

**LWV ANCHORAGE UPDATE**  
**October 3, 2016**  
**Second Edition**

LWV Members: Please take a few minutes to read about the activities your League is working on and those that have been completed since the last UPDATE.

**Remember:** The last day to register or update your registration for the November 8<sup>th</sup> General Election is Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **On-Going Activities**



### **YOUTH VOTE:**

- The Youth Vote project is the culmination of many months of preparation by a team of Youth Vote students, the Anchorage School District and the League of Women Voters.
- The Candidate's Forum will be held on October, 25<sup>th</sup> at noon at West High School. KTUU, Channel 2, will broadcast the event live. Candidates for US House and Senate have been invited.
- Youth Vote is registered as a partner with National Student Parent Mock Election (NSPME).
- The student mock election will be held Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, in conjunction with NSPME efforts, in the Anchorage School District. Youth Vote will host a press conference or media event to release the results.

**RUNNING SERIES THROUGH ALASKA PUBLIC MEDIA:** The "Running and Debate for the State" series (candidate debates) will take place the week of October 17 (exact dates and times TBD) and on November 3 from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.. Channel 7 KAKM and 91.1 FM KSKA. The LWV Anch provides members to help coordinate the on-site logistics for the candidates.

### **VOTER SERVICE ACTIVITY:**

- **UAA VOTER REGISTRATION:** Voter registration services are being provided by LWV Anch voter registrars at UAA and will take place Monday, October 3, and Wednesday, October 5, at three different times each day. We are partnering with LWV member and UAA Communications instructor, Marsha Olson, who designed a voter registration class project for her students.
- **NATURALIZATION CEREMONIES:** LWV Voter Registrars will provide voter services at Naturalization Ceremonies on Thursday, October 20; Thursday, October 27; Friday, November 18; Tuesday, November 22; Thursday, December 22; and Friday, December 23. *Signup sheets have been emailed to Voter Registrars. If you did not receive the email and are interested in helping with this activity, please contact Tina DeLapp at 345-0802 or send an email to [tdelapp@ak.net](mailto:tdelapp@ak.net).*
- **EAST HIGH SCHOOL:** Voter registrars will be available on Friday, October 7, to register students during six different class periods.

- **SERVICE HIGH SCHOOL:** Voter registrars will be available on Tuesday, October 4, to register students during five different class periods. A short presentation about the importance of voting will also be presented to all classes.
- **LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES:** In coordination with the Alaska Long Term Care Ombudsman, members will assist residents with completing their absentee ballot on Monday, October 17 at Chugiak Senior Center and Providence Horizon House; Wednesday, October 19 at Primrose; Thursday, October 20 at Marlow Manor; Tuesday, October 25 at Providence Extended Care; and Thursday, October 27 at Prestige. *Signup sheets will be emailed to members in October. You do not need to be a voter registrar to provide assistance to residents.*

**ALASKA COMMON GROUND FORUMS AND PRESENTATIONS:** We are co-sponsoring six Alaska Common Ground events. We encourage you to attend these very informative forums and presentations.

- Saturday, October 1 -- Moving Toward Solutions: Addressing Alaska's Fiscal and Economic Future
- Tuesday, October 11 -- AKLNG: Opportunities, Challenges, and Risks
- Tuesday, October 18 -- Leveraging Alaska's Transportation Advantages
- Tuesday, October 25 -- Exploiting Alaska's Natural Advantages Independent of Transportation
- Tuesday, November 1 -- Brewing Coffee, Beer, and Weed on the Last Frontier
- Tuesday, November 15 -- Policymakers' Panel on Where We Go From Here

**ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS STAKEHOLDERS:** Pat Redmond and Joyce Anderson will attend a meeting on Thursday, October 6, providing an update on the Vote-By-Mail project to be implemented for municipal elections.

**PFD AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION QUESTION – GENERAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 8, 2016:** LWV Alaska is a partner in supporting the PFD Automatic Voter Registration Initiative that is on the General Election ballot. LWV Anch is encouraging members to vote YES and support the initiative. Check out – League of Women Voters of Anchorage or PFD Automatic Voter Registration – Facebook pages for additional information.

## **Completed Activities**

### **ANCHORAGE MUSEUM – VOTING RIGHTS FILMS, TUESDAY, SEPT 21** **Bad Romance: Women's Suffrage and Selma: The Bridge to the Ballot:**

We had a great turnout and a good discussion of the suffrage movement and the importance of voting. Joyce Anderson, LWV Anch president, wore an outfit resembling a suffragette from the 1920's.

Fifty-eight students attended from West, East, Eagle River, Chugiak, Steller, Dimond, Mears, UAA and one home schooled student. We worked with the social studies coordinator for the Anchorage School District middle schools and high schools to promote the event. The students received credit for one of their government class assignments that required attendance at an extracurricular activity related to government. Additionally, there were about 20 other attendees as well, some from groups representing our co-sponsors – Alaska Common Ground, Anchorage Museum, Anchorage NAACP, Bridge Builders of Anchorage, Spirit of Youth, UAA Student Life and Leadership, 2016 Youth Vote and YWCA Alaska. We registered five students – our next generation of informed and active voters – and updated one resident's voter registration.

At the LWV Anch September monthly board meeting, the board decided to consider another such event in the near future and show Iron Jawed Angels, a film about women's suffrage.

### **VOTER SERVICE ACTIVITY:**

- **NATURALIZATION CEREMONY:**
  - Members Marie Murdock and Barbara Norrell registered seven new citizens from three different countries on Friday, September 16.
  - Members Pat Redmond and Carol Dickason registered 14 new citizens (out of 18) from 12 different countries on Saturday, September 24.
- **CHUGIAK HIGH SCHOOL:** Member Tina DeLapp registered 21 seniors and one Government teacher on Monday, September 19.
- **LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES:** In coordination with the Alaska Long Term Care Ombudsman, members Mary Rosenzweig, Margaret Stills and Tina DeLapp registered residents at Marlow Manor on Thursday, September 15; Providence Extended Care/Transition Care on Tuesday, September 20; and Horizon House on Monday, September 26. They also helped many residents fill out an absentee ballot application. Several other facilities were also visited by the LTC office. A total of 85 residents completed new registrations or updated their current registration. Additionally, we reviewed a "How To Vote" brochure prepared by the LTC office and made several suggestions clarifying voting requirements. The LWV Anch logo is listed on the brochure as a contributing organization.
- **TURNAGAIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Members Pat Redmond and Carol Dickason registered and/or updated 4 registrations on Sunday, September 25.
- **ST JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Members Joyce Anderson and Barbara Baugh registered and/or updated 7 registrations and one person completed an absentee ballot application on Sunday, September 25.
- **WEST HIGH SCHOOL:** Members Keri Clark and Pat Redmond registered 18 students on Monday, September 26, during five different class periods.
- **WENDY WILLIAMSON AUDITORIUM, UAA:** Member Sharon Richards registered and/or updated two registrations on Saturday, October 1, in conjunction with Alaska Common Ground's Fiscal and Economic Forum.
- **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE:** Member Pat Redmond registered and/or updated three registrations on Sunday, October 2.

**SPENARD LIONS CLUB:** On Wednesday, September 15, Pat Redmond and Joyce Anderson gave a presentation on elections and voter registration along with information about the League to twelve Lions Club members. Questions were asked about the PFD Voter Registration initiative on the November ballot, Anchorage Vote-by-Mail plans, and general information on voter registration and voting options and deadlines. The Lions Club asked the League to forward on to the Anchorage Municipal Clerk a request to have a speaker on Vote-by-Mail give a presentation to their group. (Note: Both Pat and Joyce are on several Anchorage stakeholder committees addressing Vote-by-Mail.)

# **Become Involved. Be Active.**

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