

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.

March Calendar

March 9, Board Meeting, noon LWVYC Office

March 13, *LWVYC League Conversations*
5:30-7:30, Ann Ingham Room, UUCY
Homelessness

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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.

Save the Date!

Kara Kondo Luncheon is Scheduled for April 12

The Kara Kondo Luncheon will feature Cliff Moore, who will provide his impression of downtown Yakima during his first year as Yakima City Manager. The luncheon, named in honor of former League member, Kara Kondo, will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 401 East Yakima Avenue, 98901, on April 12, 2017 at 12:00 noon. A generous buffet meal will be served. Cost is \$20. **Reservations are required.** Contact Mary Stephenson at 509-966-7692, grandmeresgarden@earthlink.net to R.S.V.P.

League Members Visit Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences

The Downtown Committee sponsored a visit to the Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences (PNWU) on February 28. Fourteen League members and their guests toured Butler Haney Hall, the main building, led by Alaina Hull, Admissions Counselor. The group viewed the 2 main lecture halls, each seating 200 persons, and equipped with the latest technology, including plug-ins for electronic devices and microphones for recording lectures and communicating with the instructor.

Annually the university selects a class of 140 from a pool of 4,000 applicants for its Doctor of Osteopathy program. It is important that recruits fit the mission of providing service in rural and medically underserved communities in the Northwest. Students spend 2 years on campus and 2 years on clinical rotations in a 5-state service region.

On the tour of the facility, the group passed by the library and study rooms on the first floor to the Clinical Skills Lab, where students interact one-on-one with patient actors. The mission is to teach skills for providing client centered primary care. Simulation labs prepare the students for emergent scenarios. The students work in groups in different roles, practicing such techniques as intubation, catheter and I-V. There are full body “sims” which can be programed for different scenarios. Two female “sims” can simulate birth and two premie task trainers enable students to practice delicate procedures such as premie intubation.

Upstairs, the OPP Lab is where the students learn manual manipulation, a technique that is unique to osteopathic medicine. The group also visited the Gross Anatomy Lab, where students complete head to toe dissection through the year. At year’s end a Celebration of Gratitude is held, to which family members of the donors are invited.

Plans are in the works for a new major building costing \$40 million to provide interactive learning areas, more sim labs and classrooms, a student center and a fitness center. Currently students “hang out” in the main lobby of Haney-Butler Hall, where the League members began and ended the tour. Several stayed to partake of the lunch offerings available at the nearby kiosk and agreed that it had been a fun and educational event.

By Mary Stephenson

MONDAY, MARCH 13 LEAGUE CONVERSATION

On Monday, March 13, the monthly League Conversations will be on the topic of homelessness in the Yakima Valley. League member Ellie Lambert will lead our discussion on this current issue. Ellie has worked locally with the homeless and on low-income housing issues for several years. Come listen and share your thoughts in an informal and friendly setting. Snacks and beverages are welcome, but not mandatory. **5:30-7:30 PM, Ann Ingham Room, Unitarian Universalist Church at 225 N 2nd St. Entry in the rear of the building off the alley.** By Criss Bardill

VOTER INFORMATION WEBSITES

Secretary of State www.secstate.wa.gov/

LWVWA- Vote 411
www.vote411.org

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



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, or invite them to complete and mail the form below..

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Cordially invites you to: JOIN US!

Name: _____

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Address: _____

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_____ \$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

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