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THE VOTER

Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.

The public is invited to all upcoming League events.

Water as a Resource

Many of us new to the Spokane League do not know our local League's long and successful history in working on water issues for the City of Spokane and Spokane County. Plan to attend the February 11th program on Water as a Resource to learn more about our League's history and hear from varying perspectives from current water experts.

Date: Tuesday, February 11, 2020
Time: 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Place: Water Resource Center
1004 North Freya St. *
Spokane, WA 99202

Guest Speakers:

Casey Flanagan, Spokane Tribe of Indians/ Department of Natural Resources
Harvey Morrison, Trout Unlimited
Jaime Short, Department of Ecology
Jerry White, Riverkeeper
Walt Edelen, Spokane Conservation District

and Rob Lindsay, Spokane County Environmental Services / Water Programs Manager
and our Host and Moderator.

*Parking is limited. Please plan to carpool if you can.

Save the Date: Programs and Events

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| <p>Thursday, February 6 5:30-7:30 pm</p> <p>Shadle Park High School Auditorium 4237 North Ash Street</p> | <p>Census Public Forum: Our Spokane League is partnering with Spokane Complete Count (SCCC) to ensure we have an accurate 2020 Census count in Spokane County.</p> <p>All League members are encouraged to learn more about the Census and consider signing up as an enumerator (the “outreach and counting” staff of the US Census Bureau).</p> |
| <p>Monday, February 10 6:00 pm</p> <p>City Council Meeting Lower Level of City Hall 808 West Spokane Falls Blvd.</p> | <p>Proclamation - Founding of the LWV: Mayor Woodward will read a proclamation at the City Council meeting for the 100th anniversary of the League of Women Voters. Let’s all plan to attend this event.</p> |
| <p>Tuesday, February 11 1:00-4:00 pm</p> | <p>General Meeting: See Water as a Resource program above.</p> |
| <p>Friday, February 14, 4:00 – 6:00 pm</p> <p>FORZA Coffee Company 1028 North Hamilton Street, Unit 190</p> | <p>Valentine’s Day and the League’s 100th Birthday are on one and the same day. Come to a Spokane League reception at Forza’s and celebrate with snacks, and a cash bar (wine, beer, hard cider, and an array of coffee/tea drinks).</p> |
| <p>Tuesday, February 19 11:00—1:00 pm</p> <p>Hope House 111 West Third</p> | <p>Homeless Walking Tour: At our December 2019 meeting, Jon Carollo from Volunteers of America invited us on a Homeless Walking Tour. The purpose of the Homeless Walking Tour is to educate Spokane citizens about the challenges faced by our homeless neighbors and the resources that exist to support them. We will take the walk that homeless women take daily, rain, snow or shine, from the Hope House to the Women’s Hearth, highlighting services along the way. There is very limited parking at Hope House, so plan on parking at the meters on the side streets. We will meet at 11:00 behind Hope House in the alley, and then will go in for a tour.</p> <p>Please RSVP to Dawn Shuster theshusters@comcast.net or 509-879-5810 if you plan to attend.</p> |

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| <p>Tuesday, March 3 1:00 – 2:00 Argonne Library 4322 North Argonne Rd. Spokane Valley</p> <p>3:30 – 4:30 South Hill Library 3324 South Perry St. Spokane</p> | <p>Ballot Parties are planned prior to Presidential Primary with ballots due March 10. During ballot parties, we explain the parts of a ballot and may provide job descriptions for the public service jobs being sought.</p> <p>In the President Primary ballot parties, we will use the FAQ’s provided by the Washington Secretary of State’s Office to explain the new Presidential Primary ballot. FAQ’s; https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/voters/presidential-primary-faqs.aspx</p> |
| <p>Tuesday, March 10</p> <p>11:30 – 1:00 pm St. Andrews 2404 North Howard</p> <p>5:30 – 7:00 pm TBD</p> | <p>General Meeting: Census and Re-districting: repeat program—day and evening times (<i>note evening program location TBD</i>).</p> <p>Two great speakers, Alex Panagotacos (Spokane Complete County) Alison McCaffree (LWVWA Issues Chair on Census & Re-districting), will give us an update on the Census process and discuss the once-in-ten-year process of the Washington State Commission on Re-districting.</p> |
| <p>Tuesday, April 14</p> <p>St. Andrews Church 2404 North Howard</p> | <p>General Meeting: Voter Registration/Ballot Parties The November 2020 election is almost here, and we <u>all</u> need to be trained and ready to register voters and to understand the role ballot parties play in reaching underserved communities.</p> <p>If you have been working in voter registration and ballot parties, please plan on attending to share your experiences in this very important work. See Denise Campitelli’s first-hand account of registering new citizens to vote in her first Naturalization Ceremony in this issue.</p> |
| <p>Wed.– Sat. performances April 23-25 Spokane Community College</p> | <p>The Play: Many Maps. One Voice. We are co-sponsoring a play on the history of the Washington Commission on Re-districting. The League was involved, and so was a member’s grandmother!</p> |
| <p>May Annual Meeting</p> | <p>To be determined</p> |

Voter Services Activities

LWVSA members Sylvia Oliver and Susan Hales reached out to many of the 1,000-plus attendees at the day-long Homeless Connect event at the Convention Center on Thursday, January 30. They registered 28 voters who are homeless or housing insecure.

One of the Reasons I Joined the League of Women Voters... By Denise Campitelli, LWVSA Treasurer

One of the reasons that I joined the League of Women Voters a little more than a year ago was to be involved with voter registration in some way. I had gone through the Voter Registration Training and had observed a couple of Civic Education classes in the high schools and had enjoyed it all.

And then on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, I volunteered to be part of the voter registration efforts surrounding a Naturalization Ceremony, and I cannot tell you how moving and rewarding that event turned out to be.

Standing in the back of a jam-packed, ninth-floor courtroom in the Thomas S. Foley United States Courthouse, I had the honor of watching 34 individuals from 23 different countries take their oath of citizenship. I was mesmerized by the proceedings and not a little emotional with the overall atmosphere of the event. Each new citizen received a certificate of citizenship, shook hands with those officiating, and returned to the seats. Then Judge John Rodgers addressed the new citizens and told them three things:

- First, he warmly welcomed each person saying that he did not know their individual path to arrive to this day, but that he was happy to be a part of this life-changing event.
- Second, he strongly urged - actually said that he was begging them - to participate in this country's democracy with whatever activity they choose with the most important activity being their right to vote.
- And third, he asked them to remain themselves. In other words, do not change who they are but to incorporate their culture into this new country's culture.

The new citizens (and their family and friends) made their way to where the LWVSA and the Spokane County Elections Office personnel were waiting for them, and I am proud to say that 23 new citizens of the United States registered to vote that day.

It was a most memorable experience and one that I recommend to all. I do have some advice though:

- Be sure to join the next Voter Registration Training
- Volunteer for all events, but do not miss a Naturalization Ceremony
- Bring Kleenex!

Presidential Primary Coming!

Do you need information on this election? Legislation approved in the 2019 session changed rules for the upcoming Presidential Primary in Washington (March 10, 2020). See [here](#) for what is different about this election.

New Member Bio – Welcome!

Constance Holland comes to Spokane by way of California, Arizona and Colorado, of which she is a native. She has worked in a variety of careers including emergency planner, council of governments' researcher, environmental nonprofit staff, environmental policy professor and bookstore clerk. She spent 2017 and 2018 traveling the U.S. and Canada in the style of John Steinbeck with her dog, Mischa. She is an oral storyteller and writer and living history character portrayer. She has been active in LWV in CO and CA.

Jean Richardson: In Portland, where I have lived for over 30 years after graduating from Central, I worked in software development, most of the time in my own consultancy. I led three high profile state public health projects, and also consulted in city and federal government as well as volunteering for 15 years as a court-based mediator in the county court. My interests include policy in public health, aging, and voter access.

Nominating Committee News

The nominating committee is at work putting together a slate of members to fill upcoming vacancies on our Spokane Area LWV Board of Directors. Elections will be held during the Annual Meeting in May. Members of the Nominating Committee are: Lisa Kuhar (Chair), Suzi Johns and Ann Murphy. If you have any interest in becoming a Board member, please send an email to Lisa Kuhar at lisakp95@gmail.com.

Sign Up and Open Up: Keeping Our LWVWA Community Informed!

TWIL (*This Week in League*) is THE way friends and members get the inside scoop on neighboring Leagues and the State League issues, ideas, and events. It is quick to scan; there are [copies archived](#) on the [For Members](#) section of LWVWA.org. The goal is to have 100% member subscribers, and 95% of them regularly opening the link to check it out. If you have signed up for this and aren't getting it check your spam filter. If you haven't signed up for it, or you aren't sure, [sign up here](#): **Amy Peloff, League of Women Voters Washington**

League Membership

You too can join in the activity and important work of being in our League. Go to <http://www.lwvspokane.org/join.html>

League Leadership

LWVSA Board Members

- President – Beth Pellicciotti
- Vice President-Marilyn Darilek
- Secretary- Jan Wingenroth
- Treasurer- Denise Campitelli
- Director-Ann Murphy

Off-board Positions

- Voter Services – Susan Hales
- Strategic Planning-Sylvia Oliver
- Webmaster-Mary Hughes
- *The Voter*- Lisa Kuhar
- Facebook—Sylvia Oliver
- Civics Education-Beth Pellicciotti

The Leadership Team meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 at St. Andrews Church, 2404 North Howard.

