



VOTER

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF PULLMAN WASHINGTON

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The League of Women Voters of Pullman is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

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Meetings and Events

Please check the date and place when you get the meeting notice a week before the meeting.

Health Care in Whitman County

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

Program: Snacks followed at 7:00 by a panel discussion of the local effects of the Affordable Care Act

Place: Neill Public Library, Hecht Room

Contact: Barbara Hammond, 332-4104

Annual Meeting

Date: Monday May12, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Program: Catered dinner at 6:00 followed by the Annual Meeting at 7:00

Place: Home of Libby Walker, 840 SE Lori Ct. ([directions pg. 4](#))

Contact: Anne Lewis, 334-1075

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Poverty Study Kickoff Luncheon

Date: Wednesday May 21, Noon - 2 p.m.

Program: Poverty Study Organization – Bring a salad to share that costs less than \$5 to make.

Who: All volunteers for Poverty Study. Bring a friend with you to get involved.

Place: Mary Collins' home, 1104 Collins Rd. Directions: In Albion, turn right onto Main Street.

Take Main through town and onto gravel where it becomes the Palouse Albion Road for three miles. At the fork, veer left onto Shawnee Road, 100 yards on, cross the creek, go one mile on Collins Road. Mary's home is the log house with a red roof.

Contact: Mary Collins, 509-592-6929

Brown Bag Meetings

Date: Third Thursdays, Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Programs: April 17, Amy Trujillo from the Palouse Land Trust

May 15, Adult Day Care by Circles of Caring

Place: Congregational Church, Opal and Campus, Pullman

Contact: Deb Olson, 332-2114

Board Meetings

Date: Wednesday April 23; Wednesday May 28

Time: 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Place: Daily Grind, back room

Chairs: April, Barbara Hammond; May, Anne Lewis

Other Meetings of Interest

April Game Day

Date: Wednesday April 9, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Program: Games and Conversation

Place: Anne Lewis' home, 915 SE Skylark Ct.

Contact: Anne Lewis, 334-1075

LWVWA Council

Date: May 31-June 1

Program: Be Bold (See [article page 4](#))

Place: Embassy Suites, Lynnwood, WA

Contact: Karen Kiessling, 332-4755

LWVUS Convention 2014

Date: June 6 -10, 2014

Program: See [article page 4](#)

Place: Dallas, TX

Contact: Shelley Jones, 509-432-3428, shelley.jones@gmail.com.

Take Charge of Your Health

Date: April 16th, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Program: Making Health Care Decisions

Place: Pullman Regional Hospital

Contact: Katie Evermann Druffel Katie.EvermannDruffel@pullmanregional.org

Healthcare in Whitman County

Barbara Hammond

Healthcare is one of the top social and economic problems facing Americans today. Accessibility of services, universality of coverage, cost for individuals, parity for physical and mental conditions, financial resources for local hospitals and clinics are concerns shared by users and providers of health services alike. Our April 7th public meeting, **Healthcare in Whitman County: Implementation and Effects of the Affordable Care Act and Other Medical Community Issues**, will feature Scott Adams, Chief Executive Officer of Pullman Regional Hospital, and Mike Berney, Executive Director of Palouse River Counseling Center. They will present background information on the organizational structure, services provided, and future plans for their agencies as well on how the Affordable Care Act is affecting service provision in Pullman and Whitman county.

Come at 6:30 and bring a friend to this program of interest and importance. The program begins at 7:00 p.m.

Annual Meeting: Monday, May 12, 6PM

Anne Lewis

It is hard to believe, but another busy and rewarding year with the Pullman League of Voters has gone by! Before we take a well-earned break in June, we need to have our Annual Meeting. This is our yearly chance to collectively consider what we've done in the past year, elect officers, visit, and think ahead to the next League year.

Please plan to come. Your presence is both desired and essential. Our League is fortunate to have welcomed several new members this year! We need a quorum of $\frac{1}{4}$ of our local members to adopt the budget and elect next year's officers and committee heads. We encourage all of our members to attend so they can learn more about their local League. If you need a ride, please contact a board member.

We will have a catered dinner, followed by this important annual business meeting. If you prefer, you can skip the dinner and come at 7:00 p.m. for the meeting.

Our Nominating Committee and the Board have worked hard and creatively to find a slate of officers and committee heads to lead us next year. Our Budget Committee has worked on the budget to be adopted for the next year. We'll get caught up on current finances, and we will elect our delegates to State Council and the National Convention.

Mary Collins will discuss the Poverty Study Proposal and we will vote on the adoption of this study that is expected to span two years. Our local League hasn't participated in a local study for many years. This is an exciting and important opportunity for our League and the community. We hope that

you come to support and volunteer to participate. In anticipation of the acceptance of the study, we will be having a Kickoff Meeting at noon, May 21st.

Look for the [Agenda](#) and Committee Reports starting on page 10 in this VOTER. **Please bring the VOTER agenda and the reports that follow it (feel free to bring the entire VOTER!) to the annual meeting.**

Many of you support us with your dues. That is greatly appreciated, but this is one time we need you to support us with your presence as well. **Thus, mark your calendars for Monday, May 12 and take part in and enjoy this year's Annual Meeting.**

Location: at the home of Libby Walker, 840 Lori Ct.

Directions to Libby's house: 840 S.E. Lori Ct.
Drive to the Holiday Inn.
Turn up Klemgard St.
Turn right at the 2nd street which is Sunnymead Way
Go about one block.
Watch for the playground equipment in the yard on the left.
Lori Ct is immediately after that yard.
Turn left and go to the end of the cul de sac to 840.

Four cars can park in my driveway. There is some parking on the street.

Update on LWVUS 2014 Convention

Anne Lewis and Libby Walker have volunteered to represent LWV of Pullman at the LWVUS Convention. Delegates to the convention are approved at the Annual Meeting on May 12th.

Call to Council Karen Kiessling

The League of Women Voters of Snohomish County is hosting the State Council meeting May 30 - June 1, 2014, at the Embassy Suites in Lynnwood. The organizing committee is busy finding local sites that highlight Snohomish County and will be arranging an optional tour of the Boeing Plant as one event. The fee for this optional tour is \$20 and includes The Future of Flight and a tour of the plant. In the packet registrants receive will be information regarding other points of interest in the area such as the Hibulb Cultural Center, Mukilteo Light Station and Edmonds Museum.

Participants will be able to register for the entire week-end, May 30 through June, Saturday only, or Saturday evening only. The Saturday evening presentation by Senator Jeanne Kohl-Wells is free and open to the public and will start at 8:00 PM.

The LWVWA website should be sending out the first call to convention in the next few days. League members are asked to think about attending this meeting as a way to get involved with League, meet

members from around the state and learn about the work of the League as it advocates in the Legislature for the passage of laws on which we have positions of support. The theme is **Be Bold** and the speaker on Saturday is a committed and successful advocate for laws protecting vulnerable youth from sex trafficking. Senator Kohl-Wells is the author, sponsor or co-sponsor of twelve pieces of legislation that were all passed unanimously on this subject. You will enjoy and be uplifted by her success in protecting our youth.

Pullman League is urged to send at least two members to this meeting and as many as wish may attend. Local budget will be used to support the two principal attendees but additional funds may be available if there is interest. Please let Karen (kkiessling@hotmail.com) or Shelley (shelley.jones@gmail.com) know if you have an interest.

February Meeting Report

The Citizens United Ruling and its Effects

Paul Spencer

The meeting started with a short presentation by each of the 3 panelists: professor Shaakirrah Sanders, an associate professor of law at the U. of Idaho Law school, assistant professor Michael Salamone and associate professor Travis Ridout both from the WSU School of Politics, Philosophy and Public Affairs. They reviewed the history of voting rights laws and court cases related to the issues of the Citizens United case and discussed some of the changes to the federal campaign process resulting from this ruling and the earlier related cases and legislation.

These cases and the 5 to 4 Supreme Court majority ruling on the Citizens United case established that the “government may not suppress political speech on the basis of the speaker’s corporate identity”. Thus, independent campaign expenditures by corporations are allowed. The Citizens United Ruling itself apparently triggered the FEC (Federal Election Commission) to issue regulations which provided a basis for corporations to start making such expenditures.

The result is that, in the election of 2012, these corporate expenditures were much larger than in the past, and were larger than expenditures from the political parties themselves. This has significantly eclipsed the power of the political parties on the elections. The corporate political advertising is strongly negative and this has added to the shift toward negative political advertising.

The opinion of all the panel participants is that this ruling is unlikely to be changed soon. The possible ways to change it – a grass-roots campaign, more transparent political campaigns, a constitutional amendment, or the establishment of adequate public campaign financing – are all low probabilities.

March Meeting Report – Panel on the Farm Bill

Joan Folwell

On March third we held a Public Meeting on *The Farm Bill and Its Effect on Producers and Consumers*. The panel comprised of Ben Barstow, a Palouse wheat farmer; Tory Bye, executive director of the Whitman County Farm Service Agency; and Dr. Joe Guenther, a University of Idaho

professor emeritus of Agricultural Economics spoke about the 2014 Farm Bill and its impact on both consumers and producers.

Ben Barstow reported that direct payments (which are trade neutral) have been eliminated from the new Farm Bill. What effect the new bill will have on Whitman County producers will not be determined until this fall when all details of the bill have been revealed. Since direct payments have been eliminated, the 2014 bill focuses on crop insurance to minimize a producer's risk. This has forced producers to disclose their yield data because the crop insurance rates are based on average yield over a period of years. Private crop insurance is available, but very expensive. Ben says that to date he has paid one half of his crop insurance and the government has paid the other half. Disaster relief has been dealt with on a case by case basis until this new bill. Now disaster insurance will be included in crop insurance.

Tory Bye profiled Whitman County. It has 254 million acres under cultivation and is first in Washington State with the greatest number of tillable acres. Whitman County is the biggest commodity grower in the state producing more wheat than any county in the U.S. It is second largest in barley production in the U.S. Tory's office handles the Farm Bill programs that relate to producers. This includes conservation programs, programs involving price supports, commodities, and disaster relief, farm and commodity loans, and facility loans. Over \$16,000,000 in subsidies was paid out to county producers this last year.

Joe Geunthner related a national perspective. Commodities include dairy, beef, corn, potatoes, lentils, apples, wheat, sugar beets, alfalfa, cotton, peanuts, etc. Two prevailing philosophies for commodity policy prevail: the republicans believe that the market should determine prices and the democrats believe that markets are unreliable. There are several policy options that the government could use to secure the nation's food supply and keep producers profitable: 1) purchase and store commodities to keep prices up (because of limited shelf life this is not done anymore); 2) have a supply policy that controls supply through a) mandatory quotas, b) land retirement, and c) buyouts (e.g., the previous buyout of dairy herds with a 5-year wait to restart). The disadvantage of having any kind of policy is that it causes discrimination. For example, corn has a lot of support programs while potatoes do not. This has allowed the corn supporters to become very powerful and perhaps detrimental to other commodities. Joe reminded us that the ideal agrarian model began with Washington and Jefferson and the country has always embraced that ideal. He believes that the public must decide what it wants the farming population to look like (such as family farm vs. corporate farm) and then structure policy accordingly.

Brown Bag Meetings Report

Joan Folwell

On February 20th, Dr. Peter Tozer spoke on the History and Overview of the Farm Bill. Dr. Tozer listed the main reasons for a U.S. farm policy including preventing low farm incomes, stabilizing commodity prices and farm incomes, securing an adequate food supply, insuring food safety, and encouraging farmland and resource preservation. He said that the government started passing farm legislation in the late 1920s and 1930s (such as the 1933 Agricultural Act), but had no "policy" in the form of a Farm Bill until the 1960s. Nutrition programs began in 1935 when the federal Surplus Commodity Corporation purchased surplus products to distribute to the unemployed and their families. Today the

nutrition provisions of the Farm Bill account for 80% of its budget. He discussed the results that governmental actions setting price supports, production controls, ag loan rates, target prices, and market prices have on the agricultural and consumer communities as well as the global changes that occurred because of the WTO and GATT. He reported that the 2014 Farm Bill removed some of the revenue programs, removed counter cyclical payments, removed most of the direct commodity payments, and removed/ reduced some ag program costs. Most of the changes involved the elimination of direct payments to farmers, but increased the insurance provisions to help farmers manage their risk.

Dr. Tozer concluded by saying that the new bill achieves some needed revision, but the changes are only marginal in his opinion. There is still debate about taking the nutrition program out of the next Farm Bill; he cautions that giving payments to people to buy what they want and reducing government oversight as some have suggested may have a nutritional and health backlash.

At the Brown Bag on March 20 Dr. Bill Sischo spoke on the Authorization, Appropriation and Legislation of Animal Food Systems. Dr. Sischo began with his definition of food security: access to food that is economical, sufficient in supply, and is healthy. U. S. food policy is directed at enhancing options for farmers, ensuring food sources, caring for the land, encouraging sustainability, and expanding global markets. In Cameroon, 50% of personal income is used on food; in the U.S. less than 10% is used. This indicates the U.S. policy has worked to keep down prices.

Bill studies the dairy industry. In the new Farm Bill, there are no longer price supports for dairy commodities, but producers can buy insurance to stay in business if prices fall below production costs. Washington State ranks 10th in the nation in dairy production; Yakima County is the 5th highest dairy producing county in the U.S. Dairy production sites have been shifting away from urban areas. The federal government has many agencies that involve the oversight of animals (agencies involved with meat inspection, disease, milk quality, approval of biologics, approval of pharmaceuticals, food labeling, clean air and water, etc.), but does not regulate animal husbandry methods. Producers can treat their animals in the manner they choose unless it involves animal cruelty. Private companies, such as McDonalds, Costco, and Walmart, are creating market pressures to influence policy (e.g., animal cruelty issues and sustainability) much more effectively than government agencies because they have the monetary and political power. When asked about feeding beef cattle on grass instead of grains that could be used for human consumption, Bill answered that there is not enough grass to support the cows we have now; furthermore, it takes a longer time to convert grass into meat.

Upcoming Brown Bags

April 17: Amy Trujillo, Executive Director of the Palouse Land Trust, will give a brief history of the local Land Trust, its protection programs, and how we can all work together to conserve family farms and forests, important wildlife habitat, and public open space. Given the League's recent focus on the Farm Bill, Amy will also highlight private land conservation programs funded by the Farm Bill and the impact those programs have had on farm and ranch preservation throughout the U.S.

May 15: Adult Day Care with a speaker from Circles of Caring.

Kiwanis Presentation Karen Kiessling

On Thursday, March 20, Shelley Jones and Karen Kiessling provided the program for the Pullman Kiwanis Club. We walked through a power point presentation on the history of the formation of the League at the national and state level as well as the Pullman unit. We highlighted the

accomplishments, especially of our Pullman group and ended our allowed time by engaging members in a voting rights demonstration in which those present were divided into the various groups of citizens who achieved the right to vote over time.

Leaguers might enjoy seeing this power point at the fall potluck as we begin planning for our 65th anniversary on 14 February 2015.

Ag Study Consensus Meeting

On March 24 the Consensus Meeting was held on the Ag Study. Ben Barstow, a local wheat farmer attended to provide the perspective of a local farmer. The meeting was well attended and the report will appear in the next VOTER.

Social Events a Success

On February 19 six League members met at the home of Susan Daniels and Paul Spencer to enjoy the fire in the fireplace, chat, eat snacks and play Taboo.

On a wet and windy March 14th, 10 Pi(e) enthusiasts (or people curious as to why some people are so enthusiastic about pie) gathered at Anne Lewis' home to celebrate Pi Day with pie. There was a beautiful and delicious assortment (7 total!) of both savory and dessert pies. Also, a bit of talk of "how many digits" of "Pi" some people knew—or knew at one time (basic figure is 3.14). Most just shook their head at these demonstrations and tales of mathematical prowess and went back for another slice—or 7—of the superior (food version) type of pie. Thank you to those who came (Anne, Dawn, Deb, Dick, Fran, Jackie, June, Paul, Susan and not-yet- League member Casey) and to those who expressed interest in the idea, but were unable to make it this year.

Please consider joining us for the next game day on Wednesday, April 9 at Anne's home, 915 SE Skylark Ct. for Games, caffeine (does this entice anyone new?), and conversation. Likely group game: Wits & Wagers, although other options will be available. Anne Lewis, 509-334-1075; anneglewis2@yahoo.com

Meet our New Members

Welcome to three new members. Janet sent them some questions which they have graciously answered so we can get to know them a little better. More new member profiles will be in the next VOTER.

Uta Hutnak

I am a longtime Pullman resident, having arrived here in 1979 for my husband's job with WSU. We both retired in 2002 and haven't found a place where we would rather live. I worked at WSU in the International Programs Office. In the 80s and 90s I was involved with Pullman NOW (National Organization for Women) and we collaborated with the League in hosting a number of candidate forums. I see the League as a group that brings awareness and information about everyday issues to the community. At this time in my life I see myself more as a supporter than an activist.

Ginger Harstad Glawe

Born in Butte, Montana, I was raised in Bozeman, in those days a lovely little college town not unlike Pullman. I spent many summers at my grandmother's ranch in the Madison Valley, and worked at her trading post in town throughout my teens. In the winters, I attended Annie Wright in Tacoma.

During the turbulent late 1960s, I attended the University of Kansas where I received a BA and an MA in English Literature between war protests and race riots. Realizing that I'd rather be with people than read about them, I returned to Montana to earn an M.Ed. in Counseling at Montana State University. While working in Pullman, I recognized that I needed more education, so earned a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology at WSU.

My husband, Dean Glawe, and I met at WSU, and in 1982 we moved to Urbana, Illinois where he was a professor at the University of Illinois. I opened a private practice in psychotherapy and was active in the local community of psychoanalytic therapists.

We moved to Puget Sound in 1994, and I became involved with the large and lively psychoanalytic community in Seattle while again maintaining a private practice in psychotherapy. I completed the Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Program at the Seattle Psychoanalytic Society and Institute and received a certificate in Parent-Infant Psychotherapy from the Center for Object Relations. I also served on the boards of the Pacific Northwest Psychoanalysis Society and the Northwest Alliance for Psychoanalytic Study, where I edited a publication and taught seminars.

In 2012 my husband and I returned to Pullman where he is a professor at WSU. I am taking a year to see what's next. In the meantime, I'm doing some writing and some photography.

Joining the League of Women Voters seems like a natural progression for me, as I have long been interested in politics, and long been annoyed by partisan bickering. The League has been a beacon of reason and moderation, and I am looking forward to being better informed and to joining the League's members in being an agent of civil discourse.

Pat Ager

Pat was born in Minneapolis but at the age of 6 moved with her family of 4 sisters and 2 brothers to Olympia. At a time when children were free to roam, she and her siblings often wandered in and out of buildings on the state capitol campus in Olympia, sliding down banisters, running up and down the marble steps, and playing in the fountain. While mostly oblivious to the work being done in the various chambers, she did manage to somehow absorb the importance of the activities in the buildings. Following graduation from Olympia High school, she attended school at several universities in Washington but finished her senior year at Washington State where she met her husband, Richard Johnson.

Following the completion of a Masters degree in Horticulture Pat and Richard married and moved to Manhattan, Kansas so Richard could continue in graduate school. After living and working in Oklahoma for 6 years with their 3 boys, they moved back to Pullman in 1987.



Pat had the opportunity to work in research labs at KSU, OSU, and WSU. Following a career change, she trained in the Montessori Method of education and taught in the Pullman Montessori School for a decade. Another career change came when Pat began working for the College of Pharmacy as an Instructional Support Technician, maintaining core research equipment, and establishing the safety program and assisting in the setup and running of the Compounding laboratory. She retired from the College of Pharmacy in 2013.

Pat's hobbies include the winter sports of skiing, both downhill and cross country snowshoeing, and in the summer, gardening, biking, hiking, and travel.

Pat says of League: "I knew very little about the League outside the voter forums for which they are well known. Karen Kiessling invited me to attend the meeting on the Whitman County Health Department and I enjoyed learning about the services and the concerns of health care in our region. I have come to appreciate the speakers the League invites to talk about areas of our lives that matter to all of us. I enjoy learning and delight in the very specific information that is shared in an atmosphere of courtesy and in the exchange of ideas. I do hope to become involved in the work of the League and enjoy the friendship and enthusiasm of this group."

Community Update Page

The March issue of the Community Update included an eye-catching and informative page edited by Diane Smerdon. Her intention was to design a page which would get the word out about League values and to attract new members. She crafted an excellent presentation of meeting schedules, information about past and future meetings, noon Brown Bag lunch sessions, why people join the League, and a spotlight about Karen Kiessling's reasons for joining and participating in the League.

The Board voted to make a one year trial with pages in the March, June, September and December issues. Many thanks to Diane for the suggestion and volunteering to design the Community Update page.

The Materials for the Annual Meeting Are on the Following Pages

Annual Meeting Agenda (Please bring to meeting)

1. Call to order and declaration of quorum (1/4 of 53 members = 13) - Anne Lewis
2. 2013 Annual meeting Minutes Report- Anne Lewis and Mary Collins
3. Appointment of readers for the 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes
4. [Treasurer's Report](#)- Joan Folwell
5. Finance Drive Report- Lenna Harding
6. [Budget Report](#)- Shelley Jones
7. Membership Report
8. [Nominating Committee Report](#)- Shelley Jones
 - a. [Executive Committee Proposal](#)
9. Election of Officers
10. Election of Delegates
 - a. National Convention
 - b. Washington State Council
 - c. Direction to Delegates
11. Program Item: [Whitman County Poverty Study](#)- Mary Collins
 - a. Kickoff luncheon
12. Other Business
 - a. Discussion of noon brown bag meetings- Deb Olsen
 - b. Community Update- Diane Smerdon
 - c. Summer Activities
 - i. Summer Planning- Monday, July 14
 - ii. Parades and Primaries- Deb Olsen
 - d. Other volunteer opportunities
 - i. Observer Corp- Anne Lewis
 - ii. Voter Service Committee- Deb Olsen
 - iii. Vote 411- Alice Schroeder
 - iv. TRY Directory planning for 2015- Lucy Linden
13. Additional items for the good of the order
14. Adjournment

Open Meetings Grant Account

DATE	ITEM	CHARGE	CHECK	RECIPIENT	Grant Money
08/10/13	Color Flyers	58.21	753	j and h Printing	
8/22/2013	Meeting Flyers	29.11	755	j and h Printing	
8/28/2013	Stamps	18.28	757	K. Kiessling	
8/30/2013	LWVWA check		1249		500.00
9/9/2013	Liability insurance	255.00	759	HUB Insurance	
9/9/2013	Venue rental	50.00	760	McGregor Co.	
9/25/2013	Forum pamphlets	113.19	761	j and h Printing	
10/3/2013	Box suppers	63.00	764	K. Kiessling	
	Total	586.79			

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April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014

INCOME

Dues (34 indiv, 9 hshld, 1 student)	\$2,830.00
Total Donations	\$4,073.00
Annual Meeting	\$315.00
In-Kind Donations	\$86.38
TOTAL	\$7,304.38

EXPENSES

Operating Costs:	
P. O. Box Rental	\$78.00
Venue	\$300.00
Miscellaneous	\$59.98 (domain fee paid 1/2014 to 1/2016)
Administrative Costs:	
President/Board	\$20.99
Finance Drive	\$229.51 (+\$83.38 in-kind)
Affiliations	\$210.00 (Cham. Of Com., Friends of NPL)
WA News Service	\$50.00
Public Relations	\$210.00
Annual Meeting	\$260.88
Delegates, Travel:	
LWVUS Convention (2 delegates)	\$2405.16
State Convention (3 delegates)	\$981.00
Per Member Payments (PMPs)	
State	\$940.50
National	\$1534.50 (\$767.25 paid from Ed Fund)
The Voter:	
Supplies	\$36.12
Postage	\$23.02
Educational Activities:	
Voter Service	\$127.06 (+\$3.00 in-kind)
Other Programs	\$139.93
In-Kind Donation Expenses	\$86.38
TOTAL	\$7693.03
Total Donations from 4/1/13 to 3/31/114	\$4073.00 (\$2822.00-regular, \$1251.00-Ed Fund)

BALANCES AS OF 3/31/2014:

Working Assets	\$4717.92
Reserve Assets	\$3000.00
Educational Fund	\$2348.22
TOTAL	\$10,066.14

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF PULLMAN
Proposed Budget July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

EXPENSES

	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>Actual Costs 7/2013-6/2014</u>
A. <u>Operating Costs</u>	<u>\$855.00</u>	<u>\$437.98</u>
P.O. Box Rental	80.00	78.00
Thank You Gifts	150.00	0.00
Venue Expenses	500.00	300.00
Miscellaneous	125.00	59.98 <p><small>(paid 1/14 to 1/16)</small></p>
B. <u>Administrative</u>	<u>\$1740.00</u>	<u>\$836.42</u>
President/Board	50.00	20.99
Administrative Committees		
Finance Drive	120.00	74.50 (+\$31.67 in-kind)
Membership	110.00	10.05
Public Relations	840.00	210.00
Affiliations	210.00	210.00
WA News Service	50.00	50.00
Annual Dinner	300.00	260.88
Miscellaneous	60.00	0.00
C. <u>Delegates and Travel</u>	<u>\$1550.00</u>	<u>\$3886.16</u>
Natl. Convention (2 del)	0.00	2405.16 <p><small>(plus more)</small></p>
State Council (2 dels)	0.00	500.00 <p><small>(expected costs)</small></p>
State Convention (3 dels)	1050.00	981.00
Action Workshop	300.00	0.00
Other Events/Travel (.50/mi)	200.00	0.00
D. <u>Per Member Payments (PMPs)</u>	<u>\$2288.00</u>	<u>\$2475.00</u>
National PMP	1442.50	1534.50 <p><small>(1/2 pd by Ed Fnd)</small></p>
State PMP	845.50	940.50
National PMP: \$31.00 for individuals; \$46.50 for households; \$15.50 for students		
State PMP: \$19.00 for individuals; \$28.50 householders; \$9.50 for students		
January 31, 2014: 31 individual, 9 household, 0 student, 2 honorary		
E. <u>The Voter</u>	<u>\$120.00</u>	<u>\$59.14</u>
Printing, supplies	75.00	36.12
Postage	45.00	23.02
F. <u>Educational Activities</u>	<u>\$1100.00</u>	<u>\$266.99</u>
Publications	100.00	0.00
They Represent You (TRY)	500.00	0.00
Program	200.00	139.93
Voter Service	300.00	127.06 (+\$3.00 in-kind)
G. <u>Position/Action Activities</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
H. <u>In-Kind Donation Expenses</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>	<u>\$86.38</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$8053.00</u>	<u>\$8048.07</u>

Nat'l. Con. (even years)-\$1700/del; State Council (even years)-\$250/del; State Con. (odd years)-\$350/del

INCOME

A. <u>Dues</u>	<u>\$3300.00</u>	<u>\$2920.00</u>
40 individual (\$60)	2400.00	1740.00 <p><small>(29 individual)</small></p>

10 household (\$85)	850.00	<i>1105.00 (13 household)</i>
2 student (\$25)	50.00	<i>75.00 (3 student)</i>
B. Contributions	\$3300.00	<i>\$2425.00</i>
Regular Fund (\$500/TRY)	2500.00	<i>1654.00</i>
Ed Fund	800.00	<i>771.00</i>
C. Sales of Publications	\$0.00	<i>\$0.00</i>
D. Annual Dinner	\$300.00	<i>\$315.00</i>
E. In-Kind Donations	\$200.00	<i>\$989.50</i>
TOTAL INCOME	\$7100.00	<i>\$5746.38</i>

Nominating Committee Report --LWV-Pullman 2014-2015

President: See Below: Executive Committee

Vice-President: See Below: Executive Committee

Treasurer: Joan Folwell

Secretary: Libby Walker

B/U Secretary: Jackie Miyasaka

Voter Service: Deb Olson

Membership: Janet Kendall

Webmaster: Paul Spencer

Scheduling: Barbara Hammond

Voter Editor: Susan Daniels

Community Update Editor: Diane Smerdon

Budget Chair: Pat Ager

Finance Coordinator: OPEN

Finance Drive: Lenna Harding

Observer Corps: Anne Lewis

Historian: Alice Schroeder

TRY: Lucy Linden

Poverty Study Chair: Mary Collins; Steering Committee: Shelley Jones, Karen Kiessling

Nominating Chair: Deb Olson

Executive Committee Structure

For the League year 2014-2015 the positions of League president and vice-president will be replaced by an executive committee consisting of three members:

A. Chairman for the board meetings who will prepare the agendas for these meetings and make sure that the preparations for events are progressing satisfactorily.

B. The official League Voice

C. Information coordinator - receive and send mail and electronic mail

These 3 people, (the executive committee) are authorized to make decisions for the League when it is not possible for the board to consider the matter.

A comprehensive full year calendar or template containing all events which can be anticipated will be prepared to facilitate league event planning and execution.

Poverty in Whitman County

A Proposal for study by the League of Women Voters of Pullman

Submitted by League Members: Mary Collins, Chair, Shelley Jones, and Karen Kiessling, Steering Committee

Problem: The proportion of households in Whitman County living below the national poverty level is more than twice the State level (US Census) and yet Whitman County is considered to be one of the healthiest and to have some of the best educational systems in Washington State. The desire to understand this paradox and to provide a useful tool for addressing poverty in the County were the basis for determining the need for a study such as the one proposed here.

The study is intended to serve as a resource for the community by providing statistical information that describes poverty in Whitman County and an inventory of public and private resources available to those living in poverty. We will work with organizations that serve the poor and local governmental agencies who have policies and programs related to the poor. The intent of the study is to be descriptive although the League of Women Voters of Pullman may use the results of this study to develop position statements.

Proposal: The study will consist of two parts.

Part 1

The first part will collect information related to the demographics of those living in poverty in Whitman County and will compare this information with Washington State and US information. This data will include information related to those living in poverty by:

- age
- sex
- level of education obtained
- household size/composition
- occupation
- location of residence/length of residence in Whitman County
- distance to employment
- special factors
- health/disabilities
- ethnicity
- language
- substance abuse

Part 2

The second part of the study will inventory existing resources, identify gaps in services, and explore possible improvements in the efficiency and effectiveness of services available to the poor. This information will be organized into the following categories:

- Food security
- Housing
- Transportation
- Childcare
- Healthcare
- Eldercare
- Legal services/law enforcement
- Educational/employment training opportunities

Board Member in Charge

This year the office of president of the LWV of Pullman is being shared among the board members with each board member taking one month to organize and run the board meeting for that month. The list of months and the board member responsible is:

April: Barbara Hammond

May: Anne Lewis

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