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*We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the Yakama People.*

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**CALENDAR**

Friday, September 20, **Climate Strike,** 11:30 AM meet at Millennium Plaza, Downtown Yakima; 12 Noon march to Performance Park for presentations and LWVYC Voter Registration. See attached flyer.

Tuesday, September 24, 5:30 PM **September Conversation: Bringing Out the Vote / Sharing Your Passion** at Wesley United Methodist Church**,** 14 N 48th Avenue, Yakima. See attached flyer.

Thursday, October 3, 6:30 PM **Yakima City Council Candidates Forum** at City Council Chambers, Yakima City Hall. See attached flyer.

Monday, October 7**,** 4:00 PM **Leadership Team Meeting.** LWVY Office, Unitarian Universalist Church of Yakima, 225 N. 2nd St., Yakima.

Sunday and Monday, October 20 and 21, **State League Board Meeting** in Yakima; LWVYC will host potluck Sunday afternoon; local members invited to Board Meeting on Monday. Details to follow.

Tuesday, October 22, 5:30 PM **October Conversation: El Censo 2020.** Wesley United Methodist Church, 14 N 48th Avenue, Yakima.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.

**VISION**

We envision a democracy

where every person has the desire,

the right, the knowledge, and the confidence

to participate.

**VALUE STATEMENT**

The League believes in the power of women to create a more perfect democracy.

March 26

April1, 4 PM

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The Board meets at 4:00 PM the 1st Monday of each month at the League office.

**All members are welcome to attend.**

**NOTES FROM CRISS**

Shorter days, cooler nights, Fall is upon us! And Fall seems to be our busy season, certainly this year! In date order, these are the activities I hope you will participate in this month and into October.

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1) On Friday, September 20, Yakima will observe the worldwide Climate Strike. A flyer is attached to this issue, and we will do voter registration at the event. The League of Women Voters US is supporting the Climate Strike. If walking from the Millennial Plaza to Performance Park (just south of the Courthouse) is not feasible for you, please feel free to join us at Performance Park where there will be speakers and information booths.

2) On Tuesday, September 24, we will start up our *League Conversations* after a two month summer break. A flyer for that event is attached as well. Our *Conversations* are an excellent opportunity to introduce friends, family, and co-workers to the League.

3) On Thursday, October 3, we will conduct a Yakima City Council Candidate Forum at Yakima City Hall. Again, the flyer is attached to this issue. Please encourage others to attend this forum – it is a great opportunity to hear candidate responses to specific questions that you would like asked. Please submit candidate questions to yakimacountylwvyc@gmail.com.

4) On Sunday, October 20, the State League Board will be gathering in Yakima for their regularly scheduled Board meeting. The new state President, Lunell Haught, is having the State Board meet at various locations around the State so that they can have time with local members and local members can attend the Board meeting if they wish. We will host a potluck on Sunday afternoon, and the Board meeting will be Monday. We will invite the Kittitas Valley League as well as the newly formed [Klickitat-Skamania Unit-at-Large](https://lwvwa.org/League-of-Women-Voters-of-Klickitat-Skamania) League to join us. More information will be following as we nail down place and time, but please put this on your calendars!

5) On October 22, the *League Conversation* will feature League members Dori Baker and Carrie Huie Pascua on the 2020 Census and the local work of Censo 2020. We will be developing ways for our local League members to be involved in insuring a complete and accurate census in Yakima County, with a focus on the elderly.

6) Finally, Elaine Smith, our hard working Voter Services Chair, is pursuing a possible Wapato City Council and Mayor candidate Forum in October. Watch for more information in your email.

**HOMELESS STUDY GROUP REPORTS PROGRESS**

Report to the Board, July, 2019

We completed the narratives of the visits to shelters in June and are now beginning to write the narratives of the visits to those organizations that provide multiple services to the people who are experiencing homelessness. We have one more provider to visit: Triumph Treatment Services. We have visited their shelter but not interviewed them about all the other services they provide.

 Sergeant Mike Henne joined us for lunch in early June and described his interactions with the homeless population in the city. In addition we have scheduled a July 24 visit with the city prosecuting attorney who works on homeless population cases. Because we want the defense side of the situation, we hope to contact one of the attorneys from the NW Justice Project.

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We’ve obtained statistical information from the Washington State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction regarding the number of students who experienced homelessness in 2018. That information is broken down by counties and then school Districts.

We have a July 31 visit scheduled with David Brown, Veterans Coordinator, to learn about his work on behalf of the homeless. And we plan to have a lunch for some people who are currently or have in the past experienced homelessness. Rhonda said we might use one of Neighborhood Health’s meeting rooms and she will help us locate some people who might be willing to have lunch and talk about their experiences. We haven’t yet set a date but hope it will be sometime in early or mid-August.

Jackie Hertel

Coordinator

**LEAGUE PROVIDES ONLINE RESOURCES FOR MEMBERS**

**LWVWA Website and Newsletters:** LWVWA has added more features to the website and it is updated at least weekly. Visit often to get the latest! There is a members only section that includes information on LWVWA and LWVWA Education Fund programs; Membership, Engagement & Leadership Development (MELD) Network; and archives of *This Week in League (TWIL)*. If you don’t know your login information, please email info@lwvwa.org to get set up.

***TWIL****—This Week in League--* is one of three newsletters LWVWA publishes; it is the best way to keep up with what is happening in League throughout Washington State. Visit League Newsletter page for more info.

**LWVUS Website and League Management Site** Find the Management site with the puce-colored button at the bottom right of www.lwv.org home page League Management has several featured tabs including**:**

• Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy

• Policies and Guidelines

• Guide to Services

• VOTE411

• LWV Brands and Standards

**Membership & Leadership Development (MLD) Handbook and Shur Fellow/MLD Guidance archives:** Located in the League Management site under “Develop Members and Leaders” under “National and State Coaches,” this collection of previous MLD (Shur Fellow) Guidances is useful to any League Leader. Organized by categories and updated regularly.

**The League Update:** Bimonthly, email newsletter from LWVUS offering news, opportunities, classes, and articles showcasing our efforts across the entire League. Sign Up

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**LEAGUE PROVIDES ONLINE RESOURCES** *(Continued from Page 3)*

**Alice Paul Podcasts:** Volunteers with the League of Women Voters share stories, tips and how-to’s to give you the tools and confidence to actively engage your community. To see collection: What Would Alice Paul Do?

**LWV Clearinghouse:** A collection of studies and research conducted by local and state League members. Visitors may download and print the documents. League members may submit documents for this site.

**Elections/Voter Service:** Many resources for visibility and organizing forums, voter registration drives, voters’ guides and more.

**League Basics**: The definitive guide by LWVUS which is an essential tool to help League leaders be more effective and help make the organization more effective. The link takes you to the downloadable handbook.

**LWVUS Staff List:** Connect with staff using this listing in the League Management site under Member Services.



 ***League of Women Voters of Yakima County***

 **Cordially invites you to: JOIN US!**

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**Membership:** \_\_\_\_\_\_$60 Basic\_\_\_\_\_\_$40 Each additional family member at same residence

Sustaining Gift: $60 \_\_\_\_\_ $40 \_\_\_\_\_ $25\_\_\_\_ Other\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Your Sustaining gift will help support our local activities.

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 PO Box 723

YAKIMA WA 98907

**\*Please Note Annual Dues Distribution:** National: $32

 State: 19

 LWVYC retains: 9

 $60

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Secretary of State LWVWA- Vote 411 Yakima County Auditor

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