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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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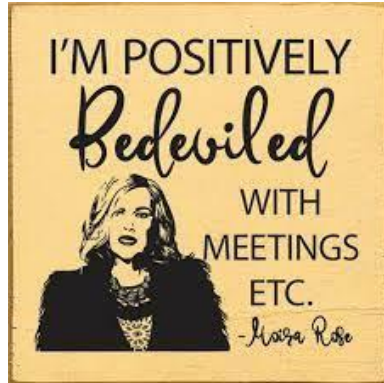


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“October is crisp days and cool nights, a time to curl up around the dancing flames and sink into a good book.” — John Sinor

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!

All LWV meetings are currently over Zoom. The link can be found on LWVPullman.org the day before the event.



Board Meetings

Date: Tuesday, October 26

Time: 11:00 am- 1:00 p.m. over Zoom

Contact: Bobbie Ryder

Voter Forums

Be a VOTER
LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WASHINGTON
Pullman

Candidate Forums

Tuesday, October 12, 7:00-9:00 pm

Pullman Hospital District 1A Tricia Grantham Reid West	Pullman City Council Ward 3 Megan Guido
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Thursday, October 14, 7:00-9:00 pm

Pullman City Council Ward 1 Francis Benjamin Al Sorense	Pullman School Board Dist 4 Nathan Roberts Carolina Silva
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See our Website for Zoom Links
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October Brown Bag

Date: Tuesday, October 19

Time: Noon- 1 p.m. over Zoom

Speaker and Topic: Linnea Hirst, LWV Elections Misinformation Project

Contact: Deb Olson

November Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 4

Time: 7- 9 p.m. over Zoom

Speaker and Topic: Comprehensive Plan Updates

Contact: Shelly Fox or Jessica Cassleman

November Brown Bag

Date: Tuesday, November 16

Time: Noon- 1 p.m. over Zoom

Speaker and Topic: Mayor Dan Hargraves; *Malden, WA: One Year After the Fire*

Contact: Bobbie Ryder

December Meeting

Date: Thursday, December 2

Time: 7- 9 p.m. over Zoom

Speaker: Attorney General Bob Ferguson

Contact: Libby Walker

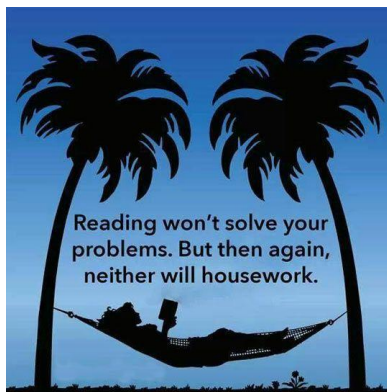
January Book Club

Date: January 18, 2022

Time: Noon- 1 p.m. over Zoom

Speaker and Topic: Book TBD. See page 6

Contact: Anne Lewis



Upcoming Events in Detail

Candidate Forums- Deb Olson

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Apologies to Al Sorensen (name is misspelled on the image), Candidate for Pullman City Council Ward 1

The League will be holding two candidate forums over zoom for several local races. **Please send questions for any of these races to olsonbones@aol.com by Oct 11 and please specify race or candidate**

On October 12, 7-9 p.m., Hospital District position candidates Tricia Grantham and Reid West will be present. Megan Guido is running unopposed for City Council Ward 3 and will also be available this evening to answer your questions.

On October 14, 7-9 p.m., Ward 1 for City Council candidates Francis Benjamin and Al Sorensen and Pullman School board candidates Nathan Roberts and Carolina Silva will answer your questions.

October 19 Brown Bag- Deb Olson

The October Brown Bag will be on the State League's Voting Service project on Election Creditability or Voting Mis/Dis-information. The presenter is project leader Linnea Hirst. This is a fascinating project and is yielding some excellent results. The Brown Bag will be over zoom.

November 4 Meeting- Shelley Fox & Jessica Cassleman

The public is invited to join the Pullman League of Women Voters on Thursday, November 4 from 7 to 9 pm for presentations on the Whitman County and Pullman Comprehensive plans. Alan Thomson, Whitman County Planner will present information on the Whitman County Comprehensive Plan which is being updated this year. The County Plan sets broad goals that guide local officials in decision making about the county's natural resources, land use (designating agricultural, rural residential, industrial, commercial lands), transportation, economic development, environmental quality and natural conservation, parks and recreation, and renewable energy.

RJ Lott, Pullman City Planner, will present on the work completed by the Planning Commission regarding the revision of the City of Pullman's Comprehensive Plan. He will address the recommendations agreed upon by the Commission that will be submitted to the City Council. The Pullman Comprehensive Plan guides the city on zoning codes, land use, public services, trails, parks, recreation facilities, environmental considerations, transportation as well as economic development. Public comments both in writing and verbal are strongly encouraged.

November 16 Brown Bag- Bobbie Ryder

Malden Mayor Dan Hargraves will speak at the LWV noon brownbag about what Malden is working toward to rebuild this rural community and to keep its citizens safe.

One year after the Babb Road fire burned through Malden, south of Spokane, most plots of land remain empty. Some residents live in recreational vehicles hoping to rebuild their houses. (Photo Credit: Ramon Dompur / The Seattle Times)



December 2 Meeting- Bobbie Ryder & Libby Walker

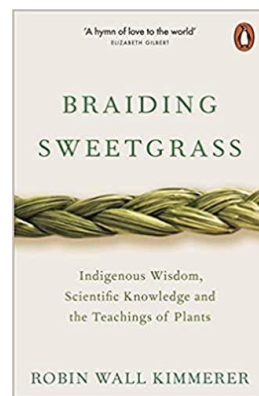
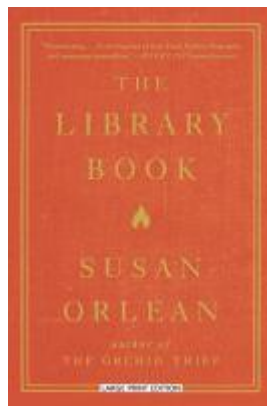
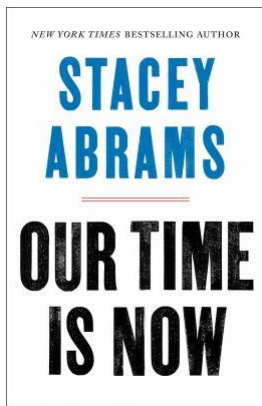
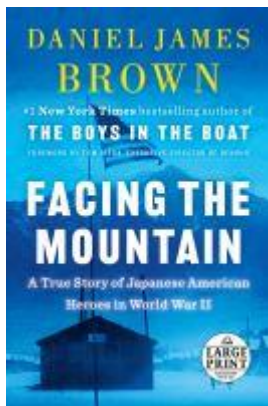
Bob Ferguson, Washington State Attorney General and his legal team will facilitate the Washington State Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and People (MMIW/P) Task Force. The team will assess systemic causes behind the high rate of disappearances and murders of Indigenous women and people. Attorney General Ferguson will discuss these cases and other cases, such as the Endangered Species Act.

BOOK CLUB- Anne Lewis

Quick! It's time to cast your vote(s) to determine what we will be discussing at our January 19 Book Club meeting. Voting deadline of October 24.

You may vote for one book or send me a list of 3 (noting your first, second, and third choices. First choice votes will receive 3 points, second choice two, and third choice one point. The book that receives the most total votes will prevail! (Fine print: In case of a tie, Anne casts the deciding vote).

The contenders, in no particular order:



Facing the Mountain: A True Story of Japanese American Heroes in World War II by Daniel James Brown
Decision making details: 560 pages. Neill Library has the Book, eBook, and eAudio.

Our Time is Now: Power, Purpose, and the Fight for a Fair America by Stacey Abrams
DMD: 291 pages. Neill has the book.

The Library Book by Susan Orlean
DMD: 317 pages. Neill has the book, eBook, eAudio, and CD.

Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants by Robin Wall Kimmerer
DMD: 390 pages. Neill has the book, ebook, and eAudio.

League Spotlight

Introducing New Member Sandy Peck



I moved to Pullman from Norman, Oklahoma a little over a year ago along with my son Matt and his family following the passing of my husband, Jeff. Both Matt and Laura are biologists and work at Washington State.

Their sons Sasha and Quinn are attending public school in Pullman now. I became a League member in Salt Lake City many years ago (1971 I think). As you can imagine, I learned a lot about League there between 1971 and 2017 when we moved to Norman. I especially enjoyed editing the Utah Voter and lobbying at the Utah legislature.

My interests include legislation, natural resources and health care. I used to joke that the longer I was in League the more sections of the newspaper I had to keep up with. Now the health problems of advancing years limit my activities, but I look forward to learning more about Pullman and Washington.

I think that protecting the right to vote, improving media information and dealing with global warming are the topics I would like to see the League concentrate on now.

Letter from the President/ Engagement in Redistricting

October 3, 2021

To the Washington State Redistricting Commissioners:

The League of Women Voters of Pullman has discussed the eight different proposed map versions from the State Redistricting Commission. They have reviewed the proposed maps from the LWVWA. After much discussion about the redistricting changes proposed for Eastern Washington, our recommendation is that the following be addressed.

- 1) Connection to Spokane is **critical** because of the Washington State University Medical School, College of Pharmacy, and College of Nursing.
- 2) Connection to TriCities is **very important** because of the Washington State University TriCities Campus, which offers both undergraduate and graduate degrees.
- 3) Whitman County **must be connected** and not split as part of another district.
- 4) The Pullman League supports the Congressional Map by Brady Pinero Walkinshaw.
- 5) The Pullman League could support the Legislative Map by Brady Pinero Walkinshaw **IF Whitman County is NOT split**. This could be done by adding in the southeast portion of Whitman County and removing the northwest corner located in Grant County.

Thank you for considering these important points and requests as you make your final decisions.

Sincerely,

Bobbie Ryder, President
LWV of Pullman

More Opportunities!

Voter Services- Deb Olson

On November 1 & 2 the League will be joining with WSU Center for Civic Engagement and the auditor's office for the Student Voters HUB in CUB Senior Ballroom. I'm not sure of exact duties but we will help out. If you are interested in this project let me know, Deb Olson olsonbones@aol.com.

Deb has copies of the *Your Vote* Tabloid! Let Deb know if you haven't yet received yours or if you know of other interested individuals or groups.

Observer Corps- Judy Stone

The Pullman League of Women Voters currently has an opening for an observer of the **Port of Whitman County Commissioners' meetings**. The current observer who is retiring from the Corps will mentor you as you get started. This is an awesome opportunity for you to become involved with and serve the League you have joined - in a very important and individualized way.

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." This Commission meets on the first and third Thursdays at 10 am in Colfax (when we get back to in person).



Visit the Port of Whitman County at <https://www.portwhitman.com/>. Contact Judy Stone at judy.stone.bandaid@gmail.com if you are interested in this or if you have questions about any other Observer Role.

SHOUT OUTS & REMINDERS



Voter Services- Deb Olsen

On September 28th, National Voting Registration Day, the League in conjunction with WSU CCE had a table in the CUB at WSU. We didn't register many people (traffic was down this year) but we were there to answer questions. My Thanks to Paul Spencer, Carol Nbambuki, and Amy Graber.

Also, check out the Be A Voter Campaign on Facebook! Thank you Carolyn!



Membership- Judy Stone



The dues **have not increased** for the 2021-2022 period! They are:
 \$0 for student and lifetime members
\$65 for single memberships
\$90 for household memberships (two people)

Easy directions can be found on the League's webpage: <http://lwvpullman.org/> Please don't let dues keep you from joining. Sponsorships are available. Email Judy Stone at judy.stone.bandaid@gmail.com.

Finally, our 2021-2022 calendar and event schedule can be viewed at:

<file:///C:/Users/thele/Documents/Anne/League/The%20Voter/LWV%20Pullman%202021-22%20calendar.pdf>

Complete List of Board Officers:

President: Bobbie Ryder, 509-432-9619; **Vice-President:** Open; **Secretary:** Alice Schroeder, 509-334-2470; **Backup Secretary:** Libby Walker, 509-432-4756; **Treasurer:** Shelley Jones, 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:** Leah Zulas, alzulas7@gmail.com and Helen Catanese, 727-512-1629; **Social Media:** Carolyn Joswig-Jones; **Community Outreach:** Libby Walker, 509-432-4756; **Community Update Editor:** Susan Daniels, 509-332-6699; **Membership:** **Judy Stone**, 509-595-0187; **Finance Coordinators:** Libby Walker, 509-432-4756 and Paul Spencer, 509-332-6699; **Nominating Chair:** Mary Collins, 509-592-6929; **TRY:** Susan Daniels, 509-332-6699; **Legislative Action:** Karl Johanson, 509-330-1880.

