

President's Article **Welcome to the new season**

Welcome to the new season, the new year for your League.

I had expected that the summer would be relatively quiet, boy was I wrong. We had the June meeting on Dioxin, a meeting with the Olympian for our candidates debate, and there were 6 delegates who went to State Convention in Tacoma. Next came the Treasure Sale, Sue Lean's request for support for the Olmsted historical program, participation in 3 parades and a five-day fair, and oh, yes, the Planning Meeting in early August. Several of those events are detailed in this Voter.

The year 2008-2009 ends with our annual meeting in May, where we review the year's events, determine the budget for the coming year and elect officers.

In this issue you'll see the 2009-2010 Calendar. This list is the result of our day-long retreat earlier this month. It was well attended, with 25 members coming to Zena Hartung's house for brainstorming sessions of issues and priorities.



The afternoon was given over to finding out just what issues people were truly ready to support with their own time and energy. Out of that session came the list of meeting topics. Please look carefully to see if there is something you feel passionate about and contact me or the chair and we'll steer you toward the right people.

Now is a great time to get involved with your League.

*Marilyn Funk
President*

TREASURE SALE A BIG SUCCESS

Despite a thunderstorm on the second day that sent leaguers scurrying to cover the remaining goodies, the LWVTC made more than \$2200 at our bi-annual Treasure Sale, July 11 and 12.

Thanks goes to Fran Williams, who sorted and priced and packed and unpacked and displayed thousands of articles, with the strong back of

her husband Marvin. Of course, equal thanks go to Bonnie and Bob Jacobs, who again loaned their garage and yard. And, along with the premises went a lot of hard work.

There were some oddities about the event. It was a large lot of Mary Kay cosmetics, which got us

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"over the top," donated by a non-member. And for those who will only use natural products, there were two large aloe vera plants. Finally, there was the "squid lamp". Don't ask me - I didn't see it.

(For those who wondered, Fran took all the leftovers to Lincoln Elementary School and the Goodwill.)

Mary Murphy

Women's Votes, Women's Voices

**EXHIBIT CLOSES
September 27th**

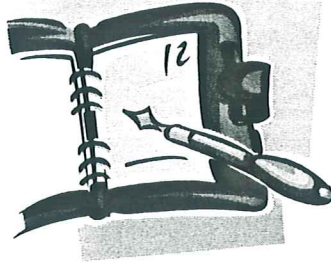
See It While You Can!

The fabulous exhibit "Women's Votes, Women's Voices" now at the Washington State Historical Society (on Pacific Street; exit 705 to downtown Tacoma, left at light, right at next light, right into parking lot) is closing soon. You will see LWVTC member Jolene Unsoeld in the Elected WA Women section; also Susan B. Anthony's gorgeous black cloak, inkwell and eye glasses. We were extraordinarily lucky to have the funding to put on a first rate exhibit. I hope you will go or catch it in Wenatchee, Yakima, Spokane or Seattle.

CALENDAR PLANNING RETREAT

It was with great pleasure that I opened my home on August 7 to the League Planning Retreat. Little did I imagine when we were planning it, that 25 people would pass through my door!

The membership represented was a good cross-section of newer and long-term members. To have that many members prepared to learn about the



up-coming year event calendar, meant that there were ready hands when it came time to divide up the tasks.

During her welcome speech, Marilyn, our President, admitted that this sort of planning is a departure from the way we've planned in the past. Instead of just having a retreat for the Board to plan the calendar, it was a retreat open to all members. The advan-

tage was that more people could comprehend the scope of the League activities and could pick and choose based on their own interests.

That said our difficulty last year in finding participants for committees seems to no longer apply, for 2009-10.

I for one am grateful for the participation and I don't think I'm alone!

*Zena Hartung
Vice President*

July TCTV Primary Election Forum

The LWVTC presents candidate forums prior to both primary and general elections, on our local TV station (TCTV), to assist the public in making informed candidate choices. The forum for primary candidates this year was held at the TCTV studio on July 11th. Candidates for Thurston County Commission, the Port of Olympia, Tumwater Mayor and

several city council positions from Olympia appeared at that forum.

League moderators asked the candidates many of the questions that League members had submitted earlier.

In addition to answering ques-

tions, candidates had time for opening and closing statements.

The videotaped forums were aired on TCTV's Channel 22 several times and were available on the station's website.

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*Barb Theiss
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WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

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