

PLANNING RETREAT – AUGUST 13, 2010

Nearly 20 dedicated League members spent the better part of Saturday, August 13 at a planning retreat hosted by President Clydia Cuykendall. The lively discussion included defining the program schedule for the year, considering how to participate in several State and National consensus studies, hearing a report on the TRPC sustainable development project and Sustainability Roundtable, and discussing how the League should engage with other organizations as a member or as part of a coalition.

Some of the retreat **highlights** include:

- **Programs for 2010-2011** –There are many engaging and timely programs planned. See the calendar on the web site, www.lwvthurston.org, for details on these exciting program topics. Meetings will begin at 6:30 pm and, except for the September meeting, they will be held at the Rivers Edge restaurant in Tumwater Valley. This offers the opportunity for participants to get food if they wish and provides ample parking.
- **Consensus Meetings for the LWVUS Study on Role of the Federal Government in Education** will be scheduled by the facilitation group at times other than regular program meeting nights. These meetings will be about four hours in length. They require a minimum of 15 members and each participant must have read the materials. A separate section has been set up on the web site for this study (see <http://www.lwvthurston.org/WorkingonNow.html>).
- **The Annual League Education Fund Luncheon** Fundraiser will be on November 5 this year. Watch the web site for more information.
- **Pat Dickason is the State League Lobby Team chair** this year. She is seeking League lobbyists for transportation issues.

In addition to the lively conversation, participants thoroughly enjoyed the chicken provided by Clydia and assorted salads and desserts shared pot-luck.

PROGRAM CALENDAR

Be sure to put these dates on your calendar and watch the web site for more details. Unless otherwise specified, meetings begin at 6:30 p.m., for social period; and presentations and discussion at 7:00 p.m.; and will take place at the Thurston County Courthouse. The web site will maintain current details for each meeting.

Date	Program Topic
Sept. 23	Immigration
October 28	America Speaks: What 3500 Citizens Said about the Federal Budget
January 27	4-year Outlook for the County General Fund
February 10	Community Supported Agriculture
March 24	State Budget Legislative Report
April 28	LOTT – What’s New (Note: this program will be held at the LOTT offices)
May 26	Annual Membership Meeting