



VOTER

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CALENDAR

- September 25, 2014
No General mtg.
- October 23, 2014
LWVTC General mtg.
Traditions Café
6 pm Social
Speakers at 6:30
Topic:
Art Space
- November 1, 2014
LWVTC
Education Fund
Luncheon
Indian Summer
Reservations Required
Contact Dawn at
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- December 2014
Date TBD
Holiday Party
- 2015**
- January 22, 2015
LWVTC General mtg.
Traditions Café
6 pm Social
Speakers at 6:30
Topic:
Water Rights

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NO SEPTEMBER LWVTC GENERAL MTG IS SCHEDULED

★ NOTICE ★

We have two unanticipated Board vacancies!

Appointees may specialize in
open/reform government,
water/shoreline management,
cities/county planning issues
or other areas of interest.

The League needs you
please contact Ilene at leveeis@comcast.net.

Well behaved women seldom make history

"Some history-making is intentional; much of it is accidental. People make history when they scale a mountain, ignite a bomb, or refuse to move to the back of the bus. But they also make history by keeping diaries, writing letters, or embroidering initials on linen sheets. History is a conversation and sometimes a shouting match between present and past, though often the voices we most want to hear are barely audible. People make history by passing on gossip, saving old records, and by naming rivers, mountains, and children. Some people leave only their bones, though bones too make a history when someone notices."



— [Laurel Thatcher Ulrich](#), [Well-Behaved Women Seldom Make History](#)

President's Article

This has been an eventful summer, for me personally, and as your recently elected President. I want to share a couple of my observations and personal hopes for the Thurston League as we move into the fall and winter which are some of our busiest months.

My foremost observation is that your current Board, with the exception of me, consists of truly experienced hands. My colleagues are skilled in the Board processes and all of us truly appreciate the needs and desires of the general membership while working within the League's non-partisan political framework.

I also find that, as with any or-

ganization, there is room for constructive criticism and improvement. As I noted in my post-election statement, I want each League member to communicate your ideas and suggestions for what local actions/studies, programs, positions, etc., you'd like to see the Thurston League institute or initiate. When I initially joined the Thurston League, I took advantage of the opportunity to attend and observe several League Board meetings, ask questions and give input. That opportunity was instrumental in my decision to become an active member and I invite you to do the same. In that effort, we have sought a larger meeting space that can comfortably accommodate the occasional League members wishing to attend Board meetings.

Along with attending Board meetings, offering input and influencing Board decisions, it's expected that individual members will actively participate in those studies, actions/programs and for those positions in which each member takes a personal interest. Such opportunities illicit personal satisfaction for you and also makes the League a more effective and valued organizational member of the Thurston community.....and it's a wonderful way to make new friends.

We look forward to seeing and hearing from each of you!

Ilene Le Vee
LWVTC President

2014-2015 MEETING CALENDAR

	<u>2014</u>		<u>2015</u>
SEPTEMBER 25	Agriculture Tourism	JANUARY 22	Water Rights
OCTOBER 7 (?)	10 th Congressional Candidate Forum	FEBRUARY 26	Water Quality – Fish consumption
OCTOBER 23	Art Space	MARCH 26	Carbon tax
NOVEMBER 1	Ed Fund Luncheon	APRIL 23	Coal Train Safety
DECEMBER 25	No meeting – Holiday	MAY 28	Annual Meeting

PLEASE NOTE:

LWVTC Board Meeting time and venue change

TIME: 5 pm - 7 p.m.

**VENUE: Child Care Action Council
3729 Griffin Ln. SE; Olympia**

LWVTC members are encouraged to attend

National Voter Registration Day

League members all over the country will be registering new voters on Tuesday, September 23, National Voter Registration Day. Your League will be visiting the Olympia Food Bank with registration forms to give its patrons an opportunity to register to vote. Since the Food Bank is closed on Tuesdays, we'll be there for a couple of hours on Monday, the 22nd instead. League members interested in participating should contact Barb Theiss at jetheiss@aol.com for the hours involved or with your ideas of other venues to try.

*Barb Theiss
Voter Services Chair*

2014 ACTION WORKSHOPS

Advocate for League!

Talk with local Legislators

Learn the 2015 Legislative Priorities • Learn How to Lobby for the League

Meet the new LWV Lobbyist • Talk with members of the Lobby Team

\$25 Per Attendee | Lunch Included

Bremerton

Date: October 4th, 2014

Time: 9:30am-2:30pm

Host League: Kitsap

Location:

Kitsap Conference Center

Address:

Bremerton Harborside
100 Washington Ave.
Bremerton, WA

Spokane

Date: October 11th, 2014

Time: 9:30am-2:30pm

Host League: Spokane Area

Location:

Waste to Energy Facility

Address:

Administration Building
2900 S. Geiger Blvd.
Spokane, WA

Everett

Date: November 1st, 2014

Time: 9:30am-2:30pm

Host League: Snohomish

Location:

Community Resource Center

Address:

3500 Broadway
Everett, WA

REGISTER AT WWW.LWVWA.ORG

2014 PUBLIC FORUM CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 10 CANDIDATES

Arrangements are underway for a possible public forum for Congressional District 10 candidates to be held at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts at 7:30 on Tuesday, October 7. CANDIDATES HAVE NOT CONFIRMED THEIR PRESENCE, SO UPDATES WILL BE FORTHCOMING. Co-sponsors to date are the League and the Nisqually Tribe. Plans include forum introductions by League President Ilene Le Vee and forum moderating by Cynthia Iyall, Chair of the Nisqually Tribe. **We will need your questions**, so please send any questions you would like to have the candidates answer to Barb Theiss at jetheiss@aol.com by the end of September.

*Barb Theiss
Voter Services Chair*

WANTED

2014 Education Fund Benefit Luncheon Table Captains

COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL BE CONTACTING YOU SOON

LWVTC-Silent Auction Items Needed

Last years' silent auction before the Education Fund Luncheon was generally viewed as a success, providing networking opportunities while raising nearly \$1,000 for the League's general fund. Examples of items that drew competitive bids were: the Lacey historical tour, the Women of Achievement poster, the stained-glass kaleidoscope, a wine basket, and a hand woven scarf (woven in colors chosen by the purchaser). Framed prints did less well. We encourage you to consider donating something special and unique that would be appropriate for a minimum bid of \$40-\$50. This might be a handmade basket, antique, basket of items, donated service, etc. Please contact Karen Tvedt at tvedtkl@msn.com or 360-584-4526 with donations and questions.

Karen Tvedt

PRESIDENT'S OVERVIEW

Thurston League 2014 Board Retreat

In preparing for the remaining 2014 calendar year and first half of 2015, your Thurston League Board spent Saturday, September 23rd on the following:

- Concluding communication and updating of our 501-c3 status with the IRS. Any further feedback from the IRS will be shared with the general membership as it arrives and we will confer with the Secretary of State, Corporate Division, to determine appropriate steps should a corporate tax liability be assessed to us.....this is not anticipated.
- Discussing/identifying a potential Nominating Committee Chairperson and brainstorming ways we welcome new members and generate their enthusiasm for critical League activities. If you're interested in chairing the Nominating Committee, please let me know at leveeis@comcast.net.
- Receiving latest state/national League information and training from State Board member, Kathy Sakahara.
- Refining preparations for our annual Education Fund Luncheon, to be held at Indian Summer Golf and Country Club, November 1, 2014. Potential Guest Speakers were identified and are being contacted.....all Board and general members must be prepared to help sell table tickets.....invite your family and friends to enjoy a wonderful lunch, in a lovely setting, with an exciting and informative guest speaker!
- Calendaring of potential League program events/action topics were identified, including, but not limited to: water/air quality, coal transport, regional planning, tribal issues, cities-county-shoreline management/planning, county and port commissions, open government, homelessness, arts, political forums, lobby team activity/liaison, agro-tourism, etc.
- Changing the League Board's monthly third-Thursday meeting start time to 5:00-7:00 p.m. and inviting general membership's attendance and input. The new Board meeting space will be at the office of the Child Care Action Council located at 3729 Griffin Lane SE, Olympia.

As you can see it was a full day and now we have our work cut out for us.....more to come!

Ilene Le Vee
LWVTC President

Member Spotlight



R. PEGGY SMITH

After she made her way back to Washington State, Peggy started her 30 plus year career as a state employee, working in a variety of planning, research, and data related positions. In addition to working and being a single mother who participated in lots of school and church activities with her daughter, Keir, she was part of a number of women's and community organizations. Among them were the Association for Women in Science, Washington Women United, and the Associated Ministries of Thurston County, now dba InterFaith Works.

In response to becoming an empty nester, Peggy developed a passion for travel, hiking, and women's basketball. It's amazing how well these three fit together. They did, however, occasion a step back from volunteer activities. It wasn't until retirement, with nudging from her friend Pat Dickason, that she realized the League of Women Voters was a perfect place to invest volunteer time. Between being part of the LWVWA Lobby Team, serving on the LWVTC Board, and being heavily involved in the LWVUS Agriculture Update study, there has been plenty to keep her busy and enjoying herself.

R. Peggy Smith

Judy Bardin presented with Key Award

Olympia Planning Commission member & LWVTC member Judy Bardin was presented with a Key Award by the **Washington Coalition for Open Government** at the regular Planning Commission Meeting held on Monday, August 4. The award recognizes individuals who do something notable to advance the cause of open government.

Earlier this year, Judy pointed out errors in meeting disclosure and protocol by the Planning Commission that excluded the public from what should have been a public process.

As a result of her willingness to speak up, the City staff and Planning Commission have been afforded an opportunity to learn much more about Open Government and the need for transparency and inclusiveness.

Several citizens spoke following the presentation thanking her and praising her action.

The Washington Coalition of Open Government is a state wide nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that advocates for the people's right to access government information and for the principle that transparency and public participation are building blocks of good government.

Bonnie Jacobs

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 \$_____

DATE:

◇ \$60 for my membership

◇ \$_____ for an Educational Fund Donation

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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