

THE VOTER



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MISSION STATEMENT

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

VISION

To empower citizens to shape better communities worldwide.

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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.

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December Calendar

~~Jan 9, LWVYC League Conversations,
5:30-7:30, Ann Ingham Room, UUCY
Topic: LWVYC Program Planning, 2017-2018~~

~~Jan 12, Board Meeting, noon, LWVYC Office~~

THE JAN 9 CONVERSATION HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

**THE JAN 12 BOARD MEETING IS CANCELLED AND
WILL BE RESCHEDULED**

Jan 28, Action Workshop, Seattle
(<http://www.lwwa.org/actionworkshop.html>)

Coming in February

Feb 9, Board Meeting, noon LWVYC Office

Feb 13, LWVYC League Conversations
5:30-7:30, Ann Ingham Room, UUCY
Homeless Concerns, Solutions

NEW MEMBER

We are pleased to welcome Margaret Morris as a returning member. Margaret, a former member of YVLWV, is a retired medical technologist. Her current activities include Master Gardeners, the Native Plant Society, Audubon, and leading education tours at the Elk Creek feeding station with the WA Education Core.

PLATH MEMORIALS

Generous contributions received in honor of Dorothy Plath totalled \$2350 at year-end. LWVYC is deeply grateful for this community support.

2017 TRY

Thank you to all the members who've volunteered to help with the 2017 TRY. We are in the updating process and will contact those of you who volunteered to help with distribution when we have the finished product from the printer.

LWVYC Christmas Gathering

About a dozen League members gathered for some good conversation, wine, cookies, and a used book exchange on Monday, December 12, at the Yakima UU Church.

Merrill Thomsen, a UU church choir member and one of the local organizers of the event told the group about the *Women's March on Yakima* being planned for January 21st.

The LWVYC is **not** an official sponsor of this activity. League members who choose to participate are encouraged to do so as involved citizens, **participating on their own, not representing the League.**

Much supportive sharing about concerns and possible activities helped lift spirits and an enjoyable evening was had by all.

Please join us February 13, 5:30-7:30 for our conversation on Homeless issues.

President's Message

Legislative bodies are back at work and there is a lot for League to watch over and monitor to assure our democracy is protected and functioning. I encourage you to go to www.lwvwa.org and read the League's state legislative priorities for this session. There is also an additional Action Workshop planned that you may want to consider attending. Many individuals will be visiting Olympia to champion for their favorite causes. The League's positions are advocated to the legislators by our State Member Lobby Team and our paid lobbyist. They coordinate and prioritize legislative issues and when they will be addressed on the calendar. You can sign up for email alerts from the Lobby Team at the state website.

The League advocates for issues. If an action is taken that is contrary to a League position, the League will speak out. The uproar when Congress wanted to gut the ethics policy is an example. We will not officially participate in a march protesting the election of a disliked candidate or the inauguration of the President elect. We must be vigilant to monitor the activities of the incoming administration and take action when they are contrary to our positions.

THE LEAGUE SPEAKS WITH ONE VOICE. But members, as private citizens, are encouraged to act on their own as individual citizens.

Happy New Year

If you know someone who would like information about the League or is interested in joining, please forward their contact information and we'll send materials.

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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: _____

_____ \$70 Contributing

E-Mail: _____

_____ \$80 Supporting

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

Note:→ Student Associate is not a voting member

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>



HAPPY ☆ NEW ☆ YEAR