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.

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.

Officers

Co-Presidents: Cynthia Garrick and Criss Bardill
Secretary: Karen Pilon
Treasurer: Janis Luvaas

Board of Directors
Kathy Lambert
Rhonda Hauff,
Kitty Jubran
Elaine Smith

Voter Editor: Criss Bardill
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 18

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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 contactksakahara@lwvwa.org or cindy@fixdemocracyfirst.org.

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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
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF YAKIMA COUNTY
Cordially invites you to: JOIN US!

Name:_____________________________________
Address:____________________________________
Phone:_____________________________________
E-Mail:_____________________________________

Membership Categories:
____$10 Student Associate
____$60 Basic
____$70 Contributing
____$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

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LWVWA- Vote 411  www.vote411.org
Yakima County Auditor  http://yakimacounty.us/170/Elections

Happy New Year!