Katrina Osborn is a Voter Education and Outreach Specialist with Secretary of State Elections. In addition to working on K-12 education and college civics, she is also the Coordinator of the State Voters' Pamphlet which is delivered yearly to 3.4 million Washington residences.

Before joining elections, Katrina worked as a Prevention Services Project Coordinator at the Department of Early Learning and Constituent Services Manager for Congressman Rick Larsen.

Katrina promotes Civic engagement across the state by speaking to different groups, attending events, and supporting voter registration drive efforts with forms, training, and promotional materials.

Katrina is excited about this summer’s “Future Voter” program (voter sign up of 16 and 17 year olds). She is hoping to expand the Annual Student Mock Election and (in partnership with OSPI) the implementation of Temperance and Good Citizenship Day. Every September she plans College Civics Week, where Secretary Wyman attends voter registration drives or visits classrooms to speak to students about the importance of civic engagement.

Katrina lives in Lacey with her 12 year old lab named Kade.

NOTE: Please join us at 11:15 AM, February 19 at 1832 W Dean.
The **2019 Spokane Women's March, Rally and Volunteer Action Fair** was a successful community event. Although fewer community members marched this year, the Volunteer Action Fair was the most successful we have had. Nearly 50 nonprofit organizations who work tirelessly to protect and enrich the greater Spokane region participated with the majority commenting that this was one of the most rewarding events they had attended based on numbers who signed up to volunteer and/or support financially.

Sylvia Oliver, Facebook

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**Board Members**: Pam Behring, President/Voter Editor; Sally Phillips, Treasurer; Susan Gray, Secretary/Forum Organizer and Susan Hales, Voter Services

**Off-Board**: Sylvia Oliver, Facebook; Suzi Hokonson, Membership; Mary Hughes, Web Page; Beth Pellicciotti, & Suzi Johns, Civics Education

Do you have ideas for postings on our Facebook page? Please send ideas to Sylvia.oliver@gmail.com

Please ‘like’ us and share with your friends.

Visit our web page lwvspokane.org to keep informed.

The topic for our **General Meeting in March**, facilitated by Susan Gray, will be Immigration, a topic that many of you noted on the member interest survey. This is a topic that is wide in scope and Susan would love to hear your ideas on what you would like to see covered in the April meeting. Please contact Susan at: wesgray@earthlink.net or 280-3298.

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**History of League of Women Voters of the Spokane Area**

**Past Presidents**

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From records of Ann Murphy, 11/3/2018
Volunteer Opportunity – Save the Date!

The Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) will be holding their National Convention in Spokane July 16 - 20, 2019 with an estimated 600 – 800 delegates in attendance. At the Convention, they will be electing their national Board and Officers and they have asked our League to handle the voting and ballot counting process. The organization has used the LWV to conduct their elections for the past 30 years and we are excited to help them out this year. The voting and ballot counting will occur on Friday, July 19. If needed a run-off election would take place on Saturday, July 20. We will need at least 25 volunteers on July 19; fewer would be needed on July 20 in the event of a run-off. Please consider volunteering your time for this important event! Watch The Voter in the coming months for more details.

Jan Carrington, Lisa Kuhar, & Mary Hughes
LWVSA-VVA Convention Co-Chairs

Nonpartisan Policy Development

At the January 8, 2019 meeting, information on the importance of updating the Spokane LWV’s nonpartisan policy for Board members was presented. It facilitated an indepth discussion on this topic. Members were also asked to complete a paper survey to provide input to the Board for their development of a new policy. While the members’ discussion was excellent, the paper survey was somewhat confusing. As a result, the survey was redesigned, creating an online version that should make it easier to complete; plus, comment sections were added. At the time of this writing, all members have been sent this online survey with a January 28th deadline for completion. The online survey results will be given to the Board for their development of a policy to be reviewed by the entire membership.

Beth Pellicciotti and Suzi Johns. Nominating Committee

January 17, 2019. To: Members of the U.S. House From: Chris Carson, LWUS President

Re: Support and Cosponsor HR1, the For the People Act

The League of Women Voters is proud to support HR1, the first democracy reform agenda bill introduced in the House of Representatives in the 116th Congress. Our organization is very excited at the prospect of HR1 because it aims to include elements that align with our policy priorities across the country, like election modernization and redistricting reform.
Throughout our nearly 100-year history, the League of Women Voters has worked to “level the playing field” of our election system by registering new citizens to vote, fighting unfair district maps in court, and advocating in Congress for fair election processes. LWV is advocating for the prioritization of the following essential elements of the bill:

1. Break down barriers that prevent Americans from registering to vote. The Act requires states to allow same-day registration, establishes an opt-out system of automatic registration, and includes the establishment of an online voter registration system for all eligible voters.

2. Restore the Voting Rights Act (VRA) and strengthen our elections by cutting back the obstructive laws that have kept eligible voters from exercising their rights at the ballot box. Since the Supreme Court’s *Shelby County* decision rolled back key provisions of the Voting Rights Act, voters have faced a variety of obstacles, from reduced polling places to long lines, to strict voter identification requirements, to the unlawful removal of registered voters from the rolls.

3. Establish independent, citizen-led redistricting commissions at the state level to draw congressional districts allowing voters to pick their politicians not the other way around.

4. Empower small donors by creating a public financing system to match small contributions to presidential candidates. It will also close disclosure loopholes that allow outside groups to flood elections with millions of dollars of secret money.

The many elements of this legislation align with the League’s long-held positions and advocacy to ensure that our elections are free, fair, and accessible to all eligible Americans. We call on all legislators, regardless of party, to support any such legislation that is indisputably by and for the people.

“A downright gabbler, or a goose that deserves to be hissed.”

• James Akin, 1829

• **Summary:** Caricature of Frances "Fanny" Wright, British-born activist, exponent of female suffrage, and outspoken critic of slavery. The title's reference to Wright as a "gabbler" probably alludes to her sensational American lecture tour of 1829. Wright wears a black dress and long white scarf, and has the head of a goose. She stands reading from a book and gesturing, before a speaker's table with candles, pitcher, glass, and books. Behind her stands a young man, holding her bonnet and looking on. Mrs. Kemble's costume and the scene itself -- with its table, water, candles, and acolyte-like attendant -- seems intended to suggest an underlying parallel with liturgical rites. *Library of Congress Digital Archives.*
Thank You to those League members who assisted with the booth at the Women's Rally: Sylvia O, Marilyn D, Eric H, April R, Judy S, Janet G, Aruna P, Jan W and Beth P. We had many great conversations, people are really excited about the LWV.

We had 9 New/Prospective Gatherings this year with more than 50 in attendance. 22 new members have attended and another 15 may join in the future. Thank you to all the members that have attended to share their experiences with the League. Please continue to join us and invite prospective members.

We have 40 new members since the June Directory was printed. I think the League is the best Education/Activist group around and we are NON-Partisan.

Please continue to invite men and women to our League meetings. It's easy to forward the Voter and email invites to 2-3 or 6-10 who might be interested in our upcoming programs on Civics in Education, Climate Change and Immigration. Many people have heard about the League, but haven't been invited.

Suzi Hokonson, Membership

The March 12 program on climate change will focus on how climate change is affecting us locally, as well as what local efforts are being made to reduce minimize greenhouse gas accumulation. Speakers will talk about what individuals can do. Speakers include:

Brian Henning, founder and co-chair of 350Spokane.org, and a teacher of philosophy and environmental studies at Gonzaga

Lori Kinnear, Spokane City Councilperson, talking about city efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Kara Odegaard, Climates Impact Research Consortium - Spokane

Sally Phillips, Treasurer & Program Co-Ordinator

From the President: Thank you to each an everyone who have participated in League events this year. It has been very busy and very exciting. We have worked in the community on voter registration, civics education and the women’s march. We nourished activism by sponsoring an Action Workshop and continue with monthly meetings, facebook and a web page too. It has been fun meet people and work on solutions to improve our government. I thank you and I am proud of what we have done.

And, as a special note: we are meeting in a new place in February. It is associated with St. Anthony’s as an alternative space. I hope you will find it more accessible, functional and, generally, agreeable. There is on street parking and off-street parking on the northwest corner, a gravel lot.
Please come to our meeting at 1832 W. Dean and welcome Katrina Osborn who will discuss plans the State has for voter education. It will be informative and fun.

Yes, I want to join/renew membership in LWV/Spokane Area.

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