

October  
2011

# The DARE Voter

## Mark Your Calendar

(See details elsewhere in this newsletter)

**Saturday, November 5th:** 6:00 – 10:00 a.m. – Belk Charity Sale – Belk in Kill Devil Hills

**Friday, November 11th:** 9:00 a.m. – Breakfast with Jo Nicholas, LWV-NC President – Duck Woods Country Club

**Monday, November 14th:** 3:00 – 5: 00 p.m. – Discussion of Senior Issues for the Senior Tar Heel Legislature – Baum Center

**Tuesday, December 13th:** 11:30 a.m. – Holiday Luncheon and Silent Auction – Duck Woods Country Club

**Thursday, February 23rd:** 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Health Program – Baum Center

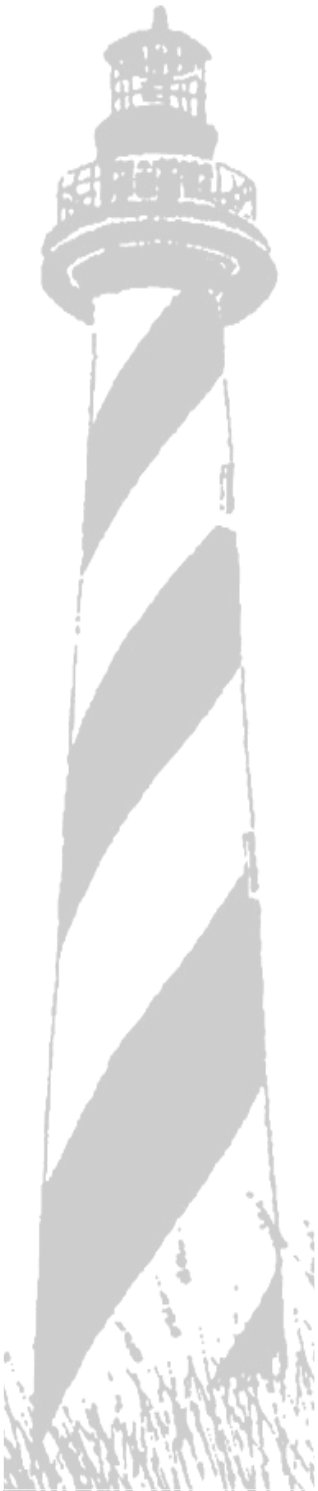
**Thursday, March 22nd:** Natural Resources Program — Pains Bay Fire

**Friday, April 20th:** Go-See Tour to Pains Bay Fire (rain date, April 27)

**Friday, May 11th:** Annual Meeting

Board Meetings are the third Tuesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. – followed by Lin Logan's women's film series at 2: 30 p.m. -- Spring Arbor

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Hi Dare County League Members,

Wow! October was a great month to be a League member. We pursued our mission of self-education/community education, and we had some fun too! We learned about the Federal role in education in Dare County, listened to our State Senator, Stan White, describe the process of governing in Raleigh, and began our Survey of Voting Procedures in Dare County. To help our fellow citizens make informed chooses this November, we conducted one reception and three forums to give them a chance to meet and question those that will lead the way in the towns of Duck, Southern Shores, Nags Head, Kill Devil Hills, Kitty Hawk and Manteo. Some functions were well attended, others were not, but all agreed the League's efforts were greatly appreciated. We also combined work and play as we had lunch at our Board meeting and later discussed Elizabeth I: The Warrior Queen film.

In November we will continue to conduct our Survey on Voting Procedures in Dare County. (If you like the great outdoors and talking to strangers, we could use your help.) Also, look for information on our November program, as we learn about the Senior Tar Heel Legislature and get input on what aging issues Dare County citizens would like emphasized in the 2013 Legislative session. It's never too early for holiday planning. The Silent Auction/ Holiday Luncheon is set for Duck Woods Country Club on Tuesday December 13, 2011. Think about donating or soliciting a donation for the Auction. While you are at it, think of a friend you could treat to lunch and bring along as a potential member.

On November 11, State League President Jo Nicholas will join us for breakfast at Duck Woods Country Club. She will give us information about what is happening at the State level of League of Women Voters. Breakfast will be at 9AM. Additional information will be sent out shortly. Please join us for what should be an interesting morning. Remember the Board meeting is Tuesday November 15, 2011 at 12:30 at Spring Arbor's Community Room. All members are always welcomed. We have some lunch, discuss League business, and socialize. (Lunch reservations to Lori W. by Monday November 14<sup>th</sup> - \$5.00 on Tuesday.) Then stay for the film and discussion of The Midwife's Tale at 2:30.

Fondly,  
Lori W. and Lin



## **Breakfast with the LWV-NC President**

State League President Jo Nicholas will visit Dare on Friday, November 11 at 9:00 a.m. with breakfast at the Duck Woods Country Club in Southern Shores.



Jo will have an informal discussion with local League members about what is happening at the State level. She is a most engaging speaker and will be a pleasure for members to meet. This is a “members only” event, and the first visit from a state president in more than four years. Plan to attend and support LWV at the state level through our local membership. Please be reminded that part of our dues (\$11.00 this year) support the state efforts to lobby and monitor the state legislature as well as being involved in many coalitions that are working to advocate for League positions on such issues as education, election reform, the environment, health care, etc.

Breakfast will consist of a buffet with scrambled eggs, bacon, French toast, assorted mini muffins and Danish, bagels and cream cheese, juice, coffee and tea. The minimal cost is \$11.00 including tax and tip.

Remember, please RSVP by November 5 to Lori Williams at 261-5275. Checks can be mailed to LWV, PO Box 689, Kitty Hawk, NC 27949 or brought the morning of the breakfast. Please let Lori know if you are coming so the Club can be provided with the number of attendees.

## **League of Women Voters Meeting to Discuss Senior Issues**

League of Women Voters (LWV) of Dare members Kaye White and Mary Ellen Hawthorne will provide information about and lead a discussion for senior citizens on the Senior Tar Heel Legislature. This informational meeting will be held on November 14, 2011, at 3:00-5:00PM at the Baum Center in Kill Devil Hills. Refreshments will be served.

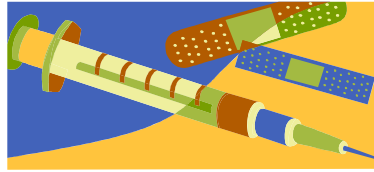
Kaye and Mary Ellen were appointed by the Dare County Commissioners to the Tar Heel Legislature in January of this year and have attended all three sessions held in Raleigh. The Senior Tar Heel Legislature was created by the NC General Assembly to:

1. provide information to senior citizens on the legislative process and matters being considered by the NC General Assembly
2. promote citizen involvement and advocacy concerning aging issues before the NC General Assembly
3. assess the legislative need of older citizens by convening a forum modeled after the NC General Assembly.

Kaye and Mary Ellen will provide an open forum to tell citizens about the legislative priorities for 2011 and 2012 and get input from citizens on what aging issues Dare County citizens would like to be emphasized in the 2013 legislative session.

In February 2011 the Division of Aging and Adult Services of the Dept. of Health and Human Services of NC published an Aging Services Plan for 2011-2015. Through Governor Perdue’s *Living Wise and Aging Well* initiative the department has gathered comments and ideas state-wide about what is needed to best respond to our changing and growing older adult population. Learn what is in this plan and how it will affect you.

## Flu, Shingles, and Pneumococcal



See the table below for a list of drug stores that offer some or all of these vaccinations. Please call ahead to check availability of vaccinations and times of administration.  
 Shingles vaccine only for people 60 years of age or older.  
 Note: RX indicates that a doctor's prescription is required.

<b>DRUGSTORE</b>	<b>FLU</b>	<b>SHINGLES</b>	<b>PNEUMOCOCCAL</b>
<b>Bear Drugs</b> 261-7999	✓	✓ RX	✓ RX
<b>CVS</b> Kitty Hawk 261-8097 Kill Devil Hills 441-4377 Manteo 473-5056	✓		✓ RX
<b>Island Pharmacy</b> 473-5801	✓	✓ RX	✓
<b>Kmart</b> 441-2001	✓		
<b>Rite Aid</b> Kitty Hawk 261-8900 Nags Head 441-7111	✓	✓ RX	✓ RX
<b>Walgreens</b> Kill Devil Hills 441-4849	✓	✓ RX	✓ RX
<b>Walmart</b> 261-3310	✓		✓

## **Fundraising Efforts**

By Lori DiBernardo

and

Carol Butscher,

Fundraising Co-Chairs

The fundraising committee has kicked off this year's fundraising efforts! As you know, the primary purpose for fundraising is to cover the printing costs of the 2012 Citizens Guide. Our plan this year is four-fold:

**Direct Mail Campaign:** We have sent out more than 100 letters to local businesses, municipalities, and individuals requesting support for our Citizens Guide. These letters have gone to both previous and potential new donors. The responses have started coming back, and we are quite optimistic, but there is a long way to go! If you know of a business that may be interested in supporting us, please send their business name, contact name, and mailing address to Lori DiBernardo at [ltd32@charter.net](mailto:ltd32@charter.net), and we will ask for a donation.

**Belk's Charity Days:** This fabulous sale at Belk this fall is on Saturday, November 5, 6:00 – 10:00 a.m. Please support the League by purchasing tickets for the sale. They are \$5 each and directly benefit the League. The ticket will also be your passport to the sale where almost everything in Belk is deeply discounted! Each ticket will give you \$5 off an item, so buy multiple tickets, and you will not believe the bargains!! Please contact Carol Butscher at [cab314@yahoo.com](mailto:cab314@yahoo.com) to obtain additional tickets.



**Chico Bags:** This year we are selling Chico Bags for the benefit of the League. Chico Bags are a convenient, durable, reusable bag that clips to your handbag. You will always be ready to shop! They make a great stocking stuffer or small holiday gift, so get ready for the holidays and make yourself and your family a little more “green”! We have Chicos in 2 sizes: the original size is \$6 each, 2 for \$11, and the vita size is \$8 each, 2 for \$15. Contact Lori DiBernardo at 261-4365 or [ltd32@charter.net](mailto:ltd32@charter.net) to get your Chico Bags!

**Holiday Luncheon Silent Auction:** It may sound like it is far away, but the Holiday Luncheon is right around the corner! We had a great time last year and raised over \$1,400 (our best year ever), and we are looking forward to it again! We ask that you start thinking about donating any unused items that you have for the auction. Please also consider asking any of your favorite business owners if they would consider making a donation to the League's Silent Auction. If you have any items to donate, please contact Lori DiBernardo at 261-4365 or [ltd32@charter.net](mailto:ltd32@charter.net).

Thank you.



## Voter Service Report

The Voter Service Committee was extremely busy in October sponsoring a reception and three forums to inform the public about the candidates in the upcoming local elections in the six towns. The election is Tuesday, November 8 with early voting from October 20 through November 4 at the Baum Center and the Board of Elections office in Manteo.

Of the four candidates who were vying for contested commissioner seats, none attended. Only the mayor (who is uncontested) attended, and he was accompanied by his wife. No other voters showed. However, in Nags Head all of the candidates were in attendance; however, the citizens were few in number.

Forums were held in Manteo, Nags Head, and Kill Devil Hills. The one in Manteo, coordinated by Carole Burchett, was quite unique. Of the four candidates who were vying for office, only one attended, and he was accompanied by his wife, but no other voters showed. However, in Nags Head, coordinated by Mary Ellen Hawthorne, there was an excellent audience with good participation to discuss the issues of that town. The forum was taped (funded by a private citizen) and aired on Channel 20. Likewise in KDH, there was a very representative audience asking excellent questions. The session was videotaped by the town and was also shown on Channel 20. Unfortunately, one of the candidates did not appear as he was opposed to the videotaping. That forum was coordinated by Nancy Birindelli.

Many thanks to all of the members who assisted with the reception and the forums. It is an all inclusive effort to sponsor that many events in a span of several weeks, and the moderators, question reviewer, greeters, and timers made each forum an educational tool for the voters. Also thanks to Audrey Esposito and Dick Liston for compiling the information to submit to the local papers for the Voters Guide. With 25 candidates, it was an awesome task!

**Please exercise your right to vote!**



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you are cordially invited to join  
**THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**

on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM  
for a

**HOLIDAY CELEBRATION**

**Duck Woods Country Club, Southern Shores, NC**

Our Holiday Luncheon traditionally includes a Silent Auction with items donated by members. We would very much appreciate your donation of gift items, art works, craft items, antiques, services (perhaps gardening or catering) or gift certificates solicited from local merchants. Please call Carol Butscher at 261-6983 and let her know what you will donate. Donations should be dropped off at the home of Carol Butscher or brought to the club no later than 10:30 AM on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Reservation Form**

Please return by Wednesday, December 5th or call Joan Phifer at 480-3200 to make a reservation. Guests are welcome, bring a friend!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of reservations \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20.00 Total amount \_\_\_\_\_

Vegetarian meal available upon request \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to LWV and mail to: LWV, P.O. Box 689,  
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949

## Surveying the School Scene

By Joan Liston, Education Chair

During the Board of Education meeting Tuesday, October 11 held at First Flight Elementary, Superintendent Dr. Sue Burgess delivered her annual opening report a month late due to Hurricane Irene. She reported that the Board of Education dealt with a \$1.1 million shortfall through workforce attrition rather than layoffs. Eliminated are two central office staffers, two administrators, 16 teachers, and 10 teaching assistants.

Enrollment of students is now 4,996 students, an increase of 33 students. This meets the state's requirement for full funding but not additional funding. The average class sizes in Dare Co. do not exceed the state limit but is larger in most cases. The state recommends no more than 24 in K-3 and Dare County is 21 up from 20. For grades 4-5 the state asks that not more than 29 students be in a single class and Dare County has 25 students up from 20 six years ago. In grades 6-9, the state maximum in core subjects is also 29 and Dare's is 22 up from 20 last year. In core subjects in high school grades 10-12 the state requires no more than 32 students. Dare County averages 15 at Cape Hatteras 19 at First Flight High and 23 at Man-teo. We now have a slight decrease in students enrolled as English as a second language from 294 to 292.

A few other interesting facts presented by Dr. Burgess were:

- The new teacher housing at Buxton has 8 of the 12 units filled and all 24 units filled in Kill Devil Hills.
- Temporary housing at no cost to the employees or Board was secured for 12 school employees at the Cape Hatteras schools after Hurricane Irene.
- Twelve teachers attended regional training on the new common core standards which begin in the 2012-2013 school year with new state testing. Further training is being held during the school year.
- Applications are still being processed for reduced priced meals and Food for Thought. There are now 603 participants in the week-end program privately funded called Food for Thought.
- The pre-school program titled More at Four was cut 20% at the state level and moved to the Dept. of Health and Human Services. However, that department could not set it up that quickly so they requested that the local school system continue to administer it—126 students are served.
- Read 180, a program to assist students in reading comprehension, was expanded to all high schools and middle schools on the beach.
- 39 % of the middle school students are taking algebra and 10% geometry.
- Some 562 students are enrolled in 17 Advanced Placement courses including 58 in on-line courses. Ten students are enrolled in community colleges.

### Looking for Stuff

As our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a League approaches, I am looking to update the Outer Banks History Center holdings for the League. Pat Storey has donated much valued materials up to 1996, and the Center has all our Citizen Guides. If you have pictures, minutes to meetings, newsletters, and/or any other League materials that you would be willing to donate, please contact Lin Logan, [logannedd@charter.net](mailto:logannedd@charter.net).



**All renewals are due in November, then the roster is purged! Please RENEW NOW!!!!**

## **LWV – Dare County**

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM – 2011-2012**

The membership renewals for 2011-2012 are due beginning July 1, 2011.  
New members who joined after February 1, 2011 are automatically renewed for 2011-2012.

Individual Membership -- \$50.00

Household Membership -- \$75.00

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP DUES -- **checks made payable to LWV – Dare** \_\_\_\_\_

TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION -- **checks made payable to LWV - CEF**  
(donations are for the Citizens Guide and programs) \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to receive the monthly newsletter via email?                      YES    NO

May we send you program reminders and political notices via e-mail?    YES    NO

Please mail this form and your check(s) to:

**LWV of Dare County  
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Thank you for your continued support!



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**Officers:**

Co-presidents:

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252-261-5275

Lin Logan ('11-'13)  
252-480-2866

Vice President: Mary Jane Slesinski ('11-'13)

Secretary: Marianne Landrum ('10-'12)

Treasurer: Nancy Birindelli ('10-'12)

Elected Joan Phifer ('11-'13)

Directors: Audrey Esposito ('11-'13)  
Vivian Gould ('11-'12)  
Robert Perry ('10-'12)  
Pat Haresch ('10-'12)

Appointed

Directors: Carole Burchett, Carol Butscher, Lori DiBernado, Mary Ellen Hawthorne, Joan Liston, Marion Midgett, and Geri Sullivan

**Committee Chairs:**

Citizens Guide: Geri Sullivan

Education: Joan Liston

Fundraising: Carol Butscher and  
Lori DiBernardo

Health Services: Carole Burchett

Hospitality: Joan Phifer

Membership: Marion Midgett  
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Natural Resources: Robert Perry

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Nancy Proctor, member

Programs: Joan Phifer

Publicity: Audrey Esposito

Voter Service: Mary Ellen Hawthorne

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