

**January
2010**

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DARE COUNTY

The DARE Voter

Greetings from the Co-Presidents

We hope that everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season. It was great to see so many members and guests at the Christmas Luncheon and Silent Auction. It was a fitting way to end the fall season and to start the New Year.

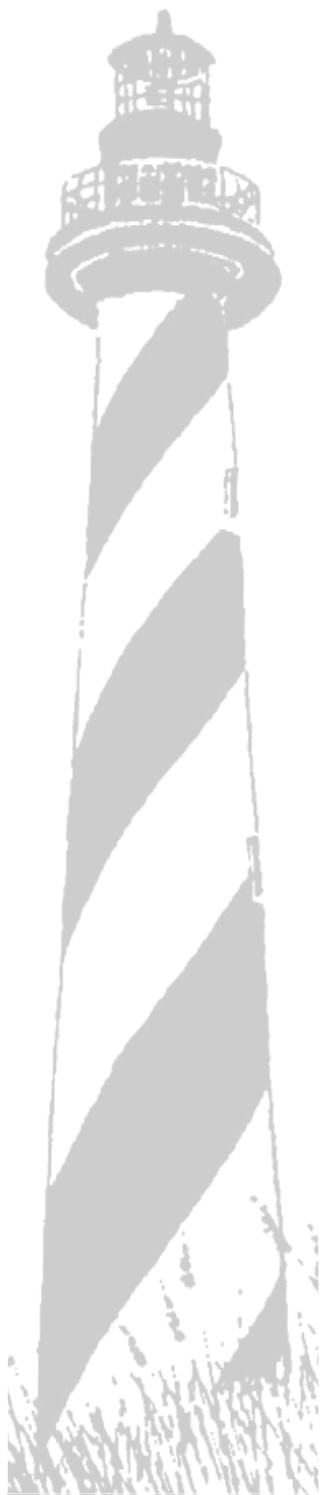
In January Dr. Lin Logan, League member, will commence her four part Lecture/Film Series on U.S. Women's History. It will be an interesting and informative program. Lin is a most engaging speaker. Please plan to attend all four programs and bring friends and neighbors. The programs will be held on the last Monday of each month at the First Flight High School Media Center, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Robert Perry will present a program on February 25 on Outer Banks Wind Power.

In March Akilah R. Ensley, Partnership Specialist with the U.S. Census Bureau, will present an informational meeting on the importance of an accurate census.

We wish you all a Happy and Healthy 2010

Carole and Audrey



**U.S. Women's History
Lecture and Film Series
Last Monday in January, February, March, and April
First Flight High School – Media Center (library)
4:00-6:00PM
Dr. Lin Logan**

Overview - To examine American women's lives in the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th centuries, focusing on the ways that race, class, and gender shaped their experiences and to acknowledge the political and social arrangements that structured American women's status and lives.

January 25, Session I - This session will examine women's historiography from its beginnings in the 1960's, focusing on methods, materials, and difficulties in uncovering American women's past. Then to begin our series Native American women, British colonial women, including the witch trials, women's role in the American Revolution, and women and the Constitution will be the topics.

February 22, Session II - The Age of Reform, prior to the Civil War, will disclose women's awakening desire for political recognition through reform movements, including the Temperance Movement, Abolitionist Movement and Women's Rights Movement. Women's role in the Civil War, the impact of Southern Reconstruction, and renewed drive to the vote will also be presented.

March 29, Session III – The Progressive Era finds women demanding birth control, safe working conditions, and the vote. Margaret Sanger leads the Birth Control Movement, while Carrie Chapman Catt and Alice Paul lead the Women's Right to Vote Movement. Their failures and successes will be examined.

April 26, Session IV - This session will begin with women and the Depression Years, followed by a review of the monumental role women played in WWII. Following their exit from the public world of work, women begin again to clamor for equal rights. Black women's role in the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's and the road to the ERA will be discussed.

Dr Lin Logan – Bio

Doctorate in Education and History from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa

Co-author – *The History of Teacher Education in Hawai'i*

Associate Professor of Education and History at Virginia Wesleyan College

Post-Doctoral work in American history at Old Dominion University and The College of William and Mary

Presently - Adjunct Associate Professor of History Virginia Wesleyan College

Member – LWV of Dare County

REGISTRATION is not mandatory but appreciated so that the school can be notified as to anticipated number of attendees. FFHS staff and junior/senior students will also be invited to attend. Call Carole (261-6380) or Audrey (261-8052) to indicate your intent to participate.

Natural Resources Talk on Outer Banks Wind Power

By Robert Perry, Natural Resources Chair



The League of Women Voters' presentation on February 25th will focus on the prospect of wind power on the Outer Banks. Entitled: "Outer Banks Wind Power: Not Just a Lot of Hot Air," the presentation will be by one of Robert Perry's recent Albemarle Ecological Field Site students, Mr. Christopher Lazinski, an excellent speaker who is an Environmental Sciences major and a senior at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Wind power is Mr. Lazinski's area of specialized interest and concentrated study.

The talk will explore the topic of wind power as it may soon unfold with the recent agreement between UNC researchers and Duke Energy to establish one to three experimental wind turbines in Pamlico Sound, and what that might imply about the future development of wind power on the Outer Banks, with both its promises and environmental risks.



LWV Celebrates the Holidays

By Audrey Esposito

The Annual Holiday Luncheon and Silent Auction of the League of Women Voters of Dare County was held at Duck Woods Country Club on December 11, 2009. League member Connie Cogger and her hospitality committee were responsible for the festive event and organizing the silent auction. Forty-seven members and guests enjoyed a delicious lunch in holiday decorated surroundings and were serenaded by "The Rising Waves", an a cappella quintet: Nancy Byrne, Pat Haresch, Joan Liston, Penny Adams-Manolas, and Brynn Waite.

Members and guests were able to peruse the silent auction and bid on a variety of items including: jewelry, New Year's basket of cheer, tickets to opening night of the Lost Colony with back stage tour, wine tasting at the Native Vine, tasty coffees from the Back Porch, ceramic pieces, wine and wine glasses, a spa treatment, fruit basket, and a number of certificates from businesses on the Outer Banks. The League greatly appreciates the generosity of all donors, businesses, members and guests who participated in the auction.

The proceeds from the auction were \$1245 and will help in providing League programs for the community and the publication of the Citizens Guide which will be issued in early 2010.

Surveying the School Scene

By Audrey Esposito

The Dare County Board of Education held its regularly scheduled meeting on December 8, 2009 at Manteo Elementary School. After being called to order, and following regular procedure, Judi *Hornbeck* presented the Instructional Highlights, *Global Awareness Through Collaborative Literacy*. Donna Hollowell Winborne of Douglas A. Hollowell, P.C was present to review the annual audit of accounts of the individual schools which is a requirement of General Statute 115C-447.

The main focus of discussion during this meeting related to Policy 1760, “Harassment and Bullying”. A 2009 statute, the School Violence Prevention Act, requires boards of education to enact a policy prohibiting bullying and harassment by December 31, 2009. The policy must contain a number of specific requirements, including a definition of bullying or harassing behavior that is no less inclusive than the definition set forth in the statute. Current policy 4330, Anti-Social Behavior, already specifically prohibits harassment and bullying by students, but the current policy does not contain everything required in the recent legislation.

The proposed policy 1760 is a stand-alone policy prohibiting harassment and bullying by anyone: students, school employees, volunteers, and visitors. The policy states that this harassment could be “any pattern of gestures or written, electronic or verbal communications, or any physical act or threatening communication” and “will not be tolerated.” As stated in the policy “Harassing or bullying behavior includes, but is not limited to, behavior that is reasonably perceived as being motivated by an actual or perceived differentiating characteristic, such as race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, socioeconomic status, academic status, gender identity, physical appearance, sexual orientation, or mental, physical, developmental, or sensory disability, or by association with a person who has or is perceived to have one or more of these characteristics.”

This policy also includes the reporting of harassing and bullying behavior, the investigation of harassment and bullying reports, and the intervention and disciplinary action to be taken. Violations of this policy shall be considered misconduct and will result in disciplinary action up to and including long-term suspension or expulsion in the case of students and disciplinary action up to and including dismissal in the case of employees.

According to the policy the Superintendent “shall ensure that the information about this policy and reporting procedure is included in the school system’s employee training program.” “Notice of this policy shall appear in all student and employee handbooks and in any school system publication that sets forth the comprehensive rules, procedures and standards of conduct for students and employees.”

The Board waived its standard policy of hearing an issue twice before voting in order to be in compliance with the School Violence Prevention Act statutory deadline. Policy 1760 was adopted as recommended by Superintendent Sue Burgess on first reading.

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Elected Paula Donaghy ('09-'11)

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Bob Perry ('09-'10)

Lori Williams ('08-'10)

Appointed Connie Cogger

Directors: Mimi Iacone

Committee Chairs:

Citizens Guide: Lori Williams

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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