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CALENDAR

Thursday, June 23

LWVTC General mtg.

**PLEASE NOTE
VENUE AND TIME
CHANGE**

Meeting held at GRuB

Topic:

**Community
Supported
Agriculture**

Saturday, July 9

Candidate Forums
TCTV studio

Sat. & Sun., July 23 & 24

Treasure Sale
Bob & Bonnie Jacobs home
720 Gov. Stevens Ave. SE

Saturday, August 13

LWVTC
Planning Retreat

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

LWVTC GENERAL MEETING

GRuB (Garden Raised Bounty)

2016 Elliott Avenue NW

Olympia 98502

6-8 PM

TOPIC:

Local Food Systems

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Grub and LEFT Foot organics will present various food system opportunities for you to get involved with in your community.

The following CSA farmers from the broader community will also be available for you to meet and explore opportunities together:

- Boistfort Valley Farm
- Helsing Junction
- Kirsop Farm
- Pigman's Organic Produce Patch
- Rising River Farm
- Winlock Meadow Farms

For questions, please contact Kerensa Mabwa at keensa@goodgrub.org or Valerie.Hammett@gmail.com.

Valerie Hammett
Vice-President

*President's Article***Pacific NW Regional Conference on Sustainability**

LWVTC members Clydia Cuykendall and Frank Gorecki attended the Pacific Northwest Regional Conference on Sustainability, April 29-May 1, 2011, at the University of Washington to get an update on the science of sustainability from engineers.

Scott Butner of the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory opened the conference with a definition of sustainability which is the same one the Sustainability Roundtable of Thurston County is using - "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the

ability of future generations to meet their own needs". Those who support sustainability must recognize that no new energy is created, but all energy is conserved (the first law of thermodynamics). He introduced an environmental burden measure: Environmental Burden equals the Weight of Emissions (in tons) times a Potency Factor (risk per ton), as well as other measures such as translating environmental impact to cost impact.

William Breneman of HM3 Energy, a start-up company, told us about HM3's patented process that turns forest and agricultural debris into pellets that can be burned in coal

plants. The pellets are almost 30% more efficient than coal (including the energy consumed in transporting and making them). Either way the carbon sequestered in coal or wood is returned to the atmosphere, but the carbon cycle for wood is much shorter because a new tree can be grown in 40 years, while new coal takes millions of years.

Other technologies reviewed addressed the inseparability of water and energy, including micro algae, bio-fuels, and floating wind turbines.

*Clydia Cuykendall
President*

PARTICIPANTS NEEDED FOR THE TUMWATER 4TH OF JULY PARADE

Please contact Dawn Brooks Gibbs at dawn8152@msn.com or 455-4190

CANDIDATE FORUM July 9th WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO ASK?

- ⇒ Candidates for City Council
- ⇒ Candidates for Mayor of Olympia, Lacey, or Tumwater
- ⇒ Candidates for Port Commissioner
- ⇒ Candidates for the School Board

Please send your thought-provoking questions to me at jetheiss@aol.com. If you would like to be a Moderator or Timer for a forum session, contact me as well. Each forum session lasts about 1/2 hour. If you think you might be interested, you're welcome to come to a session or two, to check it out. The forum for primary candidates will be held on July 9th at the TCTV studio, 440 Yauger Way, in the Comcast building.

*Barb Theiss
Voter Services Chair*

TREASURE AND BAKE SALE 2011

Saturday, July 23rd - Sunday, July 24th

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

At the home of
Bob and Bonnie Jacobs
720 Governor Stevens

THERE'S STILL TIME TO DONATE ITEMS TO THE FIFTH LWVTC TREASURE SALE

Thank you all for the donations we have received so far. We need more great donations to make this a grand event. You can call Fran and she will come by and pick them up Fran Williams (357-3334 or email franwil@comcast.net)

Our treasure sales have generated much needed income for the LWVTC for the past ten years.

You have helped make it happen through your donations, large and

small. This has been a great outreach event as well.

Many people look for our sale and have enjoyed shopping for treasures. People have commented on the fair pricing, organization of items and the variety. We have also found a few new members along the way. Information is made available about the league and our programs.

For me it is a huge task and one I take on gladly – well every two years at least. I also enjoy talking and working with the Jacob's as we take over their home for a weekend. I also get to see many other league members as well.

So, donate, volunteer and come shop – you will not be disappointed and you will have some fun!

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Many volunteers
still needed:

Friday set up
(4)

2 hour shifts - Sat. and Sun
(16)

Sunday cleanup
(3)

Truck and back
to do some item pick up

And of course shoppers!

Let me know what you can do.

Fran Williams

Clean Air Defense

Since the 1970s the League has advocated for strong public health and environmental protections. In that time there have been significant reductions in pollutants like mercury and carbon.

In the face of great success Congress has proposed the weakening of the Clean Air Act and the federal agencies that implement the law. In the past the League has objected to pollution plans such as the "Clear Skies" proposal and the proposed revisions to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards which would weaken and delay implementation of the Clean Air Act. We must act now to reduce air pollution that endangers public health and worsens global warming.

THE LATEST

[Boston Herald Publishes Letter to the Editor from a Resident of Arlington, MA](#) - May 19, 2011

In a letter to the editor, an Arlington, Massachusetts resident calls attention to Senator Scott Brown's support of limiting air pollution as a state Senator and his reversal on that position as a U.S. Senator.

[Coalition of Environmental Groups Expresses Disappointment in Senator Brown's Stand; Supports LWV](#) - May 19, 2011

In a letter to Senator Scott Brown of Massachusetts a coalition of organizations expressed disappointment in the Senator's votes to block the EPA from protecting public health.

[New Ads Call on Scott Brown, Claire McCaskill to "Protect the People, Not the Polluters."](#) - Apr 29, 2011

League of Women Voters launches seven-figure television ad blitz and online campaign criticizing votes by Massachusetts Senator Brown and Missouri Senator McCaskill to block air pollution standards.

Crosspoints - LWVWA Convention 2011 Highlights

Congratulations to Sue Lean for winning the Voter Award, given for her year long work during the centennial celebration of suffrage to increase the visibility of the League and remind us of hard fought battles to gain the right to vote.

Margie Reeves was recognized for 50 years of membership.

Why are there huge dry canyons and waterfalls in Eastern Washington? Ice age floods explain these phenomena and provide good wine growing soils. The Ice Age Flood National Geologic Trail from Missoula to Astoria is now under development.

The non-voting Chair of the

Washington State Redistricting Commission said they plan to have their proposals to redraw Washington's Congressional and Legislative districts to encompass equal numbers of people by November 1. Local Leagues will be asked to review and respond to the Conservation District Study consensus questions this Fall.

The Mason County League would like to hold a joint event with us. The Yakima County League is also working on "home rule" and we agreed to share our approaches to the issue.

The Delegates elected directors and officers, including VP Pat

Dickason, who will also lead the Lobby Team.

We approved the League's state budget (\$232,965), amended the By-Laws to facilitate electronic meetings, agreed to update the League's energy positions with an emphasis on biomass, and concurred with the Seattle League's position on privatization with minor amendments. The Delegates passed a resolution requesting LWVUS to refrain from attacking individual politicians by name -see Clean Air Defense on page 3.

Detailed notes on the Convention will be posted on the LWVTC website soon.

Clydia Cuykendall
LWVTC President

SUE LEAN RECEIVES THE R. LORRAINE WOJAHN AWARD

NEWS RELEASE

Presented by the Washington State Historical Society
TACOMA –May 2, 2011 –

Sue Lean, a resident of Olympia and a member of the Advisory Board of the Washington Women's History Consortium, has been awarded the R. Lorraine Wojahn Award for outstanding volunteer service advancing the work of the Washington State Historical Society and the Consortium by the

Washington State Historical Society Board of Trustees.

As a tireless Consortium Advisory Board leader, Ms. Lean brought her extensive knowledge of women's history and her enthusiasm to the Washington Women's Suffrage Centennial. Reaching out to many groups, she enlivened the 2010 commemoration through costumed events, parades, and colorful programs.

The award recognizes outstanding volunteer service to the Washington State Historical

Society and it will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Historical Society on June 18, 2011 at the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma at the noon luncheon.

To reserve seats, contact Laura Berry at (253) 798-5899 or lberry@wshs.wa.gov.

Media Contact: Shanna Stevenson, WSHS Awards Coordinator, 360-586-0171, sstevenson@wshs.wa.gov.

Shanna Stevenson

**PARTICIPANTS NEEDED FOR THE
CAPITAL LAKEFAIR BOOTH (2 hour shifts) AND PARADE**
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BESSIE COLEMAN (American, 1892–1926)

The first African American aviator was “Brave Bessie” Coleman. She let nothing stop her from getting into the air and became a beacon of inspiration to countless others in her brief but meteoric career as a barnstormer. Coleman first became interested in aviation from reading newspaper and magazine articles. When she decided to take up flying, she found schools closed to her by restrictions of race, gender, or both. On the advice of *Chicago Defender* publisher Robert Abbott, Coleman went to Europe in pursuit of her goal.

In France, Coleman was trained by French and German aviators, and in 1921 she earned her pilot’s license. A year later she gained an international pilot’s license. Soon thereafter she began her career in the United States as an exhibition pilot appearing in shows all over the country and speaking on opportunities in aviation. It was her intention to open a flying school for black youth, but as she was nearing this goal she died in Jacksonville, Florida, when the controls of her plane jammed and she was thrown from the cockpit.

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Women Who Dare



FRANCES PERKINS (American, 1882–1965)

Frances Perkins had a reputation for disarming opponents with her thoroughgoing knowledge of an issue. But her real force as an advocate probably arose from an event she happened to witness firsthand—the infamous Triangle Shirtwaist factory fire of 1911, which claimed the lives of 164 female workers.

Perkins is best remembered as the first female cabinet member, having served as Franklin Roosevelt’s secretary of labor from 1933 to 1945, and for her role in shaping New Deal and other initiatives during one of the more tumultuous periods of American history. But in the years prior to that, Perkins, first as a lobbyist and then as industrial commissioner of New York State, made important and far-reaching contributions to American industrial reform—in worker safety, child labor laws, wage and hour regulations, and many other areas.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THURSTON COUNTY
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please refer to www.lwvthurston.org for more information about the League's activities or 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 VOTER will be distributed by e-mail.

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

LWV Purpose

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. Any one of voting age may become a League member.

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