



# VOTER

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SEPTEMBER 2008

CALENDAR

Sept. 18

LWVTC Board meeting  
5:30 pm  
At the office

Sept. 25

Early Care & Learning  
Legislative Discussion  
6:30-8:30 pm  
ESD 113  
601 McPhee Rd.

Oct. 16

LWVTC Board Meeting  
5:30 pm  
At the office

Oct. 23

LWVTC meeting  
6 pm  
Place TBA  
**Topic:**  
**Initiatives**

Nov. 1

Ed Fund Luncheon  
Olympia Country Club

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!**

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**Child Care  
and  
Early Learning  
Legislative Discussion**

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**September 26, 2008  
6:30 to 8:30 pm  
ESD 113  
601 McPhee Rd.  
Olympia**

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## Child Care and Early Learning

The Thurston Early Childhood Coalition, League of Women Voters Thurston County, Child Care Action Council and several other organizations are planning a "Legislative Discussion about Child Care and Early Learning Issues" on September 26th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

at ESD 113, 601 McPhee Rd. Olympia.

Incumbent legislators from the 2nd, 20th, 22nd and 35th Legislative districts along with their opponents have been invited to be panel members. There will be a brief reception followed by the panel mem-

bers responding to questions from a selected group of child care providers. LWV members are encouraged to attend.

RSVP to 786-8907 EXT. 100

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# 2008-2009 CALENDAR

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>Childcare and Early Learning</b>	⇒ ⇒	ESD 113—see front page
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>Initiatives</b>		
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>Ed Fund Luncheon—November 1</b>		
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>Holiday Party</b>		
<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>Healthcare</b>		
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>Healthcare—Pharmaceuticals</b>		
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>Transportation/Alternative Fuels</b>		
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>Education Funding</b>		
<b>MAY</b>	<b>Annual Meeting</b>		

ATTENTION  
PLEASE!

**We are currently exploring the possibilities of a larger meeting place.**

**Stay tuned...**

## EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION OF THE YOUNG CHILD STUDY IS ON ITS WAY!

At the 2007 LWVWA Convention, delegates voted in favor of a one-year study on Early Care and Education. This study will update and expand the 2005 LWV Seattle *Child Care Study*. The study includes:

⇒ Information on long term child development research that has answered questions about when learning begins and how important the earliest years are.

- ⇒ Questions about the adequacy of investments in the early years.
- ⇒ A description of the early care and education system along with the roles of parents and communities.
- ⇒ The major developments that occurred in the past two legislative sessions.

The study committee is co-chaired by Margie Reeves and Pat Dickason; Fran Williams has been a committee member. Ruth Harms

and Judith Barnes are doing the Study Design/Layout.

The abridged study will be ready by September for distribution to all members in October. This is the version the local leagues will review in the consensus process. The full study will be made available to local leagues. The LWV Thurston County will hold its review meeting in October ---or November, 2008.

**Watch for the date!**

*Pat Dickason*

## DEBATE WATCH

League of Women Voters Thurston County plans a Debate Watch at the Washington Center for a debate between



Senator McCain and Senator Obama.

Volunteers are needed for all preparations: publicity, program, solicitation,

technical support, etc.

Please contact E.L. Johnson if you would like to help.  
754-1455 or  
johnsonpc@peoplepc.com.

*Eve Johnson*

# LWVTC Opposes Downtown Olympia REZONE

**The League board is basing its opposition** to the rezone between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. on national, state, and local League positions.

1. Under Land Use, the LWVUS says: "The League supports... regulation of areas of critical concern; ... where development could result in irreversible damage (such as shore lands of rivers, lakes and streams, estuaries and bays;...unique scenic or historic areas...)" Under Public Participation, the LWVUS says "Promote public understanding and participation in decision making as essential elements of responsible and responsive management of our natural resources."

2. Under Parks, Open Spaces and Green Belts the LWVWA supports "Comprehensive planning, acquisition, development and preservation of parks, open spaces and green belts both public and private, to provide a wide variety of facilities for all age groups" and "Citizen information, education and participation..."

3. Under Urban Growth Management, the LWVTC states: "Programs should encourage protection of agricultural, aquacultural, environmentally sensitive areas and should address citizen needs for open space and recreation." The local league also supports "citizen information, education and participation" in planning.

4. LWV Washington strongly supports the Shoreline Management Act.



The vision we see for this section of downtown Olympia is an urban waterfront with public access from the bridges to Water Street and between 4 and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.

⇒ **Olympia is the Capitol city...we should have wonderful open spaces for all our citizens**

⇒ **The rezone would require an exemption to the Shoreline Management plan. If we are serious about cleaning up Puget Sound, does it make sense to make exemptions to the Shoreline Management plan?**

⇒ **Acquisition of this space can be a part of the upcoming comprehensive plan for the city and block piece-meal exceptions to the current city plan.**

*Of course there are many other reasons to support this initiative but my experience is that you have very little time to capture your audience.*

*Karen Verrill*

## PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

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# WATER RESOURCES in Thurston County

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2008

### Our League Supports:

- √ Enforcement of existing and future water laws supported with adequate funding, reliable data and public education. The overriding consideration should be for protecting the quantity and quality of the water resource.
- √ Additional state legislation to reduce or eliminate the use of exempt wells. Re-defining such water use to more realistically reflect the maximum withdrawal limit for private residential use. There should be provisions for recognizing historic use. Local governments should require all wells, including exempt wells, to be metered for compliance with withdrawal limits and to charge for water use.
- √ Population forecast models should reflect water availability. There should be concurrency of water availability and demand required under GMA (Growth Management Act) for comprehensive planning and plat approval. Demand analysis should incorporate both consumptive and in-stream uses and consider the effects of climate change. Adequate water availability can be achieved by conservation, low-impact development and gray water recharge to aquifers. Boundaries can be defined by Water Resource Inventory Areas (WRIAs).
- √ A cost-effective management system for the collection of water resources data. There is a need for consistent data with standardized protocols, available in a centralized repository with internet access. Adequate funding for data collection is essential.

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## LWVTC RETREAT A HUGE SUCCESS

The 2008 Board of Directors, plus four new members, met for a Retreat on August 9, at Doreen Packel's home. After several hours of planning, discussion and brainstorming, a pot-luck lunch

was shared. Decisions were made, training was given, and relationships were forged. There was a lot of work done that day.

As always, the Retreat signals an end to summer and

September the beginning of an exciting year ahead.

**Many thanks to Doreen Packel for her gracious hospitality!**

# Why I Joined the League

by April Halprin Wayland

I grew up in a large, warm, Jewish extended family—my mother had twelve brothers and sisters, I

had twenty-two cousins. Uncle Raphael Konigsberg, the oldest of the siblings, was someone we all

looked up to.

Raphael was a social worker at the City of Hope Hospital by day and a law student at night. The

whole family rejoiced when he passed the California bar exam.

But it was 1954—the height of the McCarthy era. Uncle Raphael was called before the House Un-

American Activities Committee for investigation of his political affiliations and opinions. He would not

answer the questions put to him. He was banned from practicing law.

His case went to the U.S. Supreme Court twice. Finally, twenty-five years after he was denied the

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Before I cast my first vote in high school, I phoned Uncle Raphael. We all did. He knew the judges, he

understood the issues, and he explained them to us so that we could make our own decisions. I

counted on his help before each election. Uncle Raphael was my voting guru.

These days, to my surprise, friends come to me for advice on the issues, on the judges.

So, before every election,

I create a website for my friends. But Uncle Raphael is no longer around, so I have to

do my own research. And my research always starts with the League.

In our recent primary, I went to the League's forum on the propositions completely confused. The

members of the panel did their job admirably—when I left the meeting, I felt I could explain the

propositions to my friends.

Thank goodness for the League—my guide in the increasingly confusing labyrinth of propositions, compacts

and constitutional amendments on our ballots!

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**THE BEACH VOTER**  
*LWV of the Beach Cities*  
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**Why did you join the League? We want to hear from you.**

**Send your story (short or long) to Dawn Brooks at [dawn8152@msn.com](mailto:dawn8152@msn.com)**

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

**LWVTC is considering an entry into next year's lake fair parade.**

**We are looking for a few people with fabulous ideas to work on this project.**

**If you are interested in participating at any level**

**Please contact Dawn Brooks at [dawn8152@msn.com](mailto:dawn8152@msn.com)**

Funny?

Serious?

Float?

Cool car?

Clowns?

Dress up?

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

For more information about the League's activities or membership call Marilyn Funk, 360-259-4424, or mail in the membership form below.

DATE:

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

◇ **\$60 for my membership**

◇ **\$\_\_\_\_\_ for an Educational Fund Donation**

*For Lifetime Membership and Scholarships contact Marilyn Funk, 360-259-4424.*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

***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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