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Know the Issues on Your Ballot

Tuesday, October 8: 5:30 – 7:45 pm - Spokane Public Library Downtown

It's October and that means one thing – League discusses issues on the November 5 ballot at our General Meeting on October 8. We will also learn about Get Out the Vote (GOTV) activities in Spokane.

Your ballots will be mailed about three weeks prior to the election and the state Voters' Pamphlet should arrive about then as well to further explain the state ballot issues. Ballot issues include:

- Referendum 88 – regarding Initiative 1000 on affirmative action
- Initiative 976 – concerning motor vehicle taxes and fees
- Advisory Votes 20-31
- SJR 8200 – Constitutional Amendment – concerning legislative powers.
- Spokane City Charter Amendments (Prop 1 and Prop 2)

You can find more information on the separate info sheet included with this VOTER, the State Voters' Pamphlet and/or website: www.votewa.gov, and the League of Women Voters of Washington ballot summaries (links will be sent as soon as documents are available). Please gather your questions and other information from news media and we will sort it out! Ann Murphy and Susan Hales in charge.

It's time to gear up for State Action!

Saturday, November 2 – 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Washington State University Extension - 222 N. Havana

Register now [Spokane Action Workshop](#)

League of Women Voters of Washington of Washington, in co-operation with LWV Spokane Area, has scheduled an Action Workshop near you! The Spokane Workshop will focus on Democracy Issues – Elections & Redistricting – and will offer speaker and panel presentations, issue break-out sessions, as well as more in-depth orientation to the Legislative Newsletter and Legislative web site. **Open to all – invite friends!**

The \$30 registration fee includes lunch and all materials. There is a reduced rate of \$10 for those under 24. A limited number of scholarships are available if the registration fee would be a barrier to your participation. Scholarship applications are due by 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct 29th. [Apply here](#). Other workshops are also available around the state if that works for you (www.lwvwa.org)

How do you want to make your voice heard in Olympia in the 2020 legislative session?

Welcome Reception for Mi Ko and Zin Thu

Friday, October 25: 4:30 – 5:30 pm – St. Andrews Church, 2404 North Howard

Please come meet the US State Department Fellows from Myanmar who will be learning about civic engagement by shadowing activities of our League members. The Fellows will be with us from October 24 through November 15. See President's Shorts – page 6 – for more background information.

LWVSA Kicks off Year

The first meeting of the year was an information fair for all League members and guests to learn about and sign up for League activities. Thanks to many of our newer members, Carlin Jude, April May, Catherine Oviatt, and Anna Roberts, who welcomed all the to the event and collected September dues.



From left to right: Mary Weathers, Carlin Jude, and Catherine Oviatt

We learned League of Women Voters' history from Director Ann Murphy.

Click [here](#) to see slideshow of our history



Voter Service Activities in Full Swing

Twenty Leaguers attended the Voter Services Workshop on September 14.

The Voter Services Workshop included voter registration training and an introduction to new voter outreach projects. League members also learned about new legislation impacting voter registration:

- 16 and 17-year olds can pre-register to vote. Their data will be entered into the voter rolls once they become 18 years old. These future voters will receive notification that they are eligible to vote in the next election.
- People with felonies automatically have voting rights restored and may register/update information when they are no longer under community supervision and the case is no longer active.
- Homeless individuals can register to vote and would list where they sleep as their residence and general delivery at the post office as their mailing address.



Susan Hales, Voter Services Chair explains role-playing exercise. How can we be non-partisan while conducting voter registration?

Other new legislation allows voter registration and voting up until 8:00 pm on Election Day. Obtaining an enhanced driver's license and/or enrolling in Washington Health Care for All provides automatic voter registration.

Voter Services is planning ballot parties to help underserved populations with the mechanics of completing the ballot. Voter Services is also exploring a ballot translation process in a partnership with Vicky Dalton, County Auditor and League member.

Members volunteered for upcoming train-the-trainer sessions with the Spokane County Library, with Christine Eschete registering 12 Medical Lake County Librarians on September 17. Contact Susan Hales (Susanhales2015@gmail.com) to volunteer for ballot parties or for information on future voter registration training events

And on **Tuesday, September 17**, Spokane League members registered 64 new citizens on Constitution Day at Center Place in Spokane Valley.



From left to right: Sylvia Oliver, Mary Moore, Melkam Tesfaye, and Judy Krueger



*Naturalization Ceremony at Center Place.
98 new citizens from 40 countries*

General Election Candidate Forum

LWVSA Candidate Forum was held September 24 at Spokane City Council Chambers. KHQ-TV live streamed the event. Forums for City of Spokane Mayor, Council President, Council Members in Districts 1, 2, 3 and Spokane School District Directors for Positions 1, 2, 4. Forums can be viewed on [CityCable5](#) and [KHQ Channel 6 website](#). Links will be available at www.lwvspokane.org soon.

Many Spokane League members contributed to making this event successful: Ann Murphy, who coordinated and moderated; Jean Alliman, Pam Behring, and Jan Wingenroth who signed in candidates; Denise Campitelli, Judy Silverstein, and Beth Pellicciotti who greeted all participants; Molly Hannon and Sally Phillips who served as timekeepers; Sylvia Oliver and Mary Hughes who assisted candidates; and Susan Hales who conducted her fourth voter registration of the day for National Voters' Registration Day.

Ann Murphy, Director, is interviewed by KHQ, Channel 6 about the Sept. 24th Forum. [Click here.](#)



*Ben Stuckart and Nadine Woodward
Candidates for City of Spokane Mayor*



*Molly Hannon and Ann Murphy
Timekeeper and Moderator*

New Member Bios

Becky Dickerhoof

I have just recently moved from Ohio. I graduated from The Ohio State University. My background is agriculture, (poultry science, wildlife management and dairy science) eventually becoming a biology teacher. We moved here to be near the grandkids and be able to attend their activities. I was associated with LWV in Ohio, most recently gathering petitions to stop gerrymandering in Ohio. I am excited to be part of an active chapter.

Victor Frazier

I am a 20 year USAF Officer and KC-135 Navigator that retired as a Major out of Fairchild in 2000. Since my military retirement, I have been in financial services, and now the hospitality trades. I work as an usher and security staff at the Convention Center, the First Interstate Center for the Arts, and at the Arena. I am also involved with the Audubon-Downriver Neighborhood Council, COPs Northwest at Shadle

Center and on the board of directors at the West Central Community Center. All of this keeps me busy in my semi-retirement.

Anna Wise

I am a former East Coaster who chose to settle in Spokane. I am caregiver to my husband, who is disabled, which puts some restrictions on my time and travel. I joined LWV because I got tired of complaining and wanted to be a part of something greater, something I believe in.

Publication: Partnership with the *Spokesman Review*

Through the work of LWVWA President and Spokane League member, Lunell Haught, and the LWVWA, the *Spokesman Review* printed updated copies of the Election Tabloid, *Your Vote*. Did you see this insert in the September 25, 2019 *Spokesman Review*? Plans are underway for this publication also to be used by SPS high school civics teachers this fall.



Student Memberships

Upcoming Vote on Student Membership Fee at November 12, 2019, general meeting.

LWV Spokane members will vote on a **proposed \$10.00** fee for student members. Currently we do not have students enrolled as members of our Spokane League, but we have had several students express interest.

What LWVSA activities would student members participate in? Any activity they want. Students will be full members of our League, but most likely students will work with others in their high school or college. LWVSA student members and clubs would register fellow students, run get-out-the vote campaigns, and hold debates on ballot issues.

Our state and national organizations have suspended collecting fees (until 2021) for students so any student money collected will cover the costs in our local League. As per LWVSA bylaws, changing the fee for students requires a vote of the membership with a 20-day notice to the membership. This vote is scheduled to take place during the November 12, 2019, general meeting.

Board Shorts - Beth Pellicciotti, President

State Department Fellows - Kathleen Nollenberger from the Center for Global Engagement at Gonzaga University contacted the Spokane League in late August with a wonderful opportunity sponsored through the US State Department, the University of Montana's Mansfield Center, and Gonzaga University. Our local League will be sponsoring two US State Department Fellows from Myanmar from **October 24 through November 15th** through the Young Southeast Asia Leaders Institute (YSEALI). These women – active in their country in elections and civics education – want to learn more about American system of government, voting and elections, and civics education for elementary, high school students, and adults. Neither has been to the United States before.

All Spokane League members will have the opportunity to meet these Fellows, to learn more about Myanmar, and to share our work and mission, Empowering Voters and Defending Democracy, at a welcoming reception on October 25 from 4:30-5:30 pm at St. Andrews Church, 2404 North Howard.

Centennial Grant - On September 30, the Spokane League will submit a Centennial Grant to the Washington State Historical Society to support our work with Susie Gerard, Coordinator of Secondary Social Studies Instruction for District 81, on:

--registering young voters in the high schools on Temperance and Good Citizen Day—January 16, 2020

--presenting to high schools students on the history of the League of Women Voters – February 14, 2020

--developing lesson plans for presentation by high school civics teachers on women leaders in Spokane's Suffrage Movement (Women's History Month-- March 2020)

Many thanks to Denise Campitelli, Susie Gerard (Spokane Public Schools), Susan Hales, Ann Murphy, and Sylvia Oliver for their contributions to this grant application.

League Calendar

Upcoming League meetings – more specific details will be in the VOTER preceding each meeting. Except where noted, meetings are on Tuesdays.

November 12: 11:15 am-1:00 pm – St. Andrews Church - Follow-up to Action Workshop & vote on student membership fee.

December 10: 11:15 am-1:00 pm – St. Andrews Church – Homelessness/Affordable Housing

January 14: 11:15 am–1:00 pm – St. Andrews Church - “Program of work” Planning

February 11: 1:00–4:00 pm – 1004 N. Freya Street, Spokane - Spokane County Water Resource Center

February 14 (Friday): Location/time TBD - 100-year anniversary of founding of the League of Women Voters!

March 11: 11:15 am -1:00 pm – Location TBD - Census

April 14: 11:15 am-1:00 pm - St. Andrews Church - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)/Membership, Engagement, and Leadership Development (MELD)

League Membership

You too can join in the activity, important work and fun of being in our League.

For complete information - go to <http://www.lwvspokane.org/join.html>

Renewal dues are due now – either by mailing a check or paying online <http://www.lwvspokane.org/join.html>

League Leadership

LWVWA 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 the month at 10 a.m. at St. Andrews Church.



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