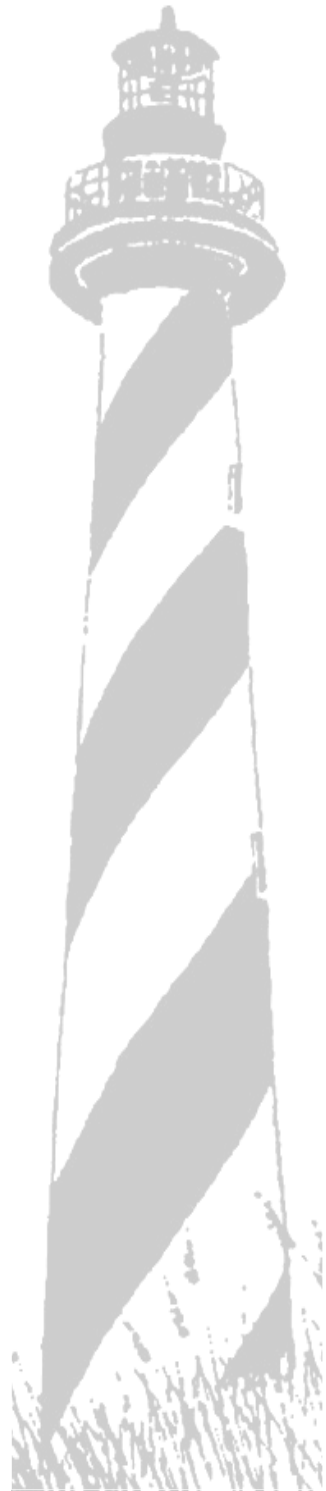


**April
2010**

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DARE COUNTY

The DARE Voter

Mark Your Calendar



**U.S. Women's History
Lecture and Film Series
First Flight High School – Media Center (Library)
4:00-6:00 PM
Monday, April 26th**

**Go-See Tour
Going With the Wind on the Outer Banks
Thursday, April 15th
8:45 AM
Meet at the Roanoke Island Visitor's Center**

**Early Voting Begins – Primary Election
April 15**

**Belk's Charity Sale
May 1 – see article**

**Primary Election
May 4**

**Annual Meeting
Friday, May 14th
11:00 AM
Pamlico Jack's**

Hopefully Spring is here to stay on our beautiful Outer Banks. There are three interesting and fun meetings that will finish the 2009 – 2010 year. We look forward to seeing everyone at these events. Details are following in the newsletter.

Audrey and Carole

SPECIAL NOTICE
Call to Annual Meeting
Watch your Mailbox at the end of April for documents to be
voted on by Annual Meeting! See you there!!!



LWV April Go See Tour: Going With the Wind
April 15, 2010

Robert T. Perry, Director for Albemarle Ecological Field Site, Institute for the Environment, UNC-Chapel Hill and League of Women Voters member will escort and direct the April 15 Go-See Tour: *Going With the Wind* for LWV members and the public. Those interested in viewing wind turbines in action will meet at the Manteo Visitors' Center at 8:45 a.m. and car-pool to Columbia, departing 9 a.m. In Columbia the group will visit Willie Phillips' Seafood Market and observe the operation. Those interested in purchasing seafood should bring a cooler.

After touring the seafood market the group will proceed to the National Park Service beach access with accommodations at Coquina Beach where a wind turbine is located. There will be a speaker at the site. From the Coquina Beach site the group will drive to the Outer Banks Brewing Station for a presentation and tour of the turbine, at approximately 1:00p.m., to be followed by lunch at approximately 2p.m. Lunch reservations should be called in to Carole Burchett at 261-6380.

The annual Go See Tour is a popular LWV event and is in line with the portion of the Dare League's adopted program for 2009-2010 for educating and promoting the best management practices for natural resources in areas relevant to Dare County. Concerns include, but are not limited to, state watershed protection, wetland issues, sound and estuary conditions, air and water quality, and beach erosion measures.

Belk's Charity Sale Information – MAY 1!!!

The tickets sell for \$5. Cash or check (written to LWV). 100% of what you sell goes directly back to the League!

YES, people can buy more than 1 ticket. You need the cashiers to ring the items up separately. 1 ticket can be used per each register receipt. Basically this means whatever tickets you buy you get that amount off your purchase...net \$0 for the buyer.

The best part is that this is a HUGE sale. Everything in the store will have additional % off for this one day sale. It is private and held before store hours, you have to have a coupon to get into the store and, the prices go back up when the store opens. **IF YOU CAN NOT MAKE IT ON THE SALE DAY**>>you can select your merchandise the week prior to the sale. Take your merchandise to the cashier, along with your coupon and a credit card (Belk's or other) number. The cashier can ONLY ring it up during the sale. You can pick up your merchandise anytime after the sale.

This is a Belk's wide sale, so friends who live elsewhere, but near a Belk's, can purchase the coupons from you.

If you need more coupons or have any questions, please call Karen DelVacchio, 215.694.8883, and I will get them to you. Return the unsold tickets and your cash or checks at the next Board meeting. Thanks!!

Voter Service

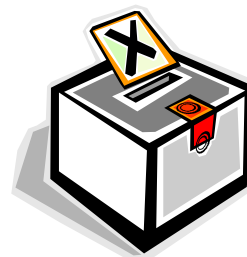
By Vivian Gould

The primary elections will be held on May 4, 2010 with early voting starting on April 15, 2010. There are only two contests. The Democrats have two candidates running for the Register of Deeds. They are Craig Garriss and incumbent Vanzolla McMurrin. Since there is no Republican candidate, the primary winner will become the unopposed candidate in the November election.

The other contest is for Sheriff. Doug Doughtie and Ryan White are running for the Republican nomination. The winner of the primary will oppose Sheriff Rodney Midgett, Democrat, in the November election.

Voting for the three Board of Education members is in the primary. They are Walter Holton, Benjamin Cahoon, and Margaret Lawler, all incumbents and all running unopposed. They will not run again in the November election since the May 4th date is considered their election date.

The consensus of the Board was that a reception for the primary candidates would probably have a small turnout, and that a reception for all candidates before the November election would be a better option. We plan to submit a Voters' Guide for each of the primary candidates prior to the start of early voting.



EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT -- VOTE

U.S. Women’s History, Session III, March 29, 2010

By Audrey Esposito

Twenty-five hardy souls sloshed through the downpour to attend Dr. Lin Logan’s lecture on the “Progressive Era” at First Flight High School. The era, also called “The Gilded Age” saw women demanding birth control, safe working conditions, and the vote. These years from 1890-1920 were filled with “movements by women, for women” laying the ground work for so many of the rights that are now taken for granted by many.

Margaret Sanger led the birth control movement, defying the government and opening the first birth control clinic in America in 1916. Shortly after opening her clinic, it was shut down by the vice squad, since talk of contraception was illegal by the vice laws at that time. Sanger worked tirelessly for the birth control movement, even shifting her focus to Washington and attempting to have the government legalize contraception during the Great Depression in 1929.

While Sanger fought for birth control, Carrie Chapman Catt and Alice Paul led the Women’s Right to Vote movement. Catt was more conservative and worked the system, trying to get results while Paul was more radical. These women, along with Elizabeth Cady Stanton spent their lives in search of women’s rights and did not live to see the results of their lives’ efforts.

Women were an essential component during the “Progressive Era” and Dr. Logan’s presentation was filled with information on that era and identified the significance of key figures shaping our history. Those attending thoroughly enjoyed the presentation!

Surveying the School Scene

By Audrey Esposito



The Dare County Board of Education held its monthly meeting Tuesday, March 9th at First Flight High School. After leading the Pledge of Allegiance vice chairman Walter Holton commented that with elections and planning of the annual budget coming up soon, now would be a good time to tell the members of the Dare County Board of Commissioners that Dare County schools must not “take one step backward” due to budget issues and constraints. He further stressed that children in Dare County are provided with the best education in the state, and that parents in other counties find it necessary to send their children to private schools for a comparable education. “The value of this investment can not be doubted.”

Holton’s remarks mirrored the information provided by Chairman David Oaksmith in an article which appeared in the Coastland Times a few weeks ago. In that article Oaksmith praised all those involved in making the Dare County School system such a fine one and identified many of the accomplishments throughout the system.

Surveying the School Scene continued

The remainder of the meeting spotlighted the excellence of instruction and the achievements of many students of Dare County schools with teachers and students giving presentations. Oaksmith thanked the teachers and students for their presentations, commenting, “this may be a tremendous understatement, but we sure have come a long way.”

In Board business, the proposal to ask permission of the town of Manteo to use the back gate at Manteo High School in order to alleviate traffic flow was approved. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by chairman Oaksmith.

2010 Census: We Count Here

By Audrey Esposito



A small group of dedicated Dare LWV members attended the program of March 25th providing information on the 2010 Census being conducted now. Many of you may have already received a home visit or your mail in response by this time. Akilah Ensley of the U.S. Census Bureau gave an enthusiastic presentation stressing the importance of attempting to obtain an accurate account of everyone living in the United States. In the 2000 census count, the response rate for Dare County was 39%, while the state of North Carolina was 64%, and national response 67%. Not only does census data determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, census data can also help determine the allocation of federal funds for community services, such as school lunch programs and senior citizen centers, and new construction, such as highways and hospitals. In March of 2011 North Carolina will be redistricting, and there could be a new district, east of Route 95.

Ms. Ensley stated that Ray Sturza is chairman of the Outreach Committee for Dare County working to inform the public of the importance of responding to the Census Questionnaire. The 2010 form has only 10 questions and takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. Households are asked to provide key demographic information, including: whether a housing unit is rented or owned; the address of the residence; and the names, genders, ages, and races of others living in the household.

Ms. Ensley stressed that the information specifics are sealed and will not be released until 2082. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities. Confidentiality is kept in tact; this is a back to basics, head count with over \$435 billion going back into communities based, in part, on census data.

Households should complete and mail back their questionnaires upon receipt. Households that do not respond may receive a replacement questionnaire in early April. Census takers will visit households that do not return questionnaires to take a count in person. Due to the large number of rental properties in Dare County, there have been Census takers visiting residences and gathering information.

For more information about the 2010 Census, go to www.2010census.gov

ANNUAL MEETING “STUFF”

90th LWVUS Anniversary Celebration

Annual Meeting

Friday, May 14th, 2010

Pamlico Jack’s

11:00 AM -- Social

11:30 Welcome and Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Lunch followed by:
Business meeting
and

Election and Installation of new Board Members

Please mail your registration and check to arrive by May 7, 2010
or call

Carole Burchett by May 7, 2010 at 261-6380

Please bring a friend



Reservation Form

Name _____

Phone: home _____ cell _____

Chicken _____ or Shrimp _____

Number of reservations: _____ @ \$20.00 Total amount enclosed _____

Make checks payable to LWV – Dare and mail to:

LWV – Dare

P.O. Box 689

Kitty Hawk, NC 27949

R.S.V.P. Deadline – May 7, 2010

Nominating Committee Report

by Pat Hayward, Chair

The Nominating Committee consisting of Chair Pat Hayward, Dru Ferrence, and Nancy Birindelli is pleased to announce the following slate of officers and directors for the 2010-2011 year. Many thanks to those members who are taking an inaugural position on the Board and to those who will continue. We are looking forward to a most successful and exciting new year.

2010 - 2012

Co-president – Lori Williams

Vice President – Lin Logan

Treasurer – Nancy Birindelli

Elected Directors:

Pat Haresch

Robert Perry

2010 – 2011: Nominating Committee Chair – Pat Hayward

2010-2011

Appointed Directors:

Carole Burchett

Connie Cogger

Lori DiBarnardo

Mimi Iacone

Joan Liston

Mary Jane Slesinski

Report from the Budget Committee

by Nancy Birindelli

The Budget Committee consisting of Mary Ellen Hawthorne, Lori Williams, and Nancy Birindelli presented its proposed budget for the next fiscal year to the Board at its Feb. 16, 2010 meeting. The expenditure side of the budget is basically the same as 2009-2010. There are a few modifications such as a \$.30 increase in National dues (LWV-NC does remain at \$12.00), a \$50 increase in the website maintenance as an inflation factor, a small increase in program expenses to cover speakers' travel and dinners, and a \$162 decrease in the expenses for the newsletter which is now sent electronically.

On the revenue side, there was much discussion about the amount of contributions that were received from fundraising efforts this year since the actual numbers were considerably less than last year. With the state of the economy, several long time donors in the construction and banking industries were not forthcoming. On the positive side, income generated at the annual silent auction increased to \$1,245 and the newly instituted 50/50 raffle at meetings is beginning to add dollars to the coffers. The Board decided that **there will be no dues increase next year**, and the fundraising efforts will become a major focus to diversify our energies and not depend totally on donations to the Citizens Guide for our major source of revenue generation. To accommodate same, the money raised from multiple efforts has been distributed a bit differently to reflect those changes.

For those new to the League, our budget is divided into two sections – the operating budget and the Citizens Education Foundation (CEF). Our operating budget represents monies that are collected via dues and in-house fundraising. The CEF funds are those collected as tax-deductible donations from members, businesses, organizations, and governments. LWV-US permits our local League to send our contributions to LWV-NC to hold in our subaccount. There are expenses that are allowed to be used by such funds, and when LWV-Dare expends money for the Citizens Guide or one half of National dues, if the money is in our CEF account, it can be spent on these items. The Board is optimistic that the \$5,500 expense for the Citizens Guide in 2011 can be paid from CEF funds.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Birindelli, treasurer – 261-3915 or Bbirindelli@aol.com.

check us out at www.lwvdarenc.org

Proposed 2010-2011 Budget

League of Women Voters of Dare County

	Operating	CEF
OPERATION COSTS		
A1. P.O. Box	50	50
A2. Contingency	100	-0-
Subtotal A	150	50
BOARD AND COMMITTEES		
B1. President	100	-0-
B2. Secretary	10	-0-
B3. Treasurer	25	-0-
B4. Board of Directors	25	-0-
B5. Membership Committee	50	-0-
B6. Publicity & PR	25	-0-
B7. Hospitality	100	-0-
B8. Fund Raising	175	-0-
Subtotal B	510	-0-
DELEGATES, TRAVEL, etc.		
C1. State/National Conventions	600	-0-
Subtotal C	600	-0-
FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO LWV - Dues		
D1. National <u>57@29.20/10@14.60</u>	905	905
D2. State <u>57@12/10@6</u>	744	-0-
Subtotal D	1,649	905
NEWSLETTER		
E1. Supplies, copying	350	-0-
E2. Postage	200	-0-
Subtotal E	550	-0-
EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES		
F1. Programs (speakers, publicity, etc.)	300	50
F2. Voters Service	-0-	150
F3. Citizens Guide	-0-	5,500
F4. Website – maintenance	700	-0-
Subtotal F	1,000	5,700
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,459	6,655
\$11,114		
REVENUE		
Dues <u>57@55/10@27.5</u>	3,410	
Fundraising		
Holiday Party	1,300	
50/50	300	
Fundraising – CG		5,190
Fundraising – business		914
TOTAL REVENUE	5,010	6,104
\$11,114		

New Member: Dona Pebworth

For new League member Dona Pebworth the Outer Banks was the perfect place to retire. She and her husband had raised their family in Virginia Beach where Dona had been in real estate for 26 years and James was a builder. They owned property in Kill Devil Hills and her husband's family had a place near Avalon Pier for as long as they could remember. Dona's sister, Paula and her husband live in nearby Currituck. About six years ago they built their dream home and moved to Kill Devil Hills. Sadly, Dona was widowed just one year later.

For Dona, neither retirement nor widowhood equates with life in the slow lane. She is a faithful volunteer for Meals on Wheels and a member of the Outer Banks Christian Women's Club. She has served on the Council of Grace Lutheran Church in Nags Head and was formerly active in the Lions' Club. Dona had been a member of the League of Women Voters in Virginia, so it took only an invitation from her friend and our League member, Connie Cogger, to bring her back to League membership. She has already participated in the distribution of the new *Citizens Guide* and has promised to help Connie in the work of the Hospitality Committee next season.

Dona has two grown children, a daughter in Virginia and a son, temporarily residing in Puerto Rico. She is passionate about cooking and reading. Although gardening once rated in that category, she now does all her gardening in a Johnny Boat, an old rowboat from Wanchese in which she grows veggies and flowers.

For Your Information: MEMBERSHIP

By Mimi Iacone, Membership Chair

Membership renewal time follows the close of the League of Women Voters of Dare County's fiscal year, which is June 30, 2010. You will receive a membership renewal form in the mail, and it will also be included in the final newsletter of the year. Remittance is due before the first meeting of the 2010-11 program year. Members who have not paid by January 1, when the National League roster is updated, are removed from active status. Members who joined the League after January 1, 2010 pay no additional dues for the coming year.

For 2010-11, dues remain at \$50.00 for an individual membership. Dues for each additional household member are \$25.00. Of the dues collected, the Dare County League pays \$29.20 annually to the National League of Women Voters for each individual member and half of that for each household member. There is also a \$12.00 payment to LWV-NC. Clearly, the proportion of dues retained, does not support the local League's citizen education programs and publication of the *Citizens Guide*.

For years the *Citizens Guide* has been a self-sustaining project through contributions from local businesses and municipalities. This was not the case this past year since donations were considerably less than in previous years. The gap was closed through funds raised at the holiday silent auction, and cooperative programs with Belk and Appleby's. In the coming year, much more focus will need to be placed on fundraising.

At the League's last Board meeting,, it was suggested that a good start to this fundraising would be for each member to contribute, to the extent she/he is able, to the Citizens Education Foundation in the space indicated on the Membership Renewal Form. These funds would be allocated to support the League's work in Dare County.



League of Women Voters of Dare County Membership Renewal Form – 2010-2011

Remember, even if you haven't the time for active participation, your membership alone will strengthen our voice.

Annual Dues

Individual Membership: \$50.00
Household Membership: \$75.00

Amount enclosed (checks payable to LWV of Dare) _____

Citizens Education Foundation

Please consider enclosing a tax deductible contribution to the Citizens Education Foundation. Contributions provide direct support for citizen education programs and the publication of the annual Dare County Citizens Guide which provides information about government and services to county residents.

Amount enclosed (checks payable to LWV--CEF) _____

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE, ZIP: _____

PHONE# _____

EMAIL _____

I/we are interested in assisting with: Voter Services ___ Education ___ Natural Resources ___ Health ___ Public Relations ___

Please remit to:

League of Women Voters
P.O. Box 689
Kitty, Hawk, NC 27949



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261-6380

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Secretary: Marianne Landrum ('09-'11)

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Elected Paula Donaghy ('09-'11)

Directors: Vivian Gould ('09-'11)

Bob Perry ('09-'10)

Lori Williams ('08-'10)

Appointed Connie Cogger

Directors: Mimi Iacone

Committee Chairs:

Citizens Guide: Lori Williams

Education: vacant

Fundraising: Karen DelVacchio

Health Services: Paula Donaghy

Hospitality: Connie Cogger

Membership: Mimi Iacone

Natural Resources: Bob Perry

Newsletter: Dru Ferrence and Nancy Birindelli

Nominating: Pat Hayward, chair

Dru Ferrence

Publicity: vacant

Voter Service: Vivian Gould

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Membership is open to both men and women. Annual dues, payable July 1, are \$50 for individuals and \$75 for households. To join, send a check made payable to: Dare County League of Women Voters, P.O. Box 689, Kitty Hawk, NC 27949