



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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“In winter, I plot and plan. In spring, I move.”

- Henry Rollins

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Meetings & Events

March Meeting

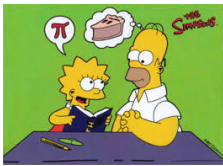
Date: Monday, March 4

Program: School District 267 Updates; Fiscal Manager Diane Hodge

Location & Time: Community Congregational Church; 525 NE Campus Avenue

6:30 p.m. Social with snacks, 7:00 p.m. Program

Contact: Mary Collins; 509-592-6929



Pi(e)Day

Date: Thursday, March 14

Time: 11 a.m.

Location: 915 S.E. Skylark Street (Anne's House)

Contact: Anne Lewis, 509-334-1075

Brown Bag Meetings

When: 3rd Thursdays of the month; noon

Location: Community Congregational Church, 525 NE Campus Avenue

Upcoming Topics:

March 21 – Meet Judge Hart

The March Brown Bag will be an opportunity to meet Our new District Court judge John Hart and visit with him about issues facing the county and his judicial perspective on matters of interest to local citizens.

Contact: Mary Collins; 509-592-6929

April 18- Update on the U.S. Census questionnaire

Speaker: Don Dillman, Robert's Professor of Sociology at WSU

Board Meetings

Date: Fourth Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m.; March 26, April 23

Location: Daily Grind, back room

Chair: Mary Collins; 509-592-6929

April Meeting

Date: April 1, 2019

Program: Recycling: Current Problems and Future Prospects

Speakers: Rick Finch, WSU Waste Management;
David Nails, Whitman County Waste Management;
Eileen Macoll, Whitman County Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Location & Time: Community Congregational Church; 6:30 p.m. Social, 7:00 p.m. Program

Chairs: Alice Schroeder and Libby Walker

May Annual Meeting

Date: May 13, 2019

Location & Time: Location TBD

6:00 p.m. catered dinner (cost TBD); 7:15 p.m. program and meeting

Program: Judy Meuth of Citizens Climate Lobby

Contact: Mary Collins; 509-592-6929. *Ideas re: location welcomed and appreciated!*

Book Club Program: Stay tuned



Book, Date, Time, Location: TBD.

State Convention

Date: June 6-9, 2019

Location: Hotel Murano in Tacoma, WA

Upcoming Events (in More Detail)

Pi(e) Day, 3/14/19- Anne

In honor of the mathematical wonder of Pi (3.14.....), and as an excuse to eat Pie, we gather together for this 5th Annual League Pi Day! If possible, please bring a pie (sweet or savory) to share. The event is not meant to be stressful, so come even if the baking of a pie does not fit into your schedule.



April 18, Brown Bag Meeting -- Karen Kiessling

Don Dillman, Regent's Professor of Sociology at WSU and internationally known authority on the construction of surveys and information gathering, will speak on the US Census questionnaire being created now for the 2020 Census. Don has been involved with the creation of this document and therefore with the controversy over the citizenship question that the administration has asked to be included. Many lawsuits have been filed over this added question and what it means for an accurate census. Don is a recognized expert in this field and is very much involved in what has been happening. The Supreme Court has decided to hear the case, short-circuiting the standard hierarchy of court appeals so that the census questions can be published in time for the count. Don't miss this fascinating discussion of what this means to the states, to Congress, to all of us.

Invite your friends for a fast-paced vital conversation on a public policy issue.

State Convention- www.lwvwa.org

First Call to Convention

League of Women Voters of Washington
2019 Biennial Convention
June 6-9, 2019
Tacoma, WA Hotel Murano

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

The first call to convention is now available. The business of Convention will set the stage for the 2019-21 biennium and voting delegates will adopt the Program of Work, elect officers and board of directors, approve budget and by-law amendments. There will be workshops on League history, current and new League programming and League management.

More information on Convention Registration, hotel reservations, and additional Convention details will be continually added. The final business for Convention will be posted by April 26, 2019. Check back often for updates on registration and programming details.

Nominations

The process of preparing for League year May 2019- May 2020 is underway! Please consider serving on the Board of our Pullman League. The last page of this Voter includes a list of all Board positions and the current officers.



Nominate yourself!

Nominate a friend!

Available Positions Include:

Finance Drive Coordinator:

Oversee our Finance Drive. The process is organized and well-documented—we just need a leader! You wouldn't need to do anything until Spring 2020 and you will receive plenty of help!

Nominations Chair:

Wish these pleas to serve were better planned, more effective, or more creative? Consider this behind the scenes, powerful role of Nominations Chair. You can even form a committee to help create the 2020 Board!

Back up Secretary:

Attend as many board meetings as possible. Serve as secretary when the secretary is unavailable by taking detailed minutes (summary) of the board meeting. A great "first step" onto the Board.

Oh...and President and Vice-President are also available.



If interested in these or any other position (or to nominate an unsuspecting friend), please contact Nominating Chair Anne Lewis at anneglewis2@yahoo.com.

State and National News

League in Action- Susan

When you become a member of the League of Women Voters of Pullman, you also become a member of the League of Women Voters of Washington and the League of Women Voters of the United States. Both the state and national Leagues maintain lobby teams of volunteers who follow legislation as it moves through WA State Congress or U.S. Congress. Team members meet with legislators to present the League's position. They also send out notices to members when there is an urgent need for us to take action in support of a League position.

Our Washington team consists of 17 volunteers, each following a particular issue such as healthcare, education, climate change, or election security. Not only do they track legislation and visit legislators, they put out a weekly (during the legislative session) *Legislative Newsletter* which reports on the legislation they are watching. The Newsletter is very concise and contains links to get more information. It is organized by issue, so it is easy to check up on the issues you are particularly concerned about. The first item in the *Newsletter* is "This Week's Alerts" which lists any issues LWVWA has identified for concerted action. The Alerts not only provide background information but include an editable email that makes it very easy to contact your legislator.

The Legislative Newsletter is an outstanding resource for anyone interested in following the progress of legislation in Washington. To sign up to receive the Newsletter, go to the website lwvwa.org. Sign up is right there on the first page.

Observer Corps Report

Name of Agency: Pullman Arts Commission

Date: January 8, 2019

Observer Reporting: Uta Hutnak

Members Present/Absent: Jeri Harris, chairperson, D. Brady Boone, Judy Dunn, Suzanne Polle,
John Rich, Meg Conley

Others Present (i.e., media, public): Alan Davis, Parks and Recreation, City of Pullman

Alan Davis talked about Public Art Placement at Lawson Gardens. A 1977 Harold Balazs sculpture has been offered to the City of Pullman by a local family for placement in Lawson Gardens. There is a specific spot in Lawson Gardens that fits very well. At this time the City is waiting for the appraisal and examination of the sculpture before it will be moved. The commission members are in favor of placing this sculpture in Lawson Gardens. The Public Art Policies and Procedures are being followed.

Discussion about other sites for Public Art in Pullman:

Commission members are asked to each take a Pullman Hill and look for city owned properties where public art could be displayed.

Review of Public Art Policies and Procedures

It is important that PAC communicate with the public about planned projects and it was suggested to use

There will be a Special Meeting on January 27, 1 pm to 4 pm to go over Policies and Procedures; location to be announced. All PAC meetings are open to the public

There were 9 logo submissions for an Art Fest logo; commissioners will make a selection.

The meeting was productive and everyone was involved; there were no issues requiring League involvement.

A Selection of Memories

Joanna Bailey, Neill Public Library- Karen

Joanna Bailey, Director of Neill Public Library, spoke at the February Brown Bag meeting of the League on Thursday, February 21, to bring the League up to date on the latest news of the library. Joanna shared a brochure that is the culmination of a serious effort on behalf of the trustees and the friends and the staff of Neill to create a new logo, a new mission statement and a new set of initiatives. The new logo is a handsome design that reflects layers -- of pages for books, of new experiences and unveilings. The three-word description of the library under the new logo is: explore - discover - connect. She shared the mission statement and the goals, service pledge and new programs. The five initiatives from Neill Public Library include modernizing the infrastructure, improving public service, increasing the total number of cardholders, curating for youth aged 11-17, and improving public spaces in the library.

Joanna spoke to the statement of the League which she found on our web page and said she was very happy to tell us that the goal we espoused for the library had been reached. Specifically, equitable salaries for library employees in comparison with other city employees are now in place. Therefore, we might want to consider changing that statement to continuing support for equitable salaries in comparison with other city employees. There was general discussion of various new programs. Of note to League is that partnerships with civic groups like the League allow the use of library meeting space for evening meetings such as candidate forums.



Downtown Business Development - Libby

The February 4, 2019 League program focused on Downtown Pullman Business Development. Presenters included Adam Lincoln, City Administrator; Keven Gardes, Pullman Public Works Director; Chris Hoyt, Chief of Staff for WSU President Schultz, and Allison Fisher, Coordinator of the Town/Gown Collaboration.

this project. Eight applicants are being screened with one to be selected in the spring. The Downtown Business Association, which includes the Chamber of Commerce, Pullman 2040 representatives, Council members, and local business owners, was also discussed. Recent developments in the downtown include new businesses, an expanded ArtWalk, mural, Winter Farmer's Market, and incorporation of faculty and student-led research.



The Editor would like to thank:

- Members who have already volunteered for 2019-2020 board positions!
- Voter Services Apprentice Helen Catanese and Centennial Celebration Chair Mary Collins who created and filled new positions!
- Judy, Paul, and Observers. Observer reports are now available to members on our website! <http://lwvpullman.org/>
- You for reading and for your valuable participation in the League of Women Voters of Pullman

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

