

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MASON COUNTY Accomplishments of 2009

### **Officers for 2009-2010**

President: Sandra L. Herndon

Vice-President: Roslynne Reed

Secretary: Jane Roush

Treasurer: Lynn Busacca

Past Presidents: Jeanette Boegl, Barbara Levette, and others

### **LWVMC Board Meetings**

Regular monthly board meetings continued to develop overall direction and plans as well as assist in program planning. Board membership was expanded to include new co-chairs of the three primary committees (voter services, membership, and program) as well as web developer and representatives from current study groups.

### **Secretary**

The Secretary maintained accurate and timely minutes of board and membership meetings and saw to their distribution.

### **Treasurer**

The Treasurer developed an annual budget, established a CD, and refined the reporting process.

### **Voter Services**

(co-chairs Sybil Jones and Amy Davis)

Regular efforts were continued to encourage new voter registration at Olympic College Shelton and other sites and to assist voters with change of address and other questions.

### **Membership**

(co-chairs Gwen Gadberry and Nancy McMahon)

Focus was on retention, clarifying membership categories, and encouraging donations as part of our Irene Davis Fund. Membership was 47 at end of the year. A new LWV pamphlet was designed, developed, and distributed.

### **LWVWA Attendance**

The President and Vice-President represented LWVMC at the state convention in Tacoma.

### **Website development**

A new site for <http://www.lwvmasoncounty.org> (using the LWV template) was established and continues to be developed.

### **Civic Engagement Project**

Three members (Roslynne Reed, Gwen Gadberry, Brenda Hirschi) agreed to serve as liaison with LWVWA CEP efforts. Focus on the county budget process and membership outreach are in line with CEP goals.

### **TRY 2009-2010 brochure**

*They Represent You* (TRY) was updated, published, and distributed.

## Study Groups

*National Study Group on the National Popular Vote Compact* (completed).

*Local Study Group on Mason County Budget Process* (continuing):

In 2009 the group began a study of the county's budget process, as part of our ongoing Know Your County project. Study goals are to educate League members and the public about the budget, and to encourage citizen involvement in the process. The study group has been encouraged by county officials to conduct this study in the search for answers to the following questions.

- \* Where does the money come from to run the county?
- \* Where does it go?
- \* What is the process for making budget decisions, especially in an economic downturn?
- \* What opportunities do citizens have for input on the budget?

In the process of this project, the group has conducted two public workshops to assist citizens in understanding and participating in the budget process. League and public participation in the public briefings and hearings has been substantial.

## Programs for 2009 regular membership meetings

(co-chairs Lynda Links and Chris Brotche)

**January:** Jodi Reng, Executive Director, Timberland Regional Library and John Tarrant, Mayor, City of Shelton

**February:** Cheryl Cathcart, Executive Director, Turning Pointe Domestic Violence Services

**March:** Study Group Reports–LWVMC consensus on National Popular Vote Compact, and Update on “Know Your County” Budget Process

**April:** Duane Fagergren, Marine Specialist, Puget Sound Partnership

**May:** Shelton City Commissioners–Mayor John Tarrant, Commissioner of Finance Mike Byrne, and Commissioner of Public Works Dawn Pannell

**June:** Annual Business Meeting; Legislative updates from Kathy Haigh and Fred Finn

**July and August** - summer break

**September:** Budget Study Group Update and Workshop for October Budget Hearings

**October:** Health, Money, and Fear, a DVD and discussion on problems facing our health care system

**November:** John Bolender, District Manager, Mason Conservation District

**December:** “Know Your County” Field Trip to Mason General Hospital

## Programs planned for the remainder of 2009-2010

**January:** Kim Klint, Executive Director, Mason Matters

**February:** Update on Immigration Issues, Pat Kevin and Jeanette Boegl

**March:** Celebration of Women's History, in honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women's suffrage, the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the LWV, and Women's History Month

**April:** Brian Sonntag, WA State Auditor, and Jan Jutte, Director for Legal Affairs

**May:** Budget Study Group Report

**June:** Annual Business Meeting

**September, November, December:** to be announced