



# VOTER

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## Meetings and Events

### National Planning and Observer Corps

Date: Monday February 1, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Program: Brainstorm on National Planning, Observer Corps, and League Membership

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

Contact: Alice Schroeder, 334-2470 and Anne Lewis, 334-1075

### March Meeting

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

Program: TBD – We have this meeting available for a topic of interest. Suggestions are requested.

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

Contact: Paul Spencer, 332-6699

### Board Meetings

Dates: Fourth Wednesdays, February 24, March 23, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Place: Daily Grind, back room

Chair: Paul Spencer, 332-6699

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## **Brown Bags**

Dates: Third Thursdays, February 18, March 17, Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Place: Community Congregational Church, Opal and Campus

Programs: February – Alison Munch-Rotolo from the College Hill Association will speak about issues concerning College Hill; March – TBD

Contact : Deb Olson, 332-2114

## **PIE Day**

Date: Monday March 14, 11:00 a.m.

Place: Home of Anne Lewis, 915 SE Skylark St.

Program: Bring a pie to share – dessert, savory or other

Contact: Anne Lewis, 334-1075

## **Other Meetings of Interest**

### **Port Commission Public Hearings on Boyer Park**

Dates: Tuesday February 2 and Tuesday February 9, 6:30 p.m.

Place: Port Office, 302 N. Mill St., Colfax

Program: Updating the Boyer Park marina docks

Contact: Alice Schroeder, [aschroede2003@yahoo.com](mailto:aschroede2003@yahoo.com)

### **Port Commission Comprehensive Plan**

Date: Thursday February 4, 11:00 a.m.

Place: Port Office, 302 N. Mill St., Colfax

Program: Public hearing on the Port's updated Comprehensive Plan

Contact: Alice Schroeder, [aschroede2003@yahoo.com](mailto:aschroede2003@yahoo.com)

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## **February First Meeting**

### **Brainstorming: National Planning, Observer Corps, and League Membership**

**Alice Schroeder**

Each year LWV Pullman takes a winter meeting to plan ahead. In even years we plan for the upcoming National League Convention. In odd numbered years we plan for State Convention and local activities. This year we will look at the most recent positions the LWVUS has taken as a result of studies in the last four years and consider what studies, updates and actions we want discussed at the June Convention. (It is in Washington DC, June 16-19 and a great experience. Ask about being a delegate.) Then, we will turn to reports and ideas about our own Observer Corps. Come and find out what is going on in many local government meetings and help us think about how to use this

information to get better government. Finally, we will brainstorm on how to make our League more effective. Bring your ideas: What leadership structure works best? How do we get more people involved in our League and League leadership? Etc. Don't let just a few members decide how the League does things. We need everyone for this meeting.

The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. with a half hour social time followed by the brainstorming at 7:00 p.m.

## **Upcoming Port Commission Public Meetings of Interest**

### **Alice Schroeder**

The Port of Whitman is holding several meetings to obtain public input on the issues described below. The Observer Report on the Port Commissioners meeting of January 7 is on page 9.

#### **Upgrade of the Marina Facilities at Boyer Park and Marina.**

The Boyer Park Marina is the only public access to the Snake River in Whitman County. The Park is run by the Port of Whitman County and is supported by tax money. The Port Commission is applying for a grant to update the marina docks which are now over 50 years old. They need public input. If you use or would like to use these facilities please fill out the survey on the Port's website: [www.portwhitman.com](http://www.portwhitman.com). Also, attend one of the two public hearings. They will be on Tues. Feb. 2, 2016 and on Tues. Feb. 9, 2016. Both will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Port Office, 302 N. Mill Street, Colfax.

#### **Port of Whitman County Comprehensive Plan.**

The Port of Whitman County Comprehensive Plan is being updated. A public hearing will be held on Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. during the regular meeting of the Port Commissioners at the Port Office, 302 N. Mill Street, Colfax. A copy of the updated plan will be available on the port website: [www.portwhitman.com](http://www.portwhitman.com). Alice Schroeder ([aschroede2003@yahoo.com](mailto:aschroede2003@yahoo.com)) has a printed copy to lend. If you are interested in the Port's actions, please read this plan and come to the hearing.

## **Watch your Inbox**

Coming soon- A short and informative quiz prepared by this year's Nominating Chair, Anne Lewis.

Please help her out by: 1) reading it; 2) contemplating it, and 3) contacting her at

[anneglewis2@yahoo.com](mailto:anneglewis2@yahoo.com) or 509-334-1075 with questions, offerings of support, or just a response of "Yes, I read it." Think of the "response" (again, just some sort of response) as a Vote--a right and duty dear to our hearts. Thank you.

## **December Monthly Meeting -- Whitman County Port Commission**

### **Paul Spencer**

For the December League meeting Port Commissioner Dan Boone and Debbie Snell, Properties and Development Manager, talked about the goals and operation of the Port. The Port is a stand-alone

Washington Municipal Corporation, independent of Whitman County. The County does act as treasurer for the Port, however.

Commissioner Boone explained that the Port of Whitman County is dedicated to improving 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. The Port can develop land for industrial and commercial needs, provide economic development programs, build telecommunication infrastructure etc. There are 8 port sites including several on the Snake River, two Pullman industrial parks, and the Whitman Business Air Center west of Colfax.

The Port is supported by taxes and grants with a total income of about \$2.1 million. In 2015 this was used for several property and rehabilitation projects for the Snake River sites, a runway project, and several fiber optic cable "build outs" in Whitman and Nez Perce counties. Revision of the five year Comprehensive Plan for the Port is being done and there is to be a hearing about the plan on Feb. 4, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. as part of the regular port meeting which begins at 10:00 a.m..

The Port has 3 elected Commissioners: Dan Boone, John E. Love, and Tom Kammerzell, an Executive Director, 4 full time and 2 part time Staff. The Commission meetings are open to the public and are held at the Port Office in Colfax at 10:00 a.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month. They encourage attendance, comments and suggestions. Much more information is available on the Port website <http://www.portwhitman.com/>

## **School Bond Meeting Report**

### **Paul Spencer**

The subject of the League's January 11, 2016 monthly meeting was the Pullman School Bond Levy Ballot which will be sent out on Jan. 22. Election Day is Feb. 9. The ballot has two measures: a Maintenance and Operations levy and a levy for a bond to construct a new elementary school.

Pullman School Superintendent Paul Sturm explained that the M&O levy (which is a renewal of the current M&O levy and does not increase the current tax rate) includes support for enrichment classes such as honors and advanced subjects, art, music, coaches for sports and academic teams etc. which are not required by Washington State law.

He also explained the 3 most important reasons for the construction of a new school:

- There has been an increase of 450 students in the district since 2008-09 – a 20% increase!  
(The increase from 2014 to 2015 was 170 students and continued increases are expected.)
- Full day kindergarten will begin in the fall of 2016.
- State requirement decreasing the maximum number of students per classroom to 17:1 for grades K-3

In addition, the capacity of existing schools and school sites is near peak capacity. The school system had previously planned to construct a new elementary school starting in 2018 or 2019, but these factors and the current low bond interest rate and the likelihood of increasing future construction costs made it

desirable to start the process now. The District has already arranged purchase of a site near the Northwest corner of Pullman with existing funds. Superintendent Sturm showed a concept drawing for this site which included 18 rooms expandable to 25 classrooms.

The bond for \$23.5 million would cover the full cost of design, constructions, furnishing, equipment, supplies and materials with enough for 6 additional classrooms (including the increasing construction costs). The levy would increase property taxes by 44 cents per \$1000 of assessed value, or \$88 per year for a \$200,000 home.

There were 22 attendees for the meeting including 8 non-League people. Supt. Sturm very ably and thoroughly answered the many questions from the audience.

## **Civics in the Classroom**

### **Karen Kiessling**

Three members of the LWV Pullman volunteered to teach one day of the civics education classes of Mr. Craig McCormick at Pullman High School. Karen Kiessling began each of the three classes of seniors by using the voting "game" suggested by League State President Ann Murphy. Ann had used it with classes in Spokane last fall.

The voting history game asked students to choose a candy bar from a bowl of five different types. The students had chosen the ballot item on which they would vote. Interestingly all three classes (2nd period numbered 26, 3rd period had 25 and 6th period had 20 enrolled) chose to vote on the same question.

They were given a voting history of the United States fact sheet and then, when their group was named, stood and voted for or against the ballot item. The first group of voters represented all white males over the age of 21 who owned land and belonged to the prevailing religious group. This small number of the class remained standing and each vote included all who were eligible under law to vote. The second group was all white males 21 and older. The land ownership and religious requirements faded away. Next were all males. After that all women were added and that increased the voting pool significantly. There was a small hiccup in the voting when I took one candy bar away from someone who was standing and asked him to sit down. Taking the candy bar represented the literacy tests administered in Louisiana and Alabama as recently as 1964, when they became illegal under the Voting Rights Act of 1964. This legal voter had been deprived of his right to vote by local election officials and this was used to keep black voters, poor voters and all deemed likely to vote against the establishment from being able to take part. Finally all 18 year olds were added to the voting pool and we talked about what it felt like to be left out when the voting took place, round after round. The numbers of candy bars roughly approximated the number of the population that would fit that voting demographic.

Paul Spencer then took the class through the 30 question literacy test used until 1964. After they worked for the 10 minutes allowed when the test was used, they were given more time to work together with classmates and the discussion of confusing and unclear questions was fun to hear. Libby Walker then talked with students about the legal issues addressed by the US Supreme Court in

the area of voting rights, barriers to voting, new laws that states are proposing to make voting hard to achieve.

We finished our presentations by talking about voting in Whitman County, showing a ballot from a past election, talking about procedures and the need to be watching for your ballot and how to find information and the importance of signing your name exactly as it appears on the label, etc. We signed up 40 new voters that day and I personally delivered their forms into the hands of Debbie Hooper, the elections officer in Colfax.

Craig McCormick was very pleasant to work with, the students were interesting and had a variety of questions. And one bonus was to get to find our way around in the newly emerging high school! Great facility indeed.

In hindsight I wish I had used one additional sheet of information for the lesson it could have underscored. I had looked for information about the importance of one vote and when I looked on the web I found one sheet with amazing examples of that. I made the required 80 copies for the classes and put the sheets in the separate packets for each class. Paul thought to check the veracity of the page and found several were misleading and some were false. I was horrified that I had nearly besmirched the name of the League! I immediately removed all the copies and reflecting on that action I think now I should have left that sheet, handed it out and then discussed with the class how I had been fooled into accepting it. The point was to underline the need to be sure something is accurate before using it and sharing it as true. The sheet came from a home schooling association and I naively thought there might well be extra care there. If we are able to work with civics classes in the spring that might be included.

The League of Women Voters of Washington Education Fund gave us a grant to cover the costs of the materials we used and any other costs involved. We applied for the Civic Engagement Grant and thank the Education Fund of the state for its support.

## **Special Meeting**

### **LWVUS Study: Money In Politics**

**Paul Spencer**

On January 18 a special meeting was held to discuss and answer the consensus questions for the National League study on Money in Politics. The League examined ways to make campaign financing more fair and transparent and this study is the result 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. We were able to discuss and answer the questions in about 90 minutes. A hearty thanks to the participants: Deborah Olson, Maria Dixon, Karen Kiessling, Alice Schroeder, Lenna Harding, Anne Lewis, Alex Hammond, Lucy Linden, Libby Walker, Joan Folwell, Susan Daniels and Paul Spencer! Thanks also to Karen Kiessling for hosting the meeting at her home and Alice Schroeder for taking notes.

**You can find the results of this meeting on page 9\_ of this VOTER**

## **Brown Bag on Marijuana Breathalyzer**

### **Karen Kiessling**

On Thursday, December 17, League met for the final Brown Bag discussion of 2015. Our topic was the development of a marijuana breathalyzer for use by law enforcement personnel to be able to measure the presence of marijuana in drivers stopped for impaired driving.

Our speakers were Nick Lovrich, WSU professor emeritus in Political Science and a member of the Pullman League, and Jessica Talariello, Ph. D. candidate, who is developing the testing device under the direction of the other major professor involved in the study, Chemistry Professor Herb Hill, also a member of the Pullman League. Nick began the presentation by telling us of the way their collaboration began and their methodology developed. Jessica then took over the power point presentation to walk us through the steps taken in creating the breathalyzer device and working to verify that it does in fact register the presence of marijuana in breath blown in to the mouthpiece much as alcohol is "read" by the breathalyzer for that substance.

The device should be compact and hand held, as well as lightweight and accurate in its measurements. It was suggested that law enforcement officers might have an alcohol device in one hand and the marijuana device in the other. It appears to be the fastest verifiable method for detection and measurement.

Interesting statistics were reported by the two. There is concern about the combination of alcohol and marijuana leading to increased fatalities in automobile accidents. Target Zero, Washington's Strategic Highway Safety Plan, calls for zero fatalities by 2030. There was progress made toward that goal until 2014, the year that marijuana became legal for personal use in Washington. Then the data changed and numbers began to move up again. There is a suggestion that the combination of marijuana and alcohol may well be linked to this change.

In noting the fact that Congress has defined marijuana as a Class 1 drug and therefore its use is a federal offense, the justice department has agreed that as long as the use of marijuana is being studied by the states legalizing its use, the federal law will not be enforced. The injunction to study the drug means to see what its good effects and its bad effects might be.

Jessica and Nicholas left the presentation to us to meet with a group who would approve the testing of various age groups smoking marijuana as part of the study and then testing the breathalyzer as well as having blood taken for analysis of the accuracy of the readings taken by breathing into the device.

There is a private company in the field of testing devices that is eager to manufacture and market to law enforcement agencies. Peace officers are eager to have such a device available. Public safety will be enhanced by the use of an accurate breath test for the presence of drugs of all types, whether alcohol, marijuana or medicines that impair drivers. We will ask for a status report in about six months when much of the testing will be done in the field by officers as well as in the laboratory with volunteers. It was exciting to learn of this important research at Washington State University, especially as it is the brainchild of our own League members.

Special guest with us was our State League board member liaison, Lunell Haught, who drove from

Spokane to attend this meeting. We met Lunell at the Action Workshop in Spokane in September and appreciate her making the trip in less than ideal weather. Lunell's contact information for any member wishing to do so is: email, [lunellh@aol.com](mailto:lunellh@aol.com), phone: 509-443-1319.

## **Report on January's Brown Bag With Pullman's Fire Chief Deb Olson**

Thursday's Brown Bag with Mike Heston, Pullman's Fire chief, was packed with interesting information. He gave us a clear explanation of how the department is structured, i.e., staffing and budgets, including how WSU reimburses the City. The volume of ambulance and fire calls is up slightly with 3425 calls in 2015, about half from WSU (25 %) and College Hill (24 %). The majority of the calls (71 %) are medically related. The department only responds to 5 or 6 actual fires a year, but responds to numerous (200-300) false alarms or cooking fires that are put out before they arrive. Most of these are on Campus. Although the city continues to grow and traffic gets more challenging this has not affected response time deleteriously. However in the near future a third fire station will be needed and as the Chief said the question is where to build it. It's difficult to foresee and plan 40 years ahead. They are beginning work on a five-year plan and the department will be asking for community input. One new service the department is adding is a community paramedic program for non-critical emergency calls.

2015 was a busy year for the department. They added one fire marshal position, enhanced the fitness training (50% of all firefighter deaths are cardiac), ordered a new truck to replace a 1982 truck, remodeled Fire Station 2 to accommodate newer, larger trucks, and added a full time medic to Fire Station 2. A big change in 2015 was the merger with the Lewiston Haz Mat Team. Unlike fire response, Haz Mat is not time critical. By merging with Lewiston, Pullman gets the advantage of their excellent equipment, and they get the advantage of more man-power.

This year Pullman assisted with fighting the huge number of wildfires throughout the state with men and equipment and Chief Heston's experience as an incident commander. Chief Heston has a slide show presentation of his experience. If you are interested let me know, Deb Olson, [olsonbones@aol.com](mailto:olsonbones@aol.com) or 332-2114.

Note the future Brown Bags in the calendar on page 1.

## **PIE Day 3/14**

### **Anne Lewis**

This event, now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> year!, is a wonderful opportunity to savor the joy of pie in the company of friends. Come join in as we celebrate Pi's (3.14159...) birthday with PIE. No math is necessary, although people may discuss this mathematical marvel if they so choose. Loose clothing is recommended.

I hope to see a variety of faces, in addition to a variety of pies!

## Observer Report – Port of Whitman County 1/7/2016

### Alice Schroeder

#### Business pertaining to League program or topic of interest:

There are several upcoming meetings of interest:

February 1, 2016, Port/County Commission Meeting. 3:00pm at the County Commissioners office.

February 4, Public Hearing on Updated Comprehensive Plan.

March 22, 2016. Strategic Planning Meeting. Hawthorne Inn, 9:30 am.

Two topics were discussed at length.

1. Necessary changes to the Boyer Park RV expansion Plan. The expenses are more than expected due to missed needs and site development failures on the part of the Engineers. It was decided to proceed with the changes as failure to do so would jeopardize the project.
2. Updating the Comprehensive plan for the Port. Joe Poire, director asked the commissioners to review the current plan. He feels only minor updates are needed, including specifics for updating the marina docks to be able to apply for grant money, looking for more river property as the current properties are at capacity, set goals for the fiber optic project, publish the report only electronically on the website and with CD copies available.

#### Observations about the participants, conduct, procedures, subjects of discussion, etc. of the meeting:

The meeting was conducted in a respectful and efficient manner. Commissioners and staff seem to work well together. I was impressed that all had done their homework. The commissioners were concerned with expenses and asked for explanations for several. They were particularly concerned about the Boyer cost overruns and their causes. They are to be congratulated on finding staff that appear very competent and explain things very well. They also appear quite open to new ideas—very important in a commission whose main objective is increasing economic development.

## Results of the Consensus Meeting on Money In Politics

### **PART I QUESTIONS: Democratic Values and Interests with Respect to Financing Political Campaigns**

1. **What should be the goals and purposes of campaign finance regulation?**
  - a. Seek political equality for all citizens.  **Agree**
  - b. Protect representative democracy from being distorted by big spending in election campaigns.  **Agree**
  - c. Enable candidates to compete equitably for public office.  **Agree**
  - d. Ensure that candidates have sufficient funds to communicate their messages to the public.  **Agree**
  - e. Ensure that economic and corporate interests are part of election dialogue.  **Agree**

- f. Provide voters sufficient information about candidates and campaign issues to make informed choices.  **Agree**
- g. Ensure the public's right to know who is using money to influence elections.  **Agree**
- h. Combat corruption and undue influence in government.  **Agree**

**2. Evaluate whether the following activities are types of political corruption:**

- a. A candidate or officeholder agrees to vote or work in favor of a donor's interests in exchange for a campaign contribution.  **Agree**
- b. An officeholder or her/his staff gives greater access to donors.  **Agree**
- c. An officeholder votes or works to support policies that reflect the preferences of individuals or organizations in order to attract contributions from them.  **Agree**
- d. An office holder seeks political contributions implying that there will be retribution unless a donation is given.  **Agree**
- e. The results of the political process consistently favor the interests of significant campaign contributors.  **Agree**

**OPTIONAL COMMENTS (250 word limit):**

**Part I 1d** The word "ensure" makes several uncomfortable and is difficult to do

**Part I 1e** this is hard to see as a problem

**Part I 1g and 1h** are the most important.

**PART II QUESTIONS: First Amendment Protections for Speakers and Activities in Political Campaigns**

**1. Many different individuals and organizations use a variety of methods to communicate their views to voters in candidate elections. Should spending to influence an election by any of the following be limited?**

- a. Individual citizens, including wealthy individuals like George Soros and the Koch Brothers.
  - Some spending limits**
- b. Political Action Committees, sponsored by an organization, such as the League of Conservation Voters, Chevron, the American Bankers Association, and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), whose campaign spending comes from contributions by individuals associated with the sponsoring organization, such as employees, stockholders, members and volunteers.
  - Some spending limits**
- c. For-profit organizations, like Exxon, Ben and Jerry's, General Motors, and Starbucks, from their corporate treasury funds.
  - Spending banned**
- d. Trade associations, like the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the American Wind Energy Association, and the American Petroleum Institute, from the association's general treasury funds.
  - Some spending limits**
- e. Labor unions, like the United Autoworkers and Service Employees International, from the union's general treasury funds.
  - Some spending limits**

f. Non-profit organizations, like the Sierra Club, Wisconsin Right to Life, Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, American Crossroads, and Priorities USA, from the organization's general treasury funds.

**Some spending limits**

g. Non-partisan voter registration and GOTV (get out the vote) organizations and activities, like the LWV and Nonprofit Vote.

**Some spending limits**

h. Political parties, like the Republicans, Libertarians, and Democrats.

**Some spending limits**

i. Candidates for public office spending money the candidate has raised from contributors.

**Some spending limits**

j. Candidates for public office spending their own money.  **Some spending limits**

**2. The press plays a major role in candidate elections through editorial endorsements, news coverage, and other communications directly to the public that are often important to the outcome. Should such spending to influence an election by any of the following be limited?**

a. Newspapers, like the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal.  **Unlimited spending**

b. Television and other electronic media, like Fox News, CNN, MSNBC and CBS.

**Unlimited spending**

c. Internet communications, like Huffington Post, Breitbart, Daily Kos, and individual bloggers.

**Unlimited spending**

**OPTIONAL COMMENTS (250 word limit):**

**Part II 1.** The most important thing for all of these is transparency. No group should be able to shout others down.

**Part II 1.c** Corporations can still set up a PAC and collect voluntary contributions.

**Part II 2.a 2.b & 2.c** There was a strong sense of 1st amendment protection for the media in this section. Our consensus depends on complete transparency and disclosure of contribution sources and ownership of media entities. Media must take ads from all candidates.

**PART III QUESTIONS: Methods for Regulating Campaign Finance to Protect the Democratic Process**

**1. In order to achieve the goals for campaign finance regulation, should the League support?**

a. Abolishing SuperPACs and spending coordinated or directed by candidates, other than a candidate's own single campaign committee.  **Agree**

b. Restrictions on direct donations and bundling by lobbyists? (Restrictions may include monetary limits as well as other regulations.)  **Agree**

c. Public funding for candidates? Should the League support:

(You may respond to more than one item in Question 1 c.)

i. Voluntary public financing of elections where candidates who choose to participate must also abide by reasonable spending limits?  **No consensus**

ii. Mandatory public financing of elections where candidates must participate and abide by reasonable spending limits?  **Agree**

iii. Public financing without spending limits on candidates?  **Disagree**

**2. How should campaign finance regulations be administered and enforced? (You may choose**

*more than one response for Question 2.)*

- NO**  a. By an even-numbered commission with equal representation by the two major political parties to ensure partisan fairness (current Federal Election Commission [FEC] structure)?
- YES**  b. By an odd-numbered commission with at least one independent or nonpartisan commissioner to ensure decisions can be made in case of partisan deadlock?
- YES**  c. By structural and budget changes to the FEC (e.g., commission appointments, staffing, security, budget, decision making process) that would allow the agency to function effectively and meet its legislative and regulatory mandates.

**OPTIONAL COMMENTS (250 word limit):**

**Part III 1. a & b** Consensus was on AGREE because transparency is lost for super PACS and bundling.

**Part III 1. c i** No consensus, but several members pointed out that this could work if there were overall enforceable spending limits for all candidates.