

**LWV ANCHORAGE UPDATE**  
**October 28, 2016**  
**Third 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:**

Every Vote Counts – Everyone Has The Opportunity To Make A Difference

**VOTE** on Tuesday, November 8. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The “Official Election Pamphlet” can be accessed on-line at:

[http://www.elections.alaska.gov/pub\\_oe.php](http://www.elections.alaska.gov/pub_oe.php)

Polling place information can be accessed on-line at:

<https://myvoterinformation.alaska.gov>

**FACT:** In 2006, the Democrat Primary election for House District 37 was comprised of two candidates. The election resulted in a tie vote. The race was won by a coin toss.

## **Completed 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.
- A successful Candidate’s Forum was held on Tuesday, October, 25<sup>th</sup> at noon at West High School. KTUU, Channel 2, broadcast the event live from Noon to 1 p.m.
  - Youth Vote students moderated the forum.
  - Candidates for U.S. House and U.S. Senate gave a 30 second opening statement and were asked several questions that were developed by a team of Youth Vote students. The candidates then gave a 30 second closing statement.
  - Approximately 700 students from seven schools attended.

- KTUU, Channel 2, aired a segment on the forum and interviews with students on their 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. news broadcasts on Tuesday, October 25. Go to KTUU.com to see the news coverage.
- KTVA, Channel 11, aired a segment on the forum and a student interview on their 10 p.m. news broadcast on Tuesday, October 25. Go to KTVA.com to see the news coverage.
- A big THANK YOU to Cari Zawodny, YV coordinator, for a well-planned YV forum. Additionally, many League members were in attendance to support the project.

### **CANDIDATE “RUNNING” SERIES THROUGH ALASKA PUBLIC MEDIA:**

The “Running and Forum for the State” series (candidate forums) took place on Tuesday, October 18, and Wednesday, October 19. Candidates for the State Legislature attended. The series will run on Thursday, October 27, from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Please take the time to see the forums/interviews. Channel 7 KAKM and 91.1 FM KSKA. The U.S. candidate forum, aired live, is Thursday, November 3, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The LWV Anch coordinates the on-site logistics for the candidates and answer questions. Thank you to Carol Dickason, Karen Bitzer, Mary Rosenzweig and Joyce Anderson for helping on October 18 and 19.

**VOTER SERVICE ACTIVITY:** Since August, the League has registered 202 citizens, not including the over 80 students at UAA.

- **UAA VOTER REGISTRATION:** Voter registration services were provided by LWV Anch voter registrars (Keri Clark, Barbara Mishler, and Tina DeLapp) and UAA voter registrars throughout the day on Monday, October 3, and Wednesday, October 5. Over 80 students registered to vote. Congratulations on a great success! We partnered with LWV member and UAA Communications instructor, Marsha Olson, who designed a voter registration class project for her students.
- **HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATION ACTIVITIES:**
  - **CHUGIAK HIGH SCHOOL:** Twenty-two students registered to vote during four class periods. Thank you to Tina DeLapp.
  - **SERVICE HIGH SCHOOL:** Twenty-eight students registered to vote during five class periods. Tina DeLapp and Joyce Anderson gave a presentation in each class period about the importance of voting and provided historical background on the history of voting rights.
  - **WEST HIGH SCHOOL:** Eighteen students registered to vote during four class periods. Thank you to Keri Clark and Pat Redmond.
  - **EAST HIGH SCHOOL:** Thirty-five students registered to vote during eight class periods. Thank you Barbara Baugh, Marie Murdock, Mary Rosenzweig, & Tina DeLapp.

- **LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES:**



In coordination with the Alaska Long Term Care Ombudsman, members Margaret Stills and Joyce Anderson assisted residents with completing their absentee ballot on Monday, October 17, at Providence Horizon House. On Thursday, October 20, members Sarah Drummond and Joyce Anderson helped at Marlow Manor. Residents at both facilities were appreciative of the

help with completing their absentee ballot and completing the required information on the absentee ballot envelope. League members assisting stated the experience was most gratifying.

**ALASKA COMMON GROUND FORUM:** Member Sharon Richards provided voter registration services at the Saturday, October 1, Moving Toward Solutions forum.

**ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS:** Pat Redmond and Joyce Anderson attended a stakeholders meeting addressing Anchorage Vote-By-Mail on Thursday, October 6. Municipal Clerk, Barbara Jones, Deputy Municipal Clerk-Elections, Amanda Moser, and Project Manager, Dennis Wheeler, provided an update on the progress made toward transitioning to a Vote-By-Mail system. The project was originally targeted for the 2017 municipal election, but to meet that deadline vendors and equipment needed to be under contract by the end of August. Delays in the process prevented meeting that deadline. The project is scheduled to be implemented for the 2018 elections. Items that are being considered are:

- Election Center space – a potential processing center space has been identified and negotiations are underway to acquire the space.
- Ballot drop boxes – delivered and final agreements regarding placement are underway.
- Verifying signature capture – a signature scanning solution to add to the signature collection efforts is being explored.
- Ordinance changes - drafted and reviewed by the Clerk's office and referred to the Ethics and Elections Committee for consideration.
- Professional communications campaign – the marketing organization that the MOA had under contract is no longer in business and the MOA is looking for a new media contractor.
- Vendors – three Requests for Proposal (RFP) are anticipated with two in progress and close to being finalized (an inbound envelope sorter and signature verification solution and a ballot scanning and tabulation solution) and the third for outbound mail processing yet to be issued.

## **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.
- KNBA, radio station 90.3 FM, will air a Youth Vote segment during their "In Other News" program. The program is scheduled for Saturday, October 29, at 4 p.m. Youth Vote team members developed and produced the piece in collaboration with the Alaska Teen Media Institute. Youth Vote students discussed Youth voice and decision making and immigration – What is the pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants. Take time to listen to the program to see what issues are important to youth.
- Youth Vote will hold a "Meet and Greet" from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1, at the Jewel Lake Kaladi Brothers. Local candidates for senate and house have been invited. Please join us in attending the event and meet your local candidates.

- Youth Vote is registered as a partner with National Student Parent Mock Election (NSPME).
  - The student mock election began on Monday, October 24, and will run through Noon on Thursday, November 3, in schools throughout the Anchorage School District.
  - Students will vote for president/vice president, U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives. Two student questions: one on Youth voice and decision making and one on immigration will also be on the ballot.
  - The results will be tallied and submitted to the NSPME where they will be added to the national totals from states that participated in the mock election.
  - Youth Vote will host a media event at 3 p.m. on Thursday, November 3, at the ASD District Offices, Red Room, to release the mock election results. Watch for news coverage. The results reflect the views of our youth.

**PFD AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION BALLOT 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.

**ALASKA COMMON GROUND FORUMS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

LWV Anch is co-sponsoring several Alaska Common Ground events. We encourage you to attend these very informative forums and presentations on issues of importance to Anchorage, the State of Alaska and our country.

- Tuesday, November 1 -- Brewing Coffee, Beer, and Weed on the Last Frontier
- Tuesday, November 15 -- Policymakers' Panel on Where We Go From Here

**NATURALIZATION CEREMONIES:**

LWV Voter Registrars will provide voter services at Naturalization Ceremonies on 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).*

**Become Involved. Be Active.**

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