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League of Women Voters Spokane Area (LWVSA) Monthly Programs 2019 -2020

The public is invited to all League events.

**Tuesday, September 10: 11:15 am - 1:00 pm - St. Andrews Church. 2404 N. Howard
Welcome and Orientation (see full program below)**

The first meeting of the year is an information fair for all League members. We will introduce the 2019-2020 Leadership Team (Board and Off-board members) and give a brief history of the local, state and national league organization. Attendees will choose display tables and topics to learn more about local and state League activities, commit to an action, or volunteer for upcoming League events. Please bring a lunch to eat. Members—bring your friends!



**Saturday, September 14: 10 am to 12:00 noon – St Andrew’s Church. 2404 N. Howard
Voter Registration Training for continuing and new voter registration volunteers.**

Receive training on how to register voters and learn more about new Voter Services activities.

**Tuesday, September 24: 3:00 – 7:00 pm - City Council Chambers, Spokane City Hall
General Election Candidate Forum**

This additional September meeting is a Candidate Forum for the 2019 General Election. Voter registration will take place as part of the LWVSA’s participation in National Voter Registration Day. Candidate Forum volunteers are needed! Contact Beth Pellicciotti (pelliccmb@gmail.com)

**Tuesday, October 8: 5:30 – 7:45 pm - Spokane Public Library Downtown
Ballot Issues and Get Out the Vote**

Review state and local ballot issues. Focus on voter registration and get out the vote.

**Saturday, November 2: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm – Location and time to be determined (TBD)
Action Workshop**

Sponsored by League of Women Voters Washington (LWVWA), this workshop previews the upcoming January legislative session. Members and the public will meet with the LWVWA Issues Chairs who work on legislative issues. As this is a Saturday meeting, please encourage prospective members to attend, especially those who cannot attend weekday meetings, as well as high school and college students. **Registration fee required.**

Tuesday, November 12: 11:15 am - 1:00 pm – St. Andrews Church

Follow-up to Action Workshop

This regularly scheduled League meeting will be a follow-up to the LWVWA Action Workshop with discussion on potential action items for our local chapter. Also included will be instructions on the LWVWA Legislative Newsletter and how to use local, state, and national resources.

Tuesday, December 10: 11:15 am - 1:00 pm – St. Andrews Church

Homelessness and Affordable Housing

Two committees have been working on studying these issues since the Annual Meeting in May 2019 and will present their research and resource people.

Tuesday, January 14: 11:15 am – 1:00 pm – St. Andrews Church

“Program of work” Planning

Members will determine 1-2 key issues for the year and will develop topics for monthly meetings in 2020-2021. Preview the 2020 LWVWA Council (May 29-31 in Ellensburg), the 2020 National Meeting (June 25-28 in Washington, DC), and discuss LWVSA hosting the 2021 State Convention.

Tuesday February 11: 1:00–4:00 pm – 1004 N. Freya Street, Spokane

Spokane County Water Resource Center

Water as a resource will be the focus. This program has been suggested through Suzi Johns with her work with the League’s representation on WRIA (Water: Resource Inventory Area) for the Little Spokane Watershed.

Friday, February 14: Location and time TBD

100-year anniversary of the founding of the League of Women Voters!

Planning for this event will involve coordinating with LWVWA and LWVUS on centennial events.

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

Census

Overview the census process which starts in March 2020. Members will learn about the census and how to encourage census completion.

Tuesday, April 14: 11:15 am -1:00 pm - St. Andrews Church

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)/Membership, Engagement, and Leadership Development (MELD)

Members will learn about two significant LWVWA initiatives. The focus is on diversifying membership, recruiting members, and developing leaders in the organization.

Tuesday, May 12, 2020 - Location and time (evening) TBD

Annual Meeting.

The slate of LWV Spokane leadership candidates will be presented for a vote by the membership. Review the January 2020 planning session and projected meeting topics for 2020-2021. Possible preview of candidate forums for primaries. Celebration of LWVSA accomplishments for 2019-2020.

Join us at September Program to Get Involved

Member survey responses indicated interest in learning more about our local League and state and national League connections as well as ways to become more engaged with this organization. During the September meeting, members will have the opportunity to choose from a variety of topics outlined in the table below to

learn more about the League and to find specific ways to become involved in local, state and national League efforts.

Topics	Leadership Team
<p>Work of the Leadership Team Upcoming programs/calendar LWVSA Centennial celebration LWVSA historical display</p>	<p>Beth Pellicciotti, Board President Receive information on upcoming programs and the LWVSA calendar</p> <p>Sign up for work on the LWVSA centennial celebration</p>
<p>National and state Leagues Candidate Forum- Sept. 24 State Issues Chairs Action Workshop- Nov. 2</p> <p>State Convention 2021 in Spokane (general concept)</p>	<p>Ann Murphy: the past President of the League of Women Voters Washington (LWVWA) will lead the legislative issues chair in their work for the state League in the upcoming legislative session. She is a Director on the LWVSA Board.</p> <p>Sign-up to help with the upcoming Candidate Forum and LWVSA Action Workshop</p>
<p>Communication --The WEB --Facebook --<i>The Voter</i></p>	<p>Jan Wingenroth, Board Secretary, Communications Mary Hughes, Webmaster Lisa Kuhar, <i>The Voter</i></p> <p>Sign up for taking pictures, writing copy, graphics work</p>
<p>Membership and Mentoring</p>	<p>Marilyn Darilek, Board Vice President, Membership and Mentoring</p> <p>Marilyn Darilek meets with all new members and is always recruiting new members. Ask how you can help her with membership.</p>
<p>Homelessness Committee Affordable Housing Committee</p>	<p>Affordable Housing and Homelessness Committees' Volunteers</p> <p>These two committees grew out of discussion at the Annual Meeting. Sign up for to be a member of the Affordable Housing and Homelessness Committees. Their monthly program is set for December 16th.</p>
<p>Strategic Planning League financial planning Results of member survey</p>	<p>Denise Campitelli, Board Treasurer</p> <p>Learn more about LWVSA's strategic planning process, finances, and receive results from the recent survey of members.</p>
<p>Strategic Planning Observation Corps Facebook Grant writing</p>	<p>Sylvia Oliver, Strategic Planning, Observation Corps, and Facebook</p> <p>The Observer Corps is new and will give members a chance to observe government in action by attending local meetings of public officials (city council, school board, etc.) Sign up to learn more about it.</p> <p>Do you have grant writing skills? Sign up to help with future grant proposals.</p>
<p>Voter Services</p>	<p>Susan Hales, Voter Services</p> <p>Sign-up for voter registration and get-out-the vote activities, including outreach to underserved communities.</p>

Civics Education Presentations to high school students and voter registration in City of Spokane	Civics Education Committee Members Sign up for civics education committee mailing list and to learn more about the high school project
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New Member Bios – Welcome!

Dawn Hirakawa-Shuster

I have lived in Spokane since 1998. Both of my kids graduated from Spokane Public Schools and I am passionate about education and helping all students gain access to higher education. Other issues I am interested in are protecting the environment and homelessness in Spokane. My husband and I love to take long walks around Spokane and hike at Priest Lake. I am also an avid runner and a scuba diver.

Carlin Jude

Prior to law school, I taught high school and college, then worked in community services of the Spokane Police Department for nine years before becoming a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the county. My interests are in helping people to register to vote and helping with voter education. I volunteered for the Viet Nam Veterans of America election event. As a new member, I am pleased with the involvement of the League in local and national elections.

Anna Roberts

I came to Spokane from Los Angeles where I was a Deputy Probation Officer, a County Grant Administrator, and a Deputy Public Defender. I have 4 kids, 5 grandchildren and 6 great grandkids all from a blended family. I hope to make new friends in Spokane and get to know Washington as well as I know California.

Donna Pierce

I am a recently retired Whitworth University math professor who believes that no subject exists in a vacuum. I have led several study-abroad programs, incorporating math history into a social, historical, cultural and religious context. I have also been a part of Whitworth’s public policy course team where we learned how public policy is created and how to advocate for just policies. I have a passion for education, social justice and advocacy and was attracted to the League for these reasons.

Karen November

I'm a Midwesterner by birth (Indiana), and experiencing the seasons and a strong community reminds me of my early years. My professional interests are in human development (Gerontology & Early Childhood Education), and I am a passionate reader, enthusiastic writer and lover of art and art history. I'm enjoying the challenge of new terrain including hiking, cycling and book clubs.

Board Shorts

Beth Pellicciotti, President

As we pivot to fall planning, I am confident we will also be ready—even on alert—for fast-appearing opportunities. I really appreciate everyone’s work this summer in developing and attending significant and in some cases “on-the-fly” events.

Thanks to:



City of Spokane Library National Disabilities Week, July 17

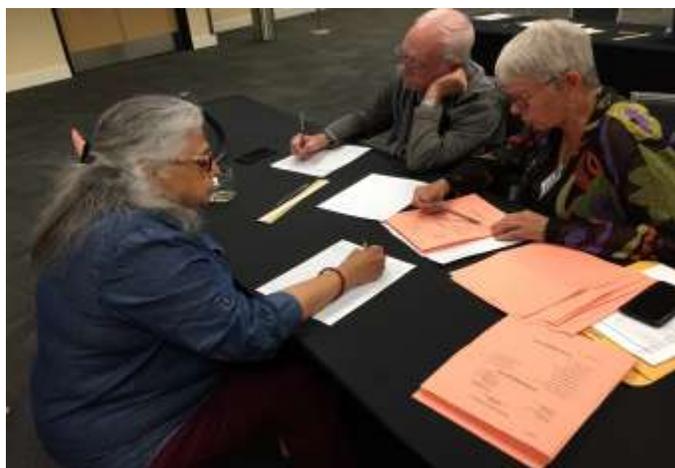
Susan Hales supported the Spokane Library's efforts in hosting Betsy Barefoot, Washington Secretary of State Outreach Coordinator, and Washington State Senator Andy Billig. Lucy Barefoot spoke about the changes to the *Voters' Guide* and Senator Billig described changes to voting legislation. A special thanks goes to **Lin McGinn** for calling 50 members about this event. Most of the audience of 53 were members of our League.

Left to right: Judy Krueger, Susan Hales and Brimo Nyinkuany, community member

Vietnam Veterans' Association Ballot Counting on July 19:

Jan Carrington, Mary Hughes, Sally Phillips and Lisa Kuhar organized over 30 League volunteers to count ballots for over 600 veterans voting in their national association elections.

Left to right: Aruna Bhuta, Monty Carter, community member, and Carol Lander-McVicker count ballots.



Visit by Prominent Author, Elaine Weiss, on July 23:

Bonnie Douglas (Kootenai County League President) alerted us that Elaine Weiss, author of *The Woman's Hour*, *The Great Fight to Win the Vote* was in Spokane for a convention and was willing to speak to our local league. From a Sunday morning email to a Tuesday presentation, **Denise Campitelli, Ann Murphy, and Sylvia Oliver** contacted members. We had 23 League members and friends attend. The State League responded with an additional opportunity for a write-up on the presentation in their weekly newsletter, [*This Week in League \(TWIL\)*](#).

Left to right: Carlin Jude, Vicky Lander-McVicker, and Elaine Weiss in book signing.

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, important work and fun of being in our League. For complete information - go to <http://www.lwvspokane.org/join.html>
Renewal dues will be due in September.

League Leadership

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

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



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