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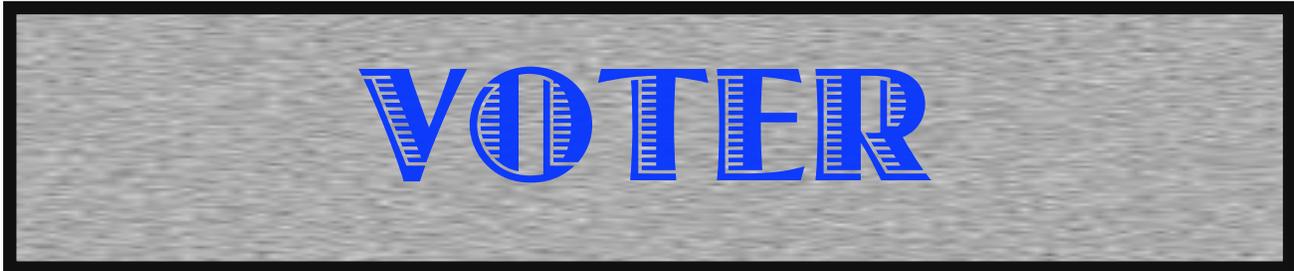
GENERAL MEETING

BALLOT ISSUES

OCT 9 @ 6:30 PM

Downtown Library,

@ 906 W. Maine, Rm 1A



Spokane Area and School District Propositions on the Ballot Nov.2018

TOWN OF ROCKFORD - Proposition No. 1 Fire Protection Service Excess Levy

TOWN OF SPANGLE - Proposition No. 1 Fire Protection Service Excess Levy

TOWN OF SPANGLE - Proposition No. 2 Police Protection Service Excess Levy

**CITY OF SPOKANE - Proposition No. 1 Spokane Public Library General
Obligation Bonds**

**CITY OF SPOKANE - Advisory Vote Advisory Vote Regarding Location of
Spokane Public Schools' Proposed Stadium**

**SPOKANE SD 81 - Proposition No. 1 Bonds to Construct New Schools and
Replace and Renovate Aging School Facilities**

**EAST VALLEY SD 361 - Proposition No. 1 Capital Levy for Safety, Security and
Infrastructure Improvements**

**ROSALIA PARK DISTRICT 2 - Special Election - Proposition #1 Special Election -
Proposition #1**

There is a full Voter's Guide on the Spokane County Elections site at

spokanecounty.org .

WASHINGTON STATE INITIATIVES ON THE BALLOT, NOV. 2018

LWVWA is working to finalize Ballot Issues Summaries and will make those available on its website with links in future publications. Other measures on the ballot will include:

Initiative Measure No. 960 concerns law enforcement training

Initiative Measure No.1631 concerns pollution.

Initiative Measure No.1634 concerns taxation of certain items intended for human consumption.

Initiative Measure No.1639 concerns firearms.

Advisory Vote No. 19 will also appear on the ballot.

Links to a full text of the initiatives and advisory vote are available through This Week In League (TWIL) at LWVWA.ORG

Attachments to this VOTER contain the full text of the four initiatives above.

GET OUT THE VOTE

There is a link on the LWVUS web page this month to an article in *Elle Magazine*. Sept. 20, Power & Politics, “How to Participate in Politics No Matter How Much Time You Have” by Madison Feller. She interviewed Jeanette Senecal, Senior Director of Mission Impact.

“Getting registered to vote—and actually showing up to the polls—is an essential, effective way to participate in politics. But with the midterms getting closer (Nov. 6, everyone!), it’s also important to know about the handful of other ways to get involved. No matter if you have five minutes or five hours to spare, find how you can get engaged.”

5-10 Minutes

Talk to your friends and family about their voting plans.

Post on social media.

Donate to a candidate or a related organization.

30 Minutes to 1 Hour

Volunteer for a campaign.

Volunteer with a political organization.

Become a volunteer leader on a campaign.

Learn more about running for office.

1 Day

Become a poll worker.

JUST 36% OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS CAST A BALLOT IN 2014, THE LOWEST TURNOUT SINCE 1942.

Women currently make up 20 percent of Congress, and that won’t magically jump to 50 percent in one year. But voting—and voting more women into office—gets us that much closer to gender parity. For more information, go to ELLE.com/elle-votes or

WhenWeAllVote.org

Would you like to help?

ACTION WORK SHOP, December 1.
Contact Lunell Haught

FACEBOOK Contact Linda Milsow

VOTER REGISTRATION Contact Bev Austin

VOTER Contact Pam Behring

WEB page Contact Mary Hughes

All contact information is in the
Membership Handbook.

Calendar

- OCT 9: Ballot issues, 6:30PM to 8PM @ the Downtown Library, 906, W Maine Rm. 1A.**
- 17: Board Mtg. 10AM @ the OFFICE.**
- 23 Coffee @ Suzi's, 9:30AM or Appetizers @ 6:30PM**
- NOV 13: Relationship of Census to Redistricting, 6:30PM to 8PM @ the Downtown Library, Rm. 1A.**
- 21: Board Mtg. 10AM @ the Office.**
- DEC 1: Action Workshop with Pullman League. Topic: Homeless, contact Lunell Haught**

Suzi Hokonson will be hosting a New Members gathering on Tues Oct 23rd, 9:30 AM at her home. She will also host a gathering at 6:30PM the same day. So, please, join her and members of the League for coffee and scones or light appetizers.
RSVP: Suzi Hokonson - 509-808-1255

Welcome New Members: Susan Brudnicki, Ariane Schmidt, Carol Hayes, Alan Parso-York, and Rhonda Horobiowski.

Board Members: Pam Behring, President/Voter Editor; Sally Phillips, Treasurer; Susan Gray, Secretary/Forum Organizer.

Off-Board: Linda Milsow, Facebook; Suzi Hokonson, Membership; Mary Hughes, Web Page; Bev Austin, Voter Service; Beth Pellicciotti, Civics Education.

Visit our web page lwvspokane.org to keep informed.

Thank you, AVISTA, for printing the LWV Spokane "TRY's" - They Represent You!

Action Workshop, December 1 in Spokane!

If you would like to help with registration, greeting, hosting out of towners by providing a bed, please let Lunell Haught know. 509-443-1319 or Lh1@fastmail.com

If you just want to plan on attending, save the date...

These workshops cover LWVWA advocacy issues for the upcoming legislative session and will give you an opportunity to:

- Help us flex our political muscle in Olympia.
- Get the inside scoop on what to expect for the upcoming legislative session.
- Learn about critical issues facing our state.
- Discuss the issues of greatest interest to you with legislators and our lobby team members.
- Gain the knowledge, skills, and confidence to be a more effective, powerful advocate for the issues you care about.
- Network with other advocates involved in the League.
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Watch for registration link!

Humanities Washington

(www.humanities.org) sparks conversation and critical thinking using story as a catalyst, nurturing thoughtful and engaged communities across our state. The organization is sponsoring a series: 'Moment of Truth: Journalism and Democracy in the Age of Misinformation' The first of these was at the Magic Lantern on Sept 26th. The topic was misinformation and conspiracy theories, both as practiced in the 19th century and currently. Doug Nadvornik, from Spokane Public Radio led a panel discussion that included Cornell Clayton, Director of WSU's Foley Center; Travis Ridout, a WSU professor who has been studying political ads since 2010; and Erica Salkin, Whitworth professor who is a media law scholar. The 1 ½ hour lecture was highly interactive, with about half the time devoted to questions and comments from the audience.

Some observations that struck me:

The 19th century contest between Wm Jennings Bryan and Wm McKinley was very like today's political climate: deep political divide, great income and wealth inequality; economic shift, in the 19th century case from a agricultural economy to an industrial one; high immigration rates that raised identity issues; movements such as revivalism, temperance, women's rights. 19th century newspapers were overtly partisan - the idea of objectivity came along in the 20th century. Newspaper ownership was highly concentrated, giving owners like Wm Hearst great power.

Big changes in today's news dissemination: it spreads very quickly, anyone can be a news creator. However, news spread via the internet lacks the editorial review that we are accustomed to.

Journalists should include fact checks in their reporting. They should note if an interviewee does not answer a question. Readers need to

understand that pressures of time and lack of resource can lead to mistakes. Editorial standards, such as requiring corroborating sources, help overcome reporter bias. Reporters should keep language neutral, for example, report that an interviewee 'said' something, not that they 'speculated', 'opined', 'sneered', 'raged', etc. Some New York Times stories now include links to the data from which the story was drawn.

Readers need to distinguish between news that is commentary and news that is reporting. Note that cable news is 49-70% commentary – it's cheaper, and audience like to see people arguing.

Be cautious about a news story if:
it's a big story and only one outlet is reporting it
The story is based on unnamed sources
The language is biased

Look for news sources that challenge your beliefs.

If your Representative votes in a way you disagree with, ask them to explain their vote.

Needed – more discussion of substantive issues, less on personalities.

Who funds ads should be information available to readers, both in print and in social media. Google *et al* are doing this. Facebook is adding a 'disputed' label to some postings.

People need to be taught humans' cognitive biases, in an interesting way.

Education that really creates engaged citizens is participatory -debate classes and working on the school newspaper are more effective than classroom instruction.

Today's students are cynical about institutions, but politically interested.

Recommended book: One and Future Liberal, by Mark Lilla

Coming up in the next couple months are two additional events in the 'Journalism and Democracy' series:

10/9 The State of American Journalism (free, but ticketed)

11/5 Nicholas Kristof (not free)

Both are sponsored by Humanities Washington. See their site, www.Humanities.org, to get tickets.

Sally Phillips

Poster from Humanities Washington slide-show.



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

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: H _____ W _____

Email _____ Fax _____

I would like to receive the newsletter by ___ mail or ___ email (check one.)

Please make check payable & mail to: LWVSA 2404 N. Howard St., Spokane WA 99205 and indicate amount enclosed: _____

Pay by Credit Card through Pay Pal at www.lwvspokane.org/join.html



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