



# Spokane Area VOTER

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*"The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, and influences the public policy through education and advocacy."*

## Transportation – Spokane Futures

The Spokane Transportation Authority will be making an important decision for the Spokane region in the near future... and Spokane Leaguers have an opportunity to learn more and be a part of the decision-making process. LWVWA has many opportunities for you to learn more.

- **Televised Forum –**  
*August 30 – Live broadcast on CityCable 5.* Six different options for the future of Light Rail in Spokane will be presented. Viewers will be able to call in questions. Panelists include: KC Traver, Program Mgr-Light Rail Transit Project; Brian Sayrs, Liberty Lake City Council; and Yvonne Lopez Morton, Citizen Advisory Committee. **Ann Murphy** will moderate.
- **General Meetings for LWVSA –**  
Two meetings – **Thursday, September 8,** (7-9 p.m.) at Spokane Valley Library, 12004 E. Main, and **Saturday, September 10** (9:30-11:30 a.m.) at Global Credit Union, 1520 W. 3rd. Molly Myers from the Light Rail Project will present details of the STA options, and let us all know how we can be part of the decision.
- **Light Rail “Let’s Talk” Newsletter –**  
League members will receive a copy of this newsletter through a separate mailing. Please read and bring with you to one of the two General Meetings. If you wind up with an extra copy, share it with a friend – and bring that friend to one of the General Meetings!

## DUES ARE DUE!

**The period for dues to be paid is from September 1 to November 1.** If anyone wants to pay in two installments in two consecutive months, that is acceptable. But our goal is to collect all the dues by Nov. 1! Your cooperation and diligence to respond in a timely manner prevents getting too close to the holidays with those added expenses plus many leaving town to be with families elsewhere, etc. Muchas gracias!

**State dues went up \$1 per member.** *Our local dues are lowered by \$1 per member as the Board agreed that we would absorb this increase, decided at the State convention in June.* The Board also agreed to adjust the expenses by lowering the budgeted amount for “Misc. Exp: Other” by \$61. We had 61 members as of Dec. 31, 2004, which was the date that was reported to National for our Per Member Payment (PMP) calculation for this new fiscal year—05-06.

**Betty Banks** - Treasurer

## Unit News

### No Meetings In Sept. See You In Oct.

*Remember, any member / potential member, may attend!*

League units meet on the second Mondays or Thursday of a given month. Check the monthly calendar for specific dates:

**Unit 3** meets at the Valley Library, 12004 E. Main, Thursdays @ 7 p.m., **RJ Clemmons** will chair.

**Unit 4** meets at the League office, 2404 N. Howard, Thursdays @ 5:30 p.m., **Ann Murphy** will chair

**Unit 5** meets in member’s homes, Thursdays @ 9 a.m., **Phyllis Burwell** will chair

**Units 7 and 9** have combined and will meet in member’s homes, Mondays @ 12:30pm. **John Stolz** will chair.

## President's Perspective...

As the end of summer quickly approaches, I encourage every League member to take a moment to consider volunteering for League in some new capacity. Perhaps you have time to work on a portion of our Growth Management Study or write questions for the general election forums. **Pam Behring** is heading up a new Speakers Bureau which will speak to various service and other groups on *Washington State Taxes*. There is a PowerPoint presentation and an entire folder of information available for use. Each presentation should run only 15 to 20 minutes. And, as always, we need members willing to attend a briefing and serve as unit discussion leaders. If everyone can take on one small task, then the load is lightened for all.

Please mark your calendar for *September 8 or 10* and plan to attend a General meeting on transportation issues (see page 1). **Molly Myers**, a former League member and friend to many of you, has a great program planned.

**Ann** and I look forward to seeing all of you soon - energized and ready to work!

Yours in League,  
- **Sandy Paine**

### Quotable Quote

"You cannot be, I know, nor do I wish to see you, an inactive spectator... We have too many high sounding words, and too few actions, that correspond with them.

- Abigail Adams

## Women's Equality Day

**2005 marks the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment guaranteeing women's right to vote.** *It was 157 years ago that the Women's Rights Movement began in the Seneca Fall, NY, 1848.*

The anniversary was marked during a celebration on August 26 at Spokane Women's Equality Day Celebration in Comstock Park. Proclamations were issued in both the City of Spokane and Spokane Valley. **Ann Murphy** and **Doris Tryon** were on hand in Comstock Park to spread the word about League.

## Splinters from the Board

- Treasury Balance: \$4,565.00
- The Board retreat in July was very productive and it was fun to get to know our new Board members from the Valley better.
- **Alice and John Stolz** have generously agreed to follow water issues.
- It is never too soon to Christmas shop and we have several copies of "**The State We're In: Washington**" at the office for sale. *This is a wonderful reference and is only \$12.00.*
- Call **Nancy O'Keeffe** to volunteer for the Growth Management Study.
- **Action-**  
Spokane County Mail-in Ballot (MIB) issue - spoke in favor of MIB at Auditor's public meeting and sent letter in support to County Commissioners. Initiative and Referendum Ordinance for City of Spokane Valley - approved support so that LWVSA could speak to this issue if necessary.

## League Convention Impressions

The Spokane League was represented by **Pam Behring, Ann Murphy, Mayo Sayrs and Alice Stolz** - each in a different point in "life in League," and a different take on LWVWA Convention (*held in Seattle, June 2005*).

**Pam Behring** - *a long-time League member who was newly elected to State Board at Convention:* Convention was filled with new faces and fresh enthusiasm. We have a new president and numerous new members of the board. The concentration this year was on diversity and I found that to be a challenge. I think of diversity as not only racial and religious but economic and age related. For example, how do we interest young women in joining League? Although Spokane is aware of the need for new members, this discussion is food for thought for me. It is for this reason that I remain an active member in League.

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## Primary Election Forum - City of Spokane

LWVSA launched its forum season with the recording of its first Forum on August 16, 2005, at City of Spokane Council Chambers. Featured were City of Spokane Council races: the two-way race in District 1, the three-way race in District 2, and the seven-way contest in District 3. CityCable 5 taped the session.

Play back times are:

August 27	1 p.m.
August 28	12 noon
September 2	9 p.m.
September 3	4 p.m.
September 5	6:30 p.m.
September 10	4:30 p.m.
September 12	10 a.m.
September 13	7 p.m.
September 18	10 a.m.

Thank you to **Martha Lou Wheatley-Billeter** for moderating, **Nancy O’Keeffe** for keeping time, **Sandy Paine** for coordination, **Ann Murphy** for scripting and producing, **Mary Lloyd** for being a runner, and **Mayo Sayrs** and **Pam Behring** for support!

Other upcoming election forums –

- **General Election Forum – October 11, 2005**  
@ Spokane City Council Chambers (7-9 p.m.)  
– Spokane City Council Races and State Ballot Issues (to be taped by CityCable 5, and will be rebroadcast)
- **General Election Forum – October 13, 2005**  
@ Spokane Valley Library, 12004 E. Main (7-9 p.m.) – Spokane Valley City Council Races

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**Ann Murphy** – a long-time League member who has been on “sabbatical” and newly re-involved: It was a great pleasure to attend a State Convention again – and I feel that I have been “recycled” back into League. Ten years ago I had been on **Margaret Colony’s** State Board – neither one of us knew that the other had been out of League for the past 10 years (since we had both been gone!) – it was good to reacquaint! Two emotions stand out to me –

- All of the great program ideas – make it so easy to say YES to so many things (so hope there are some of you out there willing to help go with that!)
- I was tremendously impressed with the discussions from the twenty-something young women (especially since that is the age of my daughter) – how to involve the new generation.

**Mayo Sayrs** – a new member to League: I’m very glad I was able to attend the LWVWA Conference in Seattle, and would encourage every member to attend whenever possible. If your experience is anything like mine you will find that the conference is professionally run and well organized. You will find an outstanding program with intelligent and informative presenters. You will find a great opportunity to visit informally with League members from around the state during breaks and meals (good food too). You will find most of the debates compelling and a few tedious. You may, as I did, become proud of yourself for being able to drive in Seattle and get only a little lost. Ultimately you will renew your commitment to the LWV and be inspired to encourage other women to join.

**Alice Stolz** – a long-time League member, who is retiring from active work: I almost didn’t attend State Convention this year, but **Judy Golberg** persuaded me to be Resolutions Chair. I was again reminded that Leaguers themselves are the best part of convention. I enjoyed connecting with old friends and new. Past-president **Margaret Colony** looked around and said, “I guess you and I are the old-timers now.” But what does that mean?

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### MEMBERSHIP FORM

YES, I want to join The League of Women Voters of the Spokane Area

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

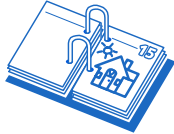
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Please make check payable to & mail to:  
LWVSA 2404 N. Howard St. Spokane, WA 99205

\$ 45. Student Rate \$ 65. Individual (Local \$25.20; State \$16; Nat’l \$23.80) \$100. Household \$100. Sustaining Member \$150. Benefactor
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# Calendar



August	30	Transportation Forum
September	5	Labor Day
September	8 & 10	General Meetings <i>Transportation (see page 1)</i>
September	20	WA State Primary – <b>VOTE!!</b>
September	21	LWVSA Board Meeting <i>2404 N. Howard @ 5:30 p.m.</i>
October	10 & 13	Unit Meetings

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Eighty-year old **Jocelyn Marchisio**, who won the **Dorothy Roberts Award** for Outstanding Service to the State League, just finished chairing the Election Reform Studies. She said, "I've had my share of rewards, it should have been given to someone else." I pointed out that if she kept taking on tasks, she may win even more. There's no age limit on brains and enthusiasm in League!

LWVSA

## 2005 – 2006 LWVSA Program\*

August	Election and Transportation Forums
September	<i>Transportation – Spokane Futures</i> (two General Meetings – Valley on 9/8 & Downtown on 9/10)
October	<i>Ballot Issues</i> – Unit meetings
November	<i>Washington State Tax Update</i> – General Meeting – November 5
December	<i>Lunch with Elected Officials</i> (Nov. 29 @ Spokane Club) Units have the option of meeting – Mini Topic from Cascadia Scorecard
January	<i>Program Planning with Mini Topic from Cascadia Scorecard</i> - Units
February	<i>Water Issues</i> - Units
March	Book Review – " <i>The State We're In</i> " - Units
April	<i>Growth Management, A Local Primer</i> - Units
May	Annual Meeting

\* Adjustments may be made pending availability of material from LWVUS and LWVWA.

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Suzi Hokonson

TO:

*Dues are Due* 