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## VISION

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## Notice! The Voter's Final Paper Issue

The Yakima County League of Women Voters' newsletter, The Voter, will arrive by email with the January, 2010 issue. You will receive an email notice from LWV Yakima County containing both a pdf attachment of The Voter to download and a "hyperlink" address to access The Voter on line at the League's state website. PLEASE enter this email address in your email address book. [lwvwa\\_yakima@yahoo.com](mailto:lwvwa_yakima@yahoo.com) (**Note:** Local members without internet access will continue to receive mailed copies of The Voter.)

## January 30, Saturday

### "Pink Tea" Birthday Party Open House

Larson Gallery, YVCC campus 2-5 p.m. Free  
Celebrating American Association of University Women (AAUW), Yakima Branch, 100 years; League of Women Voters, 90 years; Women's Suffrage in Washington, 100 years. State AAUW and LWV representatives will speak. Refreshments will be served. Contact: Millie Stenejhem, 966-3409, or Cynthia Garrick 249-9002.

## February 19, Friday

### Women's Votes/Women's Voices Opening Reception

#### "Iron Jawed Angels": Film viewing and Discussion

Yakima Valley Museum – come in vintage attire if you'd like!

Time: 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm — Free

Opening reception for the Women's Votes, Women's Voices Exhibit followed by the showing of "Iron Jawed Angels". This film portrays a group of fiery, passionate young suffragettes, led by Alice Paul (Hillary Swank) and Lucy Burns (Frances O'Connor) from 1912 to 1920, who put their lives on the line to fight for women's right to vote. The film will be introduced by Dr. Tim Jeske and Dr. Carli Schiffner from YVCC with insight into not only how the film portrays the national suffrage campaign, but also into the important role Washington State played in setting the stage for the 19th Amendment's ratification. This event is made possible through a grant from Humanities Washington.

Contact: Cynthia Garrick, 453-3419, [cagarrick@yahoo.com](mailto:cagarrick@yahoo.com) or David Lynx, 248-0747, [david@yakimavalleymuseum.org](mailto:david@yakimavalleymuseum.org). for more information.

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# OUR FISCAL CRISIS

From Wall Street, N.Y. to Second Street in Yakima there are fiscal crises.

We now have one of our own. The League of Women Voters of Yakima County is looking at substantially reduced financial resources. The LWV board is always fiscally aware in budgeting, but reduced fund-raising last year has left us with a shortage of operating funds.

The Board expects to raise funds among members, among non-members (both tried-and-true past tactics), and do one special event. Maybe even a Rummage Sale!

We will begin our efforts in January. Please join these joint efforts to keep this wonderful organization afloat.  
Joyce Dennison, Finance Chair

## THIS YEAR AT THE YAKIMA LEAGUE

Here are some of the activities of the Yakima League Board in 2009.

- ♦ *The League published and distributed the 2009 Try with the help of Mary Crago, League volunteer.*
- ♦ *We held two public informational luncheons: Black Rock Yakima Basin Storage Alliance information lunch meeting and a Proposed Soccer Center Informational Meeting. Lynn Baxter*
- ♦ *We sponsored the Open Government Forum at the Yakima Regional Library. Cynthia Garrick*
- ♦ *The League Downtown Committee organized three events: The Tour of the Lofts, the Larson Building tour, and the Kara Kondo Memorial Downtown luncheon; all raising awareness of the local league and raising money for the local League.*
- ♦ *The League Board organized the successful Righteous Mothers Fund Raiser at The Seasons.*
- ♦ *We sponsored two forums for the City Council candidate election; one for the primary election at the Library in July and one for the November main election through KIMA.*

All these events and the committee meetings required to bring them about are made possible, of course, by individual volunteers from the League Board and members and friends. Such a program requires a budget which is provided in part by member dues (that portion not sent to the State and National organizations for per member dues), by donations from the community and by fundraising by the local League Board. Welcome 2010!

### Lobby Day 2010!!!

Join us for Lobby Day and be among the first to see the second terrific YouTube video by the Civic Engagement Project committee. The first video League did—on I-1033—was the most watched video on YouTube on some days, and had rave reviews from a wide range of people and websites. (If you missed that video, be sure to see it by going to the LWVWA website, and click on Positions to find it.)

League Lobby Day is always a very interesting day. We gather and talk about legislative issues, hear an important speaker or two (last year it was Governor Gregoire), and meet at least some of the State legislators and their staffs who come into our meeting room.

Even more interesting and important, many of us make appointments to go to the offices of our individual legislators to give them our Legislative Priorities cards and to discuss those priorities with them. It's a full day, a day we come away from with a real feeling of satisfaction. Please do join us! And don't forget that you'll be in on the special treat of the unveiling of our next two-minute video.

Directions:

**From I-5 Southbound:** Bear right on ramp at sign reading "Exit 105A to State Capitol" and go west for 0.8 miles. Continue on 14th Avenue SE and go west for 0.4 miles to the Visitor Information Center at Capitol Way S at 14th Avenue SW

**From I-5 Northbound:** Bear right on ramp at sign reading "Exit 105A to State Capitol" and go northeast for 0.3 miles. Bear right on 14th Avenue SE and go west for 0.6 miles to Capitol Way S at 14th Avenue SW.

You can see a map at <http://www.ga.wa.gov/visitor/direction.htm>  
Or, you can check out the Legislature web-site at <http://www.leg.wa.gov/legislature/pages/vis>

**League of Women Voters of Washington**  
**LOBBY DAY January 19, 2010**  
**Registration 8:30am; Program begins 9:00am**  
**REGISTRATION**  
**Cost: \$25 per person      Lunch Provided**  
Columbia Room, State Capitol, Olympia

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Tel/email \_\_\_\_\_

VISA    M/C

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ exp. date \_\_\_\_\_

Check enclosed

**Mail to: LWVWA, 4730 University Way N.E., Suite #720, Seattle, WA 98105**

## ***Plea to the membership for help on the Kara Kondo Lunch***

See Yakima as it has never been seen before! Work with the Downtown Committee and feel the real pulse of our city! Opportunities abound! Renew your sense of participation! We need help with the Kara Kondo luncheon this Spring in the following areas:

**Program - theme and speakers**

**Facilities - place for luncheon, downtown**

**Computer skills - developing flyers**

**Writing skills - invitations, letters**

**Publicity - TV, radio, newspapers, address envelopes, put up signs**

No long-term commitments; just this one Kara Kondo luncheon. Show your support and help us out so we can inform the membership and the public of the positive happenings in our downtown core.

Call the League office at 452-3419 and leave a message about volunteering, or e-mail Marilyn Shearer at ShearerD@charter.net or Jackie Call at ralphcall@charter.net., or call or send a note to

Marilyn Shearer 865-5019, 308 Penny Lane, Toppenish, WA 98948

***Please respond by 1/10/10. The first meeting will be later in January.***

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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

Student Associate is not a voting member

Make checks payable to: LWVYC

And mail to: PO Box 723

Yakima, WA 98907

## Observer Corps Opportunities

Yakima County Commissioners  
Yakima City Council Chambers  
Tuesdays, 10 am  
129 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street 574 1500  
[yakima.county.us/cmrs/](http://yakima.county.us/cmrs/)

Yakima City Council  
1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 6 pm  
(See Y Pac, Cable 22 for broadcasts)  
Yakima City Council Chambers  
129 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street 575 6050  
[ci.yakima.wa.us/council/](http://ci.yakima.wa.us/council/)

Please call Jackie Call, Mary Crago, Jackie Hertel, or Marilyn Shearer for forms and information to get started.