

THE VOTER



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MISSION STATEMENT

Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.

VISION

We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge, and the confidence to participate.

VALUE STATEMENT

The League believes in the power of women to create a more perfect democracy.

Officers

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Criss Bardill

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The Board meets at 4:30 PM the 2nd
Monday of each month at the League office.
All members are welcome to attend.

Calendar

Monday, October 8, 4:30 PM. LWVYC Leadership Team meeting, League office at YUU Church. Board meetings are open to all members. Please enter through alley door. (please see following Notes)

Monday, October 15, 6:30 PM. public "Meet and Greet" with candidates competing for the 14th and 15th Legislative Districts and the District 3 County Commission position. The event will be held in the Kiva at Davis High School, Tieton and S. 6th Avenue, in Yakima. (see attached flyer)

Notes From Cynthia and Criss

Please note the highlighted change in the above calendar. In order to accommodate Leadership Team (LT) members who find it difficult to attend noon meeting because of job demands, we are shifting to the 2nd Mondays at 4:30 PM. We will revisit this as necessary. All members are still welcome to attend our LT Meetings.

Dori Baker-Peralta and Elaine Smith have been hard at work organizing our October 15 Candidate "**Meet and Greet**". You will note on the attached poster the wide-spread support we have received from other community organizations. Good work, Elaine and Dori!! All members are encouraged to come out for this event and bring friends and family members. A good turn-out reflects well on the League, which in turn reinforces to candidates that we have credibility in the community.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Steve Hill - Steve recently retired as the Director of Human Services for Yakima County but you'd never know he's retired. He keeps busy and is deeply involved in many community activities. He is currently the Chair of the OIC Board of Directors, a standing member of Yakima's TED Committee, an active member of the local NAACP Branch 1140, and a member of the Homeless Network of Yakima County. You can find Steve most mornings at 6 am at Northtown Coffee House where he likes to begin his day. On Fridays, Steve volunteers at the Rotary Food Bank located adjacent to the Henry Beauchamp Community Center, where currently he is a co-chair of Yakima's annual Christmas Dinner, now in the early planning stages. Steve is married to Carole Folsom-Hill and they have two children, Alexa and Marc. Steve is also an avid and passionate gardener, reader and cook.

Heritage University and LWV Yakima County *National Voter Registration Day Event*

On September 25th, the Yakima County League partnered with Heritage University on campus for a day of voter registration activity in recognition of National Voter Registration Day.

League members Kitty Jubran, Karen Pilon, and Joan Robertson staffed a registration table in the entrance to the campus Eagles Café from 10:30 AM to 2 PM, and handed out National Voter Registration Day magnets, car stickers, and voter information. Kitty made a poster board with a sample ballot mailing and explanations for display as people came and went.

A free noon event open to the full campus featured lunch and a series of speakers, including me, for 10-15-minute presentations to encourage civic engagement through registration and voting activities. Sarah Augustine of the Dispute Resolution Center (who chaired our 2017 and 2018 candidate forums) and Lindsay Brown, Heritage U Director of Student Life and Student Affairs, worked with student leadership and the League to organize this event. Sarah led the event, successfully drawing students and faculty into table discussions and subsequent sharing with the full room to start us off and after each presentation.

I focused on reviewing the actual activity of voting, including what is in the ballot mailing; what will be on our November ballots; all the key dates, explanations of Initiatives, Referendums, and Advisory votes. Sample ballots were available for all attendees, and we walked through the structure and order (from Federal races down to Cities). In discussing how to choose a candidate, I shared web addresses for the League's VOTE411.org, the Secretary of State voter information, and the local Voter Guide available on the Yakima county website.

The student leaders organized a voter registration challenge for students who set a personal goal of obtaining a minimum of 2 registrations with a deadline for their counts by Friday, September 28th. Students were free to approach people on and off campus for registrations. All students who achieved their goal would win a \$5 gift card and the person who got the most registration would win a Fitbit device. At the end of the event, a good number of students had signed a pledge. At this time, I do not have a total of registrations achieved, so will update this report in a membership email as soon as I do.

The Yakima League Leadership Team will continue efforts to establish on-going linkage with Heritage U. Heritage welcomes our involvement in promoting civic education and engagement with their students, and we believe the unique student population at Heritage can benefit from our efforts to support their activism and participation in our civic society.

Criss Bardill

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF YAKIMA COUNTY
Cordially invites you to: JOIN US!

Name: _____

Membership Categories:

Address: _____

_____ \$10 Student Associate

_____ \$60 Basic

Phone: _____

_____ \$40 Each additional family member at the same residence

E-Mail: _____

Sustaining Gift: \$25 _____ \$40 _____ \$60 _____ Other _____

Your Sustaining gift will help support our local activities.

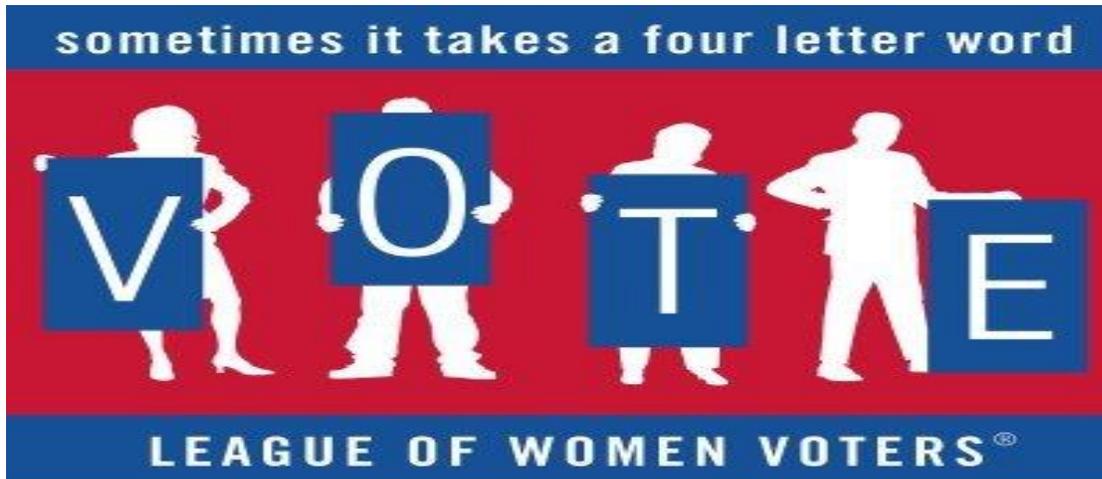
Make checks payable to: LWVYC, PO Box 723, YAKIMA WA 98907

VOTER INFORMATION WEBSITES

Secretary of State www.secstate.wa.gov/

LWVWA- Vote 411
www.vote411.org

Yakima County Auditor
<http://yakimacounty.us/170/Elections>



www.lwv.org

www.vote411.org



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Please Join Us at Our

Meet & Greet

Listen & Learn About the

2018 General Election Candidates

14th LD, 15th LD & District 3 Commissioners

Monday, October 15th at 6:30 pm

Davis High School—KIVA

212 S 6th Ave, Yakima 98902

Event Endorsers

Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce

Yakima Herald Republic

NAACP— Branch 1140

Asian Pacific Islander Coalition-YKM

**Central Washington Hispanic
Chamber of Commerce**

Washington Women Lawyers— YKM

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Únete a Nosotr@s Para

Escuchar y Aprender Sobre los Candidatos en la Elección General

Candidatos de los distritos legislativos 14 y 15 y los comisionados del distrito 3 estarán presentes

Lunes 15 de octubre a las 6:30 de la tarde
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