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*The public is invited to all upcoming League events.*

**Ballot Parties**

Tuesday, March 3

1:00 – 2:00

Argonne Library  
4322 North Argonne Rd.  
Spokane Valley

3:30 – 4:30

South Hill Library  
3324 South Perry St.  
Spokane

**Ballot Parties:** The Spokane League is planning ballot parties prior to the Presidential Primary ballot due date of March 10. During ballot parties, we explain the parts of a ballot and for some elections, provide job descriptions for positions being sought.

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>

For a quick video on voting in Presidential Primary, go here: <https://youtu.be/gHwLXKRtqFs>

**General Meeting:  
Census & Re-districting  
Tuesday, March 10**

11:30 – 1:00 pm

St. Andrews  
2404 North Howard

5:30 – 7:00 pm

South Hill Library  
3324 South Perry St

**General Meeting: Census and Re-districting:** Our regular monthly General Meeting will be held twice on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> so we can ensure this important information can reach our members and any other interested persons. Two great speakers, Alex Panagotacos (Spokane Complete County) and 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.

Note this is a repeat program with day and evening times.

## Voter Services Activities and Information

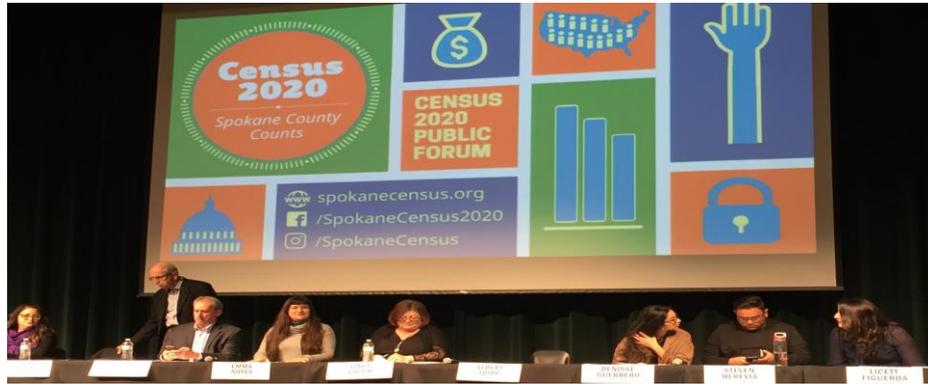
League members helped register 43 new voters in December and 105 new voters in January.

For information about our elected officials press Ctrl and this link:

[http://www.lwvspokane.org/files/TRY\\_2020w.pdf](http://www.lwvspokane.org/files/TRY_2020w.pdf)

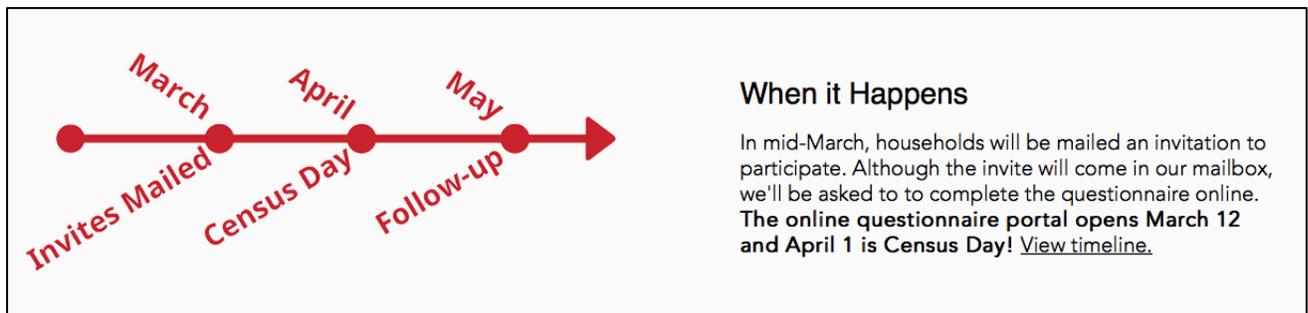
For information on how to vote the ballot for the Presidential Primary (deadline is 10 March 2020) press Ctrl and this link: <https://youtu.be/gHwLXKRtqFs1>

## 2020 Census



**Census Public Forum:** A panel of census experts and outreach workers answered questions at the February 6 public forum sponsored by LWVSA and Spokane Complete Count.

### Census Timeline: When It Happens



For more information on becoming a census enumerator or attending census training on Wednesday, March 4, contact: Alex Panagotacos at [apanagotacos@innovia.org](mailto:apanagotacos@innovia.org) or spokanecensus.org.

## Water as a Resource: 2020 Visions for Water



Forty-two members of the Spokane League and guests attended the Water as a Resource meeting at the Spokane County Water Resource Center. Environmental issues have ranked in the top tier of advocacy for the local League of Women Voters for 60 years. In 1963 a Spokane League member wrote to Congress about the alarming impact of urban development and pollution on the Spokane River. Twenty years later, representatives from the League of Women Voters helped break ground for the Spokane Valley sewer project, using shovels lettered “Aquifer Protection & Progress.”

The League works to improve the state and local governmental programs empowered to protect the quality and quantity of our water, including municipal water, groundwater, and in-stream flows. Find more information about the LWVWA's position on water issues at <https://lwvwa.org/water>

## Homeless Walking Tour

Jon Carollo, the Development Director for Volunteers of America, led 13 of us on a Homeless Walking tour (February 19, 2020), which as Jon told us, honors the challenges homeless women experience every day. We were able to tour Hope House, the Crosswalk Teen Shelter and the Women's Hearth.

At each stop, the director of each facility spoke educated us about the operations and the services provided there. We were given the opportunity to ask many questions, and the women from the League of Women Voters took full advantage of this! It was an eye-opening experience and if more members would like to participate, Jon and I would be happy to schedule another tour. Dawn Hiramawa Shuster, [thestusters@comcast.net](mailto:thestusters@comcast.net) or 509-879-5810. At our December 2019 meeting, Jon Carollo from Volunteers of America invited members on a homeless walking tour (February 19, 2020). The purpose of the Homeless Walking Tour was to educate Spokane citizens about the challenges faced by our homeless neighbors and the resources that exist to support them.



League members & friends: Eric Henningsen, Suzi Hokonson, Susan Hales, Polly Kaczmarek, Ellen Kaczmarek, Kate Telis, Dawn Hiramawa Shuster, Regina Winkler, Judy Silverstein, Carol McVicker, Mardell Cochran, Jon Carollo, and Becky Dickerhoof.

## Proclamation – Founding of the League of Women Voters



City Council member Michael Cathcart read the Proclamation recognizing February 14, 2020, as the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of LWV. Twenty-five Spokane League members attended the February 10 City Council meeting and were recognized by the City Council.

**Left: Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of the League of Women Voters:** The Spokane League hosted a reception; a Valentine's Day gift to all who attended. Beth Pellicciotti and Lin McGinn serve the cake!

## New Member Bios – Welcome!

### Ginny Darrell

I am a retired professional engineer with an MA in Organizational Leadership. I am an officer in People for Effective Government (PEG), interested in bringing collaboration back into our government and discourse. My husband and I are caretakers of an 8-year-old Tibetan Mastiff dog and a 13-year-old Maine Coon cat.

### Jean Alliman

Upon moving to Spokane in June 2019, I decided to join LWV because I have seen the excellent work that this organization has done in the other places where I have lived. I grew up near Rochester, New York, went to college in Chicago, and then began moving throughout the world. First I taught high school math and science in the International School in Seoul, Korea; then married Kirk Alliman and moved with him to the Philippines, Pakistan, Honduras, Guatemala, New Jersey, Kansas, Kentucky and now Washington.

Through my experiences with the people in these many places, I have become proud of the Democracy that is the foundation of our country. But I have also seen how many people in our country do not participate in our elections or government. I would like to be part of LWV's outreach to encourage more people to learn about the issues that affect them and to exercise their right to vote in all of our elections.

My work experience has focused on teaching college and university level mathematics, but I greatly value this time of my life which provides me with the opportunity to volunteer in areas of our society which have become important to me and to others. I look forward to working with the many committed people who are fellow members of Spokane Area LWV.

## Save the Dates for April and May Meetings/Events

For a full list of upcoming meetings and events of interest, go to [lwvspokane.org](http://lwvspokane.org).

<b>Tuesday, April 14</b>  <b>11:30-1:00 pm</b> <b>St. Andrews Church</b> <b>2404 North Howard</b>	<b>General Meeting: Voter Registration/Ballot Parties</b> 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.  If you have been working in voter registration and ballot parties, please plan on attending to share your experiences in this very important work.
<b>Thurs.- Sat. performances</b> <b>April 23-25</b> <b>Spokane Community College</b>	<b>The Play: <i>Many Maps. One Voice.</i></b> We are co-sponsoring this play with Politics of the Possible In Action. This one-woman show chronicles the efforts of Mary Ellen McCaffree to draw new district lines in Washington in the early 1960's.
<b>Tuesday, May 12</b>	<b>Annual Meeting: Evening Time and location TBD</b>

## 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](mailto: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

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

### Off-board Positions

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

