence request from another League unit. In the first two cases, proposals from us would have required follow-up effort on behalf of the issue. Given our small numbers we decided to make “no recommendations” for this year. Additionally, there were no requests for concurrence, so this part of the meeting drew to a close rather quickly. Having said that, we decided to use some of the blank space afforded us in the report form to urge continued strong advocacy by the National League on the subjects of gun safety and sensible regulation, on elements of campaign finance reform and on continued efforts to reinstate the elements of the Voting Rights Act which were recently stripped from the Act by the Supreme Court of the U.S.

Having completed the national program planning portion of our meeting, we moved on to a discussion of topics for this year’s local League membership meetings. Two themes ran through the discussion – that of the effect of climate change on our island life and public health threats to our county. Both are general topics, with specifics to be addressed at membership meetings. Also important to our members were gun safety issues, drug addiction in our islands, campaign finance issues and redistricting.

Now the work of the program committee is to flesh out the meeting schedule for the year and to address these issues as time and the availability of experts allows. If you have comments or questions, please contact Program Chair Sarah Crosby at jscrosby@rockisland.com. Otherwise, please read your *Voter* for announcements of future meetings. For now, our February meeting will address public health threats in the county. Our March meeting will be a consensus workshop for the recent Agricultural Update done by the National League. See the information on the March membership meeting for further information.

Sarah Crosby

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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