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The LWV of Pullman's Board of the Whole

The Pullman League has long operated as a “board of the whole.” This means that all paid members are part of the LWV of Pullman Board. Members are invited to attend and participate in all Board meetings. [Learn more](#) about how this type of board works.



Civics Education Fair in Olympia



Word

On April 23 the LWV of Thurston County hosted a Civics Education Fair at the state Capitol in Olympia. [Learn more](#) about this activity-filled and educational day.

Good Citizen Poster Available in English and Spanish

“Good Citizen” posters are now available in Spanish and in English and will be on sale at the LWVWA 2022 Council in June. [Learn how to order](#) copies ahead of time or have them sent to you.

YOU HAVE THE POWER TO SHAPE OUR FUTURE BY CHOOSING WHO WILL LEAD US. BUT THERE IS SO MUCH MORE... AND NOT ALL OF IT IS ABOUT GOVERNMENT.

THINK ABOUT THE BIG PICTURE: TO LIVE IN A GOOD SOCIETY WE NEED TO BE GOOD PEOPLE - PEOPLE WHO:

- RESPECT EACH OTHER EVEN WHEN WE DON'T THINK ALIKE
- KEEP OUR MINDS OPEN TO NEW IDEAS
- TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER AND THE NATURAL WORLD THAT SUSTAINS US

HOW CAN WE DO ALL THAT?

<p>TRY TO BE A PERSON OF GOOD CHARACTER - SOMEONE WHO IS HONEST, KIND, HAND-WORKING, AND WILLING TO WORK TO OVERCOME OUR FAULTS AND FACE UP TO OUR MISTAKES.</p>	<p>LOVE TO LEARN, BECAUSE KNOWLEDGE GIVES US THE UNDERSTANDING TO MAKE GOOD DECISIONS.</p>	<p>LEARN SCIENCE, SO THAT WE CAN MAKE SURE NEW SCIENTIFIC ADVANCES BENEFIT ALL OF US AND THE PLANET WE LIVE ON.</p>
<p>DON'T FEEL YOU HAVE TO KNOW EVERYTHING, BUT MAKE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THE BASIC IDEAS AND PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY. YOU CAN ALWAYS LOOK UP THE DETAILS LATER, BUT YOU NEED A SOLID UNDERSTANDING OF WHY SELF-GOVERNMENT IS SO IMPORTANT.</p>	<p>GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS, BECAUSE BUILDING SAFE, HEALTHY COMMUNITIES WHERE PEOPLE LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER BEGINS AT HOME - YOUR HOME, AND YOUR NEIGHBORS' HOMES.</p>	<p>PARTICIPATE IN THE LIFE OF YOUR COMMUNITY BY VOLUNTEERING, PLAYING TEAM SPORTS, SINGING IN A CHOR, OR HELPING PEOPLE IN NEED. ALL THESE ACTIVITIES GIVE US PRACTICE IN WORKING TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE A COMMON GOAL.</p>
<p>THINK ABOUT THE COMMON GOOD, AND ABOUT INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY, BECAUSE THE BASIC CHALLENGE OF DEMOCRACY IS FINDING THE RIGHT BALANCE BETWEEN WHAT'S GOOD FOR EACH OF US, AND WHAT'S GOOD FOR ALL OF US.</p>	<p>LEAN TOWARDS OPTIMISM, EVEN WHEN PEOPLE ARE MEAN, CORRUPT, OR HATEFUL. WE HAVE TO REMEMBER HOW MUCH PROGRESS OUR COUNTRY HAS MADE, AND STAY FOCUSED ON LIVING UP TO THE IDEALS IN OUR CONSTITUTION.</p>	<p>THINK OF YOURSELF AS A VERY POWERFUL PERSON, BECAUSE YOU ARE! WE LIVE IN A VERY POWERFUL COUNTRY, SO THE CHOICES WE MAKE AFFECT PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD.</p>
	<p>KEEP THE FAITH, BECAUSE WHAT MAKES DEMOCRACY WORK IS THAT WE ALL BELIEVE IN IT. ALL THE PROGRESS WE'VE MADE, FROM FINING SLAVERY TO EXTENDING VOTING</p>	<p>DON'T WASTE TIME</p>



Decline to Sign I-1929

At its April meeting, the LWVWA Board approved the League’s participation in the “Decline to Sign I-1929” campaign urging voters not to sign I-1929, which would repeal the capital gains tax necessary to fund education. [Read more here.](#)

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In Washington state, the League of Women Voters has had a long-standing Membership Engagement Leadership Development (MELD) program. This program is a conduit for communication among all levels of the League, local, state, and national. [Learn more.](#)



Report from Voter Services

The LWVWA Voter Services has been focusing on candidate forums and debates, with local Leagues gearing up for an important voter services season. With such major concerns as mis- and disinformation and hyper-partisanship, there's much to do. [Learn more.](#)

Updates from the National League

League actions around the country, and action updates. [Read more](#) about what the LWVUS is doing.



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League Calendar

May 2022

Monday, May 9—Civics Bowl, student tournament, 7 p.m. on KSPS PBS (Spokane) and available the next day on [KSPS.org](https://www.kspst.com).

Tuesday, May 10— Redistricting Reform Discussion: Staffing and Starting Earlier, 5 p.m. [Registration](#).

Wednesday, May 11—LWVWA Voter Services Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m. Contact [Mary Coltrane](#) to attend as a guest.

Thursday, May 12—LWVUS Legislative Office Hours, noon PT. The LWVUS opens its virtual offices to listen to and support local League legislative work. Check the LWVUS webpage for information about the [LWVUS Legislative Office Hours](#).

Monday, May 16—Civics Bowl, student tournament, 7 p.m. on KSPS PBS (Spokane) and available the next day on [KSPS.org](https://www.kspst.com).

Wednesday, May 18—SCOTUS Review, learn what's going on with the U.S. Supreme Court, noon PT. [Registration](#).

Monday, May 23—Civics Bowl, student tournament, 7 p.m. on KSPS PBS (Spokane) and available the next day on [KSPS.org](https://www.kspst.com).

Tuesday, May 24— Redistricting Reform Discussion: Independent Citizens Commission, 5 p.m. [Registration](#).

Monday, May 30—Civics Bowl, student tournament, 7 p.m. on KSPS PBS (Spokane) and available the next day on [KSPS.org](https://www.kspst.com).

June 2022

Monday, June 6—Civics Bowl, student tournament, 7 p.m. on KSPS PBS (Spokane) and available the next day on [KSPS.org](https://www.kspst.com).

Tuesday, June 7— Redistricting Reform Discussion: Input and Access, 5 p.m. [Registration](#).

Friday, June 10—Sunday, June 12—2022 LWVWA Council, Delta Hotel, Everett, WA. [Registration](#).

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