



VOTER

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF PULLMAN, WASHINGTON

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Vision Statement: We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge, and the confidence to participate.

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“Oh, the Lovely fickleness of an April day!”

- W. H. Gibson

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Meetings & Events

Brown Bag Meeting- Update on the U.S. Census Questionnaire

When: Thursday, April 18

Location: Community Congregational Church, 525 NE Campus Avenue

Speaker: Don Dillman, Regent's Professor of Sociology at WSU

Contact: Karen Kiessling; 509-332-4755

Board Meetings

Date: Fourth Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.; April 23

Location: Daily Grind, back room

Chair: Mary Collins; 509-592-6929

May Annual Meeting

Date: Monday, May 13, 2019

Location: Home of Lucy Linden- 500 SE Crestview, Pullman

Time: **6:00 p.m. dinner (Cost is \$15); 7:15 p.m. program and meeting**

Program: Judy Meuth of Citizens Climate Lobby

Contact: RSVP to Lucy Linden; 509-332-2755 or lindenluc@gmail.com

This meeting requires a quorum (minimum number of people required so we can conduct business)—please attend!

Summer Planning Meeting

When: Tuesday, June 11, 11 am- 1 pm

Location: Home of Mary Collins, 1104 Collins Road

Please bring: Ideas for the upcoming year and a salad to contribute to the lunch.

Contact: Mary Collins; 509-592-6929

Book Club

Topic: Early Suffragists
 Book: Individual's Choice (see suggestions on page 5)
 Date, Time, Location: TBD (in May or June)

State Convention

Date: June 6-9, 2019
 Location: Hotel Murano in Tacoma, WA
 Contact: Mary Collins; 509-592-6929
 Stay up to date: www.lwva.org.

Upcoming Events (in More Detail)

The 2019 Finance Drive is Underway! - Libby

The Pullman League of Women Voters 2019 Finance Drive letters were in the mail on April 1st. Over 130 past and prospective donors and all current League members received the letters which included the brand-new TRY. Thanks to Paul Spencer for helping us update our mailing lists, to Susan Daniels and Judy Stone for working with Allegra Printing to revise the TRY, to Anne Lewis and Judy Stone for writing notes on the letters and stuffing the envelopes, to Mary Collins for signing each letter, and to J and H printing for printing the letters and the remit envelopes. It took a village for this project, but we are all hopeful that it will reap large benefits for our chapter!



April 18 Brown Bag Meeting -- Karen Kiessling

Don Dillman, Regent's Professor of Sociology at WSU and internationally known authority on the construction of surveys and information gathering, will speak on the US Census questionnaire being created now for the 2020 Census. Don has been involved with the creation of this document and therefore with the controversy over the citizenship question that the administration has asked to be included. Many lawsuits have been filed over this added question and what it means for an accurate census. Don is a recognized expert in this field and is very much involved in what has been happening. The Supreme Court has decided to hear the case, short-circuiting the standard hierarchy of court appeals so that the census questions can be published in time for the count. Don't miss this fascinating discussion of what this means to the states, to Congress, to all of us.

May Annual Meeting- Mary & Anne

The Annual Business meeting will be on **Monday, May 13 at Lucy Linden's house**. We will begin the evening with a dinner catered by Joan Swenson. **The cost of the dinner is \$15**. Please pay Alice Schroeder at the door or earlier (ie. at brown bag or board meeting). It is important that we have an accurate headcount—for the meal and to ensure we have our quorum. Our business meeting will include election of officers and approval of a budget for next year (this information is attached). Following the brief business meeting we will have an opportunity to hear Judy Meuth talk about the Citizen's Climate lobby.

Please attend! And please RSVP to Lucy of your intent to do so.

Lucy Linden
500 SE Crestview
509-332-2755
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"I believe we have a quorum for the meeting."

State Convention- www.lwvwa.org

The League of Women Voters of Washington will convene its biennial Convention ('Looking Back-Moving Forward') on **Friday, June 7, 2019 (business plenary sessions begin at 9 a.m.) and end on Sunday, June 9, 2019 (12 noon)**. There will be a Pre-Convention Reception and Historical Event on the evening of Thursday, June 6, 2019. All activities and business will be in Tacoma, Washington, and hosted by the [League of Women Voters of Tacoma-Pierce County](http://www.lwvwa.org).

The business of Convention will set the stage for the 2019-21 biennium and voting delegates will adopt the Program of Work, elect officers and board of directors, approve budget and by-law amendments. There will be workshops on League history, current and new League programming and League management.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

You do not need to be an official delegate of your Local League to attend the convention! As an Observer, you may attend all of the programming, the dinners, the social events and caucuses as an interested League Member, and if you have a great League prospect who is not yet a member, you can bring them, too.

Bookclub-Libby

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of Women's Suffrage the LWV of Pullman bookclub is focusing on books about early suffragettes, especially those from the northwest. Instead of choosing one book that everyone reads, each person will read a book that interests him or her and we will all report on the books at the next meeting, which will be sometime in May or June. It is OK for several people to read the same book.

If this interests you, choose a book from the list below or find one elsewhere!

Bertha Knight Landes of Seattle: Big City Mayor by Sandra Haarsager. Bertha Knight Landes was the first female mayor of a major city- Seattle. Amazon has this book.

May: The Hard-Rock Life of Pioneer May Arkwright Hutton by Mary Barmeyer O'Brian – Available on Amazon.

Liberated Woman: A Life of May Arkwright Hutton by James W. Montgomery. Available on Amazon

Rebel for Rights, Abigail Scott Duniway by Ruth Barnes Moynihan. Available on Amazon

Winning the West for Women: The Life of Suffragist Emma Smith DeVoe. (she became a national leader but was from WA state) by Jennifer M. Ross-Nazzal. Available on Amazon

More than Petticoats: Remarkable Washington Women by Lynn Bragg. Available on Amazon.

Reluctant Reformers: Racism and Social Reform Movements in the US by Robert Allen - about the incredible racism rampant in the suffragette movement.

For more information email Susan at susan-daniels@pullman.com



Voter Service- Deb



The first Voter Registration Event of 2019!

Where: At WSU CUB

When: August 17th from 9 am to 3 pm

Please contact Deb Olson at olsonbones@aol.com or 509 595-0333. We need people for two-hour stints (preferable), but any time would help.

A Selection of Memories

March Brown Bag- Libby

District Court Judge John Hart was the guest of the Pullman League at the Brown Bag on March 21, 2019. He acknowledged that the League is one of his favorite groups because it focuses on education so that voters can make an “informed decision.” His background includes being a public defender in both the District Court and Municipal Court. His campaign promises included exploring the possibility of a community therapeutic court, better technology in District Court, and courtroom security. He embraces alternative sentencing because every case is unique and should be treated that way.

On the issue of the location of the District court, he took a strong position that the Court needs to have a Pullman presence at least two days a week, but it doesn't need to be in City Hall as long as there is public access and plenty of parking. He reminded us that there will be a public meeting regarding the location on April 2nd.

Pi(e) Day, 3/14/19- Anne

7 people attended Pi€ Day on March 14. Sweet and savory dishes were enjoyed alongside conversation and friendship. Thank you to those who expressed interest but were unable to attend. Same day (March 14) next year!

March Program- Diane Hodge/Pullman School District - Mary & Libby

Our March evening program was a presentation by Diane Hodge, Pullman School District Fiscal Manager. Diane has worked for PSD for 26 years. She spoke to a good-sized group about how the McCleary Decision and Legislative changes are impacting Pullman Schools. The main impact of the McCleary Decision is on what have been known as Maintenance and Operations Levies, now Enrichment Levies. Such income can be used for extracurricular activities, extended school days, additional course offerings, early learning, and extra staff for class size reduction. In an attempt to equalize such levies across the State, the Decision limits the levy collection level at \$1.50 per \$1000 of assessed value. This will result in a loss of almost \$4 million for the Pullman Schools. The District has reserves to cover this shortfall for the next three years. A new Enrichment levy will go before the Pullman voters in 2021 for \$5.3 million for enrichment and technology.

Diane also reported that recent Legislative actions include a new salary system that provides set amounts for instructional, administrative, and classified staffs. Teachers bargained for salaries based on experience. In addition, the State now mandates that any employee who works at least 3.5 hours per week will be included in the full benefits package. Diane reported that this is not sustainable, especially for smaller, rural districts.



The Editor would like to thank:

The 2019-2020 Board! Please refer to the Slate for details. And it is NEVER too early to express your interests or questions about a position for yourself! The League needs you!



Complete List of Board Officers:

President: Mary Collins, 509-592-6929; **Vice-President:** Judy Stone, 509-595-0187; **Secretary:** Alice Schroeder, 509-334-2470; **Backup Secretary:** Libby Walker, 509-432-4756; **Treasurer:** Paul Spencer, 509-332-6699; **Voter Service:** Deb Olson, 509-595-0333; **Observer Corps Chair:** Judy Stone, 509-595-0187; **Brown Bag Coordinator:** Rotating; **Voter Editor:** Anne Lewis, 509-334-1075; **Webmaster:** Paul Spencer, 509-332-6699; **Community Outreach:** Libby Walker, 509-432-4756; **Community Update Editor:** Susan Daniels, 509-332-6699; **Membership:** Janet Kendall, 509-432-3368; **TRY:** Susan Daniels, 509-332-6699 & Anne Lewis, 509-334-1075; **Finance Coordinator:** Open; Finance Drive Thank-Yous: Lenna Harding, 509-332-7749; **Nominating Chair:** Anne Lewis, 509-334-1075.

PLEASE BRING THE ANNUAL MEETING DOCUMENTS THAT FOLLOW (AGENDA, BUDGET, POSITIONS, SLATE) TO THE ANNUAL MEETING!

Annual Meeting Agenda- Mary Collins

6:00 pm social time and catered dinner

7:15 pm Business Meeting

Approval of last year's minutes

Adoption of next year's budget

Presentation of LWV Pullman Positions

Election of next year's officers

Approval and Instructions for State Convention Delegates

Announcement of June planning meeting

7:45 p.m. Citizens Climate Lobby presentation by Judy Meuth

**League of Women Voters of Pullman
2019-2020 BUDGET**

INCOME

DUES	2540	
DONATIONS		
General Fund	2000	Anticipated fund drive income
Scholarship Fund	100	
OTHER*	400	annual dinner
	<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	
	\$5,040	
	<u>General Fund Carry Forward</u>	
	\$3,805	State Convention \$ removed
	<u>Total General Fund</u>	
	\$88,453,225	

EXPENSES**OPERATING COSTS**

P.O. Box Rental	100	
Thank You Gifts	75	
Venue Expenses	200	art walk, lentil festival
Miscellaneous	50	
	TOTAL OPERATING COSTS	
	425	

ADMINISTRATIVE

President/Board	50	
Finance Drive	200	
Membership	50	
Public Relations	420	
Affiliations	325	ccucc, library, chamber
Annual Dinner	400	
	TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	
	1445	

DELEGATES & TRAVEL

National Convention	1200	
State Council	300	Odd years only
State Convention	0	Even years only
Action Workshop	125	
Other Events/Travel	0	
	TOTAL DELEGATES & TRAVEL	
	1625	

PER MEMBER PAYMENTS (PMPs)

National PMP	640	1/2 paid from Ed Fund
State PMP	760	
	TOTAL PER MEMBER PAYMENTS	
	1400	

THE VOTER

Printing, Supplies, Postage	75	
	TOTAL THE VOTER	
	75	

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Publications	100	
Program	150	
Voter Service	300	
	TOTAL EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES	
	550	

POSITION/ACTION ACTIVITIES

	100	
	<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	
	\$5,620	

Difference **\$3,225** \$3000 rec. LWVWA reserve

LWV-Pullman ED Fund Budget	
Income	
Donations	1000
Transfer from Current ED Fund Balance	640
Expenses	
Centennial programming	1000
National PMP	640
Ed Fund Carry Forward	2430
DIFFERENCE	\$1,430

Anticipated fund drive income

League of Women Voters of Pullman

Positions and Action For 2019-2021 Biennium

Revised May 8, 2017

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. *See also # 9.*

2. Environmental Quality. (a) Land Use: 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. (b) Management: Support of policies to continue 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.

3. Whitman County Transportation: Support of a system of transportation for the Pullman area which will adequately serve all segments of the population. *See also #9*

4. City and Regional Planning: Support of principles of planning, subdivisions and zoning. Support of neighborhoods, parks and recreation areas, business and retail areas connected directly for ease of access with a variety of transportation modes. Support changes of development policy and rules for both contractors and private land owners to allow earlier and more public involvement to minimize conflicts and misunderstandings in the development process. 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 League of Women Voters of Pullman study.

5. Local Government Budget and Finance: Support (1) tax measures necessary to maintain an adequate level of revenue for Pullman City Government, (2) long-range financial planning for the City of Pullman, and (3) changes to city finance and procedures to carry out those long-range plans.

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 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. See also #9.

7. City Government: Support of the principle of separation of administrative and policy-making functions.

8. Library Services. Support: (1) *equitable salaries for library employees in comparison with other city employees*, (2) additional sources of funding and any expansion to maintain at least the present level of services, and (3) cooperative relationships with other area libraries while maintaining local autonomy.

9. Addressing Poverty in Whitman County:

a. Resource Accessibility and Data Gathering:

1). Support of a uniform system which collects, updates and distributes information on services available for those in poverty in Whitman County. The League promotes participation of this system by both public and private entities.

2). In order to provide more adequate, cost effective services that reach more of those living in poverty, the League supports the uniform gathering of data, in a form appropriate for public dissemination, on classes of individuals served and those denied service, including such data as age, inability to work due to physical and/or mental disability, general location in the county, etc.

b. Legal issues:

1). Support of the establishment of a system to connect those in poverty who need affordable legal assistance with legal services.

2). Support the removal of interest charges on delayed court payments for fines or fees. The LWV of Pullman finds that such fees are unfair additional punishment placed on low income offenders and often result in continuous debt or jail simply because the person cannot afford them.

c. Food Security: Support for improved food security for those in or near poverty in traditional and innovative ways.

d. Housing: Support of efforts and incentives to create more transitional and permanent housing opportunities for low-income residents. We encourage building more housing that is affordable, socially integrated, architecturally innovative and geographically distributed in towns and throughout the county. We support incentives for landlords to accept subsidized tenants.

e. Transportation: Support the development of a variety of county-wide transportation systems for Whitman County. It should include both on-demand and regular, dependable transportation to employment opportunities and to services.

f. Child Care: Support access to affordable childcare in Whitman County, with special consideration for rural and small communities. This includes adequate public and private funding, providing incentives to increase capacities, greater flexibility in rules of eligibility and support of adequate-provider compensation.

g. Elder Care: Support basic services for the elderly, without consideration of their economic

status, to avoid impoverishment in Whitman County.

- h. Education and job training:** Support improvement of education in Whitman County, including county-wide efforts to increase high school graduation rates. We also support efforts to encourage more students to take post secondary training -- vocational, academic, professional and artistic. The League supports a Community College presence in Whitman County.
- i. Health Care:** Support measures to provide access to and the availability of affordable health care in Whitman County. This should include medical, behavioral health, and dental care, especially for residents living in poverty or having inadequate health insurance.

LWV of Pullman
BOARD NOMINATIONS – 2019-2020

President	Bobbie Ryder
Vice-President	Sue Hinz
Treasurer	Paul Spencer
Secretary	Alice Schroeder
Back-up Secretary	Libby Walker
Voter Service	Deb Olson-Chair, Helen Catanese-Apprentice
Brown Bag	Rotating
Observer Corps	Judy Stone
Community Outreach	Libby Walker
Membership	Judy Stone
Webmaster	Paul Spencer
Social Media	Bobbie Ryder
Voter Editor	Anne Lewis
Legislative Liaison	Susan Daniels
Community Update	Susan Daniels
Finance Coordinator	Libby Walker
Thank Yous	Lenna Harding
Nominating Chair	Open
Centennial Work	Mary Collins