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LWVSA Annual Meeting on May 12 to be on ZOOM

The Annual Meeting Agenda will run from 6:40 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (at the latest!). If you wish to gain more familiarity with the ZOOM platform, you can sign in at 6:00 p.m. and we will walk through the basics of the virtual format. Otherwise, join us at 6:30 p.m. to be ready to start the meeting. The link to the meeting will be sent separately and with the reminder to not share outside of League (the best insurance to avoid those ZOOM bombers!)

You can find all that you need to know about the meeting --- the Agenda and the supporting documents are in The Call to Annual Meeting ([posted on our website](#)). Please be sure to schedule time read this document cover to cover! If you have questions, please contact Beth Pellicciotti pelliccmb@gmail.com or Ann Murphy annmurphylwvwa@gmail.com --- ahead of the meeting time. We recommend that you print this booklet prior to the meeting so that you can have it beside your computer for easier reference. Alternately you can have open on your computer and toggle back and forth. Much of the content will be presented on the screen during the meeting.

You may also find it helpful to have in hand the LWVSA Member Handbook. You may have received it at our January meeting (dated January 2020 and with the orchid cover). You can also find the Member Handbook [here](#).

How to Access PDFs - To access/open PDFs to read on your computer, use [this link to obtain Adobe reader](#).

April Meetings on ZOOM

Two Spokane League ZOOM meetings were held in April, one for practice on April 6th and the other the monthly meeting on April 14th. Following the April 14th meeting, one long-time League member wrote, (I am) "Thankful for intrepid League of Women Voters intent and action!"

Spokane League members **are** intrepid. They are willing to meet in a grid of tiles, a "Hollywood Squares" virtual environment, to continue to give input on ways to continue voter registration and voter registration in remote fashion.

Feedback on ZOOM

Seventy percent of the attendees at the April 14th provided feedback through a short survey. Look at the survey results, and you will see that each of the three questions has both a chart and data table. Questions 1 and 4 have a comments section.

Click on this link to be in the survey results:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-7ZX877SX7/>

Here is a summary of survey comments:

1. **A larger percentage of respondents have used ZOOM before.** In the April 6th survey for those in the practice sessions, the percent of those "never used ZOOM" was 38%. In this survey, the number not using ZOOM was 3%. Some members responding this time no doubt were part of the practice session, and ZOOM may also be more commonly used within the week between surveys.
2. Using the **Share function and signing into ZOOM are the top two most difficult parts** of using ZOOM.
3. The most helpful part of using ZOOM were **the break-out sessions.**

Comments summarized with quotes from members:

Use breakout rooms: "I liked a real exercise in using participation, better than a tightly-scripted webinar."

Plan practice sessions at the beginning of meeting: "Some practice would be good at the beginning. Such as 'okay everyone raise your hand.' I mean the cute graphic hand, not our own. 'Okay everyone mute yourselves. Do you see the crossed out microphone in the lower left corner.'" (Ann Murphy has suggested we plan for 15 - 30 minutes at the beginning of our annual meeting for members to log in and practice. This comment recommends this just-in-time practice).

Have one person focused on technology and the other on running the meeting: "The key to our success was that we had a tech person (Ann Murphy) in the group who solved the problems with ZOOM that emerged. The president could focus on running the meeting."

Try to eliminate the Waiting Room (several comments): "I found it confusing that there was a waiting room. I saw a screen that said "Spokane League of Women Voters" when I hit the zoom link. I had never been in a waiting room so I thought I had done something wrong."

Hold practice sessions: "The practice sessions for those new to Zoom are essential to make these almost as good as in-person meetings."

Have documents available or sent to all participants in advance: "League of Women Voters was better at making certain documents available before discussion..."

Remote Delivery of Voter Registration and Voter Services

During the breakout sessions on April 14, League members provided many good ideas on remote delivery of voter registration and voter services:

Members comments:

The advantages and problems of in-person registration:

Positive enthusiasm is hard to express without in-person contact.

Online registration requires a Washington State ID or Driver's License.

Felons may not know that they can vote.

Voters may need a reminder to change their address if they have moved.

Voters may need to ask questions about filling out the forms.

Members recommended:

What ideas do you have about ways the League could do voter registration and voter information remotely?

Ask the city and/or Avista to send reminders to register with utility bills.

Ask the television stations to run PSAs

Put a notice on the local Covid-19 information site. Lots of people visit the site daily.

Develop some engaging YouTube videos to encourage people to register and vote.

Have a YouTube channel

Get a celebrity or Influencer to do a YouTube video to encourage registration and voting

Buy online targeted advertising.

Run ads on Facebook

Design media campaigns that target young voters specifically

Start a voter registration and/or election board on Pinterest.

Do a funny Tic-Toc video

Encourage registration and voting on Facebook and Instagram

Make "Vote!" posters with celebrities.

Use the Next Door app to link to voter registration information

Send postcards to voters

Include voter registration with the census

Recruit high school ambassadors to work with students in their schools.

Have links to the voter registration and voter information published in newsletters: church, school district, and other local

organization or community newsletters.

Wherever lectures and performances are taking place online have links for voter registration.

Contact organizations that are meeting remotely and offer to link or present voter registration information. (Earth day Live April 24/25)

Contact the colleges and see how we might work with them to get students registered and to encourage college students to vote.

Distribute voter registration information or forms at schools and neighborhood centers where kids pick-up their food.

Have voter registration forms at the Food Bank and Neighborhood Centers

Contact the Homeless coalition and work with them to get forms or information on registration to the homeless

When parents register their children for school they could also be offered voter registration.

Rule of five chain- Each League member contacts 5 people and encourages them to register/vote. Ask the five friends contacted to do the same for 5 friends and so on.

Ideas from other organizations

United Way and Innovia promote interactions between smaller groups of members between Zoom meetings.

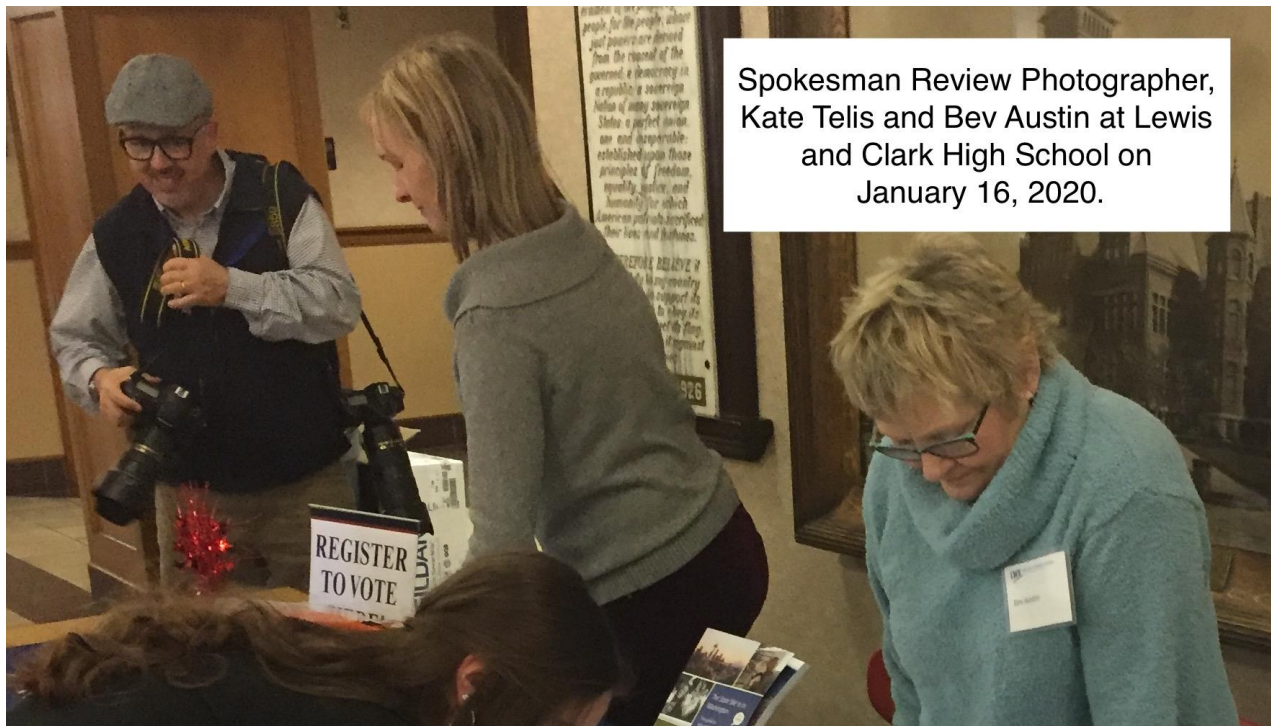
Ask Census coordinator Alex Panagotacos how she recruited ambassadors.

Voter Services: Susan Hales (Outreach to Underserved Communities), Becky Dickerhoof (Ballot Parties) Kate Telis (Youth Vote), and Beth Pellicciotti (Civics Education) are reviewing these comments and will make recommendations on next steps.

Voter Services Activities: Earth Day Live

Kate Telis did an outstanding job as our League's presenter at Earth Day Live, the 350 Climate Action, nation wide, online event April 22-24, 2020. Co-hosting a live session, Kate presented a PowerPoint on how to register to vote and become actively involved as a voter to affect climate change legislation. She and co-host Trenton Miller, of 350 Spokane, also took audience questions live on the broadcast.

As a co-host and presenter, Kate worked with the youths in the Sunrise Movement who took the lead in planning and hosting the three-days of programming. She will follow-up with these inspiring young leaders in her new LWVSA Voter Services role -- outreach and activation of Spokane's younger voting population.



Kate Telis registering high school students at Lewis and Clark High School on Temperance and Good Citizenship Day. January 16, 2020. *Spokesman Review*.
<https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2020/jan/16/effort-to-register-high-school-age-voters-underway/>.

Civic Ed News from Myanmar

I received an email from Zin Thu Aung saying that she and her family are doing well during their quarantine in Yangon, and she shared the progress on her civic education work. Ann Murphy

"After working with your league (LWV), I got so many ideas to



contribute to my community deals with promoting civic education at public schools in Myanmar. So I prepared for research that is one of my ideas and thanks to you and your organization when I came to the US, support so many activities deal with my interests.

“Now, I am doing education research like my action plan after the Professional Fellowship Program. Just last month, on March 20, I got permission from the government, the ministry of education to do my research at public schools in Myanmar. I have tried three months to seek permission. But now, I postponed the date of my research plan because of COVID-19.

“Now, I got permission for my pilot research and then after that, I will do my research related to civic education in three states and three regions in Myanmar from the teacher's side. My research findings will be submitted to the Ministry of Education with suggestions on negotiation for education policy and sector development in order to further reinforce the democratic process from education ways.” *Zin Thu Aung*

Help Us Redesign Our Website!



We are using new interface for our LWV website. We need one or two volunteers to help with web editing and layout, adding more pictures and implementation.

The job involves learning how to post on the web, update, add pictures and calendar items.

Online tutorials and support are available from the League.

Previous working HTML experience is very helpful.

Mary Hughes

Webmaster

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The Voter:

Our monthly newsletter is sent out September through May of each League year. We are looking for a volunteer to take over the editing of The Voter beginning with the September 2020 issue. Please contact Jan Wingenroth.

Sign Up and Open Up: Keeping Our LWVWA Community Informed!

TWIL (*This Week in League*) is THE way friends and members get the inside scoop on neighboring Leagues and the State League issues, ideas, and events. It is quick to scan; there are [copies archived](#) on the [For Members](#) section of LWVWA.org. The goal is to have 100% member subscribers, and 95% of them regularly opening the link to check it out. If you have signed up for this and aren't getting it, check your spam filter. If you haven't signed up for it, or you aren't sure, [sign up here](#): **Amy Peloff, League of Women Voters Washington**

League Membership

You too can join in the activity and important work of being in our League. Go to <http://www.lwvspokane.org/join.html>

League Leadership

LWVSA Board Members

- President – Beth Pellicciotti
- Vice President-Marilyn Darilek
- Secretary- Jan Wingenroth
- Treasurer- Denise Campitelli
- Director-Ann Murphy

Off-board Positions

- Voter Services – Susan Hales
- Strategic Planning-Sylvia Oliver
- Webmaster-Mary Hughes
- *The Voter*- Lisa Kuhar
- Facebook—Sylvia Oliver
- Civics Education-Beth Pellicciotti

The Leadership Team meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 at St. Andrews Church, 2404 North Howard. Our meetings for the foreseeable future will be on ZOOM. Contact Beth Pellicciotti, pelliccmb@gmail.com if you want to be connected.

