



# VOTER

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**Thursday, May 26**

LWVTC Annual mtg.  
Coach House  
5:30 pm

**FINGER FRIENDLY  
POTLUCK**

**Thursday, June 23**

LWVTC General mtg.  
**PLEASE NOTE  
VENUE CHANGE**  
Meeting held at GRuB

**Topic:  
Community  
Supported  
Agriculture**

**Saturday, July 9**

Candidate Forums  
Venue TBA

**Sat. & Sun., July 23 & 24**

Treasure Sale  
Bob & Bonnie Jacobs  
home

**SAVE THE DATES**  
Aug. 3-7  
Wilder & White Days  
State Capitol centennial

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**DON'T MISS IT!**

**LWVTC 2011  
ANNUAL MEETING**

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**WHEN:** May 26th at 5:30 pm  
**WHERE:** The Coach House; 211 -21st. Ave SW; Olympia  
**SPEAKER:** George Barner  
**TOPIC:** Bringing Commuter Rail to Thurston County

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**FINGER FRIENDLY POTLUCK**

Please make plans to come and enjoy a finger friendly potluck supper, plan for next year, and conduct the other business of the Annual Meeting on May 26, 2011, 6:30 pm, at the Coach House.

This year, George Barner will speak about bringing commuter rail to Thurston County; it should be a very interesting discussion.

Annual Meeting packets will include the Agenda, Nominating and Budget Committee reports, and more. They will be in your hands or on your email soon.

We expect this to be a very interesting meeting and a great time to spend with new and old friends.

See you there!

**Program is the League's reason for being,  
the basis for both advocacy and education efforts.**

League advocacy is based on member study and agreement on selected issues and involves concerted efforts to achieve public policies consistent with League positions.

League lobbying promotes or opposes specific pieces of legislation.

League program arises from the suggestions of members.  
**Study (Program) suggestion deadline:  
MAY 15, 2011**

Submit program suggestions to:  
cjcuyken@aol.com

*President's Article* **2010-2011 Year in Review**

I attended over fifty League events or meetings this year, including the 2010 State Council and National Convention.

LWVTC developed consensus positions based on our Local Government Options study, and put on six monthly programs covering a wide range of topics.

LWVTC celebrated the US-WA Suffrage anniversaries by marching in costume in the Lakefair Parade, showing "Iron Jawed Angels" followed by speaker comments, co-sponsoring the Pink Tea, donating costumes for Jubilation Day, and speaking on suffrage to the Daughters of the American Revolution.

LWVTC collaborated with other groups to educate voters, including: America Speaks on Our Budget, Our Economy (a virtual town hall meeting); the Olympian on District 3 candidates; The Evergreen State College's legislative candidate forum; Washington Coalition for Open Government's program on Open Records and Public Meetings; and, the Sustainability Roundtable of Thurston County.

LWVTC held its own primary and general election candidate forums in July and September and issued an updated "They Represent You" (TRY) brochure for distribution around the community.

The Education Fund luncheon raised \$3215 and our Sightline In-

stitute speaker stimulated our thoughts on sustainability.

LWVTC converted to a virtual office, expanded the information available on our website, updated the membership list, and established a new list serve. While Lobby/LWV Day was cancelled due to snow, our lobby team soldiered on, advocating our positions to our legislators.

Our holiday party was a wonderful evening spent together. For all of these achievements, I thank the Board, our Committee Chairs and the membership.

*Clydia Cuykendall  
LWVTC President*

# CONVENTION 2011

**May 20 -22 • Shilo Inn Suites • Richland, Washington**

Go online to [lwvwa@lwvwa.org](http://lwvwa@lwvwa.org) to download convention materials and forms.

Members only section. User Name: lwvwa; Password: Voter1

**DEADLINE TO RETURN FORM TO LWVWA IS MAY 6, 2011**

## DON'T MISS THE JUNE PROGRAM

# Local Food Systems

6/23/2011 6-8pm  
at GRuB  
(Garden Raised Bounty)  
2016 Elliott Avenue NW  
Olympia 98502

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 [kerensa@goodgrub.org](mailto:kerensa@goodgrub.org) or Valerie Hammett at [Valerie.Hammett@gmail.com](mailto:Valerie.Hammett@gmail.com).

*Valerie Hammett  
JLWVTC Vice-President*

### The Little Voice

(Texas Bar Journal April 2011)

The little voice tells you something isn't right.

The little voice wakes you and keeps you up at night.

The little voice makes you look at the bruises on my arm.

The little voice makes you wonder who would do me harm.

The little voice grows louder as each day passes by.

The little voice makes you notice each tear that I don't cry.

The little voice speaks out loud because it knew it was right.

The little voice belonged to you and it saved my life.

*-Anonymous*

## 2011 LWVTC CANDIDATE FORUMS

As more candidates step up to local political races, remember to jot down your questions and email them to me at [jetheiss@aol.com](mailto:jetheiss@aol.com) for use in our candidate forums.

Up for election this year are the mayor and city councilpersons from Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater and outlying communities; as well as Port Commissioner, George Barner, and school board members from all the local jurisdictions.

We want to ask pertinent questions of them all.

### CANDIDATE FORUMS - JULY 9TH

*Barb Theiss  
Voter Services Chair*

# TREASURE SALE

The Treasure Sale is only a couple of months away, on Sat. and Sun. July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>!

Plenty of helpers are needed, Friday through Sunday.

Please get those



Donations coming. Ask friends and neighbors to donate, as well.

The items that sell the best are household items, books, CD's, gift items, plants, glassware, jewelry, furniture and collectibles. Our success comes from a combination of a

multitude of small items and a handful of the more expensive furniture type items. Clean out your closets now!

Call Fran Williams, 357-3334 or email [franwil@comast.net](mailto:franwil@comast.net) if you have any questions.

*Fran Williams*

**Sale held at  
Bob & Bonnie Jacobs home  
720 Governor Stevens Ave. SE**

# 50 YEARS OF A GREAT IDEA IN THURSTON COUNTY

Our local League, in Thurston County, is 50 years old this year. Its first Annual Meeting was in December 1961 (it's the closest date we can find for when it started).

A committee of members who've been active in each of the five decades --some throughout-- has just started to meet to figure out what would be a good way to celebrate.

Because a main mission of the LWV is to encourage "the informed and active participation of citizens in government," we'd like to honor those League members who've done the ultimate participation: held elective public office or appointive positions on statutory or ad hoc committees/boards/commissions -- including local,

state and federal positions. We know the list will be very long and pretty inspiring. But we need your help to put it together.

**IF YOU'VE HELD (OR ARE HOLDING) ELECTIVE PUBLIC OFFICE:** Please let us know your terms of office for both any current office, as well as past elective office. Give us the name of the office and dates served. We know some of you who held (are holding) public office also served in appointive positions, like Planning Commissions. Please include those, too, and their dates (or approximate times).

**IF YOU'VE BEEN APPOINTED TO A BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE:** Please likewise give us the name (s) of the boards/

commissions/committees and the dates served. You don't have to be real specific on dates if you can't remember -- just say "mid 1970s" or whatever.

Send your information to Marie Cameron, chair of the 50th Anniversary Committee: [mariecameron@q.com](mailto:mariecameron@q.com).

**Join the 50th Anniversary Committee:** It's a great group of people gathered so far to work on this project. If you'd like to help, let me know. One thing we can use is someone who likes to do research to help me research our local League records being held at the Washington State Archives Research Center.

*Marie Cameron  
Joined LWVTC 1965  
President 1969-1971.*

## A COUPLE OF HOURS

Our Capital Lakefair booth is a great opportunity to talk about LWVTC work and to register voters. Please consider keeping me company for a couple of hours.

Shifts available are as follows:

<b><u>Wednesday</u></b> <b><u>7/13/11</u></b>	<b><u>Thursday</u></b> <b><u>7/14/11</u></b>	<b><u>Friday</u></b> <b><u>7/15/11</u></b>	<b><u>Saturday</u></b> <b><u>7/16/11</u></b>	<b><u>Sunday</u></b> <b><u>7/17/11</u></b>
12pm-2pm	12pm-2pm	12pm-2pm	12pm-2pm	12pm-2pm
2pm-4pm	2pm-4pm	2pm-4pm	2pm-4pm	2pm-4pm
4pm-6pm	4pm-6pm	4pm-6pm	4pm-6pm	4pm-6pm
6pm-8pm	6pm-8pm	6pm-8pm	6pm-8pm	6pm-8pm

Contact Dawn Brooks Gibbs at  
dawn8152@msn.com, 360-455-4190, or 360-485-6836

**- Any help that you are able to give is much appreciated -**



**CARRY NATION**  
(American, 1846–1911)

Carry Nation—whose first husband was a hopeless drunk—came to believe she had been divinely ordained to destroy saloons, and she pursued that charge with single-minded dedication. Cofounder of a local Texas branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union and director of a campaign that eventually resulted in the closing of every illicit saloon in Medicine Lodge, Texas, Nation also lectured for temperance across the United States and in Europe.

Adopting the hatchet as a practical assistant, she took more direct action as well—smashing bottles and beer kegs in saloons during visits she referred to as “hatchetations.” She had the support of many women who were condemned to suffer, without any legal recourse, at the hands of drunken husbands. She also endured ridicule from the unsympathetic and disapproval from her second husband, who divorced her. The law was unkindly disposed to some of her activities as well, and Nation often found herself in jail. She raised bail through speaking engagements and the sale of souvenir hatchets.

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# Women Who Dare



**HARRIET TUBMAN**  
(American, c. 1820–1913)

Harriet Tubman was the best-known “conductor” on the Underground Railroad, a network of abolitionists who spirited blacks to freedom. A fugitive slave herself, Tubman made some nineteen return trips to rescue as many as three hundred slaves from bondage. Her courage and shrewdness were widely known and all the more remarkable given the blackouts she suffered throughout her life as a result of being struck on the head with a two-pound weight by an overseer. During the Civil War she served as a nurse, spy, and scout for groups of raiders penetrating Confederate lines. In her later years Tubman worked for black education and social betterment, woman suffrage, and other causes.

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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THURSTON COUNTY**  
**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Please refer to [www.lwvthurston.org](http://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. Anyone of voting age may become a League member.***

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS THURSTON COUNTY**

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