



# 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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“One person can make a difference, and everyone should try.”

-John F. Kennedy

**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



### Board Meetings

Date: Fourth Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.; October 22, 2019

Location: Daily Grind, back room

Chair: Bobbie Ryder



### Forums

#### Colfax Candidate Forum

Candidates for Council Positions 4, 5, 6, 7

Date: Wednesday, October 16

Time: 7-9 p.m.

**Location: Whitman County Library, Colfax, WA**

#### Local Candidates Forum

Date: Thursday, October 17

Time: 6-8 p.m.

**Location: Hecht Room of Neill Public Library**

Forum Coordinators: Deb Olson and Helen Cantanese.

Issues Forum- Hospital Bond, Initiative 976, Referendum 88

Date: Thursday, October 24

Time: 6-8 p.m.

**Location: Hecht Room of Neill Public Library**

Coordinators: Sue Hinz & Libby Walker

Issues Forum- Pullman School District Bond

Date: Thursday, November 21

Time: 6-8 p.m.

**Location: Hecht Room of Neill Public Library**

Coordinators: Sue Hinz & Libby Walker

**Brown Bag Meetings**

**When: 3rd TUESDAYS of the month; noon**

**Location: Neill Public Library (Hecht Room)**

**Upcoming Topics:**

**October 15:** "Issues Related to Poverty in Whitman County"

Contact: Judy Stone

**November 19:** "Food Security Efforts"

Contact: Mary Collins

**December 17:** City Council Election Results

Contact: Libby Walker

**Action Workshop**

Date: Saturday, November 2, 2019

Time: 9:00 am- 3:00 p.m.

Program: Speakers, panels and break-out sessions to learn and discuss the critical issues facing our state.

Location: Washington State University Extension, Spokane

Contact: Paul Spencer

## November Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 7, 2019



Time: 6:30 p.m. Social; 7:00 p.m.

Program: Rob Curley, Editor of the Spokesman Review

Co-hosting with Murrow College

Location: Washington State University, Goertzen Hall, Room 21

Contact: Bobbie Ryder, 432-9619 or Libby Walker, 432-4756



## December Meeting

Date: Thursday, December 5

Program: Holiday Cookie Exchange & Harvard Case Method (Andrew & Ronda Penwell)

Location & Time: Trinity Lutheran Church; 1300 NE Lybecker Road, Pullman

6:30 p.m. social, 7:00 meeting

Contact: Mary Collins & Helen Cantanese (cookies); Bobbie Ryder (Harvard Study)

## Book Club

Selection: *Refuge: Rethinking Refugee Policy in a Changing World* by Betts & Collier

This is also WSU's selection for the Common Reading Program.

Dates, Times, Locations of discussion and/or shared events TBD.

Please contact Libby Walker (509-432-4756) with ideas.

## Upcoming Events (in More Detail)

### Brown Bags

**Location:** Hecht Room of Neill Public Library

**Time:** Noon- 1 pm

#### October 15

On Tuesday, October 15 “Issues Related to Poverty in Whitman County”, including homelessness, housing, food, health care, and the warming shelter, will be discussed by Nathan Weller, Chairman of the Poverty Awareness Task Force and Jeff Guyett, Executive Director of the Community Action Center.

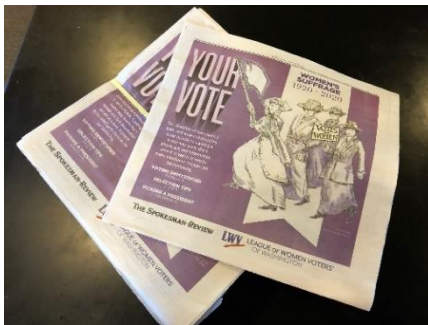
Sponsored by Pullman LWV and Neill Public Library. Contact is Judy Stone.

#### November 19

At noon on November 19, Ashley Vaughn from the Community Action Center will update us on Food Security Efforts in Whitman County. The brown bag meeting will be from 12 to 1 in the Hecht Room at Neil Public Library. The format is conversational, and all are welcome.

### Forums

**See pgs 2-3 for day, time, location specifics & page 7 for additional info re: state initiative & referendum**



### Colfax Candidate Forum

Council Position 4- Mark Mackleit and Andrew Stewart

Council Position 5- Ben Miller and Sarina Roberts

Council Position 6- Jim Kackman and Dominic Villareal

Council Position 7- Jeremiah Roberts and Thomas Huntwork

### Local Candidates Forum

Anne Parks v. Chris Johnson- City Council

Eileen MacColl v. Francis Benjamin- City Council At Large Position

Susan Weed v. Beth Ficklin- School Board

### Issues Forum

Hospital Bond, Initiative 976 (License Plate Tabs), and Referendum 88.

## Where the Action Is

### Save the Date: LWVWA Action Workshop in Spokane, November 2, 2019

Come and learn what to expect for the upcoming legislative session. Learn about the critical issues facing our state. Discuss the issues of greatest interest to you with legislators and our lobby team. There will be speakers, panel presentations and issue break-out sessions. Gain the skills and knowledge to be a more effective advocate for the issues you care about.

This workshop will provide tools and opportunities for you to increase your involvement in the action component of League. I especially encourage new members, those who have yet to attend a workshop, and those who wonder, "What do we do with all our studies, concerns, and positions?" to take part in this event.

The workshop will be at Washington State University Extension from 9am to 3pm. Lunch is included.

LWV of Pullman will pay the \$30 registration fee for those attending. Registration closes Oct. 29. Members attending the Action Workshop usually carpool which makes the journey an enjoyable time. Registration and more information available on the [lwwa.org](http://lwwa.org) website.

### November Meeting

*Don't miss this one!*

Please attend what is sure to be an engaging and dynamic joint meeting of our League and The WSU Edward R. Murrow College of Communication! Thursday, November 7 in WSU's Goertzen Building, Room 21. Reception at 6:30 p.m. and presentation at 7.

Dating back to the early days of the Internet, Spokesman-Review editor Rob Curley has long been considered one of the newspaper industry's biggest innovators. Through his times at some of the biggest news organizations in the nation like The Washington Post and Orange County Register to working at small Midwestern papers like the Lawrence Journal-World and Topeka Capital-Journal, it's his passion for community journalism that drives him.



After building some of the most award-winning news sites on the Internet, he has been featured on the cover of national magazines and even an Apple commercial. Creativity Magazine named him one of the 50 Most Creative People in the World, and he's one of the only newspaper editors in the world to give "Tech Talks" to Google's programmers on the web giant's main campus in Silicon Valley.

## Book Club/Common Reading Program

Our League bookclub hopes to expand participation by utilizing Washington State University's Common Reading selection-- *Refuge: Rethinking Refugee Policy in a Changing World* by Alexander Betts & Paul Collier. Libby Walker has been in touch with Karen Weathermon from this program about the possibility of co-sponsoring a speaker next year related to immigration concerns. Please contact Libby ([libbywalker9@icloud.com](mailto:libbywalker9@icloud.com) or 509-432-4756) regarding your thoughts regarding this exciting idea.

At this point, there is no date set to gather and discuss the book--but start reading!

## League of Women Voters of Washington (aka State Level Activities)

LWVWA has taken positions on two ballot measures in the upcoming election, Referendum 88 and Initiative 976.

**Approve:** Washington Referendum 88 is a vote on Initiative 1000

In 2019 I-1000 was an Initiative to the Legislature designed to allow affirmative action by the state of Washington as long as the policies do not constitute preferential treatment and do not use quotas. The State Legislature approved I-1000 which meant it did not appear on the 2019 ballot. Referendum 88 requires a state-wide vote on I-1000 which means a **yes** vote on R-88 **approves** I-1000 and a **no** vote on R-88 **rejects** I-1000.

LWVWA supported signature gathering for Initiative 1000 and advocated for it in the 2019 Legislative session. It supports Referendum 88 to approve I-1000.

**Oppose:** Washington Initiative 976 limits motor vehicle taxes and fees

This measure would repeal, reduce, or remove authority to impose certain vehicle taxes and fees; limit annual motor-vehicle-license fees to \$30, except voter-approved charges; and base vehicle taxes on Kelley Blue Book value.

From [lwvwa.org](http://lwvwa.org):

"I-976 would be disastrous to transportation services in Washington State. It violates the League positions in that it would be unsound and would have a devastating financial effect on state and local jurisdictions' ability to fund transportation, particularly transit. It impacts not only car tab fees (holding them to \$30) but also affects a variety of other factors affecting transportation revenue."

More information is available here: [Ballotpedia](https://ballotpedia.org) and [LWVWA](http://lwvwa.org)

## A Selection of Memories

### Back to League- Bobby Ryder

A table of delicious home cooked dishes and great company created a lively start to the LWV Back-to-League Potluck on September 24<sup>th</sup>. It was hosted at Bobbie Ryder's house, with setup efforts by Paul Spencer and Susan Daniels. The guest speaker was the Washington State League President, Lunell Haught, who inspired, entertained with humor, and updated us all on the happenings at the state level of League, including a hint about the recent partnership

between LWV and the Spokesman Review to create “Your Vote” newspaper celebrating Women’s Suffrage 1920-2020.



We were also delighted by a presentation by the two Colfax High School civics teachers, Andrew and Ronda Penwell, who attended the Harvard Case Method Training in Boston this summer. They gave a Powerpoint presentation of their experiences and shared their enthusiasm and appreciation for the training they received. We hope to hear more from them in the coming months. Judy Stone gave an impressive update on Observer Corps statistics and where to find reports on our website. Bobbie Ryder gave an overview on the many activities and events that LWV of Pullman has been involved in since last April (24 activities or events plus lots of Observer Corps reports, The Voter (2) and hours of behind the scene writing and networking, in case you were wondering). It was an evening of good food, good friends, and good information.

## Complete List of Board Officers:

**President:** Bobbie Ryder, 509-432-9619; **Vice-President:** Sue Hinz, 509-332-1168; **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 & Helen Catanese; hncatanese@gmail.com; **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; **Social Media:** Bobbie Ryder, 509-432-9619; **Community Outreach:** Libby Walker, 509-432-4756; **Community Update Editor:** Susan Daniels, 509-332-6699; **Membership:** Judy Stone, 509-595-0187; **Finance Coordinator:** Libby Walker, 509-432-4756; **Finance Drive Thank-Yous:** Lenna Harding, 509-332-7749; **Nominating Chair:** Open!



