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"The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, and influences the public policy through education and advocacy."

General Election Forum

Two forums featuring candidates and issues on the Nov. 8 general election ballot were taped Sept. 29 and will be replayed on CityCable 5, the City of Spokane's government-access cable station. LWVSA organizes and moderates the forums in partnership with CityCable 5 as part of an ongoing service to provide area voters with current information on candidates and ballot issues.

Forum I titled "City Election Forum," will include candidates for Mayor, Council President, and Council - one position from each Council District. Replay --

- Saturday, Oct. 1, at 9 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 12, 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 15, at 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 8:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 23, at 3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 11 a.m.
- Monday, Oct. 31, at 10:30 a.m.

Forum II --"School Board/Ballot Issues" includes candidates for an open board position for Spokane Public Schools as well as coverage of state and local ballot issues. Replay times:

- Sunday, Oct. 2, at noon.
- Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 12, at 12:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 15, at 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 11 a.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 23, at noon.
- Saturday, Oct. 29, at noon.

The forums are available on-line about a week after the taping date in the CityCable 5 program archives at: www.spokanecity.org/services/citycable5/streamingmedia Click on "Other Video Programs" - select the forums.

State & Local Ballot Issues to be Discussed at Unit Meetings

Join Leaguers and guests at October unit meetings to discuss these ballot issues that will be on the Nov. ballot.

State of Washington:

- I-1125 concerning state expenditures on transportation
- I-1163 concerning long-term care workers and services for elderly and disabled people.
- I-1183 concerning liquor: beer, wine, and spirits
- SJR 8205 - constitutional amendment to repeal an inoperative provision regarding the length of time a voter must reside in Washington to vote for president and vice president.
- SJR 8206 - constitutional amendment on the budget stabilization account maintained in the state treasury.

Spokane County Measure #1 concerning Animal Control
City of Spokane Proposition #1 on a Community Bill of Rights.

See VOTER insert for more detailed information.

October Unit Schedule

Oct. 10 - Monday

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

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

Oct. 11 - Tuesday

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

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

lindacmilsow@msn.com.

Oct. 13 - Thursday

Unit 5 - 10:00 am - LWV Office, (St. Andrews

Church), 2404 N. Howard Contact: **Martha Preecs** (325-4725), leep2525@gmail.com

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

Leaguer Perspective...

The League is such a wonderful organization for people of all ages. It provides not only a venue for lively discussion of policy issues, but also an opportunity to develop life long friendships and community. I originally joined the League in 1974 as a young mother who was tired of talking to just toddlers. In the League I met wonderful mentors including Grace Rawlings, Eleanor Beatty, Pat Mummey, and Margaret Portman who tucked me under their wings and encouraged me to develop leadership skills that have served me throughout my career in both paid and volunteer activities. I've served on many boards and been active in many organizations, but my roots are in the LWV.

Having recently retired from Spokane County Human Resources, I am excited to come back to active membership with the League of Women Voters, but dismayed by the small number of members (59) in the Spokane Area LWV. Attending a unit meeting, looking through the study guides, the voter guides and other information the League provides locally, nationally and state-wide, bring back such good memories. I want others to experience all the good things the League provides and so have volunteered, along with Suzi Hokonson, to work on membership this year. We need citizens to vote, but more importantly, we need informed voters. Who does that better than the League of Women Voters?

At the September executive board meeting, your board of directors adopted "growing membership" as a priority for this year. We have wonderful, dedicated people in the League, but not enough of them. If we are to continue to be a vital organization, we need to grow our membership, develop new leadership, and encourage more people to take an active role. To be successful, we need everyone's help in spreading the word by inviting friends to unit meetings, public forums and other events in which the League is involved and urging them to get involved.

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Splinters From the Board 9/21/2011

Treasurer's Report – \$3,466 Membership – 26

- LWVSA has a new phone that will cost less. Phone number remains the same.
- Ed Fund payments have been received from **Mary Lou Johnson** and in memory of **Billie Pierce**. Thank you!
- Membership -- **Carol McVicker**, Membership Chair, reviewed ideas for stimulating membership growth. Moved to adopt membership growth as a high priority in this League year.
- Nov. Program, Education II -- Materials for part II for the November units are available on local LWV website. An email briefing for the September units was attempted; will hold an in person briefing on Nov 2. **Ann Murphy**, Chair.
- Dec. Elected Officials Luncheon -- **Molly Hannon** working on details.
- Learned LWVWA has taken the following Ballot Issues positions –
 - I-1125 and I-1183 – No
 - SJR 8205 – Yes
 - No position on others
- Action Workshop will be Oct 8 in Ellensburg (page 4)
- **Ann Murphy** is on LWVSA Energy Study Committee

Here are some things you can do:

- Invite someone to watch the General Election Forums on CityCable 5 (see page 1).
- Invite someone to attend an October unit meeting at which we will discuss Ballot Issues.
- Send the names of prospective members to Carol or Suzi and we will follow up with them.
- Volunteer for a committee.

If you have suggestions, please send them to Carol McVicker, cj_99224@yahoo.com or Suzi Hokonson, suzihokonson@yahoo.com.

*Carol Landa McVicker
LWVSA Membership Chair*

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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
City: _____ Zip: _____ Local \$21
State \$19
Nat'l \$30
Phone-- Home: _____ Work: _____ \$100. Household
\$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

Membership Notes...

Directories were distributed at the Annual Meeting in May. Copies will be distributed at Fall Unit Meetings. A copy will be posted in the Members Only section of the LWVSA website. If you would like one mailed to you, please call the office, 326- 8026.

Thank you to the 26 members who have paid their dues for the upcoming League year. There is still time to get your dues paid so that you can continue receiving League's great materials.

Mary Hughes, Treasurer

Leaguer Publishes Book

Claire Rudolph Murphy, a League member, recently published a children's book, *Marching With Aunt Susan*, and invited the League to participate in a reading at Auntie's Book Store on September 16.

She has woven an historical fiction around Bessie Keith Pond, the niece of Mary McHenry Keith who was active in the 1896 California Suffrage Campaign. Research at the Bancroft Library, University of California led her to Bessie's journals and letters from Susan B Anthony. Mary McHenry Keith had corresponded with Susan B. Anthony and Claire was able to hold those letters.

A Mount Spokane High School student, Richelle McDermott, a recent National History Competition winner, presented a portion of her performance of May Arkwright Hutton in honor of the local suffragist. **Pam Behring** gave a brief history of the founding of League of Women Voters in Washington and our work today.

The venue was full of friends and family. A few people spoke with me afterward and some took information. It was a different and fun experience.

Pam Behring

City of Spokane's Decennial Districting

Board will hold meetings for citizen input on potential redistricting of Council districts. The community meetings will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on:

- **Tuesday, Oct. 4**, -West Central Community Center, 1603 N. Belt.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 5**, - East Central Community Center, 500 S. Stone.
- **Thursday, Oct. 6**, -Northeast Community Center, 4001 N. Cook.

LWVSA Program for 2011-2012

September - Unit meetings - LWVUS Public Education Study, Part I (Consensus)

October - Unit meetings - Ballot Issues

November - Unit meetings - LWVUS Public Education Study, Part II (Consensus)

December - Elected officials luncheon

January - Unit Meetings - Local and National Program Planning

February - Unit meetings - LWVUS Privatization of Public Services

March - Judicial Panel

April - LWVWA Study on Conservation Districts,

May - Annual Meeting

Youth Candidate Forum

The Chase Youth Commission will host the 2011 Youth Issues Candidates' Forum on Thursday, Oct. 6, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 808 W. Spokane Fall Blvd. Candidates for City of Spokane offices will be questioned, and then the youth will vote.



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2011 Action Workshops
Advocate for League!

Learn How To:

- Find your legislators • Research & read a bill
- Join legislative email lists • Download action agendas

Calendar

October

- 1 **LWV Dues are Due to League office**
- 6 Chase Youth Forum (page 3)
- 8 Action Workshop, Ellensburg
- 10, 11, 13 - Unit Meetings, Ballot Issues
- 12 Board Meeting - *Note date change for Oct.*
- 19 Action Workshop, Bellevue

November

- 2 Unit Briefing, LWV office, 10 a.m.
- 8 General Election
- 10, 14, 15 - Unit Meetings
- 11 Veterans Day
- 16 Board Meeting
- 24 Thanksgiving

December

- TBA Elected Officials Luncheon

Engage • Empower • Motivate

EASTSIDE

Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011
 10:00am – 3:00pm
 The Historic Ramsey House
 215 E. 9th Ave.
 Ellensburg, WA

WESTSIDE

Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011
 10:00am – 3:00pm
 St. Andrews Lutheran Church
 2650 148th Ave. SE
 Bellevue, WA

Choose one or both venues

Cost:

\$25 per venue per person | Lunch Provided

Register by Mail, E-Mail or Phone --

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Contact **Pam Behring** if you would like to carpool to the Ellensburg workshop.

Dues are Due!