State Action Workshop: *Making Democracy Work: It’s Time for Action*

Saturday, November 2, 9:00 – 3:00 pm
WSU County Extension
222 North Havana Street, Spokane, WA

Featured League speakers:
Election security: Kirstin Mueller

Why I am on the Lobby Team:

“After significant research on the issue, I learned about LWV’s guidelines for conducting evidence based post-election audits. I am proud to lead our advocacy on important election security bills. I hope to continue to expand my focus on advocating for positive election reforms in the future.”

Redistricting: Alison McCaffree

“For the 2020 Session we will be exploring two pieces of legislation:
--Improve efficiency, effectiveness and transparency of the 2021 Washington State Redistricting Commission and maximize the impact of public input.
--Change the composition of the Washington State Redistricting Commission to include citizens who are unaffiliated with the two major parties, greater commissioner diversity including women and people of color and representation from regions outside of Puget Sound.”

Elections, Campaign
Finance and Government Ethics: Kathy Sakahara

“Our work combating the corrupting influence of money and politics will continue with support of critical legislation that was introduced in 2019, including establishing a one-year “cooling off” period before high-level government officials, including elected officials, could work as lobbyists. And of course we need to ensure that the campaign finance reforms that we are pushing for can be effectively enforced. This means adequately funding the Public Disclosure Commission—the state body responsible for enforcing campaign finance laws.”
Register now **Spokane Action Workshop**: The Spokane State Action Workshop, sponsored by the LWVWA, will offer speaker and panel presentations, issue break-out sessions, as well as more in-depth orientation to the legislative newsletter and legislative website. Senate Majority Leader, Andy Billig (D-3rd) and Senator Shelly Short (R-7th) will also speak on upcoming legislative session.

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 is a barrier to participation. Scholarship applications are due by 11:59 pm on Tuesday, October 29th. For Information on scholarship as well as other workshops available around the state, go to [https://www.lwvwa.org](https://www.lwvwa.org).

Don’t forget to follow up on the State Action Workshop with the **Take Action Spokane League Meeting November 12, 11:30 am**, St. Andrew’s Church, 2404 North Howard. This will include more hands-on work using the various websites to assist you with action efforts. And as a reminder, the members attending this meeting will also vote on setting a student membership rate. *See Board Shorts, page 4.*

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**Ballot Information**

The Spokane League sponsored an evening program on October 8th with Director Ann Murphy reviewing the ballot information contained in the [2019 Voters’ Guide](https://www.lwvwa.org/Measures-2019).

The meeting was an objective explanation of the ballot measures on the November election ballots. See the [Spokane League website](https://www.lwvwa.org/) for this explanation.

**Ballot Positions**: The Washington State League has taken positions on several ballot measures. [https://lwvwa.org/Measures-2019](https://lwvwa.org/Measures-2019)

**Advisory Votes**: There are 12 Advisory Votes on the ballot. Due to a previous initiative, the state is now required to put EVERY TAX MEASURE PASSED by the state legislature on the ballot for an advisory vote. The legislature is not required to abide by the results of the vote and seldom does. It’s up to each individual to decide how much time to expend on understanding each tax.

**Something New: Spokane League Ballot Parties**: League members will provide information on the mechanics of voting and how to find objective information regarding candidates and issues. The effort is aimed primarily at underserved populations. Contact Susan Hales for more information or to volunteer [Susanhales2015@gmail.com](mailto: Susanhales2015@gmail.com)
Where | When | More Information
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East Central Community Center | October 22 | GET OUT THE VOTE event. Bev Austin presenting
Uwata Christian Revival in America | October 26 | Election information-former Rwandan & Congolese refugees
Pilgrim Slavic Baptist Church | October 28 | Voting Workshop with Russian translation
Spokane Public Library Downtown | November 4 | Ballot party for homeless and downtown population

Bev Austin—East Central Community Center
October 22, 2019

Myanmar Fellows Visit the Spokane League

The League of Women Voters of the Spokane Area* has been chosen to host two US State Department Fellows from Myanmar. Mi Ko and Zin Thu will be learning about civic engagement by shadowing activities of Spokane League members. This program is the Young Southeast Asian Leadership Initiative (YSEALI) [https://exchanges.state.gov/non-us/program/yseali-professional-fellows-program](https://exchanges.state.gov/non-us/program/yseali-professional-fellows-program) and is sponsored by the University of Montana’s Mansfield Center and Gonzaga University’s Center for Global Engagement.

**Please meet the US State Department Fellows from Myanmar on Friday, October 25 from 4:30-5:30 pm** at St. Andrews Church. Here is a list of just some of the meetings and activities planned for Mi Ko and Zin Thu from October 25 through November 15th. For more information, contact Beth Pellicciotti, pelliccmb@gmail.com.

- observing civics education in Spokane high school classes
- meeting with the editor of the LWVWA publication, The State We’re In
- observing the County Auditor’s processing on General Election Day
- lecturing in two Gonzaga University International Studies classes
- observing the Spokane League register voters at the new citizen Naturalization Ceremony
- attending a ballot party for underserved/underrepresented voters
- attending two LWVWA Action Workshops in Spokane and Thurston Counties
- meeting with a rural school district superintendent on civics education
- meeting with as many League members as possible to reflect on their learning

*The planning committee includes Beth Pellicciotti, Ann Murphy, Lunell Haught, Bev Austin, and Susan Hales.
Upcoming Activities

See our web calendar for the latest details: http://lwvspokane.org

Bios

Suzanne Pate
As a member of LWV, my active hope is to preserve democracy through a new generation of informed voters who will hold our electeds accountable. I retired recently from decades in corporate communications, where I was the elastic waistband of writing, editing, and media relations. I enjoy my family, music (Gershwin, Joe Cocker, Bach), reading, painting, and Scrabble—and would like to garden.

Maggie Ryland
I am a semi-retired licensed veterinarian, currently confining my practice to non-profit organizations and humane societies. I am also a retired epidemiologist and was the senior epidemiologist for HIV/AIDS, STDs, and TB at the Washington State Department of Health before moving to eastern WA in 1999. I volunteer at the local animal shelter, I love spending time outdoors with my yellow Lab, hiking, kayaking, and splitting firewood, and I am an avid reader. I would welcome the opportunity to encourage voting among all groups but especially among “millennials” and to educate the voting public about upcoming ballot issues.

Help Wanted

Assistant Voter Editor: Assist the Voter editor, Lisa Kuhar-Pitters, in compiling, editing and sometimes writing short articles for the Voter; this monthly newsletter. Requirements: access to a computer, ability to write and edit in Word or Pages. Contact Jan Wingenroth: Jan_dennis@gmail.com

Mail Merge Assistance: Assistance needed in using mail merge to turn Excel spreadsheets into a member directory. Qualifications: Loves Excel and enjoys manipulating data fields to create a WORD directory. Contact Denise Campitelli: dmcampitelli@gmail.com

Coming Soon: A New Spokane League Webpage: Mary Hughes, Spokane League Webmaster, is overseeing the migration of our webpage to a new web platform. The new platform is open-source based. It promises to “harnesses current technology tools for easy content sharing, syndication, better accessibility, and mobile viewing.” We are hoping for a smooth transition to a beautiful new web page. In the mean time keep consulting http://lwvspokane.org for all our latest news.

Board Shorts Treasurer Denise Campitelli reports that some members still owe their League dues. Two applications were received for dues scholarships, and both were approved. Dues payment and application can be done online, but should be easier next year on the new web platform.

Memberships Fee Vote will be held at the November 12 general meeting. Spokane League members will vote on a proposed $10.00 fee for student members. As per LWVSA bylaws, changing the fee rate requires a vote of
the membership, with a 20-day notice to the membership. The first notice of this proposed change appeared in the October 2019 Voter.

**President Beth Pellicciotti** reports that League members are being recruited to sign up for high school civics presentations and voter registration for five Spokane high schools in November and December. Through the work of Christine Clark, Riverside High School District is being added for a December visit.

**Voter Services Leader Susan Hales** reports that Sally Phillips is now coordinating the registration schedule for new voters.

**Two Spokane League members, County Auditor Vicky Dalton and Director Ann Murphy,** answered audience questions following a viewing of the documentary, *Rigged: The Voter Suppression Playbook* at the Magic Lantern Theatre on Sunday, October 20. This event was sponsored by the Unitarian Universal Church Coordinating Council [https://meaningfulmovies.org/neighborhoods/meaningful-movies-spokane-with-uucs/](https://meaningfulmovies.org/neighborhoods/meaningful-movies-spokane-with-uucs/)

![Vicky Dalton and Ann Murphy answering audience questions. October 20, 2019](image_url)
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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