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LWV Anchorage Calendar

- **Oct 21:** Naturalization Ceremonies 2 pm on UAA Campus
- **Nov. 7:** Board Meeting 5:30 pm
- **Nov. 10: 1st half "Role of Federal Government in Education" Consensus Mtg. 6-8:30 pm YWCA**
- **Nov. 12: 2nd half "Role of Federal Government in Education" Consensus Mtg. 9-11:30 am YWCA**
- **Nov. 15:** Mayor's Education Summit -9 am-8 pm Anchorage Hilton
- **Nov. 16:** Mayor's Education Summit -9 am-5 pm Broadcast: Both Live on Channel 1/Live Streaming on muni.org
- **Nov. 21** Naturalization Ceremonies 10:30 am at BP Energy Center
- **Dec.12** "Title 21-Land-Use Regulations" at the Planning and Zoning Commission

Fall is here and by the time you receive this, there will likely be snow on the ground. To help you make winter go by faster we have a few activities for you.

LWVUS STUDY PROJECT: "The Role of the Federal Government in

Public Education": The League of Women Voters US (LWVUS) has developed a study of **"The Role of the Federal Government in Public Education."** We will have two meetings to review the material and gather the LWV Anchorage response to the consensus questions. The first meeting will be **Thursday, November 10, 2011, 6 pm–8:30 pm** in the YWCA conference room at 324 E 5th Avenue. The second meeting will be **Saturday, November 12, 9 am–11:30 am** at the same location. The draft consensus questions are in this newsletter. **The study material is available on our web page, www.lwvanchorage.org.** The Thursday meeting will focus on "Core Standards." The second meeting, Saturday, will focus on "Equity and Funding." You are urged to participate in both meetings but you may choose to only participate in one meeting. The public is welcome to attend and participate in the discussions. Only League members may take part in the actual consensus.

Local Government: "Title 21" is in the news. What is "Title 21?" This is what implements the Anchorage 2020 Comprehensive Land Use Plan and future Anchorage land use plans. Title 21 is being revised to enable the application of many of land use concepts in Anchorage 2020. While most of the revisions have already been approved by the Assembly, this is only provisional until the entire Title 21 is adopted. As of this writing, December 12, 6:30 pm. is when the Planning and Zoning Commission will begin the final adoption process. The Mayor's Recommendations and the Consultant's Report are available at www.muni.org, click on "Departments," and then click on "Planning" or you may contact the Municipal Planning Department. Why should you care? While it is called a land use plan, the results affect the face of Anchorage, social, economic, transportation, parks and recreation, schools, etc. Take a look.

Municipal Budget: The Assembly is beginning its adoption of the 2012 municipal budget. If you would like to take a look at the budget just go to the special web site, www.munibudget.org

A Very Special Thank You: The League of Women Voters of Anchorage says thank you to **Wilda Hudson** for her many years of service as Treasurer of the local league. Wilda continues to serve as treasurer for the LWV Alaska. While she is missed at the local board meetings, she continues to be an active, vital league member. **Thanks, Wilda,** for reminding us of League's informed participation in government.

Planning Ahead:

- November 10 & 12** LWV meetings on "Role of Federal Government in Public Education"
15 & 16 Mayor's Education Summit- 9 am to 8 pm on 15th & 9 am-5 pm on 16th.
Complete information available at www.muni.org. Public may observe meetings at the Hilton, view them live on GCI Cable Channel 1 or Live Streaming on www.muni.org
- December:** Holiday Social Gathering (date and place to be announced)
- January:** Program Planning for 2012-13
MLK Day "Build a Bike" more information to come
Voter registration in Anchorage High Schools for the April 3 Municipal Election
- February:** "Ballot Review" preparation—on line publication
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- March 23-25:** Anchorage LWV host the 2012 LWV Alaska Convention (**volunteers needed**)
- April 3:** Election Day telephone coverage (**volunteers needed**)
14: Anchorage LWV Annual Meeting
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Jean Stassel

In Memoriam: Jean Neale Stassel, pioneer Alaskan, died with family present at Providence Extended Care Center on July 18, 2011. She had recently celebrated her 84th birthday and 62nd wedding anniversary. Jean was a former Local and State League president. She served many years on both boards. As a League member, her particular interests were issues that pertained to youth, education and equality. Jean made League a family affair, husband **Fred Stassel** and daughter, **Joan Stassel** are also Anchorage League members. Jean made a huge difference in the lives of many individuals and has left the world a better place. She will be greatly missed! Jean was a mother, substitute teacher and commercial fisherwoman. In addition to League, she was active in the Eastern Star, Scouting, the Alaska Children's Services, and Methodist Church. She served as State President for both the of Women Voters & United Methodist Women. She volunteered extensively, had a heart of gold

and was an advocate for justice and kindness, going to bat for people in crisis situations as if they were family. After raising six children and two grandchildren, she earned a Masters in Reading from Alaska Pacific University, and tutored students in remedial reading. She is survived by her husband Fred Stassel; her children Susan Stassel Elkins, Steven Stassel and his wife Mary Stassel, Paul Stassel, Joan Stassel and her husband Chuck Livers all of Anchorage, and Linda Stassel and her husband Richard Bullington of Vancouver, WA; nine grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and brother James Neale of Gainesville GA. A memorial service was held August 14th, at First United Methodist Church. Donations in Jean's memory can be made to League of Women Voters of Anchorage (www.lwvanchorage.org) or Alaska Children's Services (www.akchild.org).

Thank you to the Stassel Family for sharing Jean with us all these years.