



VOTER

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF PULLMAN WASHINGTON

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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.

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President: Alice Schroeder, 334-2470; **Vice President:** Shelley Jones, 432-3428, ; **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:** Janet Kendall, 332-4268; **Hospitality Chair:** Barbara Hammond, 332-4104; **Observer Corps Chair and TRY Editor:** Lucy Linden, 332-2755; **Webmaster:** Paul Spencer: 332-6699; **State Board Member:** Karen Kiessling, 332-4755.

LWVWA Council 2012

Calling All Leaguers! We need your help!

Shelley Jones

As you know the Pullman League is hosting this year's Council. although we only have two voting delegates, observing League Members are most welcome—a great way to learn more about League at the State level.

We are going to need Leaguers' support in the following areas:

- Registration/Information Table (throughout the weekend, June 1-3)
- Friday Afternoon Tours (June 1)
- Stand by for Questions from delegates/Assist Committee with last minute details (throughout the weekend, June 1-3)
- Assist Deb with Goodie Bags (gathering items before Council begins)
- Etc.

Please contact Shelley Jones at shelley.jones@nahiacreations.com with your area of interest in assisting the LWVWA Council 2012 Committee. *We need you!*

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Plans are continuing for what is going to be an exceptional Council!

Karen Kiessling and Amy Cole have been hard at work planning the “Panel on Judicial Diversity” and for securing our keynote speaker for Saturday evening’s dinner. We have a wonderful panel that includes Supreme Court Justice Steven Gonzalez, Spokane Appellate Court Judge Laurel Siddoway, Benton-Franklin Superior Court Judge Cameron Mitchell, Whitman County District Court Judge Douglas Robinson, and Dr. Melinda Gann Hall, Distinguished Professor, Michigan State University, and our keynote speaker is Supreme Court Justice Charlie Wiggins. Justice Wiggins will be speaking on Campaign Reform for Judicial Races.

The panel is free and open to the public and the public, especially League Members, is also invited to the dinner. Solid attendance by our members is important. Plan now to set aside Sat. afternoon June 2 to attend the panel and dinner at Banyan’s overlooking the beautiful hills of the Palouse! Dinner should cost \$25-30, but you do not need to purchase the dinner to come hear the speaker. A registration form will be emailed to members. Barbara Hammond has secured some delicious catering options for the Council delegates. Lucy Linden provided much legwork early on in securing a location for Council and is now working on finalizing details with facilities.

The Committee has also planned the following tours for Friday afternoon – a tour of Kamiak Butte, a tour of WSU (to be tailored to those in attendance) and a trip to Colton/Uniontown/Lewiston Overlook. We are definitely putting our “best foot forward” in showing statewide Council delegates this beautiful place we call home. *Remember we need all of our members’ help!*

Meetings

Privatization Study Consensus Meeting

Date: Monday April 2, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Program: Discuss Privatization Consensus Questions and seek consensus

Place: Neill Public Library, Hecht Room

Contact: Alex Hammond, 332-4104

Annual Meeting

Date: Monday May 14, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Program: Catered dinner 6:00-7:00 (bring a check for \$15 made out to Pullman LWV) followed by the Business Meeting and Council 2012 Planning

Place: Joan Folwell's home, [1301 Kitzmiller Rd.](#)

Chairs: Alice Schroeder, 334-2470 (out of town until April 23) and Joan Folwell, 332-3946

LWVWA Council 2012

Dates: June 1,2,3

Program: [See article above](#)

Place: Holiday Inn Express

Chair: Shelley Jones, 432-3428

Board Meetings

Wednesdays March 28th, April 25th

Time: 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Place: Daily Grind

Chair: Alice Schroeder, 334-2470

Other Meetings of Interest

LWV National Convention

Date: June 8-12, 2012

Program: **Imagine, Commit, Act! "The Power of the Vote!"**

Place: **Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington DC**

Information: LWV.org

Privatization Consensus Meeting Coming Up

Alex Hammond

On April 2 Pullman League is holding a discussion meeting to respond to the National LWV's consensus questions on the privatization of public and governmental services. The National LWV office has assembled background materials on privatization which may be found at:

<http://www.lwv.org/search/content/Privatization>.

Selections from these materials will be distributed by email before the evening meeting on April 2, 2012. Call Alex Hammond, 332-4104, if you need a printed copy. Our consensus is only as good as our attendance so please make every effort to attend the April 2 meeting. This is your chance to influence League advocacy at the National Level. Don't let others speak for you! Come to the April 2 meeting.

The March 5th panel on Privatization with John Sherman, Shelley Richardson and Jon Miller provided those who attended with basic knowledge of the issues, especially what local governments must do to privatize a service and how classic economists look at private and public goods. The LWVUS materials will help those of you who could not attend come up to speed.

Annual Meeting May 14th

Alice Schroeder

It has happened again! You've spent another fantastic, busy and rewarding year with the Pullman League of Women Voters! Once again it is Annual Meeting Time. Please, please plan to come. as we need a quorum of 1/3 of our members to adopt the budget and elect next year's officers and committee heads. Also, this is our yearly chance to collectively consider what we've done in the past year, visit, and think ahead to 2012-2013. We will not have an outside speaker as many of you have urged us to have some social time in our events.

We will be finishing the 2011-12 League year with a bang by hosting the [LWVWA Council 2012](#) on June 1-3. Shelley Jones will tell us what will be happening and how you can help. We need everyone to make this a success! June Crawford has worked hard to find a slate of officers and committee heads to lead us next year. Joan Folwell, Susan Daniels and Shelley Jones have worked on the budget to be adopted for the next year. We'll get caught up on current finances and finally we'll elect our delegates to the National Convention and give them directions. This includes how to vote on a concurrence on imprisonment sentencing guidelines and raising our National dues (PMP). There should be a lively discussion.

Look for the Agenda and Committee Reports starting on page 5 in this VOTER.

Directions to Joan Folwell's Home

1. Drive north out of Pullman on the Palouse highway (Route 27)
2. At the first intersection (Albion Road/Wheelan Road) turn right onto Whelan Road
3. Drive approximately 200 feet and immediately turn right on Kitzmiller Road (do not go past the McGregor Plant!).
4. The house is located 1.3 miles from the beginning of Kitzmiller on the right side of the road (look for the blue address on mailbox). Drive up the lane: the upper driveway leads to the front door and has three parking spaces and requires no stairs into the house; additional parking space is located on the lower drive and in front of the shed. Wear sturdy shoes for walking on the gravel driveway.

I look forward to seeing you on May 14th!

Update on the Conservation District Election

Joan Folwell

Thanks to all of you who voted in the Palouse Conservation District election. It was close with 109 votes cast which doesn't seem like a lot, but set a new record. Keith Kopf was the winner. Keith has served as a supervisor since 1997; he is a proponent of no-till cultivation methods who actively invites others to do the same. In a region where 14 tons of soil per acre can be lost to wind and water erosion each year when less sustainable farming methods are used, he is a leader. Thank you again for taking the time and effort to vote!

Calling All Leaguers! We need your help!

Contact Shelley Jones at shelley.jones@nahiacreations.com to help with Council 2012

Website Update

Paul Spencer

Google analytics is a service for web pages which is now installed on each page of our website. It collects information about the visits to a website for use in measuring user interest and to help decide how to improve the pages and the website as a whole. I thought League members might be interested in some of the information.

During the two months from January 20 to March 20, there were 137 visits and of these 96 were unique (that is, not the same person as a previous visitor). The visitors were from 41 different cities and towns all over the U.S. There were visitors from 10 countries outside the U.S. Including Turkey, India, Indonesia, Columbia, Brazil and Bulgaria!

Other than the opening page, the *About Us*, *Events*, and *Newsletter* were the most viewed. The *About Us* page had the second highest average viewing time of 2 minutes 35 seconds and the highest was the *Documents* page with an average viewing time of 6 minutes.

Website URL: www.lwvpullman.org If you do not have the User ID and password to visit our *Members Page*, please call me, 332-6699, or send an email: paul-spencer@pullman.com.

Observer Report

Whitman County Board of County Commissioners Meeting - March 22, 2012

Observer: Paul Spencer

The last several meetings have been primarily routine matters as is usually the case. One matter which concerns many LWV members is waste disposal, and the County has received bids for a new long haul waste disposal contract. The bids have been opened, and the county is negotiating with a different company than the previous hauler. The new contract was to have been signed in the last week. It is a 10 year contract with better rates than the previous contract, and a big advantage is that there is no provision for a surcharge based on the fluctuating fuel prices. It is expected that the new contract will save the county \$15-20 per ton for the long-haul waste.

The commissioners have received permission to hire outside legal counsel to help with the lawsuit against the county regarding the agreement the county made with the Hawkins Development near the Idaho State boundary line. The commissioners voted to approve the contract with Foster Pepper PLLC which sets the hourly rate at \$225 with a maximum allowable amount of \$10,000 without further action by the Board of Commissioners for good cause and prior approval of the court.

During a recent meeting Commission Chairman Greg Partch announced with emphasis to the audience that all the commission meetings including the board business workshops held in the conference room are open to the public except for occasional executive sessions for salary discussions or negotiations etc. Pullman LWV can take some credit for this because prior to our request and reminder to the BOCC of the provisions of the Washington State open meeting law, it seemed that much of the critical discussions and decisions were made in meetings not open to the public.

Annual Meeting Agenda Alice Schroeder

1. Call to order and declaration of quorum (1/3 of 50 local members = 17) –Alice Schroeder
2. Council 2012 – Shelley Jones
3. 2011 Annual Meeting Minutes Report –Barbara Hammond and Lucy Linden
4. Appointment of readers for the 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes
5. Treasurer’s Report – Joan Folwell
6. Finance Drive Report – Lenna Harding
7. Budget Report – Susan Daniels
8. Nominating Committee Report – June Crawford
9. Election of Officers
 Discussion—Changing officer terms to two years.
11. TRY report—Lucy Linden
12. Observer Corps Reports – Lucy Linden
13. Election of Delegates to National Convention
 - a. National Convention Topics—Shelley Jones
 - b. Directions to delegates.
14. Other Business

Treasurer's Report Joan Folwell

PULLMAN LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ANNUAL TREASURER’S REPORT April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012

INCOME

Dues	\$2400.00
Total Donations	\$2260.00 (\$540 for Ed Fund, \$500 from Col. Bank)
In-Kind Donations	\$ 225.17
Annual Meeting	<u>\$ 255.00</u>
<i>Total</i>	\$5140.17

EXPENSES

Operating Costs:

P.O. Box Rental	\$ 70.00
Gifts	\$ 56.00 [<i>\$31.19-dinner; \$6.47-frames</i>]*
Venue Expenses	\$ 53.90
Miscellaneous	\$ 65.23 (web domain fee paid until 1/2014)

Administrative Costs:

President/Board	\$ 17.60
Membership	\$ 4.84 [<i>\$15.91-fall kick-off</i>]*
Finance Drive	\$ 211.00

Delegates, Travel, Affiliations:

State Convention	\$ 600.00 (2 del.)	<i>[\$32.30-basket for St. Convention]*</i>
Action Workshop	\$ 125.00 (fees and mileage)	<i>[\$56.00-gas]*</i>
Affiliations	\$ 210.00 (C. of Commerce, Neill Library)	
Washington News Service	\$50.00 (\$50.00 from Ed Fund)	
Other Travel	\$ 150.00	
Annual Meeting	\$ 270.00	<i>[\$34.50-dessert]*</i>

Per Member Payments (PMPs):

State	\$ 807.50
National	\$1143.45 (\$637.50 from Ed Fund)

The Voter:

Supplies	\$ 44.18
Postage	\$ 32.56

Educational Activities:

Voter Service	\$ 156.63
TRY	\$ 384.24
Meeting Amenities	<i>[\$10.41-Christmas Party]*</i>

In-Kind Donations: \$ 225.17

Total \$4677.30

BALANCES as of 3/15/2012:

Working Assets	\$5,917.30
Reserve Assets	\$3,000.00
Education Fund	<u>\$1,875.47</u>
TOTAL	\$10,792.77

*[-----] = in-kind donations

Proposed Budget

Susan Daniels

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF PULLMAN Proposed Budget July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

EXPENDITURES

		<u>Actual Costs 2011-2012*</u>
A. Operating Costs	\$550.00	\$166.61
P.O. Box Rental	75.00	70.00
Thank You Gifts	150.00	21.00
Venue Expenses	200.00	53.90
Miscellaneous	125.00	65.23
B. Administrative	\$750.00	\$282.44
President/Board	50.00	17.60
Administrative Committees		
Finance Drive	120.00	0.00
Membership	110.00	4.84
Public Relations	150.00	0.00

Affiliations	210.00	210.00
WA News Service	[50.00]**	[50.00]**
Miscellaneous	60.00	60.00
C. Delegates and Travel	\$1550.00	\$1825.00
Natl. Convention (1 del)	0.00	1400.00 (raise to 1700.00 in 2014)
State Council (2 dels)	0.00	300.00 (raise to 500.00 in 2014)
State Convention (3 dels)	1050.00	0.00 (st. conven. is odd years)
Action Workshop***	300.00	125.00
Travel to Other Events	200.00 (.35/mi)	0.00
D. Per Member Payments (PMPs)	\$2131.50	\$2082.50
National PMP: \$30.00 for individuals and 1 st householders; \$15.00 for 2 nd householders and students		
State PMP: \$19.00 for individuals and 1 st householders; \$9.50 for 2 nd householders and students		
March 1, 2012: 28 individual, 7 household, 3 student, 2 honorary		
National PMP	1305.00 [652.50]**	1275.00 [637.50]**
State PMP	826.50	807.50
E. The Voter	\$120.00	\$53.09
Printing, supplies	75.00	30.21
Postage	45.00	22.88
F. Educational Activities	1300.00	\$540.87
Publications	100.00	0.00
TRY	400.00	384.24
Program	200.00	0.00
Voter Service	600.00	156.63
G. Position/Action Activities	\$200.00	0.00
H. In-Kind Donation Expenses	<u>\$200.00</u>	<u>\$202.17</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$6801.50	\$5152.68

*Actual expenses for 2011-2012 as of March 1, 2012

**[Expenses paid for by the Ed Fund]

***Includes both fees and gas mileage

INCOME

Dues	\$2555.00	\$2350.00
30 individual	1800.00	1680.00 (28 individual)
8 household	680.00	595.00 (7 household)
3 student	75.00	75.00 (3 student)
Contributions	\$2800.00	\$2322.50
Regular Fund	2000.00	1720.00
Ed Fund	800.00	602.50
Sales of Publications	\$ 0.00	0.00
In-Kind Donations	<u>\$ 200.00</u>	<u>\$ 202.17</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$5555.00	\$4874.67

Nominating Committee Report

June Crawford

As chair of the Nominations Committee I am pleased to submit the following nominations for 2012-2013:

President: Alice Schroeder

Vice President: Shelley Jones

Secretary: Paul Spencer

Backup Secretary: Deb Olson

Treasurer: Joan Folwell

Webmaster: Paul Spencer

Voter Service Chair: Diane Smerdon

VOTER Editor: Susan Daniels

Finance Drive Chair: Lenna Harding

Membership Chair: Janet Kendall

Scheduling Chair: Barbara Hammond

Observer Corps Chair: Deb Olson

TRY Editor: Lucy Linden

Nominating Committee: TBA

State Board Member: Karen Kiessling