



## VOTER

December

2022/January 2023

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### President's Message ~ Beverly Johnson-Torelli

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS and Have a Wonderful 2023!**

It is hard to believe that another year has passed, and the holiday season is here once again. I am pleased to announce the exciting news that the League is having an **in-person** party on **December 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm** at the home of Christine Grantham, 105105 E. Tripple Vista Drive, off Clodfelter Road in Kennewick. During the holidays, Chris and her family showcase beautifully decorated Christmas trees throughout their house. If you haven't been there before, you will truly be amazed! Your "plus one" is welcome and please bring a treat to share.

**[Benton Franklin Superior Judge Norma Rodriquez and County District Court Judge Trinity Orosco will be our speakers .](#)**

#### Other important dates to remember:

**December 7<sup>th</sup> 10:30am ~ Shoreline Study Consensus Meeting via Zoom.** All members are invited to attend.

**December 10<sup>th</sup> 9:30am - 3:00pm.~ Virtual Action Workshop** –go to [LWVWA.org](http://LWVWA.org) to register, no charge, but donations are accepted.

*Breakout Session 1* (your choice) Natural Resources/Solid Waste Management or Housing & Homelessness or Redistricting.

*Breakout Session 2* (your choice) Climate Change or Education & Children or Criminal Justice.

*Breakout Session 3* (your choice) Health & Behavioral Healthcare or Democracy or Revenue.

*OPTIONAL* (How-To Session) Orientation to Legislative processes and tools

**December 15<sup>th</sup> ~ No Board Meeting**

**January 9<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00pm Book Club - *Guests of the Emperor*—by Janice Young Brooks. Contact Polly Parton at [polly.parton@yahoo.com](mailto:polly.parton@yahoo.com) for the Zoom link.**

**January 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Program Planning will occur from 10:00am. to 11:00am. Then the Shoreline Study Consensus will be discussed from 11:00am to noon via Zoom. All members are invited. Please attend and give your input.**

**January 16<sup>th</sup> ~ Shoreline Study Consensus due to LWVWA**

**January 19<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00pm January Board Meeting via Zoom. All members are invited and welcome!**

**February 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> ~ Lobby Week - This is a chance to meet with your legislators. Some of you have found yourself in a different district due to redistricting. This could be your opportunity to introduce yourselves while letting them know the League's priorities.**

**February 16<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00pm February Board Meeting via Zoom. All members are invited and welcome!**

**February 17<sup>th</sup> ~ 12:00pm 2:30pm League's Birthday Celebration**

In person at CG Public House, 9221 West Clearwater Avenue A, Kennewick.- We will order off the menu. Everyone is invited to attend!

**May 4<sup>th</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup> ~ Holiday Inn Express Pasco - LWVWA Convention—In person**

Theme of "Discovery" – Miriam Kerzner is the liaison between LWVWA and LWVBF. She will be heading up a committee for entertainment, speakers, registration, assembling goody bags, etc. Let either Miriam at [miriamkerzner@gmail.com](mailto:miriamkerzner@gmail.com) or Bev at [sasjoh@aol.com](mailto:sasjoh@aol.com) know if you are interested in serving on the committee. Your help is needed!

## **Treasurer's Report ~ Shirley Sonnichsen**

As of October 31, 2022:

<b>Checking is:</b>	<b>\$7,619.55</b>
<b>Savings is:</b>	<b>\$1,856.95</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$9,476.50</b>

<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$1,985.00</b>
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We received \$1,685.00 in dues and \$140.00 in second-in household dues and \$160.00 in contributions.

**Expenses:                   \$215.00**

\$212.00 for the yearly post office box fee, \$3.00 in Pay Pal fees.

### **Membership and Dues**

We have received dues and contributions from 57 members, including 7 second -in - household. We are almost caught up with our unpaid memberships. We currently have 93 members including 9 students, and 7 second-in-household members.

### **Education Fund:**

The \$2,100.00 Scholarship project for FY22-23 is in progress. The committee, mostly Judy and Peggy, have completed a scholarship application and it will go out to the public schools in Benton and Franklin counties.

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