

# VOTER

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF PULLMAN

April 2011

The League of Women Voters of Pullman is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

## Officers

**President:** Alice Schroeder, 334-2470; **Secretary:** Deb Olson, 332-2114, Backup: Francy Bose, 332-5114; **Treasurer:** Joan Folwell, 332-3946; **Voter Service Chair:** Diane Smerdon, 334-5413; **Voter Editor:** Susan Daniels, 332-6699; **Finance Drive Chair:** Lenna Harding, 332-7749; **Membership Chair:** Elinor McCloskey, 334-3242; **Hospitality Chair:** Barbara Hammond, 332-4104; **Observer Corps Chair and TRY Editor:** Lucy Linden, 332-2755.

## Meetings

### Health Care

Date: Monday April 4, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Program: LWVWA President Linnea Hirst and Health Care Lobbyist Susan Eidenschink discuss what is ahead in health care legislation.

Place: Neill Public Library, Hecht Room

Chair: Lucy Linden, 332-2755

### Annual Meeting

Date: Monday May 16, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Program: Catered dinner 6:00 - 7:00 (bring check for \$15 made out to Pullman LWV) followed by guest speaker Pullman Police Chief, Gary Jenkins, and then our Annual Meeting.

Place: Home of Karen Kiessling, 510 SE Crestview

Chairs: Alice Schroeder, 334-2470 (out of town until May 12) and Karen Kiessling, 332-4755

## Board Meetings

**Monday March 28,**

Time: 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Place: Home of Lucy Linden, 500 SE Crestview

## **Other Meetings of Interest**

### **National Park Week**

Date: Wednesday April 20, Noon - 1:00 p.m.  
Place: Fiske Room, 1912 Center (412 E. 3rd St.), Moscow, ID  
Program: Lisa Garrett, Regional Coordinator, National Park Service  
Contact: Moscow LWV

### **LWVWA State Convention**

Date: May 19-22.  
Place: Shilo Inn, Richland, WA  
Information: See article below and your February VOTER

## **April 4 — Health Care**

### **Lucy Linden**

Coming to Pullman Soon: Two State League Board Members!

It may be a long way from Pullman to the State League office in Seattle, but we will be closing that gap by hosting two energetic and dedicated women, the LWVWA President and the Health Care Lobbyist, at Neill Public Library's Hecht Room, April 4, from 7 to 9 p.m. We are fortunate to have both President Linnea Hirst and Board Member Susan Eidenschink here to discuss their challenging League roles with us. Linnea knows what's happening at the state level now and what's in the planning stage — there's a new big project on the horizon. She's also exploring how technology can support the important work of League around the state.

State Board Member Susan Eidenschink, our volunteer health care lobbyist in Olympia, educates legislators and testifies on behalf of the LWVWA's position as the state proposes health care delivery changes. As chair of the State Health Care Committee, Susan can tell us what benefits in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (passed just a year ago) are currently in effect and what might happen in the future from the actions of state legislatures and attorneys general calling for repeal of some or all of the PPAC Act. She was an advocate for the *Healthcare Now!* Resolution passed by the 2010 LWVUS Convention which urged the National Board to push for universal access to affordable health care for all citizens. The LWV of Pullman supported this resolution.

You won't want to miss this chance to talk with these capable leaders. Invite a friend to join you at our League meeting at the Library, April 4. (Please come at 6:30 to help set up chairs.)

## **Annual Meeting**

### **Alice Schroeder**

This is our yearly chance to collectively consider what we've done in the past year and to think ahead to 2011-2012. Muriel Oaks has done a wonderful job of finding officers and committee

heads whom we will nominate and elect. Joan Folwell, Susan Daniels and I have worked on the budget to be adopted for the next year. Most importantly we'll want to discuss how we can make the best use of our strengths and interests in the coming year as we consider our local positions and action ideas developed at the Feb. planning meeting.

The meeting also provides time for networking and a short visit with Pullman's new Police Chief, Gary Jenkins. The business part of the meeting requires a quorum of 1/3 of the membership, i.e. 16 people, so do put the date on your calendar and plan to attend. Many of the specific items we will discuss are in this newsletter for you to read and consider before the meeting. I look forward to seeing you on May 16th! Look for the Agenda and Committee Reports starting below in this VOTER.

## **Needed -- State Convention Delegates!!**

This year's League of Women Voters of Washington State Convention will be held at the Shilo Inn in Richland May 20-22—actually easy for Pullman members to attend. We can send three voting delegates and as many non-voting delegates as we want. To help with expenses, the board has allocated \$300 per delegate for up to five delegates. Please consider attending. Several older members will be unable to attend due to travel plans. This is a wonderful chance for newer members to learn a lot about the League in a most interesting and effective way, and meet some great people! At this time Shelley Jones is planning to attend as a delegate and Karen Kiessling as a State Board member. Both are interested in car pooling and possibly sharing a room. Let them or Alice know if you would like to attend. More information is available at [www.lwvwa.org](http://www.lwvwa.org) in the members only section. ID is *lwvwa*, PW is *Voter1*.

## **Website Update**

**Shelley Jones**

Our spring intern has been hard at work preparing our website to go live. With that said, the site should be live by the end of March! Check us out at [www.lwvpullman.org](http://www.lwvpullman.org). (As of Mar. 22 the web-server is working but only a placeholder web page is visible.)

This is an on-going project and the site will and can be adjusted based on the needs of League members and community members. If you have suggestions or ideas for the website or if you would like to work on the website, please contact Paul Spencer or Shelley Jones.

## **Annual Meeting Agenda**

1. Speaker: We have invited Pullman City Police Chief, Gary Jenkins, to discuss his plans for the department.
2. Call to order and declaration of quorum (1/3 of 48 local members=16) – Alice Schroeder
3. 2010 Annual Meeting Minutes Report
4. Appointment of readers for the 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes

5. Treasurer's Report – Joan Folwell
6. Finance Drive Report – Lenna Harding
7. Budget Report – Susan Daniels
8. Discussion and adoption of Local Positions for 2011-2012.
9. Nominating Committee Report – Muriel Oaks and Deb Olson
10. Election of Officers
11. Election of Delegates to State Convention
12. Observer Corps Reports – Lucy Linden
13. Other business.

**TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT**  
**July 1, 2010 – June 31, 2011\***

<b>Income</b>	
<b>Dues</b>	<b>\$2,480.00</b>
<b>Total Donations**</b>	<b>\$2640.00 (\$640 sent to Ed Fund)</b>
<b>Refund from J. Brown</b>	<b>\$335.90</b>
<b>In Kind Donations</b>	<b>\$119.69</b>
<b>Chamber of Commerce</b>	<b>\$30.75</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5606.34</b>

\*\*received from 3/10 to 2/11

<b>EXPENSES</b>	
<b>Operating Costs:</b>	
<b>P.O. Box Rental</b>	<b>\$70.00</b>
<b>Thank you Gifts</b>	<b>\$53.90</b>
<b>Misc. (Room Donations)</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>	
<b>President/Board</b>	<b>\$29.60</b>
<b>Finance Drive</b>	<b>\$7.76</b>
<b>Delegates, Travel, Affiliations</b>	
<b>National Convention</b>	<b>\$1240.02</b>
<b>State Council</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>
<b>Chamber of Commerce</b>	<b>\$110.00</b>
<b>Washington News Service</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Friends of Neill Library</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>PMP Payments:</b>	
<b>State</b>	<b>\$731.50</b>
<b>National</b>	<b>\$1143.45</b>
<b>The Voter:</b>	
<b>Supplies</b>	<b>\$55.07</b>

<b>Postage</b>	<b>\$40.83</b>
<b>Educational Activities:</b>	
<b>Program</b>	<b>\$155.58</b>
<b>Voter Service</b>	<b>\$521.95</b>
<b>Ed Fund Withdrawals</b>	<b>\$721.73</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5481.39</b>

<b>Balances: Ed Fund</b>	<b>\$1960.47</b>
<b>Working Assets</b>	<b>\$4892.48</b>
<b>Reserve Assets</b>	<b>\$3000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$9852.95</b>

\*based on records as of March 14, 2011

## 2010 Finance Drive

Lenna Harding

In 2010 we received the following:

<u>From Non-Members</u>		<u>From Members</u>	
Regular	\$ 720.00	Regular and In-Kind	\$ 497.20
Ed Fund	\$ 740.00	Ed Fund	\$ 170.00
Total	\$1460.00	Total	\$ 667.20

**Grand Total: \$2127.20**

## Proposed Budget, July 1, 2011 -- June 30, 2012

### EXPENDITURES

<b>A. Operating Costs</b>	<b>\$545.00</b>
P.O.Box Rental	70.00
Thank You Gifts	150.00
Venue Expenses	200.00
Miscellaneous	125.00
<b>B. Administrative</b>	<b>\$750.00</b>
President/Board	50.00
Administrative Committees	
Finance Drive	120.00
Membership	110.00
Public Relations	150.00
Affiliations	210.00
WA News Service	50.00
Miscellaneous	60.00

<b>C. Delegates and Travel</b>	<b>\$2200.00</b>
Natl. Convention (1 del)	1400.00 – for 2012
State Council (2 dels)	300.00 – for 2012
State Convention (3 dels)	000.00 – will budget for \$900 in 2013
Action Workshop	300.00 – for fees and mileage annually
Travel to Other Events	200.00 - \$0.35/mile adopted 7/2011
<b>D. <u>Per Member Payments</u>*</b>	<b>\$2142.80</b>
State	836.00
National	1306.80
*based on 32 individual, 8 first household and 8 second household members	
<b>E. The Voter</b>	<b>\$120.00</b>
Supplies	75.00
Postage	45.00
<b>F. Educational Activities</b>	<b>\$1300.00</b>
Publications	100.00
<u>They Represent You</u>	400.00 – for publication in 2012
Program	200.00
Voter Service	600.00
<b>G. Position/Action Activities</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b>I. Education Fund Withdrawals</b>	<b>\$703.34</b> (includes ½ natl. PMP and WNS)
<b>J. In-Kind Donations Expenses</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES**                    **\$8161.14**

### **INCOME**

<b>A. Dues</b>	<b>\$2600.00</b>
32 individuals @\$60 = \$1920.00	
+ 8 households @\$85 = \$680.00	
<b>B. Contributions</b>	<b>\$2800.00</b>
Regular fund	2000.00
Ed Fund	800.00
<b>C. Sales of Publications</b>	<b>\$ 00.00</b>
<b>D. In-Kind Donations</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>

**TOTAL INCOME**                            **\$5600.00**

## **February 8, 2011 Planning Meeting Report**

### **Alice Schroeder**

At the Annual Meeting we need to discuss, amend, if necessary, and adopt our positions for the 2011-2013 Biennium. If action is suggested, other than an update, we will decide what to do at the July planning meeting. We also need to discuss and decide whether or not to carry out the suggested update study and whether we are interested in a new study of any sort.

## **Suggested Positions and *Action* For 2011 2013 Biennium**

1. **Whitman County Health Services:** Support for a public health program for Whitman County which promotes the physical and mental health of all residents of the county.  
*Two new Action suggestions: Possible programs on Mental Health—are we underserved? How well is the whole county being served?*
2. **Environmental Quality:** Support of policies and procedures which promote coordinated planning and method of enforcement for the conservation and development of land. Support of policies to promote coordinated planning and implementation of solid waste management procedures which conserve natural resources, are ecologically sound, and aesthetically pleasing. Support of policies to establish city-wide curbside recycling and composting, to maintain a Recycling Center, to hire a recycling coordinator, to encourage procurement of recyclable materials, and development of markets for recyclable materials.  
*Action suggestions: Programs—Storm Water Runoff Update; Energy Resources; Continue to support Technical Advisory Committees for wind farms.*
3. **Whitman County Transportation:** Support of a system of transportation for the Pullman area which will adequately serve all segments of the population.  
*Action suggestions: Program on Pullman/Moscow Shuttle and update on services.*
4. **City and Regional Planning:** Support of principles of planning, subdivisions and zoning. Support of more restrictions on developments for both contractors and private land owners. Support the principle of making land use decisions through a process that requires both a Planning Commission and City Council or County Commissioners. Support of growth within carefully defined areas for commerce and light industry. Support of annual review by the City Council of a Capital Improvement Program for the City. Additional consensus on development in 2002-2003 study.  
*Action suggestions: Update on pre-development ordinance; two entrances to every development; meet with county planner to discuss ways LWV Pullman can help promote public participation and education on County planning issues.*
5. **Local Government Budget and Finance:** Support (1) tax measures necessary to maintain an adequate level of financial support for Pullman City Government, (2) long-range Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Pullman, (3) finance implementation of long-range capital improvement.  
*Action suggestion: Program on County Finances?*
6. **Schools:** Support of measures for a school program adequately financed by the State Basic Education Act. Support of special levies for specific purposes unhampered by a levy lid. Support of the following criteria for schools: (1) Given the present economic constraints of the levy lid law, basic education funding and fluctuating enrollment, it is important to have quality instructional programming and low student teacher ratio. (2) Energy efficiency (fuel & transportation) is an important criteria in considering use or lack of use of a building. (3) In any major redistribution of students, the maintaining of small neighborhood clusters of children should be considered. (4) Complete financial estimates of each option should be made available when considering changes in the use of facilities.  
*Action suggestions: Program on developing better way of evaluating teachers (state) and*

*presentation by unions and superintendent on tenure process K-12. Update on high school rebuilding, program on preschool opportunities in Pullman.*

7. **City Government:** Support of the principle of separation of administrative and policy-making functions. *Monitor*
8. **Library Services:** Support of (1) a more equitable relationship of library employees compared to other city employees. (2) Additional sources of funding and any expansion to maintain at least the present level of services, (3) cooperative relationships with other area libraries while maintaining local autonomy. **Reward first sentence:** *(1) support equitable salaries for library employees in comparison with city employees. Monitor.*

### **Suggested Study**

**Update: Pullman Past, Present, and Future:** *Pullman: Past, Present, and Future* was the required study that Pullman Provisional LWV did in 1951. It contained information on the history and government of Pullman and Government Services. It was updated several times as *Pullman: Know Your City*. The last update appears to have been in 1977. At the planning meeting it was suggested that we add general information on ordinances, how to register to vote, cultural activities. Most of the information can be easily found on the web with a simple search, although it is not all together. Pullman City now publishes a small *Welcome to Pullman* booklet that covers most city services and ordinances that students need to know about. It is given to all students and is in new resident packages. Another booklet *Pullman, Washington Fact Book* is more extensive and can be downloaded from the Pullman government site. To do such a publication is a great deal of work and It appears we would be duplicating the efforts of others. Therefore, the board does not recommend this update unless there is strong support AND a strong committee, willing to do it, can be found.

## **Nominating Committee Report**

### **Muriel Oaks**

As chair of the nominations committee for Pullman LWV, I'm pleased to submit the following nominees for 2011-12:

**President:** Alice Schroeder

**Vice President:** Shelley Jones

**Secretary:** Deb Olson

**Backup Secretary:** Francie Bose

**Treasurer:** Joan Folwell

**Webmaster:** Paul Spencer

**Voter Service Chair:** Diane Smerdon

**Voter Editor:** Susan Daniels

**Finance Drive Chair:** Lenna Harding

**Membership Chair:** Janet Kendall

**Publicity Chair:** Sharon Walbridge

**Hospitality Chair:** Barbara Hammond

**Observer Corps Chair and TRY Editor:** Lucy Linden

**Nominating Committee:** Deb Olson



## **Useful Pullman League Numbers**

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