



# 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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*"A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken."*

– James Dent

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

## Meetings & Events

### National Convention

Date: June 28-July 1

Location: Chicago, IL

Contact: Anne Lewis, 509-334-1075

### Book Club

Date & Time: July 12, 1 pm

Location: Home of Susan Daniels & Paul Spencer; 1745 SW Baldwin Drive, Pullman

Contact: 509-332-6699 (Susan & Paul)

### Forums

#### *U.S. Rep. Dist. 5*

July 17, 7-9 pm at the Colfax Library

#### *County Offices (Commissioner, Auditor, and Treasurer)*

July 10 or July 17, 7-9 pm at the Colfax Library

Date depends on the final number of confirmed 5<sup>th</sup> District attendees

#### *District Judge and State Legislature District 9 Positions*

July 18, 6:30-8:30 pm Neill Public Library

Contact: Deb Olson; 509-595-0333

### Board Meetings

Date: Fourth Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.; July 24

Location: Daily Grind, back room

Chair: Mary Collins, 509-592-6929

### Back to League Meeting

Date: Monday, September 10

Program: Community Action Center Updates

When: 6 pm

Location: TBD

Please bring a dish to share

## Brown Bag Meetings

When: 3rd Thursdays of the month; noon

Location: Congregational Church, 525 NE Campus Avenue, Pullman

Date and Topic: September 20- "How to become active in campaigns you support."

Contact: Mary Collins, 509-592-6929

Note: There will be no October brown bag

## Upcoming Events

### National Convention



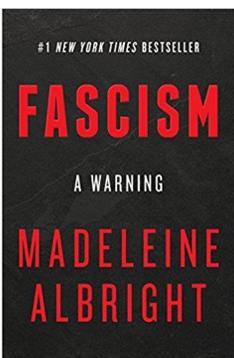
On June 28, Anne Lewis and Bobbie Ryder are out of here! We will be sleepily catching the 5 am flight out of Pullman (anyone want to see us off?) and making our way to Chicago for National Convention! We are excited and look forward to reporting back in a future Article.

### July 4<sup>th</sup> Johnson Parade- Deb

Summer is here and that means the Fourth of July and the Johnson Parade. **We NEED walkers.** It only takes a little over an hour out of family time. Everyone in town come and join us! The Parade starts at 10 a.m. We meet up at the Professional Mall Parking lot and carpool to Johnson at 9:15. We will be handing out U.S. Flags and have sashes to wear. Please try to wear red, white & blue, but not compulsory.

If you can join us either join us to carpool or meet us there. Have a Happy 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Book Club-Susan Daniels



Our quarterly book club will meet at 1 pm Thursday, July 12 to discuss Madeleine Albright's timely book. Location is the home of Paul Spencer and Susan Daniels. Please join us-even if you have not read the book in its entirety.

If you like to read and discuss books please consider attending this informal book club. We are always looking for new participants and new ideas. If you are interested let me know, ([susan-daniels@pullman.com](mailto:susan-daniels@pullman.com)) and I'll send you the list of books we are considering.

### Primary Forums- Deb

The League will be hosting at least two primary forums this year. On Tuesday July 17<sup>th</sup>, the forum will be held in Colfax, WA at the Whitman County Annex (adjacent to the Whitman County/Colfax Library), from 7 to 9 pm. We have confirmation from two of the five candidates running for the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District: Lisa Brown (Democrat) and Dave Saulito (Trump Populist Party). I haven't received replies from two candidates, and the office of Cathy McMorris Rodgers has said she is unavailable to attend. If another candidate does not reply, the three contested county races will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> also. If additional 5<sup>th</sup> District candidates come, the County races will be held on July 10<sup>th</sup> in Colfax at the Library.

The three county races are County Commissioner (Michael Largent and John Mark Mahnky), County Auditor (Sandy Jamison and Eric Fejeran) and County Treasurer (Mark Clinton and Christina Nelson).

On Wednesday July 18<sup>th</sup> the Primary Forum for the District Court Judge and State Legislature District 9 Position 1 and Position 2 will be held at Neill Public Library from 6:30 -8:30 pm. The three candidates running for judge are Dan LeBeau, Rob Rembert, and John Hart. The four candidates for Legislature are Mary Dye (R) and Jenn Goulet (D) for Position 1 and Joe Schmick (R) and Matthew Sutherland (D) for Position 2.

We need volunteers for the usual jobs for each of the Forums. Jobs include timers, card collectors, sorters and, of course, moderator. This is a great opportunity to get involved with League or just come and learn about the candidates.

If you can help Contact Deb Olson [olsonbones@aol.co](mailto:olsonbones@aol.co) or 509 595-0333.



## **Lentil Festival- Judy Stone**

We will host a booth on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 9 or 10 pm. The booth will include voter registration, League materials, famous women photos and more. Volunteers are needed for two-hour shifts. Please contact Judy @ [judy.stone.bandaid@gmail.com](mailto:judy.stone.bandaid@gmail.com)

## **Welcome New Members!**

### **Sue Hinz**

I came to Pullman in 1966 as a WSU freshman in Communications and Education. I didn't sway from those subjects- after all, a woman should always be ready to teach- or so my high school counselor said. I was on the Daily Evergreen staff for 3 1/2 years and I swear I lost the editorship because of the 8th of May. (Someday I will explain)

I was very lucky to have the opportunity of leadership roles: President of my pledge class and chapter president of Alpha Omicron Pi, Associated Women Students Freshman Greek Senator, member of the University Committee that established the Black Studies Program, President of Theta Sigma Phi women's communication honor society; one of the first women elected into Sigma Delta Chi journalism honor society; and Mortar Board.

After college, I worked for Pullman Herald and then did Master's degree work at Iowa State University. I returned to Pullman in 1972 while husband Mike completed another bachelor's degree. We never left. I worked again for the Pullman Herald, then to WSU's News and Information Services. I edited a Staff/Faculty weekly tabloid for 28 years, then a time in leadership before I retired and headed to the faculty at the University of Idaho for 12 years. I taught night classes for the Murrow school/college for at least 10 years. (For several years I taught at both schools-again, more stories.)

I worked for Bob Smawley, Dick Fry, and Pat Caraher who I credit for who I am today. I was a member of the Sexual Harassment subcommittee; organizing committee for the (now named) Student Involvement Center; local and state board member and president of the Combined Fund Drive. There was time to be President of Board for United Way of Pullman, Chamber of Commerce Board President, Pullman City Council member, Festival Dance and Performing Arts Board president, Gladish Community and Cultural Center Board president, Pullman Regional Hospital Auxiliary board member, and WSU Retirees Association board member.

Married in 1968. Two sons, two cool grandsons and one tough granddaughter. My biggest passion these days is education and sharing information to everyone. Issues include those that affect children, families and seniors.

## **Carol Maloney**

Tell us about your background -- how did you come to live in Pullman? What has your career been on the Palouse?

I grew up in Pullman. Dad was a professor in Materials Science and Engineering and Mom was an RN at Student Health. Left for college, returned for graduate school many years later after living in Seattle and Mexico. Left to work at WSU Vancouver and the Battle Ground school district. Returned to get married and care for Mom who has Parkinson's disease. I work for WSU office of Access and Opportunity in the High School Equivalency Program as a GED instructor for both Spanish-speaking and English-speaking students.

What caused you to join the League of Women Voters of Pullman and what interests you about the League?

I feel desperate to get as involved as I can given the partisanship in our country. I am attracted to the non-partisan nature of the group. I am interested in promoting civic involvement. I am a Mom of seven and a small business owner with my husband whose business it is. We own an Adult Family Home. Between my teaching and our business, we work with people from all generations. I believe that our country is stronger when its citizens are active and informed.

What topics would you like the League to pursue in the area of public policy? Are you interested in being involved in League programs or issues?

I am particularly interested in helping people register to vote. I am also very interested in immigrant issues because I have worked with immigrant and refugee families my entire life.

## **League of Women Voters of Pullman Observer Report**

### **Pullman School District Board of Directors**

Date: **May 9, 2018**      Observer: **Barb Palmer**

**Members Present:** Allison Munch-Rotolo, Amanda Tanner, Jim Evermann, Nathan Roberts, Susan Weed

**Others Present:** Beth Frickle, parent; PSD administrators, teachers and students presenting reports on the agenda. Parents and visitors from Franklin Elementary School.

### **Reports**

- a. **Dedicated Teacher Award** Bill Holman, Franklin Elementary School Principal, introduced **Nancy Nelson**, second grade teacher at Franklin as the recipient of the award. She stood with several of her students at her side as she accepted the award. Mr. Holman spoke of her many talents as a teacher and her special care of the students. Pictures were taken with Allison Rotolo, chair of the school board, congratulating Nancy and the students as cheering family members in the audience applauded. Nice event!!
- b. **PHS ASB** Upcoming events: Prom, Spring Fling, Music Assembly, June 4<sup>th</sup>, Going Away Assembly, Orchestra Concert playing in PHS Auditorium as we speak.
- c. **Board Susan Weed** reported on the PHS state and national rankings and FFA students' attendance at conference at WSU Beasley Auditorium. She mentioned Ralph Bowman's generous gift to the Athletic program at PHS. She said that he was a quiet supporter of all Athletics, but Baseball was his passion. **Note**, Both Susan and Joe Thornton contributed many memories of Ralph in a recent wonderful article in the Daily News. **Jim Evermann** reported that he attended an excellent WSSDA meeting. **Amanda Tanner** reported on Rock Show at the Middle School and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade camp in progress. She also heard an excellent talk on Disabilities.
- d. **Superintendent Maxwell** Kamiak School Open House soon, Kindergarten registration, Working on 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Academic Calendars with Pullman Education Association (PEA) input.
- e. **PHS Culminating Project Update** Kellie Glaze, PHS counselor, shared the history and value of the "senior project" and gave examples of the many student projects over the years. At one point the Senior Project was a requirement for graduation, but not now. Many students do a project to clarify their career goals and prepare

for what they want to do after graduation from HS. They can start working on a project during their junior year and some students may even start in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The project topics are student selected with instructional support provided.

- f. **Potential Scratch Cooking Agreement with the Empire Health Foundation and PSD** Sheba Nella from the Foundation reported on the purpose of the Foundation and what the PSD would gain from working with them to promote healthy eating. This is something that might work with the PSD Wellness committee. Cooking and eating healthy foods- and avoiding processed foods- are the goals of nutrition education. More to be explored. The one visitor, Beth Fricklen, went to the podium in support of the Health Foundation.

At this point in the agenda a diversion occurred with a question from board member Susan Weed. She heard that Craig Nelson, Principal at Jefferson School had resigned. IF that be true she was wondering why, for he was one of our best. Even though they had their differences, she really respected his leadership at Jefferson School. Superintendent Maxwell explained that he had family in Puyallup and that he wanted to get back to his roots or something like that. Weed pressed on and said that we should do something for his service to the district. Amanda Tanner spoke up and voiced her support for Susan's suggestion. She said that Craig Nelson was respected and well known in the Pullman Community not just at Jefferson School. His wife will continue to teach at Franklin School and his children will complete their education in Pullman. Weed pressed on and asked, can we get him back? Maxwell in a snarky tone, replied "he's out of here". Allison missed an opportunity to pull the board members together for their collective opinion on doing something for Craig Nelson in recognition of his time in Pullman. Superintendent Maxwell moved on to the next agenda item.

### Discussion Items

- a. 2018-2019 Board Meeting Calendar

There were 10 items for discussion and the hour was late. One policy number was 5240, Evaluation of Staff. Board members asked a lot of questions and gave Maxwell a hard time with some words in the policy. They were all tired and a bit slap happy. However, it was noted that this was the first time that board members were challenging the Superintendent in good fun.

It turned serious however when Nathan Roberts started asking questions about PHS graduation requirements. Even if OSPI makes changes, that cannot and should not be used as a reason for not being up to date. Students and parents need a document or handbook that clearly spells out Graduation Requirements he said. Is it possible that some parents are contacting board members with these questions?

The hour was very late so Allison called for adjournment. There was a lot of noise as everyone prepared to leave. Then a loud banging noise made me turn around to witness Roberta yank all the You Tube microphones in one hand and hurl them on the podium where they all fell on the floor with a big bang. I left quickly unnoticed. I checked to see if this was recorded on You Tube. It was not. The time was 9:20 pm.

The Orchestra Concert across the hall was over and everyone was happy as they left the theater. I asked several people as they waited for their sons and daughters carrying their big instruments, how was the concert? **They all agreed that it was great!**

### Final Observer Comments

Even though the board just passed revised policy #2410 Graduation Requirements, the board members were not happy with the slow process in putting together a handbook of courses offered that fulfill graduation requirements. The responsibility for this job falls at the feet of the Assistant Superintendent, Roberta Kramer. This might explain her outburst at the end of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm. It was a very long and interesting meeting. It was encouraging to witness the School Board Members take a much more active role in asserting their role and authority during this meeting. The resignation of Craig Nelson may create more unrest in the community. Still lots of question about transparency at the Superintendent's level. Eternal Vigilance.

## Thanks for the Memories

### Summer Planning Meeting- Mary Collins

A small but energetic group of members met at the home of Mary Collins on Friday June 22 and made plans for LWV evening and brown bag programs for the 2018-2019 year. The plans include a number of local, state, and national topics of interest including redistricting, Pullman's downtown, efforts to protect the Palouse Prairie, and updates from city, county, and school officials. The group also heard about plans for the 4th of July Johnson Parade, the Lentil Festival, and upcoming forums. It promises to be a busy and interesting year. The effort concluded with a fine potluck salad luncheon. Thanks to all who participated.

Please see page 8 of The Voter for the proposed 2018-2019 Calendar! *Please note that not all dates, locations, and presenters are confirmed at this time.*

### Art Walk- Libby

Art Walk 2018 was an opportunity for the Pullman League to debut our brand new banner - an archival depiction of women in the early 20th century demanding equality and to display large photos of trailblazing women such as Sandra Day O'Connor. Thanks to Bobbie Ryder for ordering the banner and the cake with the League logo which we served to those who stopped by to check out our information. Ten volunteers staffed our booth throughout the day on Saturday. We registered one voter and had 25 more express an interest in learning more about the League. Thanks to Paul Spencer and Judy Stone for help setting up our magnificent display and to Susan Daniels for help taking it down. Other volunteers included Barb Palmer, Anne Lewis, Lucy Linden, Alice Schroeder, Deb Olson, Janet Kendall, and Libby Walker. We're all set for the Lentil Festival! Bring it on!!

### State Council- Susan Daniels

The Council was quite interesting -- what a great group of intelligent and hard working women!

The three presentations that were the most interesting to me were:

- 1) Council theme of transforming League into a more inclusive and nimble organization. (This is a goal from LWVUS on down). This is reflected in the new succinct statements below:

Mission Statement: "Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy."

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

Value Statement: "We believe in the power of women to create a more perfect democracy."

- 2) LWVWA Redistricting Plan. In 2021, after the census, states will be redistricting according to the new population data. The LWVWA's plan is to spend the next couple of years studying redistricting, educating the public on what it is and why it is important, and encouraging people to participate in the census. The data from the census will then be used to develop -and submit to Congress- legislative and congressional districts for WA that are legal, fair, and equitable. When drawing the districts they will take into consideration not only population numbers, but also communities of interest such as racial, ethnic, geographic, business, etc.

For this they need the help of local Leagues and by the end of summer they will have "Redistricting Forum in a Box" available to help leagues educate and engage their communities. I'm not clear on whether they hope to submit it before Congress starts the redistricting process or before they adopt a new plan.

- 3) The new LWVWA *The State We're In* has full color pictures and lots of them. There is a new chapter on Civics and the Natural World. It is written for 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up and is used in some colleges. The new book is really nice.

**Other topics included:** MELD – Membership Engagement & Leadership Development; Action: League Supported Initiatives – I-1600 (Universal Health Care); I-1631 (Carbon Fee); I-1630(Gun Safety); Vote411 & Voter Service; Fund Development; Civil Discourse; and using the WEB

There is more information on these topics on League websites, and soon videos of the sessions will be online through LWVWA. (Videotaping by Paul Spencer, assisted by Morgan Stevens). Thanks for the opportunity to go to Council!

## Annual Meeting- Mary

Our annual dinner and meeting was held on May 14th at the home of Karen Kiessling. Deb Olsen coordinated dinner arrangements. It was a lovely spring evening, perfect to enjoy a good meal and even better conversation. After dinner, the meeting was called to order by Shelley Jones. We closed out last year's business and elected new officers. We finished the year in a stronger financial position than last and our Observer Corps, which keeps us all more informed about the work of local government, had another year of great participation. We elected representatives for both the State Council and National Convention. We are very grateful for these members' willingness to represent us and to let us know what is going on with the LWV beyond Pullman. The candidate slate for local elections is very full this year with most races having at least 2 candidates so we should expect a lot of Voter Services work starting this summer. Thanks to departing President Shelley Jones--you did a great job!

## 2018-2019 Planning Meeting RESULTS!

**The small print: Please note this calendar is subject to change based on scheduling needs and other yet to be determined forces beyond our control. Always read your LWV of Pullman correspondence for the most up to date information!**

	Monthly meeting date	Monthly meeting topic	Monthly meeting coordinator	Monthly meeting location	Brown bag topic *	Brown bag coordinator
September	10th	Back-to-League CAC Housing/Needs Assessment	Mary Collins	Member home	How to become active in the campaigns you support	Mary Collins
October	Forums	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
November	5th	Redistricting	Libby Walker	Congregational Church	3 Forks Bike Club/Scott McBeath	Anne Lewis
December	3rd	Palouse Prairie	Mary Collins	Congregational Church	County Commissioners	Paul Spencer
January	14 <sup>th</sup> **	State and local planning	Paul Spencer	TBA	New school principals	Anne Lewis
February	4th	Downtown Pullman	Libby Walker	Umpqua Bank	OPEN	
March	4th	PSD 267 updates	Mary Collins	Umpqua Bank	New District judge	Mary Collins
April	1st	TBA (topic from LWVUS convention ?)			OPEN	
May	13th	Annual Business Meeting		TBA	OPEN	

**Note!** Meeting coordinators welcome assistance with these events. We especially encourage new members to join in the process.

\*Brown bags are always on the third Thursday at the Congregational Church at noon.

\*\* The January meeting is a 10am no-host brunch.

## 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:** Diane Smerdon, 509-334-5413; **Membership:** Janet Kendall, 509-432-3368; **TRY:** Susan Daniels, 509-332-6699 & Anne Lewis, 509-334-1075; **Finance Coordinator:** Diane Smerdon, 509-334-5413; **Finance Drive Thank-Yous:** Lenna Harding, 509-332-7749; **Nominating Chair:** Anne Lewis, 509-334-1075

### From the Editor:



**We need your help!** Diane Smerdon, our energetic and professional *Community Update Editor* and *Finance Drive Coordinator*, is moving to Spokane. She leaves us with organized materials and a willingness to answer questions. Are you interested in assuming or assisting in either of these positions?

*As always, I appreciate your ideas, helpful criticism, and feedback regarding this Voter and future Voters. I can be reached at [anneglewis2@yahoo.com](mailto:anneglewis2@yahoo.com) or 509-334-1075.*

*Thank you for reading and for your valuable participation in the League of Women Voters of Pullman.*

