

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.

Calendar

Thursday, June 14, noon, **LWVYC Board** meeting, League office at YUU Church. Board meetings are open to all members. Enter through alley door.

League Conversations will resume in the fall.

Notes From Cynthia and Criss

Membership dues are due June 30. The following email was sent out May 16. We are repeating it here as a reminder. Please don't hesitate to call or email one of us if you have any questions or concerns.

LWVYC Membership Dues are due annually by June 30. We had some late renewals this last fiscal year (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017), as we did not send out renewal notices in a timely fashion. Also, if you joined after June 2017 but before the end of the year, you are asked to pay by this year's June 30 deadline. So, some of you are being asked to pay dues again in less than a 12-month period. We hope you will see the need to do so as we are paying your National and State dues per the attached form. If you are a new member since 1/1/18, your first annual renewal will be on June 30, 2019.

2018 Annual Meeting

Our 2018 Annual Meeting was held on May 22 at 5:30 PM at the Windcrest Villa Clubhouse. Ann Murphy, President of the Washington State League of Women Voters, started us off by talking about the Transformation Roadmap, a plan to keep the League relevant and growing in these changing times.

Treasurer Janis reported on our bare bones budget and the need for a fundraiser in the upcoming year and Membership Chair Rhonda announced our membership increase from 28 to 42 in this League year. She passed out membership lists and cautioned that we do not share our lists with any other organizations.

Representatives of the Downtown Committee, the Plath Project Committee, the Homeless Study and the Law and Justice Committee reported on their activities of the previous year.

The proposed revision of the By-Laws was approved as well as a new Non-Partisan Policy.

Kitty Jubran and Elaine Smith were voted in for 2-year terms as members of the Leadership Team (aka Board). Betty Van Ryder and Becky Scholl will serve on the 2019 Nominating Committee.

During a discussion of program and action for the 2018-2019 year, we reviewed goals from our 2017 annual meeting. (See following.) It was recommended that we continue the League Conversations at a different venue and we focus on publicity. We discussed Forums. We are committed to a primary Forum for the District 3 County Commissioner Race in Sunnyside in July and a possible Congressional race Forum in the fall. Get Out The Vote (GOTV) and voter education and registration efforts are on the agenda.

Kathy Lambert coordinated our excellent dinner.

2017 Annual Meeting Goals

1. Conduct Yakima City Council Candidate Forum(s) this fall: **Done September 2017**
2. Conduct a Voter Registration Drive: **Heritage University, twice**
3. Make the *League Conversations* open to the public as a Membership Recruitment tool:
Done
4. Promote the LWVYC within our current membership: **Efforts: regular *League Conversations*, reports on Activities in The Voter**
5. Restart “Friends of League” outreach: **Done, maintained by Elaine Smith**
6. Identify/recruit a Membership Chair: **Done, Rhonda volunteered at June 2017 Board Retreat**
7. Create a LWVYC Facebook page: **Done, maintained by Elaine Smith and 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>



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS YAKIMA COUNTY
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL **DUE JUNE 30****

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone Numbers:

Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Email _____

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Please Note Dues Distribution: National: \$32
State: 19
LWVYC retains: 9
\$60

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

How would you like to help?

_____ TRY They Represent You Political Directory, annual update and distribution

_____ Candidate Forums, organizing, publicizing

_____ Voter Registration and Education Activities

_____ Gather Vote411.org information on Yakima area candidates