



Republican Women

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JAN/FEB/MAR CALENDAR

- Jan 13** There will be a CWRW General Meeting and potluck from 6 to 8 PM in the meeting room at the Coupeville Library.
- Feb 10** There will be a CWRW General Meeting and potluck from 6 to 8 PM in the meeting room at the Coupeville Library.
- Mar 10** There will be a CWRW General Meeting and potluck from 6 to 8 PM in the meeting room at the Coupeville Library.

Note: If you are interested in helping with any of these events, please contact Debbie Cunningham at 360-678-5678 or email: debbiec@whidbey.com

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2010 ELECTION UPDATE



Did it seem to you like this election season lasted FOREVER! I know that many of us worked harder and with more determination than we ever have before.

I was heartened by the new members that found our club out of genuine concern for our County, our State and Our Country.

Of course we are disappointed that great candidates like Dino Rossi and John Koster were not victorious, but the successes that Republicans around the state have achieved this year are impressive. They represent the best results for Republicans in our state in a generation.

The positive impact of these victories is proven by the number of seats that are no longer held by Democrats.

In summary:

•**Congress:** Republicans took a congressional seat away from the Democrats for the first time 16 years. Jaime Herrera is a tremendous new

addition to our state's congressional delegation, thanks to the great work of the grassroots activists of Southwest Washington.

•**State Senate:** Republicans have taken three State Senate seats away from the Democrats and are ahead in a fourth. If we get the fourth, this will be the biggest Republican gain in the State Senate in 30 years.

•**State House:** Republicans have definitely taken three State House seats away from the Democrats and are ahead in two more. This will be the biggest Republican gain in the State House in 16 years.

Island County Offices: The efforts that many wonderful volunteers put in resulted in electing much needed Republicans to county offices. Our club members were instrumental in helping to elect our new County Commissioner, Kelly Emerson and Assessor, Mary Engle.

We sign waved, contributed, supported, door belled and much more! Our bylaws tell us that our objectives among other things are to work for the election of Republican party nominees. We did that, on to 2012!

CWRW Elects 2011 Officers

At the November meeting the Central Whidbey Republican Women nominated the following Executive Board for 2011:

Debbie Cunningham, President, **Charlona Sawyer**, 1st Vice President, **Carolyn Pivarnik**, 2nd Vice President, **Denise Lorenz**, Treasurer and **Jean Wilcox**, Secretary.

We look forward to their leadership and thank each of these ladies for stepping up to make 2011 a fabulous year!

CONGRATULATIONS

Barbara Bailey, WA State Representative 10th Legislative District

Norma Smith, WA State Representative 10th Legislative District

Kelly Emerson: Island County Commissioner

Mary Engle: Island County Assessor

Sheilah Crider, Island County Auditor

Debbie Cunningham on her election to Puget Sound District Director at WFRW 2010 Board of Directors Meeting and Convention.

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Good intentions will always be pleaded for any assumption of power. The constitution was made to guard the people against the dangers of good intentions. There are men in all ages who mean to govern well, but they mean to govern. They promise to be good masters, but they mean to be masters.

Daniel Webster

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS REGARDING CLEAN WATER UTILITY DISTRICT - Jeff Lauderdale

What is fecal coliform? Is it dangerous?

Answer: Coliform bacteria are organisms that are present in the environment and in the feces of all warm-blooded animals and humans. Coliform bacteria will not likely cause illness. However, their presence in drinking water indicates that disease-causing organisms (pathogens) could

be in the water system. Source: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/dw/Programs/coliform.htm>

It should be noted that this applies to drinking water and drinking water systems, not ground water (streams, ditches, culverts, and puddles).

Has Island County done any sampling of surface water?

Answer: Yes. There is an ongoing program that samples primarily culverts, intermittent streams and ditches that began in FY 2006. To date, over \$1million has been spent. There is an extensive data base available from IC Environmental Health. The data shows a solid improving trend. No lakes have ever shown elevated levels of fecal

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Republican Women Follow National Winning Pattern: Newcomers Take Many House Races, But Only One New Senate Seat, Three New Governors; Many Democratic House Incumbents Fall

The 2010 election results for women mirrored the national swing to Republicans, according to the Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP), a unit of the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

One new woman, Republican Kelly Ayotte (NH), won a Senate seat. At least seven new Republican women, including one woman of color, will join the House of Representatives, matching the previous record of seven Republican newcomers in a single election. All three new women governors are Republicans, including two who won woman-versus-woman races. Two of the new governors are women of color, the first women of color to head state governments.

For Democrats, the picture was less rosy. Notably, the Democratic loss of

control of the House means Rep. Nancy Pelosi (DCA) will lose her leadership role as Speaker of the House. As Speaker, Pelosi has been the highest-ranking elected woman in U.S. history. At least nine Democratic House incumbents lost their races, and no new Democratic women became senators or governors.

Four Democratic newcomers will join the U.S. House of Representatives. All are women of color, including three African-American women and one Asian-American woman.

Depending on the outcomes of remaining races, women could lose ground in Congress. The number of women in Congress has not dropped since 1979 and has not stayed level since 1987; either of those outcomes is possible this year. The number of women in the Senate has risen or stayed level every

year since 1979.

"This was a winning year for Republican women, as it was for Republicans in general," noted CAWP director Debbie Walsh. "Even though several of the most talked-about Republican women – Meg Whitman and Carly Fiorina in California, Sharron Angle in Nevada, and Christine O'Donnell in Delaware – lost their races, the overall Republican gains were significant."

Walsh observed that Republican women could have done even better if more of the record number who ran in primaries had won. "With a powerful Republican tide, more women could have been swept in, had there been more candidates."

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coliform concentration. Only two "sources" have ever been identified. One was a failing septic system. One was determined to be ducks and geese. The IC Health department is 2 years behind on producing the required program reports. Source: Island County Environmental Health documents (Island County Surface Water Monitoring Program Reports FY 2007 & 2008, WQ Data with Flow Spreadsheet.xls all available from IC Environmental Health.)

Is there any history of fecal coliform contamination in Island County Wells?

Answer: *No. Neither of the two largest water purveyor companies have ever found fecal coliform contamination in any of the nearly 500 wells that they individually manage, in their combined more than 50 years of professional experience. The reason? There simply is no credible pathway for these bacteria to travel hundreds of feet through the earth traveling without a food source, in the cold dark on a journey that takes a drop of water years to complete. Source: Spokesmen for King Water Company and Whidbey Water Service*

What about our beaches? We keep hearing that 15 of our beaches are closed to shell fishing. What is the truth here?

Answer: There are 15 Island County Beaches

closed to shell fishing. Nine are closed permanently because of their physical proximity to the outfalls of Municipal sewage treatment plants or nearness to a marina. Those closures are permanent, by law. Of the six remaining, three currently have acceptable current water samples but need a "boots on the ground" shoreline survey to be reopened. Washington State DOH has limited resources. No one (Island County Government) has asked that a survey be accomplished. The remaining three beaches (south end) were surveyed 12 years ago. There are still tight lined grey water discharges visible from the water so Washington DOH is not going to consider reopening them until local actions is taken. Mr. Greg Combs, manager of the Washington State Recreational Shellfish Program, states unequivocally that use of the shell fishing beach closures as a flag to promote political agendas is inappropriate. It demonstrates misunderstanding of the purpose and the details of the program. There are also a number of beaches that are subject of "advisories". Those have also been touted as "red flag" environmental issues. Nothing is further from the truth. Those advisories read, except for the two for Penn Cove that say Shell fishing is OK as long as the two Municipal Sewage Treatment Plants that discharge into Penn Cove are operating correctly, read "Washington DOH has not conducted surveys

here and therefore can't guarantee the safety of the shell fish" Pretty scary.... Source: Mr. Greg Combs, Recreational Shell Fishing Program, Division of Environmental Health, Washington DOH.

What are the limits that are applied to water samples taken from ditches, culverts and puddles?

Answer: Currently the number is 100 cfu(colony forming units/100ml is called an exceedance. 200 cfu/100ml is limit and 400cfu/100ml is a limit for lakes or large bodies of water. The limits are derived for waters used for recreational use or swimming. Source: Washington DOH.

What happens to septage that is removed from On-Site Septic systems when the pumper truck drives off?

Answer: It goes to a facility at the Island County Dump. It undergoes aerobic treatment to reduce the concentration of fecal coliform bacteria and other pathogens. It is then spread, 1.2 million gallons per year, in various fields and forests on Whidbey Island. The allowable fecal coliform limit is 200,000 cfu/gram. Since there are 100 grams in 100 ml, you must multiply the limit by 100 to make the make a comparison with the water limits. So, the limit is actually 20,000,000 cfu/100 ml.



CENTRAL WHIDBEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

Central Whidbey Republican Women is a group of women and men who are dedicated to electing good Republicans. Our meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month from 6 to 8 PM at the Coupeville Library. Central Whidbey Republican Women is chartered under the By-laws of the Washington Federation of Republican Women.

Our top issue over the next couple months will be continuing to educate the voters about the increased taxes currently being imposed by local politicians.

CWRW will focus on electing Republicans at the county, state, and national levels. We will partner with Island County Republican Party to educate and strengthen the Republican Party by recruiting, training and electing candidates; advocating the Party's philosophy and initiatives; and, empowering women of all ages, ethnicities and backgrounds in the political process.



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are good. Is it just me? Source: Mr. David Bonvouloir, Island County Solid Waste Manager.

What about Municipal Sewers? Are they contributors?

Answer: Yes. The discharge limits for Municipal Sewage treatment plants is 400 cfu/100 ml. Most operate at or near that limit. However, these systems move millions of gallons of effluent into the sound daily. The Seattle South West system moves 320 million

The IC process actually produces a spreadable product that only contains between 200,000 and 500,000 cfu/100ml. And it is perfectly safe. In fact, if it could get under 100,000 cfu/100ml it could be used to fertilize school yards. It should be noted that Island County Board of Commissioners renewed contracts that will extend this practice 8 more years So, for 200 cfu/100 ml in a ditch we need a new tax but for 200,000 cfu/100 ml spread by the county, we

gallons per day. Source: various including Coupeville, San De Fuca and Oak Harbor NPDES permits.

PUBLIC FORUMS

Please try and attend one of these forums:

Dec. 8 at Trinity Lutheran Church at 18341 Hwy 525 in Freeland from 6 to 8 PM.

Dec. 9 at the Coupeville Recreation Hall, 901 NW Alexander St.