



Spokane Area VOTER

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LWVWA Reveals Legislative Priorities at Action Workshop

League priorities and Washington state budget issues were the topics of the day at the LWVWA Action Workshop in Kennewick on Saturday, Oct. 23. **Pam Behring** and **Ann Murphy** attended.

Kim Abel, LWVWA 1st VP - Action, reviewed the League's 2011 Legislative Priorities:

- Strengthens Democracy
- Strengthens Education and Early Learning
- Supports Families and Children
- Improves Access to Health Care
- Protects Natural Resources and Human Health
- Promotes Balanced Transportation System

The final document (with more detail) will be available soon. Kim asked all Leaguers to do one new action during the upcoming Legislative season – take the legislative

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Review League History at November Unit Meetings

Ann Murphy, LWVSA President will present "League of Women Voters – Taking Women from Suffrage to Civic Engagement" at November unit meetings.

The presentation will trace the early history of the League not only nationally, but at our own Spokane level. Ann created the presentation for the Pacific Northwest History Conference to be held in Spokane Nov. 3-5.

Discussion topics will include voting experiences (positive as well as difficulties), stories of any suffragettes in your family, effects of women "having the vote."

Anyone with early League records is invited to call Ann and/or bring them to the unit meeting to share.

Did you know -- that the state League office was in Spokane at one time?

Coming in December...

League of Women Voter's annual
Elected Officials Luncheon

Monday, December 13, 2010

Spokane Masonic Center

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Underwritten by Avista Utilities

All LWV members are encouraged to attend. We expect to have a variety of tasks we will need help with before and during the event. If you can give us a hand, please call **Molly Hannan** (533-0501) or **Mary Hughes** (624-7258).

November Unit Meeting Schedule

Nov. 8, Monday

Unit 7/9 – 12:30 pm - 221 E. Rockwood Blvd.

Contact: **Alice Stolz** (455-8944)

Nov. 9, Tuesday

Unit 4 - 5:30 pm - Europa, 125 S. Wall (no-host dinner)

Contact: **Linda Milsow** (838-9186)

Nov. 11, Thursday

Unit 5 – 10:00 am - LWV Office, 2404 N. Howard

Contact: **Martha Preecs** (325-4725)

Remember, any member and visitors are welcome to attend any Unit meeting. **See you there!**

President's Perspective...

It has been an interesting journey to prepare my presentation for the Pacific Northwest History Conference. I have not done this type of research and writing since I was in college! And it has been an interesting challenge. I began with my topic: "The League of Women Voters – Taking Women from Suffrage to Civic Engagement."

My research has taken me to various places –

- Internet browsing for articles and correspondence with other Leaguers in the state.
- Our League office exploring our own files and finding great articles, books and pamphlets.
- The League Archives at the NW Museum of Arts and Culture (MAC). I spent an afternoon there looking through the files in some 14 boxes of material that have been catalogued.
- And dusting off my own collection of materials.

I have learned new information ... and have recalled information with trips down Memory Lane (such as remembering when my mother, Margaret Fellows Portman carried petitions for Initiative 211 back in the early 60's).

I also remember my mother saying that after she had heard someone speak about the League of Women Voters when she was a young person (at her church in Evanston II, in the 1930's) – that she wanted to "be part of that organization." She joined the League after she came to Spokane the 1950's and was active until her death in 1994. I grew up knowing about her League activities – and then joining with her after I returned to Spokane in 1982. She was the one who did my voter registration when I moved back to Spokane and mentored my League involvement.

I have found numerous newspaper clippings and documents – and I feel confident that some of you have more in those files that you have at home. Now is the time to share those with the League. Please bring materials that you may have to share when you come to your unit meeting.

I look forward to sharing what I have learned about League – and hope to learn more from some of you. See you at Unit Meetings.

Ann Murphy

PS... I missed a thank you for last month's Ballot Issues Forum to **Gretchen McDevitt** for her assistance in securing speakers. Thanks Gretchen!

Splinters From the Board 10/21/10

Treasurer's Report – \$5,366

Membership: 83 current members

- LWVWA President Linnea Hirst joined the Spokane Board along with **Linda Milsow** and **Alice Stolz** to share dinner and informal discussion on what other Leagues are doing.
- Ed Fund drive for KSPS documentary (*Courage in Corsets*) collected \$2,095.
- **Ginger Kelsh** has moved to Seattle temporarily so **Pam Behring** and **Joyce Jones** will share the duty of checking on mail and phone calls.
- Elected Officials Luncheon: Avista will again underwrite the event. **Mary Hughes, Pam Behring** and **Molly Hannan** will organize the event.
- Unit attendance in Oct: 18 members; 1 guest.
- Ordered new LWV membership brochure.

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newsletter (sign up info on page 3), make personal contact with your legislator, respond to the Action Alerts during the session.

Three other speakers provided additional perspectives: Larry Haler (Rep - 8th District) presented his proposal to modify the state budget – primarily to move all education related expenses to its own separate budget.

Ted Roach, Pasco Immigration attorney, talked on the undocumented workers. He presented a number of myths, with countering information, related to the effect of undocumented workers in this country.

Timm Ormsby (Rep - 3rd District) addressed the complexities of balancing the state budget. In addition, he noted that due to the number of Initiatives on the ballot with significant fiscal impacts, that he just couldn't predict anything at this time. His advice for visiting a legislator: leave the talking points of your issue on a single piece of paper and in a large font!

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Dues Payment -- -- Clip this form and place with your bills for payment

YES, I want to join or renew my membership in The League of Women Voters of the Spokane Area

Name: _____

\$ 70. Individual

Address: _____

Distribution

Local \$21.30

State \$19

Nat'l \$29.70

City: _____ Zip: _____

\$100. Household

Phone-- Home: _____ Work: _____

\$100. Sustaining Member

\$150. Benefactor

Fax: _____ e-mail: _____

\$ 35. Scholarship(call for application)

\$ 35 Student

Please make check payable to & mail to: LWVSA 2404 N. Howard St. Spokane, WA 99205, www.lwvspokane.org

More Opportunities to Celebrate Women's History Abound...

Spokane Tree Planting -

Check out the Spokane League website (www.lwvspokane.org) for City of Spokane Proclamation and picture of the 100th tree planing at Riverfront Park. **Molly Hannan, Ann Murphy,** and former member **Bridget Piper** participated.

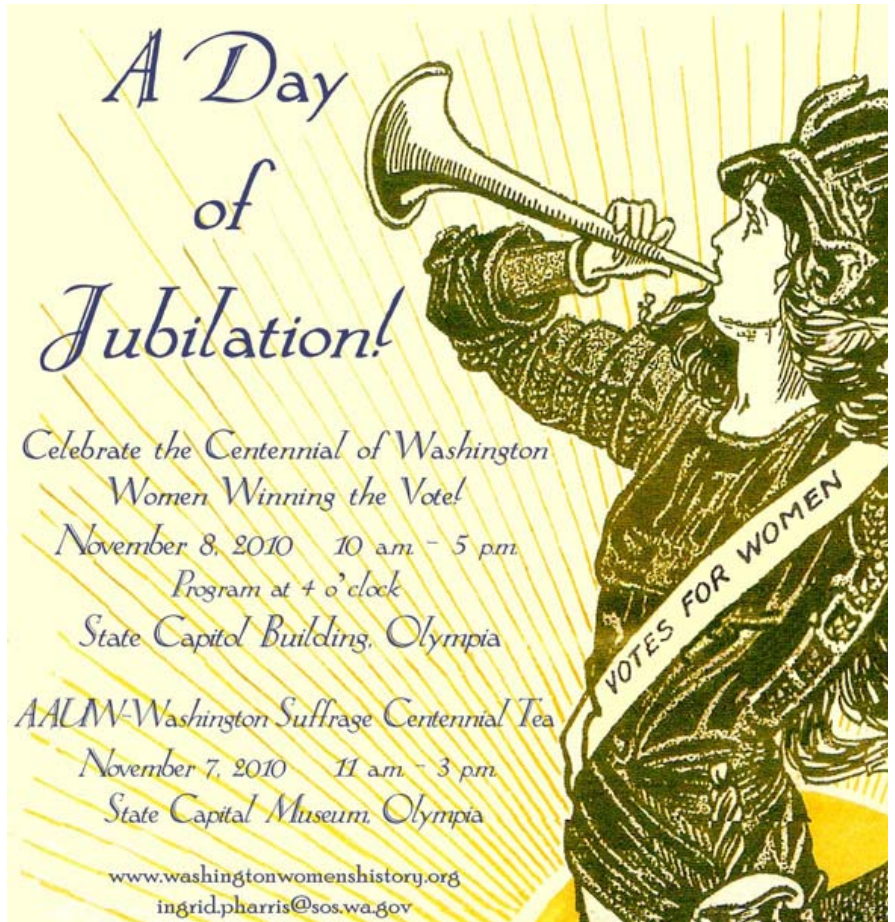
Spokane Regional Labor Council, AFL-CIO

presents: *"Equality for All: The History of Women and the Labor Movement"*

Saturday, November 6, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
2316 W. 1st Ave, Spokane

Registration (\$40 with lunch/\$15 no lunch)
contact src@spokanelabor.org for more info

Speakers will discuss the history of labor and suffrage, how they came together at the national level and the regional level, the history of Spokane labor unions, what type of jobs women first had and which unions women could join.



Subscribe to the League's Legislative Newsletter

Follow the League's Progress in Olympia. During the legislative session you will receive information about League support or opposition to bills, pertinent committee hearings, status of bills and Action Alerts.

Two versions: E-mail is free/ Regular mail is \$15.

Send request (name, address, phone & email) and money if appropriate to:

lwvwa@lwvwa.org or

LWVWA, 4730 University Way NE #720, Seattle WA 98105

Be in the Know!

Thank you...

to the 32 members who have paid their dues.....

If you still need to pay, be sure to send your dues in today to renew and continue receiving League materials use the form at top of this page.



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Alice Stolz, Chair
Martha Pomerleau

Calendar

October

30 Exhibit Opening - MAC - 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Women's Votes, Women's Voices
 Exhibit continues to May 7, 2011
 (see box to right for details of opening.)

November

1 LWV Dues are Due
 2 Election Day
 3-5 PNW History Conference @ Davenport
 4 *Courage in Corsets* - on air premier
 on KSPS @ 7 p.m.
 6 Labor Council Workshop (see page 3)
 8 100th Anniversary of Washington State
 Suffrage approval (see page 3)
 8, 9, 11 Unit Meetings (see page 1)
 18 LWVSA Board Meeting. 5:00 p.m. LWV office

December

13 Elected Officials Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.
 Spokane Masonic Center
 16 LWVSA Board Meeting, 5:00 p.m.

Dues are Due Nov. 1! Individual Member dues are now \$70 (approved at 2010 Annual Meeting). Please send check to office address as above.

Women's Votes, Women's Voices

October 30, 2010

Museum of Arts & Culture
 2316 West First Ave

Attendees encouraged to come in costume of any era.

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Special premiere screening of *Courage in Corsets* at the MAC Auditorium.
 RSVP required (ksp@ksp.org)

1:00-3:00 pm - Suffrage Tea - Button Making - Suffrage Songs - Women's Club Costumes

2:00 pm Opening Remarks and Recognitions
 Welcome by Mayor Mary Verner

3:30-4:30 p.m. Public screening of KSPS *Courage in Corsets: Winning the Vote in Washington State*

Related events:

Nov. 3-5 - Pacific Northwest History Conference @ Davenport

December 18, 2010 - April 20, 2011 - *Dress Code* exhibit at the MAC