



President's Report – 2022 -2023

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Although we no longer have covid restrictions, the LWVCKP is still holding meetings via zoom to accommodate our Homer members.

Highlights

June 2022: A Homer League member wrote a resolution to have more election advertising signage. The Homer City Council passed it. Based on that resolution, we submitted a similar resolution to the Soldotna City Council which also passed.

August 2022: A college student, took the lead as part of his civics leadership volunteer responsibility, to organize an LWV Voter Education booth at the Soldotna Wednesday Market on the Kenai River.

Our local league collaborated with the Coalition for a Healthy Democracy consisting of eight nonpartisan groups, including Kenai Peninsula Vote.

The Homer faction of our league in conjunction with the coalition held a very successful event about Reproductive Rights with about 400 people rallying.

September 2022: Meeting speaker: Attorney Beth Kerttula, elected seven times to the Alaska House of Representatives, spoke on why we should not support a constitutional convention. Attorney Doug Bailey also joined the discussion.

We adopted a resolution to Vote No on Ballot #1, placed it in the newspaper, and delivered Vote No on #1 signs around the peninsula.

October 2022: Meeting Speakers: Susanne DiPietro, Executive Director of the Alaska Judicial Council, and Senior Judge Elaine Andrews explained the work of the Judicial Council.

We helped host nine Candidate Forums at the Soldotna library every Monday, September through October until the election, collaborating with KDLL Public Radio and The Peninsula Clarion, live in-person and streaming.

November 2022: Speaker: Pamela Hays, PhD, psychologist, and the author of several books including "Creating Well-Being: Four Steps to a Happier, Healthier Life. Her message: take care of your mental and physical health during this era of turmoil.

Committees

Environment Committee: Researched all nine active environmental groups on the Kenai Peninsula

Youth Vote Committee: Helped sponsor a Homer youth led candidate forum for the Special Election for the Borough Mayoral Election in February 2023, with Civics teacher Lucas Parsley

Health Care Committee: Working with Dr. Carolyn Brown

Education Committee: Coordinates with the Youth Vote and promotes civics education.

Legislation Committee: Sends out action alerts weekly about legislation of concern to the League.

December 2022: Holiday party fun was had by all on zoom. We donated toys, books, and other items to the Women's Resource Center in Kenai, and a resource center in Homer.

January 2023: Guest speaker: Elise Boyer shared her thoughts on Anti-Semitism.

We held one last candidate forum for the special Mayoral Election at the Soldotna Library with our local public radio station KDLL and the Peninsula Clarion.

February 2023: As mentioned in the list of committees, Homer High School students led a forum for the four Kenai Peninsula Mayoral candidates.

League members marched in the Homer Winter Carnival parade, themed ROCK The VOTE.

March 2023: League members were alerted to the case of *Haeg versus the State*, which contends that because Alaskans must go through a referral process to be heard by the Investigative Grand Jury, that the Alaska courts are systematically corrupt and unconstitutional. We discussed the situation with the president of the Judicial Council, Suzanne DiPietro. She contacted the Alaska Court system Communication Department and they developed and posted a new frequently Asked Questions Guide: [New Information About Grand Jury Investigation Process \(alaska.gov\)](https://www.alaska.gov/courts/haeg)