

**October  
2009**

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DARE COUNTY**



# The DARE Voter

Message from the Co-Presidents

## **VOTER FORUMS**

**Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 PM - DUCK  
Duck Fire Station**

**Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM - NAGS HEAD  
Meeting Room across from Nags Head Town Hall**

**Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM SOUTHERN SHORES  
Kern Pitts Center**

The fall season is here, and the League will be presenting Town Forums in Duck, Nags Head, and Southern Shores, towns that have contested elections. The Voter Service Committee is busy preparing the Voters Guide. More voter information is following in the newsletter. If you are available to assist at any of the forums, please contact Voter Service Chair Vivian Gould at 995-5659.

As the Newsletter goes to press the League is looking forward to the meeting on the September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The meeting "Government 101" has gotten great publicity and even evoked an Editorial in the Coastland Times on September 17, 2009.

Look in upcoming newsletters for details for the following meetings: Health Reform on Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at Kill Devil Hills Town Hall, Update on the new Insurance Bill, The Women's Movement and the ERA, and the Annual Christmas Luncheon and Silent Auction on December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Duck Woods Country Club. The Silent Auction is a major fundraiser for the League. Please begin soliciting donations for this well attended function.

The Fundraising and Citizen Guides Committees have been hard at work. A joint meeting of the committees came up with some proposals which were presented to the Board. The Board approved the following:

- A 50/50 Raffle at every meeting (Not the Forums)
- Three levels of giving for the Citizens Guide and starting with the 2011 Guide an increase to a \$150 minimum to be recognized on the cover of the Guide.
- Participation in the Annual Belk's Charity Sale
- Golf Tournament to be held in the Fall of 2010.

- Let's support Karen and Lori!



*Carole and Audrey*



## Mark Your Calendars

**September 23, 1:30 p.m.**  
**Government 101**  
**Dare County Administration Building**

**November 16, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Robin Lane on Health Care Reform**  
**KDH Town Hall**



## It's That Time of Year

by Paula Donaghy

No, not the time we fall in love, its flu season. The vaccine for seasonal flu is available now, but there is some question about how long it lasts. One pharmacist suggests waiting until October so it will carry through the March flu season. General surveys indicate that the current flu virus here in North Carolina is the swine flu and would not be prevented by the seasonal vaccine. Swine flu vaccine may be available in October. I would suggest that you talk to your physician about Tamiflu. This is an antiviral medication that may be effective in treating current flu symptoms if given within the first two days of onset. Information on local seasonal flu vaccination sites is listed below. The vaccination is covered by Medicare and does not require a prescription. Costs for non-Medicare participants range from \$25-\$35.

Hatteras Island at Health East - 986 2756

Island Pharmacy 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. M-F except Thursday - suggests waiting until Oct.

Bear Drugs – available 9/20, M-F, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Kitty Hawk - 261-7999,

Nags Head - 441-1252, M-F, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

CVS, Kill Devil Hills- available 10/15 - 441-4377

Manteo – available November – 473-5056

K- Mart- Kill Devil Hills, 9/ 22, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. - 441-2001

Walgreens - Kill Devil Hills, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. daily, available now

Health Department in Manteo – 475-5003, monthly clinics, watch newspaper and radio for dates.



# Surveying the School Scene

by Audrey Esposito

The Board of Education of Dare County held a special meeting on September 3, 2009 in order to approve the discretionary cuts to the 2009-2010 budget in the amount required by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and to adopt the 2009-2010 budget proposal. All board members were present.

Discretionary Cuts as Required by the State	\$752,798
School Bldg. Admin. and Central Admin.	\$224,213
Instructional Support: 5 positions	\$304,185
Career Technical Education	\$224,400
Total Discretionary Cuts	\$752,798

Total Reductions to the 2009-2010 Budget \$912,966

Included in those reductions are: textbooks, high school math adoption delayed, two Central Office positions, phasing out of the administrative intern program, elimination of the 2009 Jump Start program, restructure of Summer School, and seven less teaching positions.

The Total Operating Budget for 2009-2010 \$51,444,292

Recap of Revenue for 2009-2010 Operating Budget

State- Program Allotments	\$25,783,924
Local County Appropriation	\$21,216,225
Federal-Program Allotments –Stimulus	\$4,444,143
Total Operating Budget	\$51,444,292

It was reported that the Federal Stimulus monies, instead of being \$1.8 million, amounted to \$4.4 million and helped in funding the Rebound program, continuing the Spanish program in the elementary schools, assisting with the number of AP courses offered, and payment of HVAC contracts. The More at Four Program will also be renewed after appeals to the state.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on September 8, 2009 at Manteo High School. The Instructional Highlights for the evening included a presentation concerning the “Cistern and Rain Garden Project: Tech Prep and Advanced Placement Collaboration.” This comprehensive project was a cooperative effort with partners including: COA, the Coastal Federation, the NC Aquarium, Dare Co. Soil and Water, and the Elizabethan Gardens. Funding was obtained in part from the Sea Cap program and the Dare Education Foundation.

Dr. Sue Burgess reported on the opening of the 2009-2010 school year. Dr. Burgess, along with board member Bea Basnight, visited each classroom in Dare County during the days of August 26 through August 28<sup>th</sup>.

Burgess reported that the current enrollment in grades K-12 is 4,821, there are 108 students in More at Four Program, bringing total enrollment to 4929. She stated that there had only been a 1% drop in enrollment since the 2006-2007 school year. The ESL (English as Second Language) program has grown by 10% in a single year, with a total of 305 students, and no funding from the state is received. Class size remains below the DPI maximum, with grades 4 and 5 being close to the 24 student maximum.

Dr. Burgess discussed various instructional programs that are available to students as well as professional development provided to staff. Details can be viewed on the Board of Education website. Offerings are comprehensive and strategies that have been implemented for high school reform have been paying off, with Dare County receiving #1 for best on time graduation rate in the state of North Carolina, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest drop out rate in the state.

New business included a first reading of the Revision to Policy 3225/7320 and Regulation 3225/7320-R regarding information technology resource use.

# Election Calendar for Dare County

**October 9** – All residents of Dare County who are not registered to vote must register by Friday, October 9. Persons may register at the Board of Election Office, 954 Marshall C. Collins Drive, Manteo, NC Monday – Friday 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. Registration forms are available at the Dare County Libraries and the Town Halls in Dare County

**October 15 to October 30** – “One Stop” absentee voting is available at the Board of Elections Office, Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM and at the Baum and Fessenden Centers from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Saturday, October 31 the Board of Elections will be open from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Citizens may register to vote and vote at the same time during this period.

**November 3** – General Election. Polls are open from 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM

## Welcome New Members

### Robert Perry

Who better than Robert Perry to be the new chairman of our Natural Resources Committee! Robert is the Director of the Albemarle Ecological Field Site, a study-abroad program offered by University of North Carolina's Study Abroad Office and its Institute for the Environment.

After serving on the Community Advisory Board of the AEFS for two years, Robert was tapped to be its Interim Director in 2007 and named permanent Director in January, 2009. His strong background in conservation and natural resources sparked his original interest in this program. Robert earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in environmental studies from Cornell University and the City University of New York respectively. Before settling in Manteo in 2005, Robert served for 11 years as Director of Environmental Programs for the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation in Morristown, NJ. Previously, he had been progressively, a science teacher, admissions director and Science Department Chair at a private school in New York City. His publications have focused on the destruction of tropical forests, the negative environmental impact of sprawl on regional hydrology, pollution and habitat fragmentation, and the extinction of animal and plant species.

Robert is married to his “magnificent friend” Katherine Crawford who works at the Elizabethan Gardens. They have two grown sons, Jonah and Wesley. Robert is immensely interested in growing vegetables, fruit and other edible plants such as ginger as well as in understanding the implications of fragmented natural habitat, world religions, kayaking, hiking, birding, poetry and cosmology.

### Sally Lowe

Sally Lowe and her husband Jack retired from McLean, VA to Southern Shores in 2001. After graduating from Emory and Henry College, Sally taught science for several years, then returned to school and graduated from the Medical College of Virginia with a degree in Medical Technology. In that profession, Sally worked in hospital laboratories as a specialist in hematology and as a med-tech instructor. The last 21 years of Sally's career were spent working for a laboratory equipment manufacturer, initially as a technical rep, then as a capital instrument sales representative.

Gardening is Sally's passion. She is a Dare County and Fairfax County Master Gardener and is a member of both the Dunes of Dare and the Roanoke Island Garden Clubs. Sally and Jack are active members of Duck Woods County Club. Her other interests include reading and classical music. Rounding out the Lowe household are two lucky cats, “RC” and “Miss Jenny Beasley”.

Thank you to all of you who have renewed your membership. If you have not renewed your membership please do it today. If you have renewed please pass this form to a neighbor or friend and get them involved with the League.



**League of Women Voters of Dare County  
Membership Renewal Form**

**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**

*Check us out at [www.lwvdarenc.org](http://www.lwvdarenc.org)*



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# 2009 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS CANDIDATE FORUMS



**Ask the candidates  
YOUR questions and  
hear their  
views and visions.**



*For more information:*

Vivian Gould  
252-261-5659  
Carole Burchett  
252-261-6380  
Audrey Esposito  
252-261-8052

**Attend the Candidate Forum  
in your town...**

## **Duck**

Thursday, October 1, Duck Fire Station

## **Nags Head**

Monday, October 5, Town Hall

## **Southern Shores**

Wednesday, October 7, Pitts Center

*Kitty Hawk, Manteo and Kill Devil Hills  
have opted not to have a forum since there is  
no contest for the election.*

*All forums 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm*

**Learn more about local issues  
that affect you and your family!**

[www.lwvdarenc.org](http://www.lwvdarenc.org)



P.O. Box 689  
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**Officers:**

**Co-presidents:**

Carole Burchett ('08-'10)  
261-6380

Audrey Esposito ('09-'11)  
261-8052

**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