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MISSION STATEMENT

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The Board meets at noon on the 2nd
Thursday of each month at the League office.
All members are welcome to attend.

Calendar

Thursday, February 8, noon, LWVYC Board meeting, League office at YUU Church. Board meetings are open to all members.

Tuesday, February 27 5:30-7 PM, *League Conversations*, Lee Murdock: Who Are the Homeless? (see article following page), Ann Ingham Room, YUU Church.

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Tuesday, March 27, 5:30-7 PM, *League Conversations*, Wendy Christiansen, Yakima River Basin Enhancement Project update, Ann Ingham Room, YUU.

Notes From Cynthia and Criss

Please note, this issue of The Voter is for both February and March, as the Editor will be in Palm Springs from February 7 to March 6. Cynthia will send out emails with updates or information needing dissemination before the April issue.

The Homeless Study has convened, and members are encouraged to consider joining this effort. You are welcome to attend a meeting without making a commitment if you want an opportunity to learn more about how this study will be structured, its goals and objectives, and if participation would be a fit for you. Please call either of us: Criss at 930-2622 or Cynthia at 457-6371 for more information.

February *League Conversations*: **Who Are The Homeless?**

As a kick-off to our Homelessness Study, on February 27, Lee Murdock will speak on the identities and circumstances of the homeless. Lee is a relatively new member of LWVYC, and is co-owner with her husband Michael of RiverRock Consulting which provides support for local area nonprofits working to meet the needs of the community. Support includes assistance in the development of data-informed solutions and program planning through improved access to data and resources. Lee is deeply involved in the service provider networks and governance regarding homelessness issues in our area. She is also the shelter manager of the new this winter Young Adult Extreme Winter Weather Shelter, which is sponsored by the Homeless Network of Yakima.

New Member

We are pleased to welcome **Quinn Dalan** to LWVYC. Quinn is at the YWCA as the Director of Fund Development and Community Outreach. She is an attorney and was both a prosecutor and a criminal defense attorney before transitioning to the YWCA. She also teaches Business Law at Yakima Valley College. She is a board member for the Washington Women Lawyers Yakima Chapter, Rod's House and La Casa Hogar and is President of the Yakima County Bar Association. She also is a member of the Junior League of Yakima and Downtown Rotary. She says she has an amazingly supportive husband, Aaron, and two of the cutest boys you'll ever meet, Bennett (3 yr) and Graham (4 months).

January *League Conversations*

Six enthusiastic attendees at the January *League Conversations* heard an informative talk on the planned Aquatic Center from Bob Romero, Executive Director of the YMCA. Bob showed a detailed power point presentation of the plans, which include a gym, exercise/workout area, and community meeting space, as well as the pool facility. He explained the the thinking that went into choosing the 40th Avenue Chesterly Park location. The Aquatic Center will be situated on the NW corner of Chesterly Park, covering 2 acres of that 6 acre complex. In addition, Bob summarized the current YMCA programing that reaches over 9,000 kids a year.

An important objective of the Aquatic Center is to draw children and families from the impoverished Yakima neighborhoods north of Gilbert Elementary School, as well as from the West Yakima area.

The YMCA is currently doing a community fund drive for the Aquatic Center. More information is available at <http://www.ymcafits.org/>

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Cordially invites you to: JOIN US!**

Name: _____

Membership Categories:

Address: _____

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_____ \$60 Basic

Phone: _____

_____ \$70 Contributing

E-Mail: _____

_____ \$80 Supporting

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