

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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Criss Bardill

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965-2351 or cbardill@gmail.com

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

Calendar

Thursday, January 11, LWVYC Board meeting, noon,
League office at YUU Church

Tuesday, January 23, *League Conversations*, Ann Ingham
Room, UUCY, 5:30-7:30. Bob Romero, YMCA Executive
Director, on the planned Aquatic Center. (see note, 2nd page)

Wednesday, January 24, Democracy Day in Olympia (See
article, 2nd page).

Wednesday, February 21, Tentative date for Downtown
Committee Tour of Yakima Herald Republic

Save The Date: Kara Kondo Luncheon, Wednesday, April
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Notes From Cynthia and Criss

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We are looking for volunteers to serve on the
2018 Nominating Committee. Per our current by-laws,
the Committee shall consist of three (3) members, one
(1) of whom shall be a member of the
Board/Leadership Team.

Positions to be filled in 2018: Secretary,
Treasurer, and one Board member. Please call Criss at
965-2351 or Cynthia at 457-6371 if you would be
willing to serve on the 2018 Nominating Committee.

HOMELESSNESS STUDY TO BEGIN

Efforts to organize the Homelessness Study approved
at the May 2017 annual meeting are finally underway.
If you are interested in participating but have not yet
made that know to Criss or Cynthia, please do so now.
We are hoping to have our first meeting at noon on a
weekday between January 23 and February 2.

Democracy Day in Olympia

You may have seen following announcement in a recent **LWVWA Weekly Update** email. If you re interested in participating, please contact Cynthia or Criss. We hope to have a car pool going to Olympia for this important event.

24 Jan 2018

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM,

Capitol Campus, Olympia WA

Please join the League of Women Voters of Washington and Fix Democracy First in Olympia to lobby our legislators to improve election access, voting rights, campaign finance and legislative ethics.

On that day we will be meeting with legislators to advocate for bills that expand opportunities to vote, promote more representative election systems, empower disenfranchised communities, reduce the influence of special interest money and strengthen government ethics. We will also get/provide training on the critical Democracy issues in Washington and how to effectively advocate with your legislator. While committee meeting schedule is yet to be determined, we are optimistic that some of the bills we are working on will be heard and discussed in committee that day. We will provide help for those who want to testify and assist in setting up meetings with your legislators. If you have questions please contact ksakahara@lwvwa.org or cindy@fixdemocracyfirst.org.

REPEAT ANNOUNCEMENT

The next *League Conversations* on January 23rd will feature Bob Romero, YMCA Executive Director, making a presentation on the planned Aquatic Center to be built in a partnership between the YMCA and the City of Yakima. Having seen it in another context, I can say it is a very interesting and exciting presentation!

Criss

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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>

