



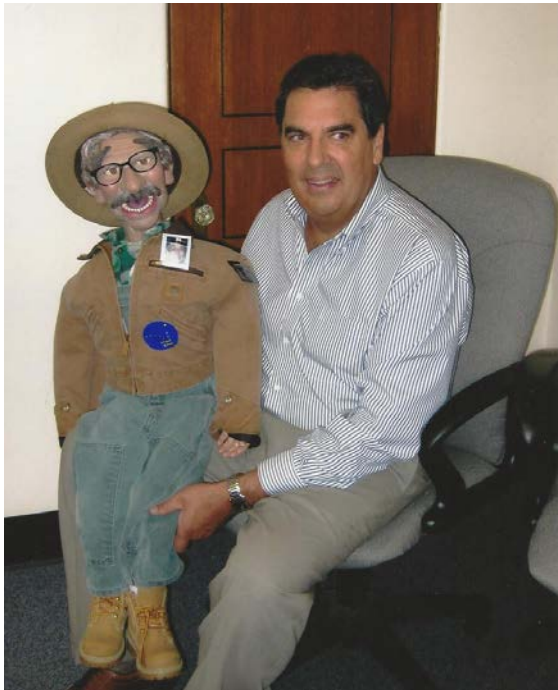
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Board of Directors' Report

Your Board of Directors continues to meet with CBJ Assembly members. We recently met with Randy Wanamaker and Carlton Smith. Randy is concerned about voter turnout and suggested that it might be helpful to poll several precincts with low turnout to see what is keeping voters from the polls, particularly for the municipal elections. Carlton discussed the use of community leaders to create PSA's to encourage voter turnout. Carlton also expressed a concern for an ample clean water supply, affordable housing, and an economic plan for the borough.



Carlton Smith and his wise friend Charlie speak with the LWVJ Board of Directors. (Report continued page 2)

Book Group Report

Our next meeting will be at 5:00 on September 26 in the Valley Library to discuss **Galileo's Daughter** by Dava Sobel. In October we will also meet in the Valley to avoid elevator construction issues.

***October:** *The Price of Inequality: How Today's Divided Society Endangers Our Future.* Joseph E. Stiglitz

***November:** *Seasick: Ocean Change and the Extinction of Life on Earth.* Allanna Mitchell

***December:** No meeting.

***January:** *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings.* Maya Angelou

***February:** *Write Hard, Die Free: Dispatches from the Battlefield and Barrooms of the Great Alaska Newspaper War.* Howard Weaver.

***March:** *Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity.* Katherine Boo. (At last report not available until 1/2014 & maybe then in paper at about \$13).

The following books are alternates: **Zoobiquity: What Animals Can Teach Us About Health and the Science of Healing.* Barbara Naterson-Horowitz, MD. & Kathryn Bowers; **What Money Can't Buy: The Moral Limits of Markets.* Michael J. Sandel.

Thanks. Vivian at vkhegg@gci.net

CANDIDATE'S FORUM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

CBJ Assembly Chambers

6:30 p.m. Meet & Greet

7:00 p.m. Forum

Barbara Belknap as moderator!

The Juneau League and the July 4th Parade!!

Marianne Mills again drove her Miata for the 4th of July Parade. Dr. George Brown and Jim Powell marched with the League banner. We handed out more than 600 cards outlining the dates for the fall's municipal election as well as our Bill of Rights bookmarks. Thanks goes to Geny Del Rosario for helping with the voter information cards. And it didn't rain!



Here's that Miata with Marianne driving and Carolyn Brown in the passenger's seat!

Don't Forget To Let Your Voices Be Heard!

It is easy to send a quick email to our public servants; a well thought out and concise message can have influence. National representatives can be reached at www.senate.org or www.house.org. To read national legislation, see www.thomas.org.

Proposed Alaska legislation can be read at <http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/> And if it is CBJ information that you seek, check out the excellent city clerk's homepage: <http://www.juneau.org/clerk/index.php>

(Board of Director's Report cont.)

The Board will continue to meet with CBJ Assembly members through November. Issues resonating with the majority of those members interviewed include voter turnout, economic diversity, CBJ budget issues, affordable housing, and increasing the field of candidates willing to run for office. Our next Board Meeting will be held at the Mendenhall Library on September 21st at 10 a.m. We invite all members to attend these meetings.

Membership and Leadership Development Training (MLD) was held in Salt Lake City in August. Alaska sent 13 LWV members, five of those being from Juneau. As a result, Jim Powell and Lexie Janoweic are planning events that will attract younger members to LWV.

New Member Highlights

The LWVJ welcomes Anne Fuller to the LWV. Anne Fuller worked for the Alaska Department of Labor for 29 years after moving to Juneau. She is an enthusiastic supporter of public libraries, community dancing, and the Alaska Folk Festival. Her daughter graduated from JDHS in 1999. Anne and her husband are bicyclists. In addition, she is a storyteller and a fiddler.

The Juneau League still has a few of those wonderful blue long-sleeved T-shirts in the following sizes: L, XL, 2XL. Cost? \$15. If you would like to purchase a T-shirt, you can contact Judy Andree at (907) 780-6767 or jagster42@gmail.com.

The Membership and Leadership Development Building Blocks for Success:

1. Conducting regular and intentional outreach to potential League members
2. Connecting with and becoming visible in the community
3. Developing local League leaders' skills and confidence
4. Annual training for League leaders and League coaches
5. Consistent coaching by dedicated and knowledgeable League volunteers

**LOOKING FOR WAYS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LEAGUE?
LWVJ Opportunities for Members**

Some of our members have recently expressed the desire to get more involved. Following are a list of projects Juneau League Members can work on. Training is available. If you'd like to get more involved, please check the area(s) below and mail in or send a message to MarianneMills@msn.com who is collecting the information in a database for our use. Thanks!

**I am interested in getting involved with the following activities:
(check as many as apply)**

Voter Registration and Voting

- Register voters at UAS, high schools, health fairs, naturalization ceremonies
- Assist homebound persons with voting on election day
- Develop schedule of elections and registration deadlines for distribution

Juneau Empire Voter's Guide

- Serve on team to meet with Empire staff
- Serve on committee to develop questions
- Mail letters and questions to candidates

Municipal Candidates Forum

- Serve as moderator
- Serve as timekeeper
- Collect and sort questions from audience

Take Action on Local Issues of Concern

- Draft letters/letters to the Editor for Board review
- Meet with other members to strategize actions members can take
- Testify before the Assembly or one of its committees

Take Action on State Issues of Concern

- Draft letters/letters to the Editor for Board review
- Meet with other members to strategize actions members can take
- Testify before a Legislative Committee

Develop Social Media to Promote League and Voting

- Set up and monitor a Juneau League Facebook page
- Assist Board to promote voter participation through Facebook
- Recommend other types of social media to promote League principles

Help with League Newsletter

- Interview New Members to introduce them through the newsletter
- Take photos for the newsletter
- Handle lay-out of the newsletter
- Mail out the newsletter (primarily via email)

Fourth of July Parade

- Walk in the Parade with the Juneau League
- Design citizen handouts to distribute on the parade route

___ Get the word out to members and friends to join us

Help Facilitate Non-Fiction Book Club

- ___ Reserve the library room for meetings and send out monthly email reminders
- ___ Recommend books and in some months guide the discussion
- ___ Take meeting notes and write one paragraph summary of discussion for newsletter

Study Committee on CBJ Boards

- ___ Meet with a small group for discussions of the issues
- ___ Develop questions for members or experts to study all sides of the issues
- ___ Report to the Board on involvement of members and/or the public

Study Committee on Water/Wastewater

- ___ Meet with a small group for discussions of the issues
- ___ Develop questions for members or experts to study all sides of the issues
- ___ Report to the Board on involvement of members and/or the public

Assist with Secretarial duties

- ___ Take minutes at the monthly Board meetings
- ___ Write thank you notes to our guest speakers
- ___ Submit notice of meetings to the Juneau Empire and radio stations

Learn how to be Membership Director

- ___ Assist Membership Director with sending dues renewal notices
- ___ Assist with sending out "Welcome Packets" to new members
- ___ Learn about submitting membership data for the LWVAK and LWVUS rosters

Learn how to be Treasurer

- ___ Assist Treasurer in developing monthly financial reports
- ___ Learn about Per Member Payment to the State and National Leagues
- ___ Learn about the process for developing the annual budget

Learn how to be President

- ___ Assist with developing monthly meeting agendas
- ___ Learn how to facilitate meetings, including the process for motions
- ___ Learn about connections and resource to the State and National Leagues

Other areas of interest? Please list below:

Thank you for your input!

**DON'T FORGET THE CANDIDATE'S FORUM ON SEPTEMBER 18TH!
Broadcast by KTOO**

September 22nd Voter's Guide in the *Juneau Empire*