

**February  
2010**

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DARE COUNTY**

# The DARE Voter

## **Mark Your 2010 Spring Calendar**

**U.S. Women's History  
Lecture and Film Series**

**First Flight High School – Media Center (Library)**

**4:00-6:00 PM**

**Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**

**2010 Census: We Count Here**

**Akilah Ensley, U.S. Census Bureau**

**Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Kill Devils Hills Town Hall**

**7:30-9:00 PM**

**Dinner at Mako Mike's at 5:30 (*respond by 3/22*)**

**Go-See-Tour**

**Operational Wind Power Facilities on the Outer  
Banks**

**(Phillips Seafood Market in Columbia,  
Coquina Beach, and**

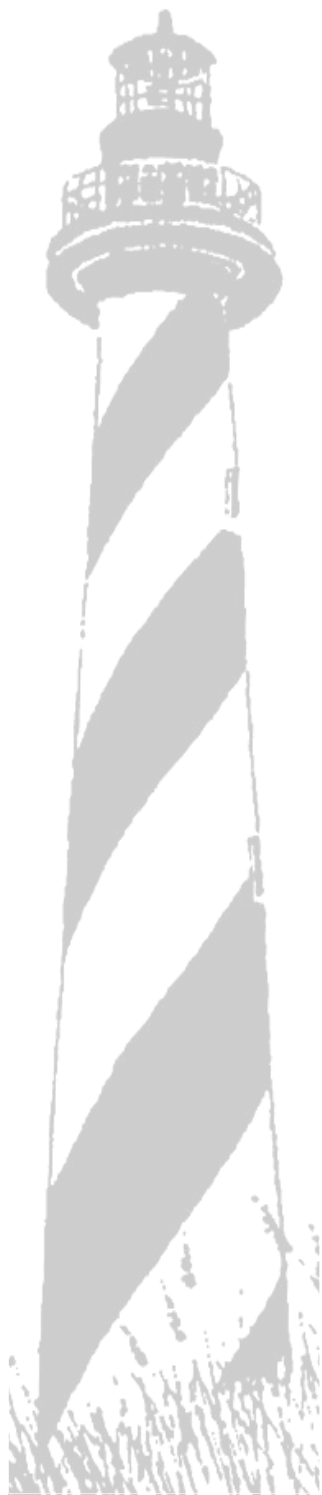
**The Outer Banks Brewing Station)**

**Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Annual Meeting at 11:30 AM**

**Location to be announced**



## Thank You from the Co-presidents

The Citizens Guide 2010 has been presented to our towns, the county office, and the Board of Education as well as being delivered throughout the county. Thank you to all who participated!

Lori Williams continues to be an outstanding Editor of the Citizens Guide. The 2010 Citizens Guide is a great way to keep the public informed and to publicize the Dare County League of Women Voters. Many look forward to its publication each year, and the valuable information provided.

Nancy Birindelli did the huge job of producing the delivery lists, which included directions to specific locations. Marianne Landrum volunteered her lovely ground floor apartment for a bundling and pick up place.

The following helped to bundle, haul and or deliver the Citizens Guides: Marianne and Jack Landrum, Lori and Sam Williams, Audrey and Sal Esposito, Carole and Troy Burchett, Pat Hayward, Sally Lowe, Mary Jane Slesinski, Kaye White, Lori and Tony DiBernardo, Robert Perry, Jane Welch, Connie Cogger and Dona Pebworth. Thank you all for your efforts.

*Audrey and Carole*

## Nominating Committee Report

by Pat Hayward, Chair

The Nominating Committee consisting of Dru Ferrence, Nancy Birindelli, and Chair Pat Hayward 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



# Outer Banks Wind Power: Not Just A Lot of Hot Air

by Audrey Esposito

On Thursday, February 25 at the Kill Devil Hills Town Hall, Robert Perry and Christopher Lazinski presented their program on “A Case for Wind Energy on the Outer Banks” to an audience of thirty or more LWV members and members of the public. Included in that audience were two Dare County students, one high school and one sixth grader, who had pertinent questions for the speakers. It is encouraging to see students participate in these forums.

The audience learned that the Outer Banks could become a leader in clean electricity generation, a model for the nation, with the establishment of wind turbines. Much time and effort was put into the Coastal Wind Study and as a result UNC Chapel Hill announced that Duke Energy and UNC Chapel Hill wished to construct three turbines in the eastern Pamlico Sound, 7.2 miles from Avon, providing electricity to Hatteras Island. An area of three square miles would be required to host one to three turbines. There were arguments opposing this with regard to lowering of property values. At this time there is no statistical information showing the relationship between turbines and property values.

From an historical perspective, windmills were utilized on the Outer Banks as early as 1895 for grinding grain. These were “big, clunky, visible” buildings whose base could be shifted for attracting the best winds. These were based on old Dutch windmills. Currently 20% of energy in the Netherlands is produced by wind power, and studies have shown that winds on and off the Outer Banks could be harnessed for providing substantial energy as well.

The environmental impact of off-shore wind turbines with relation to location, impact on birds as well as their migratory routes, bats, fish, sea turtles, and humans was discussed, as well as there being a need for an environmental impact statement.

There’s a great deal of information on this topic, and our speakers did an outstanding job. Here on the Outer Banks we have components for Renewable Energy: Solar, Wind and Wave. Perhaps we can become a model for the nation and a leader in utilizing renewable energy



# 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](mailto:BBirindelli@aol.com)



# Proposed 2010-2011 Budget

## League of Women Voters of Dare County

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

## U.S. Women's History, Session II, February 22, 2010

reported by, Audrey Esposito

Dr. Lin Logan presented the second lecture of her four part U.S. Women's History series at First Flight High School to an audience of both women and a few men who came to learn more about the Age of Reform and women's awakening desire for political recognition. The listeners heard the historical background leading up to the Reform movement and how the "Cult of Domesticity" fostered women becoming involved in issues such as Temperance, with Carrie Nation as one of the leaders attempting to "stamp out alcohol" since it promoted violence and affected families. Lucretia Mott worked to achieve prison reform and assist debtors, while Dorothea Dix worked toward asylum reform. Horace Mann began the common school movement, where women could now work outside the home. These movements were the beginnings of discontent, and expressing that discontent. Women also participated in the abolitionist movement from the beginning, sensing their own political and economic submissiveness as well.

The audience then viewed "*Not for Ourselves Alone*", by Ken Burns, which provided portraits of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony who forged the way in pursuit of women's rights. Coming from distinctly different backgrounds, they both shared a vision of a woman being "her own individual self." Both wanted freedom of thought and mind.

1848 was a year of revolution, worldwide, and became one for the Women's Rights Convention of Seneca Falls, New York where social, civil and religious rights of women were brought to the forefront. The 300 or so participants wished to overthrow the customs and laws of the day curtailing the rights of women. The Declaration of Rights and Sentiments of July 19, 1848 was modeled after the Declaration of Independence, however stating that "all men and women are created equal." The meeting, held at the Wesley Methodist Church, was presided over by Lucretia Mott's husband. The last resolution presented at the convention was one to "give women the right to vote." This resolution was eloquently supported by Frederick Douglas.

Dr. Logan also discussed how these reform movements predominantly took place in the northern states, while the south, with its agrarian economy and reliance upon slavery remained the same. The elite, white males ruled the plantation, controlled the politics, and were the masters of their wives. She also discussed the plight of the slave women, whose families were torn asunder, and also had no rights.

Women did rally and were visible in the Civil War effort and afterward. There were those who dressed as young boys and fought, and those who were spies, or nurses. At the end of the war in 1868 black men got the vote, but not women. With reconstruction many yankee school marm's took part in the education of 4 million new citizens who needed to learn reading and writing. This missionary work was considered acceptable for women. The Freedman's Bureau was created to help former slaves find missing family members and give support. With the end of Reconstruction in 1877, many of the old ways returned. However, it began a new period for women: one of Redemption.

In Session III, on March 29, Dr. Logan will be discussing The Progressive Era and the leaders in the Women's Right to Vote Movement: their successes and failures.

## **Cookbook in the Works: Calling All Cooks**

Billie Day, President, LWVDC

The Washington D.C. League is preparing a recipe book in conjunction with the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of the National League and our Chapter. The book will be edited by Goody Braun, whose byline, Goody Solomon, has appeared on food and nutrition articles in the local and national press for many years. “Old Ways Made New” and “Modernizing the Old Fashioned” are working titles for the volume, which will contain members’ and friends’ favorite recipes (often made with heavy doses of fat, sugar and salt) converted into modern, healthier, still delicious versions. All categories – appetizers, snacks, soups, salads, entrees, vegetables, desserts, etc. – will be included.

Here’s a chance to share your culinary skills and interests with others while benefiting the LWV. Please send your recipes to Goody (her email and snail mail addresses are below). She will update them and return revisions to you for review. If you already have updated recipes or have old versions, please send both to her. Brand new 21<sup>st</sup> century recipes also would be welcome. Ask your friends for contributions, too.

Please note: these should be individual recipes. If a favorite comes from a cookbook, be sure to give an accurate reference. Also please indicate whether you want your name on the recipe – and include any anecdotal information you may wish, such as family history related to the recipe.

Email is preferred: [goody.solomon@verizon.net](mailto:goody.solomon@verizon.net). Or send by regular mail to Goody Braun, 1712 Taylor St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20011. One more point: please send your recipes by end of March, if at all possible. Or at least let Goody know by then whether you intend to send something.

## **Welcome, New Member**

by Mimi Iacone, Membership Chair

**Nancy Gilmer**, a new League member, “retired” to the Outer Banks to start a new career. In 2007, she retired from a position in Washington, D.C. with the Flight Attendant Union where, for more than 20 years, she managed the Union’s Aviation Safety, Health and Security Committee, working with the National Transportation Safety Board, the Federal Aviation Administration, and the Congressional Transportation Subcommittee.

Having earned a master’s degree in Clinical Counseling from the Johns Hopkins University and obtained professional counseling licenses in Mental Health and Addiction, she was prepared to follow a new career path. While vacationing on the Outer Banks in 2007, Nancy fortuitously met the people involved in developing New Horizons, an adult and adolescent outpatient substance abuse program now an agency of Dare county Department of Public Health.

Following her longtime dream of living at the beach, Nancy moved to Nags Head in May 2008 to join the staff at New Horizons. Now happily settled, she looks forward to building new friendships and to being involved in the League of Women Voters. She offers to use the lobbying experience she gained during her years in Washington to assist the League.

Nancy grew up in Kentucky and graduated from the University of Kentucky with a degree in anthropology. Her first job was as a flight attendant for Piedmont Airlines. In addition to her work, she enjoys reading, working out, bike riding, watching sunrises, and gardening.

# Surveying the Education Scene

By Audrey Esposito

The Dare County Board of Education held its monthly meeting Tuesday, February 9 at Manteo Middle School with a relatively large group of local residents in attendance in order to protest the proposed changes to North Carolina's social studies curriculum. Before protesters spoke, during the Public Comment portion of the meeting, Board chairman David Oaksmith reviewed the policies on public comment, and the three minute limit for presentation, since several residents had signed up to speak.

Before commencing with public comments the regular agenda was followed with recognitions presented by Assistant Superintendent John Winston to outstanding students, faculty and staff. Students Julien Johnson and Shannon Scarberry were recognized for their first place entries in the National Career Development Association Poetry and Poster contest.

It was announced that nine Dare County teachers recently completed the national board certification process, bringing the district's total to 69. Manteo Middle School drama and chorus teacher Felicia Byrum was named Teacher of the Year for 2009-2010. Other personnel from various departments ranging from finance to transportation also were recognized for their excellent work in their positions, and making Dare County a fine school system.

Nancy Griffin presented the Instructional Highlights: *The Big 6: Learning 21<sup>st</sup> Century Literacy Skills* with Manteo Middle School Media Coordinator, Carrie Houseknect and a group of seventh graders demonstrating a comprehensive research method. The steps involved :teach students how to follow a writing prompt, identify the problem, ask questions, learn information seeking strategies, locate sources of information and evaluate websites, as well as utilize note taking skills, and recording their sources. Finally, synthesize the information, evaluate and reflect on the finished product.

The goal of B6 is to improve school wide literacy. With a grant from the Dare Education Foundation staff received 20 hours of professional development in incorporating writing across the curriculum, since there is K-12 writing assessment in all content areas.

During the Public Comment portion several persons spoke to their concerns regarding the proposed social studies curriculum changes with particular emphasis on the "elimination of the basis of the founding fathers" and beginning the new curriculum for the 11<sup>th</sup> grade US History with the period following the Reconstruction. Speakers felt that students needed to know why the nation was founded, and "need coherent in depth study of history." Lisa Marley of Colington stated that "The period from the eighteenth century through the late nineteenth century was the foundation of our nation's development" and that the events and defining principles are "keys to understanding our nation's identity."

The thread woven through the speakers, however, was their concern that the new curriculum was a "bold attempt by progressives to change the way young people view their country" with an emphasis on shaping students "to become loyal citizens of the world", rather than citizens shaped by their national heritage and history." There was fear expressed that too much emphasis on global awareness and environmental themes would be "taking away the beginnings of our history." Speakers implored the board to look into the proposed curriculum and to oppose it.

At the conclusion of the public comments chairman Oaksmith thanked all who had spoken. Let it be noted that Audrey Esposito presented the Citizens Guide for 2010 to the Board of

Education, after all of the other speakers. Chairman Oaksmith thanked the LWV for all that we do in the community.

In other business, the board approved the proposed Dare County Schools Capital Improvement Plan 2011-2015, the wetlands improvement projects at Manteo HS, FFHS, and FFMiddle School and the proposed revisions to Board Policy 4120, Residence Requirements. There was a proposal from the School Improvement Team of Manteo HS to obtain permission from the town of Manteo to use the faculty's back gate during arrival and dismissal times to alleviate traffic congestion and risks to student pedestrians. The board agreed to consider this request and make a decision at the March meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Oaksmith at 6:20 PM. As a footnote to this report, a small article was seen by this author on a back page of the Coastland Times following the board meeting. "NC officials drop plan to focus on recent history". "North Carolina's education agency is dropping a proposal to focus high school instruction of US History on more recent decades. The *News & Observer* of Raleigh reported Wednesday that the state Department of Public Instruction responded to critics who worried that the American Revolution, the Founding Fathers and the run-up to the Civil War would be watered down or dropped. Education administrators had proposed focusing the required high school US History course on the years after Reconstruction while teaching the earlier events in elementary and middle school."

# U.S. Women's History

## Lecture and Film Series

Presented by Dr. Lin Logan

*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 explore the political and social arrangements that structured American women's status and lives.*

### Session I - January 25

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.

### Session II - February 22

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.

### Session III - March 29

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.

### Session IV - April 26

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.



**Everyone is invited!**

First Flight High School  
Kill Devil Hills, NC  
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Dare County League of Women Voters

*Dr. Lin Logan* received a Doctorate in Education and History from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa and is the Co-author of *The History of Teacher Education in Hawai'i*. Dr. Logan completed her Post-Doctoral work in American history at Old Dominion University and The College of William and Mary and she is presently the Adjunct Associate Professor of History Virginia Wesleyan College.



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Carole Burchett ('08-'10)  
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**Vice President:** Karen DelVacchio ('08-'10)

**Secretary:** Marianne Landrum ('09-'11)

**Treasurer:** Nancy Birindelli ('08-'10)

**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