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Meetings and Events

The Port Commission & Holiday Treats

Date: Monday December 7, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Program: Social with holiday treats at 6:30 followed by an overview of the Port of Whitman County at 7:00 – details on page 2.

Place: Umpqua Bank, 225 N. Grand Ave, Pullman

Contacts: Diane Smerdon, 332-5413 & Alice Schroeder, 334-2470

Discuss LWWUS Study on Money in Politics

Date: Monday January 11, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Program: Discuss Study and attempt to answer the consensus questions

Place: Umpqua Bank, 225 N. Grand Ave, Pullman

Contact: Paul Spencer, 332-6699

Poverty Study Meetings

Dates: Tuesday December 8, 5:00-7:00 p.m. **Note 5pm start time. Three committee reports**

Tuesday January 12, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. This is the

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final committee meeting.

Place: The Community Action Center classroom, 350 SE Fairmont, Pullman

Contact: Mary Collins, 509-592-6929

Board Meetings

Dates: Wednesdays, December 2 (change due to holidays), January 27, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Place: Daily Grind, back room

Chair: Paul Spencer, 332-6699

Brown Bags

Date: Third Thursdays, December 17, January 21, Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Place: Community Congregational Church, Opal and Campus

Programs: **December 17**, Nick Lovrich and Jessica Talariello on a method of testing for Marijuana intoxication, contact Karen Kiessling, 332-4755; **January 21**, Fire Chief Mike Heston on hazardous waste responses and calls related to drugs and alcohol, contact Deb Olson, 332-2114

Read your VOTER with your calendar next to you so you write in the meetings immediately. You are what makes the League a success.

Presentation by Port of Whitman County Diane Smerdon

On Monday, December 7th the Port of Whitman County will present an overview of the Port of Whitman County and address audience questions. Debbie Snell, Properties & Development Manager and Commissioner Dan Boone will be the presenters. The location is the Umpqua Bank Community Room, 225 N. Grand, Pullman.

The Port of Whitman County is supported by our taxes and many of us know very little about what the Port Commissioners do. According to the Port website:

The **MISSION** of the Port is to improve the quality of life for all citizens of Whitman County through: industrial real estate development, preservation of multi-modal transportation, facilitation of economic development, and provision of on-water recreational opportunities. **Ports may:** Develop lands for industrial and commercial needs; Provide general economic development programs; Buy, lease, and sell property; Provide air and water pollution control works; Operate trade centers and export trading companies; Establish and operate foreign trade zone; Build telecommunications infrastructure and provide wholesale telecommunications services. (portwhitman.com)

This is a chance to learn more about the port and ask questions.

There will be holiday treats and a social time starting at 6:30, followed at 7:00 by the presentation.

January's Monday Meeting Consensus Meeting for the LWVUS Study: *Money in Politics and Campaign Finance Reform.* Paul Spencer

This meeting is being held to discuss and answer the consensus questions for this study on Money in Politics. The League is examining the possible ways to make campaign financing more fair and transparent and this study is part of that effort. Determining our opinions on these questions is an important part of the League process of developing League positions about the issues related to this topic.

As usual, there will be a social half hour starting at 6:30 p.m. followed by the consensus question discussions at 7:00 p.m. With reasonable preparation it is probable that we will be able to finish answering the questions well before the usual 9:00 p.m. meeting ending time.

Included below are 3 links to documents useful for preparation. Within the next week I will send out an email containing files with the most useful documents for preparing to answer the consensus questions. Please call or send email to me if you have questions. paul-spencer@pullman.com or 332-6699.

<http://forum.lwv.org/member-resources/article/money-politics-consensus-questions-links-background-papers>

<http://forum.lwv.org/member-resources/article/money-politics-mip-introduction-and-overview>

<http://forum.lwv.org/member-resources/article/study-guide-money-politics-consensus>

General Election Forums Report Deb Olson

This year the League held two Candidate and Issue forums in October. The first was held In Colfax for the Colfax City Mayor position and for the open State Representative position. This forum was well attended with over 40 people and there were lots of questions for the mayoral candidates and State Representative candidates, Mary Dye and Richard Lathim. Once again Kristie Kirkpatrick at the Whitman County Library had everything set up and organized for us. Thank You Kristie – we couldn't do this without your great assistance.

The second forum took place in Pullman for the two contested City Council seats and the two initiatives, I-1366 and I-1401. This forum wasn't well attended by the public but we got lots of questions for the candidates from those who did attend. I had a very hard time finding speakers for the initiatives, particularly the pro positions. We ended up reading statements prepared by the initiatives' supporters (Thanks to Susan Daniels & Ginny Lohr for reading them) and having the people in opposition to the initiatives present only their opening statements. No questions were taken from the audience.

A Great Big Thanks to Paul Spencer (with the assistance of his grandson Dominic) for video taping both of the forums and making the recordings available on our website within a day or two. Thanks to all the other League members who come out to make sure things run smoothly, with special thanks to Mary Collins and Barbara Hammond who moderated the forums. We are very lucky in Pullman to have more than one or two members willing to moderate. In some Leagues just one person moderates. If anyone is interested in giving this job a try, contact Deb Olson olsonbones@aol.com

Special Consensus Meeting Nov. 23 on Constitutional Amendments Paul Spencer

Because of the December 1 deadline for reporting the consensus question results to the national LWV, a special meeting was called for Monday evening November 23. Karen Kiessling hosted the meeting at her home and she and Anne Lewis provided fudge and shortbread.

Of the 15 consensus questions, through good and efficient discussion, we were able to reach consensus on 13 of the questions and finished the process in slightly more than an hour. The [results](#) are on page 12 of this VOTER

Lucy Linden, Joan Folwell, Anne Lewis, Karen Kiessling, Libby Walker, Lenna Harding, Joan Laundry and Paul Spencer attended, and Diane Gillespie sent her responses by email. A hearty thank you to all!

Eastside Action Workshop Report Karen Kiessling

The East Side League of Women Voters of Washington Action Workshop took place on Saturday, November 7, at St. Andrews Church, 2404 N. Howard Street in Spokane, Washington. The hosts for the day-long event were the Spokane Area League of Women Voters.

Attending from Pullman were Maria Dixon, Joan Folwell, Shelley Jones, Karen Kiessling, Anne Lewis, Deb Olson and Paul Spencer. We were welcomed together with Benton Franklin League members, LWVWA Lobby Team members and LWVWA State Board members by our local host Lin McGinn of the Spokane Area LWV and Ann Murphy, Spokane League Member and President of the League of Women Voters of Washington.

Kathy Sakahara, Advocacy Vice President of the LWVWA, chaired the meeting and encouraged all of us to think advocacy, commit to take action during this upcoming session of the legislature – and outside the actual session dates because it is easier for us to talk with representatives when they are "home" in our district. They then have the time to listen and comment and the mindset to do so. This message was underlined later in the day when Representative Marcus Riccelli, of the 3rd Legislative District in Spokane, talked with us about how the League can be most effective. He said that legislators get booked very tightly and often run late. Those who have made appointments and traveled

to Olympia to meet with their legislator are dismayed to find that their 15 minutes does not do justice to the discussion they need. He urged us to talk with our representatives outside the session but send messages and express opinions during the session with emails or commentary.

We heard and watched Skype presentations by our new lobby professionals, Nancy Sapiro and Pam Crone, who were excellent examples of thoughtful speech, courteous discourse and good humor. They value the demeanor of the League and its emphasis on civility and were persuaded to take us on in part because we have a reputation for courtesy and factual information delivered politely and with a desire to move policy discussions forward with comfort for all.

Our keynote speaker was Dr. John Osborn, Chair of the Upper Columbia River Sierra Club, and President of the Board, Center for Environmental Law and Policy, who spoke on the topic *Protecting our Water and Forests*. He said he learned volunteering and working for good causes from his mother who was also at the event – and she looked very proud of him indeed. He was a most knowledgeable and graphic speaker and would be happy to present such a program for a League public meeting in Pullman on this topic. He is a medical doctor, now retired, who has been very involved in lawsuits about the misuse of water and the wastage of this precious resource.

Lobby Team members moved from table to table talking about the state of issues in their portfolio in a “speed dating” fashion that gave us a flavor of what we might be taking positions on during the short session that begins in January. We were “walked” through the website for the Legislature: leg.wa.gov and shown how to use various portions.

We wrapped up the afternoon with a request from Kathy Sakahara to commit to taking an action during the legislature on behalf of the most urgent bills the League is working on. We then got back in our cars to drive home facing the thousands of cars streaming toward Spokane from Pullman after the football game.

Pullman Leaguers got acquainted with issues, with state board members, with Representative Riccelli and Dr. Osborn, as well as with Joe Pakootas, candidate for office who attended the morning sessions of the workshop. And we had the pleasure of visiting with each other on the trip up and back.

October Brown Bag Report

Judy Stone

October’s brown bag program was a presentation by Kevin Gardes, Director, and Art Garro from the City of Pullman’s Public Works Department.

They began with an introduction to the area’s water supply. Pullman’s water comes totally from the Grande Ronde aquifer, which, although it does recharge naturally to some extent, has been declining, but at a diminishing rate. The City of Pullman is part of the Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee (PBAC), along with the City of Moscow, the U of ID, WSU, and Latah and Whitman Counties. A successful ground water management plan written in 1992 has resulted in pumping 11% less water and saving 4X more than the goal of saving 40,000 gallons/day. Public Works is also looking into a partnership with WSU to reclaim sewer water to be used for irrigation of city parks and lands (as well as WSU campus

and golf course areas).

A city Conservation Program is comprised of rebates on low-flow toilets and commercial/group high-efficiency washing machines. About 2,000 toilets have been replaced so far. Water use surveys are being conducted for larger use buildings/businesses. And, if someone has 300 or more square feet of lawn removed and replaced with xeriscaping, a \$150 rebate is available. Some water-saving devices like shower heads, faucet aerators, toilet leak detection kits, and lawn timers are available free at City Hall. Attendees enthusiastically contributed many suggestions towards the education of the public on water conservation and xeriscaping issues.

There are two methods of calculating water rates for Pullman residents: One uses a 4-tier system that charges higher rates as usage increases. The other is considered a “conservation signal” – charging higher rates during the period of June 1 – October 30.

Report on November 19 Brown Bag *What’s new at NPL* **Deb Olson**

Joanna Bailey gave an excellent report on the library and this year there was lots of good news. The budget is stable. The City Council will now allow money from lost or damaged books go to the library directly to replace those materials. The library has added staff. Coming in 2016, hours will be expanded and more regular: Monday – Thursday 9 am to 7 pm and Friday & Saturday noon -6 pm. Also in 2016 the entire Library is getting new carpet. This will be done during normal March maintenance week when the library is normally closed. The Library offers several services to make our lives easier, such as text messaging when a hold is available, more new DVDs added, longer time at the Library computers (up to 4 hours unless there is a wait list) and Book A Librarian sessions (a how-to session on checking out books with e-readers.) In 2016 they are planning to add instruction classes on technology & digital literacy, middle school programs, and interactive gaming system like Wii.

FYI: In the just released *County Needs Assessment*, access to libraries ranked in the top three needs for both town and rural.

Johanna also extended a thank you to our Library Board observers.

Mark Your Calendar for These Upcoming Brown Bags **Deb Olson**

Brown Bag meetings are held at noon in the Congregational Church at 525 Campus Avenue.

December 17 – Nick Lovrich, retired professor of political science, and grad student Jessica Talariello
Topic: The WSU-TCH Breathalyzer – Analytic Chemistry and Criminal Justice Teamwork to the Rescue. On the development and testing of a method to test Marijuana intoxication.

January 21 – Fire Chief Mike Heston

Topic: Talk about hazardous waste responses and the increased number of calls related to drugs & alcohol

February 18 – Alison Munch-Rotolo from The College Hill Association

A Busy National Voter Registration Day

Deb Olson

National Voter Registration Day was Tuesday September 22. The League was available at two locations to register voters, Neill Public Library and WSU Cub (with sponsorship by the Center for Civic Engagement). Mary Collins manned the CUB table from 10 to 1:30. She had to close down early since she ran out of forms. We turned in 54 new voter registration forms from this venue. It was so successful we will be holding another event in the spring. Unfortunately, there were only three registrations from the Library. I would like to thank all my volunteers: Mary Collins, Zuma Lee Staba, Franci Bose, Austin Wilmerding and our very busy chair Paul Spencer.

Observer Corps Wants You!

Anne Lewis

The Observer Corps Team wants you! Here are a few of the open positions: Parks & Recreation, Airport Board, and the School Board. If you are not already involved (thank you to the many who are!), please consider this opportunity. This activity requires no prior experience, is a limited time commitment, and provides substantial benefits to our League, the community, and the individual. Please contact Anne Lewis at anneglewis2@yahoo.com.

League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Reports

Pullman School Board Meeting of November 18

Dawn Baerlocher

Content (What is being discussed):

Great progress being made on the construction of the high school. Windstorm did very little damage. Things have slowed down slightly due to the colder weather.

Some roof damage at Sunnyside Elementary. Damage being assessed. New classrooms at Jefferson being designed.

Levy kick-off is Monday at 5:30 at the Holiday Inn Express. This meeting is for parent volunteers who will be “campaigning” for the new levy.

The 2014/2015 Budgeted Revenue was broken down – this was interesting:

Federal – 6%

State – 70%

Local Tax – 22%

Other – 2%

Hot Information of the Night – taken directly from Board Meeting Packet

The Board was asked to move forward with placing a bond request on the February 2016 ballot for the construction of a new elementary school. Here is the exact language that appeared on the resolution the Board was asked to approve.

In July 2015 the district began to learn about a one-time pilot State K-3 Class Size Reduction Grant for the purpose of constructing needed classrooms to address State mandated K-3 class size reductions.

Over the past several months, the process and criteria for application to the grant have been developing and communication emerging. The district has already submitted application for the Jefferson Elementary School (JES) Project. The application will now be modified to accommodate a larger project if funding is available.

Simultaneously, in early community discussions about the upcoming levy and the opportunities and challenges facing the district, the topics of increasing enrollment, all-day kindergarten, and coming reductions in class size have become a focus of attention. Comments from parents indicate that it may be wise to offer to the community the opportunity to move ahead on an additional elementary school before a crisis of classroom space actually occurs.

The district is not assured of funding through the K-3 Class Size Reduction Grant. However, we recently learned that it may qualify for funding for up to 16 classrooms (estimated \$6 Million) based on classroom expansion need.

Aside from this grant, the district will not qualify for the typical State assistance through the School Construction Assistance Program. Furthermore, there is no assurance the K-3 grant will be funded again in the future. Moreover, because of the late and short grant application timeline, the district is expected to be in a more competitive position now than if it were to wait and apply if the grant is funded a second time. The three criteria to qualify for the grant are: high poverty (free and reduced lunch enrollment), no recent bond issues, and verified classroom space needs. The last one of these is the only one that plays in the district's favor.

Since there is an immediate need for classrooms to address moving to full-day kindergarten, and since the district already has the funding established for the JES project, it is the recommendation of staff to continue to move ahead with the JES Expansion project. With even modest enrollment growth, along with the addition of full-day kindergarten and K-3 class size reductions, the indication is that both the JES expansion and the addition of an elementary school will be critically needed within the next two years.

The Board approved the resolution 3-1.

Process & Protocol

Dr. Sturm noted that the District had not anticipated moving forward with a fourth elementary for another year or so but circumstances were such that the PSD Administration felt now was the time.

Susan Weed was the board member who voted no to the resolution. She felt that it was moving too fast and that she was feeling like the community would vote no. She asked questions about the make-up of tax payers and asked about kids who benefit from an education in Pullman but whose parents do not participate in paying any taxes for said education (people who live in WSU housing).

Board President Jim Evermann felt that going to the public now was a pro-active move and felt like the Board was truly looking after the best interest of the kids.

I feel that the School Board and the PSD Administration truly do put the kids first. And there is proven fiscal responsibility. I do think it might be time for the League to step in and help out.

Pullman City Council Meeting of November 3 Amy Volz

Business pertaining to League program or topic of interest:

Announcements

- Pullman Airport Realignment Project Open House will be November 12

Agenda

- Legislators Mark Schoesler, Mary Dye, and Joe Schmick joined the meeting. State Senator Schoesler commented on the most recent legislative session, highlighting the transportation package and the high percentage of the state budget that went to basic education. Representative Schmick commented on his work in healthcare, specifically looking to align physical health, mental health and chemical dependency. Representative Dye said she is looking forward to learning a lot in the new session and specifically said she plans to focus on business development in the district.
- Mayor Johnson inquired about the status of the public works trust fund. Senator Schoesler said that dependence on use of public works trust funds is on the decline, but the Public Works director said that it has been a very useful tool for the city. He is hopeful that by this time next year the city will have pulled together a funding package for the Waste Water Treatment Plant ecology project.
- Liquor and marijuana tax sharing with local agencies: Johnson reported that Pullman received their first check from these funds and thanked the legislators. The money (\$6700 this check) is earmarked for police and safety. They expect the checks to increase in the coming quarters.
- K - higher education support: Wright said that the school board is considering a fourth elementary school. She described a housing crisis in Pullman for students and commented that WA HB 1351 (classroom size initiative) is putting burden on the community. The district is also struggling to find qualified teachers.
- Local streets: Public Works Director commented that there are not a lot of funds for paving provisions, but 1.2 million is coming into the city from the transportation package which will be put towards paving projects.
- Public Records Act: new struggles; city getting requests for video from body cams; Chief Jenkins commented on the liability of releasing video and also the staff time required to redact videos before releasing them, but he also commented on the positive results of the body cameras including accountability and the benefit of video in the criminal justice system
- Councilmember Benjamin commented on homelessness and affordable housing issues in our area.
- Eileen Maccoll brought up the importance of trails in our community and the multiple benefits they bring to Pullman.
- John Wayne Trail: Schmick did not say whether or not funding would be possible and that it would be a “challenge” to fund in the coming budget.
- Special meeting of the Metropolitan Parks District
- Pullman’s budget will be adopted on 11/17.
- Planning department is receiving calls about building new marijuana dispensaries; Pullman City Council passed a 6 month moratorium on any new marijuana businesses to wait on more regulations and recommendations from planning commission, staff and Liquor and Cannabis Board. The public hearing for this moratorium will be during the next city council meeting.

A New League Activity

Karen Kiessling

Several years ago Pullman League members lobbied our legislative delegation to support the passage of a bill changing graduation requirements for all high school seniors in the state of Washington. The requirement that was added was one semester of civics education because no requirement for it existed. Imagine, graduating from high school and not knowing how government works or how elections happen or what is required for voting permission for any citizen? That lobbying effort was successful and the law was passed requiring civics education for graduation.

This fall several members of the LWV Pullman are working with Pullman High School Civics teacher Craig McCormick to make civic engagement a reality in his senior classrooms. Between Thanksgiving and the winter vacation five of us will be involved in this project. Those volunteering to take part this time around are Karen Kiessling, Anne Lewis, Deb Olson, Paul Spencer and Libby Walker. We hope that one of the projects will be to register students in those classes who will be voting age by November of 2016 so they can take part in the presidential election. We are planning a voting history project as well and are hoping that students will be required to visit a local governmental board or commission meeting, read the agenda, note the activity and in general learn about the many volunteers required to make government work in Pullman and the county. Watch the VOTER for a report of what happens and what we learn as well as what we hope we are helping these seniors learn about how to be active and involved citizens, wherever they live.

We are grateful to Mr. McCormick for inviting us to take part.

Social Events

Anne Lewis

Please contact Anne Lewis at anneglewis2@yahoo.com if you have ideas for League Social Events. Previous activities have included (and will continue to include) Game Days and Pie Day. There is interest in forming a Book Group-- we just need a leader (someone willing to be the primary point of contact). Let the volunteering and brainstorming begin!

Welcome To New Members of LWV of Pullman

Welcome to two new members. Janet sent them some questions which they have graciously answered so we can get to know them a little better.

Joan Laundry

I moved to Pullman in March, 2015 after 35 years in San Diego, CA. I am an RN, Family Nurse Practitioner and Certified Nurse Midwife. After working well over 40 hours/week for many years, I retired and my husband Geoff and I moved to Pullman. Geoff has been retired since 2003, and is now doing photography, videography, and writing. We chose Pullman because we love the area and have family here and in British Columbia. I joined the League



because I have become involved in a voter initiative for campaign finance reform at the federal level, and am hoping to find like-minded friends.

Amy Volz

I just moved into a new position with Alternatives to Violence of the Palouse and have been quite busy adjusting to it. I work there as the Coordinator of Domestic Violence Services (have spent the last year as the Sexual Assault Prevention Educator). I moved to Pullman in August of 2014 because my husband began his PhD program in the Shock Physics department at WSU. We are happy to be here – my grandparents actually used to live here (owned the Corner Drug store on Main). My aunt and uncle still live here and my parents were raised here before they moved to Montana.

I attended university on the east coast and became interested in politics while there, so that is perhaps part of my interest in joining the League. But I ultimately decided to join the League because I spoke with Alice at a City Council meeting that I attended for fun, and she told me that if I attended City Council meetings for fun, then I should definitely join the League. Currently my job takes up lots of my energy and effort so my focus is on fulfilling my role under Anne Lewis in the Observer Corps.

I would like to see the League pursue reviving the Human Rights Commission in City Council. Pullman is a diverse community and I think we need to be preventative when it comes to human rights violations rather than reactionary.

Chamber Lunch Assignments

December ? – Karen, Deb, Libby
January 12 – Anne Lewis
February 9 – Deb Olson

March 8 – Alice Schroeder
April 12 – ?
May 10 – Lucy Linden

Constitutional Amendment Consensus Questions Results

Part I - Considerations for Evaluating Constitutional Amendment Proposals

1. Which of these should or should not be a consideration in identifying an appropriate and well-crafted amendment?

- a) Whether the public policy objective addresses matters of such acute and abiding importance that the fundamental charter of our nation must be changed. SHOULD
- b) Whether the amendment as written would be effective in achieving its policy objective. SHOULD
- c) Whether the amendment would either make our political system more democratic or protect individual rights. SHOULD
- d) Whether the policy objective can be achieved by a legislative or political approach that is less difficult than a constitutional amendment. SHOULD
- e) Whether the public policy objective is more suited to a constitutional and general approach than to a statutory and detailed approach. SHOULD

Part II - Aspects of an Article V Constitutional Convention

2. What conditions should or should not be in place for an Article V Constitutional Convention initiated by the states?

- a) The Convention must be transparent and not conducted in secret. AGREE
- b) Representation at the Convention must be based on population rather than one state, one vote. NO CONSENSUS
- c) State delegates must be elected rather than appointed. AGREE

The pullman League suggests that for each state, a highly competent slate of delegate candidates should be chosen by a non-partisan commission before the election of delegates. The delegates should have access to a staff of expert advisors.

- d) Voting at the Convention must be by delegate, not by state. AGREE
- e) The Convention must be limited to a specific topic. AGREE
- f) Only state resolutions on a single topic count when determining if a Convention must be called. AGREE
- g) The validity of state “calls” for an Article V Constitutional Convention must be determined by the most recent action of the state. If a state has enacted a rescission of its call, that rescission should be respected by Congress. AGREE

3. Should the League oppose an Article V Constitutional Convention to propose amendments to the U.S. Constitution because of unresolved questions about the powers and processes of such a convention? SHOULD

Part III – Balancing Questions

4. Should the League consider supporting a Constitutional amendment that will advance a League position even if:

- a) There are significant problems with the actual amendment as proposed? SHOULD NOT CONSIDER
- b) It is being put forward by a procedural process the League would otherwise oppose? NO CONSENSUS