Discerning What's Fact—Or Not
by Ellen Z. Berg

The situation is urgent: To wit, the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists has added “misinformation” to their criteria for setting their Doomsday Clock, now at 100 seconds to midnight.

I learned this fact at a January 23 Town Hall presentation, at which UW’s new Center for an Informed Public* introduced itself to Seattle. I was prompted to attend by this League-pertinent announcement: “The evening will offer presentations and discussion of the Center’s mission to resist strategic misinformation, promote an informed society and strengthen democratic discourse.”

The initial presentations were brief, and the discussion was dynamic. I was impressed and feel this new effort is one LWV may want to link up with. Here are a few facts I gleaned:

- The Center is interdisciplinary, drawing faculty from the social sciences, law, education, and communications; funding comes from the Knight Foundation.
- The Center is partnering with KUOW for a year-long set of conversations on trust and democracy, and with WSU to better reach rural parts of the state with their programs.

Here are some values and assumptions underlying their work:

1. The problem is essentially about having information we trust, without which democracy cannot function. We currently struggle with two sorts of incorrect information: misinformation, which is unintentionally false; and dis-information, which is intentionally misleading or inaccurate, with purpose to malign and disrupt.

2. No information spreads itself. We spread it, so it is important to be sure of your facts before you repeat them. But the conundrum is: How can we be certain? How do we know what is false? How can the public learn to detect and resist false information?

3. Where might the answers lie? The presenters explained why both technology and law have important but limited roles, and that education is the best strategy for countering mis- and dis-information. A UW course titled “Calling Out Bullshit” is taking a stab

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The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy.
Connecting with LWV Leadership

by Heather Kelly, 2nd Vice President/Action Chair

Holidays? What holidays? I was recently joking with some of our Board that it seems like we have packed an entire year into the first two months of 2020. Whether it’s because of the presidential election, our centennial, or the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, we have hit the ground running this year!

So much of what we have accomplished so far involves making new connections. In addition to planning our big birthday bash at Town Hall, the Board has been fielding requests for League participation in back-to-back events. Our first author event coordinated by Roslyn Duffy and Janice Camp was a total smash, drawing a crowd of around 200 people!

Meanwhile, Voter Services is rapidly expanding its partnerships and is tabling multiple times per week. Coming up in March, LWV-SKC and LWVWA are partnering with MOHAI for an afternoon of discussion about the suffrage movement and the many women of color whose fight for the vote continued on after the passage of the 19th Amendment. We’re expanding our reach, and I’m excited!

In addition to connecting outward, we are also continuing to expand action opportunities for our members. An environmental committee will be launching just in time for King County to consider its own Green New Deal. On the elections front, Voter Services volunteers are scrutinizing the way ballots are processed in the King Conservation District Election, the first to implement mobile phone voting in the country. This new technology, coupled with the debacle in Iowa, means that election oversight and public education are more important than ever for the health of our democracy. League members will be needed throughout the year to help with public education and discourse across a wide range of topics.

On an organizational level, a Strategic Planning Committee is taking shape to ensure the LWV-SKC continues to flourish, which means adapting to the needs of our members and the public. League members will have an opportunity to hear more about that the strategic planning process at the annual meeting in May. We all have a role in shaping the League, and we continue to welcome member input about what we want to be and do as an organization in the years ahead.

Finally, we are bidding adieu to the fabulous Communications Chair, Kristen Johnson, who is such a busy bee that she is passing her baton to Christy Wood. Since Christy has a full plate herself, any support writing for and editing The Voter or taking on other communications is greatly appreciated!

Our fast and furious month has reminded me that the League shines brightest when we work hardest, and that extra light sure is needed at this time of year.
### March Calendar

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### March

- **Great Decisions Discussion**
  - Tuesday, Mar. 3, 17, and 31
  - 7:30 p.m.
  - see p. 6 for details

- **LWVSKC Board Meeting**
  - Saturday, Mar. 7
  - 10 a.m.
  - LWVSKC office

- **Forum: Census 2020**
  - Monday, Mar. 16
  - 7:30 p.m.
  - Town Hall Seattle

### April

- **Forum: Public Banking**
  - Tuesday, Apr. 2
  - 7 p.m.
  - Town Hall

- **LWVSKC Board Meeting**
  - Saturday, Apr. 4
  - 10 a.m.
  - LWVSKC office

- **Economics & Taxaction Committee**
  - Saturday, Mar. 28
  - 9:30 a.m.
  - 909 E. Newton Street
Forum Schedule

The League of Women Voters frequently presents public forums on issues of public interest. Visit the LWVSKC website, seattlelwv.org, for the most up-to-date information about forum times and locations. Some past forums have been televised and can be accessed from the resources page of the website.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS MARCH FORUM
Census 2020: Why It Matters and What You Can Do

Monday, March 16, 2020
7:30 to 8:45 p.m.
Town Hall, 1119 8th Avenue (at Seneca)

Census 2020 is on Wednesday, April 1, 2020. What does it mean to you, to Seattle and to King County? Former Governor Gary Locke will be the keynote speaker as the honorary chair of the King County Complete Count committee. Locke oversaw the 2010 Census while serving as Commerce Secretary during the Obama administration. Learn about why the Census matters and what you can do to make sure King County has a Complete Count!

In addition to Governor Locke, a panel of local Census leaders will share what is happening and how to get involved:

- Kamau Chege, Manager, Washington Census Alliance
- Elsa Batres-Boni, Census Strategic Advisor, City of Seattle
- Francesca Abellera, Partnerships Specialist, US Census Bureau
- HyeEun (Heidi) Park, Census Program Manager, King County

About League forums at Town Hall

Town Hall hosts the forum at no charge to the League and charges each attendee $5.00. The League gets a certain number of free tickets. Members should email Cathy O’Shea at coshea120@gmail.com or call 425-753-4182 to register for a free ticket; your name will be placed on a list at the door. Refreshments will be available by Town Hall for a charge.

Coming Up in April: Public Banking Forum

League of Women Voters Diversity Policy

The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County (LWVS-KC), in both its values and practices, affirms its beliefs and commitment to diversity and pluralism, which means there shall be no barriers to participation in any activity of the League on the basis of gender, gender identity and/or gender expression, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.

LWVS-KC recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision-making. LWVS-KC subscribes to the belief that diversity and pluralism are fundamental to the values it upholds and that this inclusiveness enhances the organization's ability to respond more effectively to changing conditions and needs.

LWVS-KC affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of Americans in its membership, board, staff and programs.
King County Connects — Announcements

Great Decisions Continues in March

The Great Decisions discussion group began meeting on Tuesday, February 4 and will continue every other Tuesday, finishing on May 12th after eight meetings.

Meetings take place at 909 E. Newton Street in Seattle. The door will be open at 7 p.m., the meetings start at 7:30 p.m. and conclude at 9 p.m. The Foreign Policy Association briefing booklets for 2020 are available by calling 800-628-5754 (ext. 246) or online at: www.fpa.org/great_decisions.

Please call Vicky Downs if you can join: 206-328-3926

Topics for 2020: Climate Change and Global Order, India and Pakistan, Red Sea Security, Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking, U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle, China’s Road into Latin America, The Philippines and the U.S., Artificial Intelligence and Data.

Womxn’s March on Seattle 2020

Sunday, March 08 • 1:00 PM
Cal Anderson Park • 1635 11th Ave, Seattle, WA 98122

We are marching in Seattle against white supremacy, and in defense of our reproductive rights, our immigrant families, and our planet. Seattle Womxn Marching Forward, an affiliate of Women’s March and March On, has been organizing the Womxn’s March on Seattle since November 2016. Learn more about the organization’s mission and values at seattlewomxnmarchingforward.org.

Ballots for the Presidential Primary in Washington are due March 10, 2020. Voters must declare a party preference on the envelope and vote within the party they declared on the ballot in the Presidential Primary. These guidelines were established in order to avoid someone in one party voting for the least electable candidate in the other party so that they increase the chances their party’s candidate will win this November.

In the general election in November, voters can cross over party lines and vote for whomever they choose.
Education Committee Notes from February 15, 2020

The Education Committee has been following issues of equity and advanced learning, along with a bill the League of Women Voters of Washington opposes regarding funding for charter schools.

SB 5354 advocates universal screening to identify students for advanced learning, and that all testing take place during the school day in the student’s home school. The current substitute SB 6282 will require IEPs if the school district does not provide families a transition plan to deliver advance learning services when a long-understood model is proposed to be removed.

LWVWA testified in opposition to HB 2788, which directs the state to provide additional local effort assistance (LEA) funding, also known as levy equalization, to charter schools—the same funding that the state provides to school districts that are at a disadvantage in raising enrichment levies due to low property values. The LWVWA opposes this bill, as it believes our first commitment should be to fill funding gaps for our common schools; the League also objects to pulling already dedicated funds for other important priorities in the Opportunity Pathways Account.

The League has not officially weighed in on the specific bills related to advanced learning. However, the Seattle-King County League has positions supporting both advanced learning and equity and equal access, which were addressed in a letter to the Seattle School Board and in testimony at a school board meeting as the Seattle School District proposed to eliminate a model for only one area of the city while not providing the a transition plan and for all the areas.

SB 6282, proposed by Senator Jamie Pederson, is a result of what seemed to be a lack of a clear transition plan for that group of students, while leaving many students in other areas of Seattle comfortably in the known model. We also observe great variations across the county for student access to advanced learning. The Highline School District also seems to be proposing changes that may not fulfill the legal requirements of the state for Advanced Learning.

Sign up for the legislative newsletter at http://bit.ly/lwvwaleg to receive weekly updates on education and other issue bills that LWVWA supports and opposes. If you are curious about the status of a specific bill go to https://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/ and enter the bill number.

Thanks to all those who attended the LWVWA Lobby Day and to Meg Van Wyk, who has produced notes for our meetings and also provided a report to our committee on Gifted Ed Lobby Day.
League in Action

Candidate Filing Week: Every Race Matters, So Are You Ready to Run?
by Melissa Taylor; Board of Directors

League members know better than most that who we elect matters greatly in ensuring good governance and effective democracy. In even years, we vote in federal, statewide executive and legislative elections, as well as some judicial seats. For King County voters, this means that 2020 will include the following elections:

- Federal: President, Congressional Representatives
- Statewide Executive: Governor; Lieutenant Governor; Attorney General; Secretary of State; Superintendent of Public Instruction; Commissioner of Public Lands; Treasurer; Auditor; Commissioner of Insurance
- State Legislature: State Senators and State Representatives

We also elect PCOs (Precinct Committee Officers) to the major political parties in even years. PCOs play critical roles in increasing voter engagement and voter turnout. There are two major political parties in King County with 2,642 precincts total; this creates the opportunity to elect 5,284 leaders in 2020.

Learn more on each county party’s website and about the filing process on King County Elections' website at http://bit.ly/kcpcofiling.

In Washington State, there is one week per year where all candidates must file for office. This year, online candidate filing is available 24 hours a day starting May 11 at 9 a.m. and ending on May 15 at 4 p.m. Everyone who is running for office must file within that time period, and you can check daily to see who has filed. King County Elections has an excellent, in-depth candidates’ manual that will walk you through all of those steps.

In addition to filing with the Secretary of State or county elections office, candidates must also file with the Federal Election Commission (FEC) for federal offices or the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) for state and local offices. (PDC filing does not apply to PCO candidates.)

The PDC filing is available at any time and must be completed within two weeks of one of the following events taking place:

- accepting a contribution, spending money on a campaign (website, printing, PO Box, etc.);
- reserving space or purchasing advertising to promote your candidacy;
- authorizing someone else to do any of these activities for you;
- publicly stating you’re seeking office;
- filing a declaration of candidacy.

In part due to the League’s efforts over the years, Washington State has one of the most robust, transparent campaign finance systems in the country. This means that candidates must follow the rules or be subject to fines and penalties, including criminal penalties in certain cases. If you can afford it, hiring an experienced campaign treasurer can alleviate substantial stress and concern in this area. If not, plan to spend at least several hours on the PDC website learning the basic rules and call the PDC with any questions: (360) 753-1111.

Once you’ve decided to run, which office to run for, and are ready to file (i.e., start the two-week clock), the very first things you need to do are:

1. Get a PO Box;
2. Get an EIN (employer identification number; requires an address);
3. Get a bank account (requires an EIN);
4. Apply for a donation platform account (assuming you’re accepting donations);
5. File with the PDC within two weeks.

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at this, but the plan is to go beyond the campus with a face-to-face program for the wider community to be offered in public libraries.*

4. If academics are to contribute to repairing trust and democracy, they must do so out in public, with input from the public. Repeatedly the panelists invited us to communicate concerns and ideas to them, including about work or action we’d like to see the Center do.*

This last value was brought to life at Town Hall during the long Q and A period, which had a novel twist! Everyone participated on their devices via a program being run on-site by Thought Exchange. Several times the moderator posed a basic question, and the hundreds of people in the room responded with pertinent comments and questions. This took a few minutes, during which time the Thought Exchange algorithm consolidated them and began scrolling them on a screen.

Next there was an opportunity for everyone to indicate on their devices which of the scrolling items they would most like to hear answered. All of this took no more than 10 minutes, and everyone was “heard.” The panel then answered the favorite questions.

This Q&A was all the Center aspires to be: interactive, innovative, responsive to felt needs, fair to all sides, and public. Moreover, all the questions and comments are now “data” which can inform the faculty’s thinking as they design both basic and applied research to answer questions such as: How can we evaluate information? What skills or tools help? How can the public learn and practice these? How can we talk together with trust and civility?

It was an exciting event, introducing an important project on our LWV turf. We were founded 100 years ago to inform new women voters—and we continue to inform voters about policy, presenting facts, figures, and diverse opinions to the public. How can we be certain our information is correct? Can the Center help us with this? And as experienced hands, can we help the Center as they try to develop ways to reach the public? I suggest the League responds to their invitation to connect.

*Additional Resources:
- UW Center for an Informed Public: [https://www.cip.uw.edu/](https://www.cip.uw.edu/)
- UW CIP email: uwcip@uw.edu

“Candidate Filing Week” cont’d from previous page

Not sure about the mechanics of running a campaign? There are a variety of in-person and online campaign training programs, including National Women’s Political Caucus, Emerge, Emily’s List, She Should Run, Vote Run Lead, Run for Something, and those from the two large political parties.

A century after winning the fight for the constitutional right to vote, women still only make up 20-30% of elected officials at every level of government. We hope that you will consider this important way to ensure your voice is heard in the halls of government.
Census 2020: Ready, Set, Count!
by Cathy O’Shea, Treasurer

By April 1, 2020, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. You will have three options for responding: online, by phone, or by mail.

In mid-March, households will begin receiving official Census Bureau mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census. A sample form is available at https://2020census.gov/. There are four household questions for each location:

1. How many people live in this house, apartment or mobile home?
2. Were people staying here that you did not count (visitor from another state)?)
3. Do you rent or own this home?
4. What is your telephone number?

The form then has additional questions for each person in the home, primarily about demographics.

Unit Involvement
This month, instead of discussion questions, we would like the units to consider action items. What can you do as a group or individually to get people counted?

1. Visit www.census.gov and count yourself and everyone in your household by April 1.
2. Talk to everyone you know about the Census, ask if they have been counted and if they know how to be counted.
3. If people don’t know how to be counted, research this and follow up on what to do.
4. Visit https://wecountkingcounty.org/ to get materials for flyers to post in places you live, work, or visit.
5. Post that you have taken the Census on social media.
6. Who do you know that may need help taking the Census online? How can you help them? Public libraries will have internet access for the Census.
7. Who do you know that may not be able to get online? Print out a Census form and take it to them.
9. Who do you know that needs help taking the census in a language other than English? Encourage them to call to take the count with someone who speaks their language.
10. Go to the March 16 forum at Town Hall and learn more about which nonprofits may need help getting people to take the Census.
11. At your unit meeting, celebrate what it means to live in a country where EVERYONE counts, in so many ways!

I’ve been writing about the Census all year, and I hope you found it valuable and motivating. I hope to see you at the forum!
In his opening notes, Ball tells us about his brother who had Down’s syndrome and whose 24 years of life was “something so tremendous, so full of light” that he decided to write about him. However, he changes their relationship to a fictional one of father and son.

This award-winning author’s book provides a short, powerful and moving story. When I started reading it, I felt like Alice falling into a rabbit hole, not knowing exactly where I was or what I might find around the corner… or on the next page.

As I delved into a fable about a census taker and his son, I realized it has little to do with anything the U.S. Census deals with. Instead we learn that the father, a widower and retired surgeon, does not have long to live, so decides to go on a trip with his beloved son. Signing up to be a census taker involved driving literally from town “A” through the alphabet to town “Z.” In each location, he and his son talk with people and often become involved with them. In each house and home the father tried to “discover what was worthy of note.”

This is census-taking in a surreal world, where each encounter is unique. The father finds two runaways in a basement, a family of six who thought he was “the enemy that they had heard about for so long.” Down one road he and his son visited a man who offers them rum and talks about a woman who “does whatever she wants” and controls two men “body and soul.” Then there was a man named Tuesday, “who came to the front door wearing a horrid birthday bib,” but insisted they come to the table where they enjoyed “a remarkably delicious meal.”

We learn the father loves and admires his son who leaps “out of his heart into some empathy with the thing observed, whether it is a Ferris wheel or a tortoise.” Another person whose daughter suffered from the same disease reports that such children “experience the world as we do, and…maybe even in a clearer light.”

Occasionally they meet individuals who were unkind to the son. The boy, like others with his disease, neither appeared nor behaved completely normal. The father wonders why anybody would be so cruel, and why has “everyone agreed ahead of time that it is completely all right to be hurtful to these harmless people who hurt no one?” He also wonders why those “who are ‘worthwhile’ [are] in no way troubled by him, and would enter into an immediate camaraderie?”

As father and son visit all sorts of people and interact with many, they explore empathy from every possible angle. At the end, I realized that without empathy, we can’t understand those who are different from ourselves, nor those who vote differently.

Sensing his end is imminent, the father planned to put his son on the train. He imagines, “My son will dash to each person and will be received, and he will tell them all of his journey… his is the true census. He whose eyes have seen it all, whose heart has felt all, he will speak of it to them.”

Finally, “all that he says will be understood as it never has been.”

The upcoming official U.S. Census will give us important and useful statistics. This novel helps us understand the power of empathy and what it is to be a good person, and a good citizen.
Board Briefs: February 1, 2020 Board Meeting

Cathy O'Shea presented the Treasurer’s report; revenue is down with a projected shortfall of $50,000 in the Educational Fund. The major fundraiser for the year will be the centennial birthday party on February 10 at Town Hall. The Board is pursuing a strategic planning activity to address revenue and volunteer engagement over the next three to five years. The Board leadership will undertake a required performance evaluation of LWVSKC staff this spring. Planning has begun for the annual meeting, which will be held in May (exact date to be determined). The agenda for the annual meeting will include finalizing the 2020-2021 Program, reviewing and approving the budget, voting on new Board members, and making awards.

With regard to Programs, the January meeting to submit proposals for 2020-2021 Programs was lightly attended; Program ideas are still being solicited. The March 12 forum will focus on the Census; Gary Locke will be the keynote speaker. Roslyn continues to work with units to increase their participation and engagement; the book club author event on homelessness was a huge success with more than 200 attendees. The Board discussed several action items, including reviewing the initial results of the homelessness committee study, results of the Clean Campaign city ordinance, February 14th day of service, joint event with LWVWA at the MOHAI. Kristen Johnson is stepping down as chair of the Communications Committee; Christy Wood will take over the committee. The Board will look for a new chair of the fundraising committee.

Proclamation from City of Seattle Mayor Jenny Durkan declaring it “League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County Day.” Presented by LWVS-KC President Alyssa Weed at the Centennial Speakeasy celebration on February 10.

City of Seattle

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County is holding a Centennial Speakeasy to celebrate 100 incredible years of their organization, and 100 years since women began to receive the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, the Speakeasy event will give attendees the opportunity to reflect on 100 years of women’s suffrage and celebrate the League of Women Voters’ fight for the franchise; and

WHEREAS, while women first received the right to vote in 1920, we must acknowledge that the 19th Amendment did not grant the franchise to all women in the United States; and

WHEREAS, due to racist Jim Crow laws and the fact that Native women were not even considered citizens until 1924, it wasn’t until the Voting Rights Act of 1965 that all women of color were granted the full protection of the franchise; and

WHEREAS, it was the tireless advocacy of Native women, who began advocating for the franchise in the early 19th century, that eventually led to the ratification of the 19th Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle celebrates the League of Women Voters important work to grant all women the franchise, and we are proud to recognize their 100th anniversary;

NOW, THEREFORE I, JENNY A. DURKAN, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM
FEBRUARY 10, 2020 TO BE
League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County Day

Jenny A. Durkan
Mayor of Seattle
Seeking Fun, Fabulous Fundraisers for LWV Committee

Join the Seattle-King County League of Women Voters’ Fundraising Committee! This Committee is ambassador-focused, with members who facilitate introductions to new donors in the community, help research funding opportunities, and assist in planning fundraising events and activities.

Responsibilities

• Work with the Development Chair to define the short-term and long-term fundraising needs of the Seattle-King County League of Women Voters.
• Set priorities for fundraising efforts; evaluate plans and strategies.
• Help nurture a culture of philanthropy throughout the organization and assure that all donations of time and money are respected and honored.
• Contribute to and review the fundraising plan to ensure progress toward annual and long-range funding goals.
• Work with the Development Chair to identify and research funding sources such as foundations, corporations, community organizations, and individuals.
• Support the organization through the planning and implementation of fundraising events and campaigns.
• Work with the Development Chair to execute a robust donor stewardship plan.

Expectations

• Attend and participate in Fundraising Committee meetings (remote call-in options available).
• Adequately prepare for meetings to make informed decisions.
• Make a modest annual financial gift to Seattle-King County League of Women Voters.

The time commitment will be 5 to 12 hours per month on average. All meetings will include a call-in option so that League members outside of metro Seattle can participate.

The only experience you need is determination and a sense of humor! To apply, please contact Christy Wood, Development Chair, at 206-707-3845 or development@seattlelwv.org.

Join the League of Women Voters Board of Directors and Make a Difference!

The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County is seeking volunteers (women and men) to join its Board of Directors. If you value civil discourse and full participation in all levels of government, if you care about engaging voters, and if you want to help strengthen laws that govern voting rights, the League might just be the place for you! Send an email to info@seattlelwv.org for more information, and help lead the League into its next century!
North King County Unit Sets High Bar for Voter Registration

Members of the North King County unit decided to continue its voter registration efforts this year. The unit got off to a fast start by registering 77 people in the month of January alone. We also conducted a voter registration training for our unit and for colleagues with other organizations who wanted to learn how to register voters. We have two new LWV members as a result! The unit has developed a voter registration training which can be taken on the road if any other unit is interested.

For January, we registered students at Shoreline Community College and Lake Washington Institute of Technology. Both post-secondary educational institutions have asked the unit to register students at the beginning of every quarter. Other new voters were registered at the MLK Day Parade, and because members always carrying voter registration forms with them, members were able to register wait staff, friends, and neighbors, as needed.

Along with our voter registration efforts, our unit is working at getting out the vote (GOTV) for the Presidential primary. On February 15, we partnered with an organization called LINKS to send postcards to 1,000 “reluctant” voters in central Seattle. On February 29, our unit sponsored a postcard party, sending 1000 post cards to “reluctant” voters in north Seattle. A recent edition of theSkimm, a digital newsletter aimed at female millennials, said that 34% of female millennials are not planning to vote! Egads! Let’s work to get them to the polls!

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League's Inaugural Book Club Event a Huge Success  
by Roslyn Duffy, Board of Directors/Unit Liaison

The League's inaugural book club selection, *Catching Homelessness* by UW Professor Josephine Ensign, and accompanying author discussion at Town Hall were a tremendous success. The only complaint received was that there were long library waits to get the book—a very good complaint, because it means our members were busy readers!

This author event launched a new partnership with Town Hall and sold out with more 200 people in attendance. Professor Ensign gave a compassionate and riveting presentation filled with personal stories. Many in attendance were young people, including students from local universities and high schools. Town Hall representatives said that a number of attendees also identified themselves or close family members as people who have experienced homelessness.

Most of us have looked into a glossy lake and seen our own reflections. That shiny surface is the world we inhabit daily. But when we look more deeply, beneath the glossy surface lies murky depths filled with hidden stories, often dark and distressing things most of us would rather not see or hear. That deeper look is what Professor Ensign gives us, both through her writings and her talk. She invites us to look deeper and reminds us that a place to live is only part of the homelessness story.

Pastor Rick Reynolds, CEO of Operation Night Watch, shared information about the work his group does with people living on the street. Professor Ensign donated copies of two of her books, *Catching Homelessness* and *Soul Stories*, with all proceeds (nearly $400) going to Operation Night Watch. Town Hall waived the sales fee they usually collect. In addition, two overflowing boxes of socks were collected for Operation Night Watch.

Thanks to all who participated to make this event such a success. We look forward to more book club selections, future author talks and Town Hall collaborations. For those of you who would like to read more of Professor Ensign's work, another book, *Skid Road: The Intersection of Health and Homelessness*, is a narrative history based on stories from Seattle-area residents.
Units Unite Us: Adopt-a-Voter
by Roslyn Duffy, Board of Directors/Unit Liaison

Over this coming year, our units are taking on the Adopt-A-Voter project. Each unit is identifying a target population and seeking to empower and encourage participation in our election process by providing whatever their adopted group needs. A guide to help you is below.

If you are not currently an active unit member, please consider starting a new unit with times and location that will work for you. Contact Roslyn Duffy, Board Unit Liaison, for details: roslyn@seattlelwv.org.

Adopt-A-Voter 10-Step Guide

1. Determine which target population you would like to reach out to.

2. Brainstorm a list of possible services you could offer. (Those designated to make contact will use this list when meeting with the group contact.)
   
   Some ideas for involvement:
   - Voter registration
   - Educational forums or speakers*
   - Translation assistance
   - Ballot and voting procedure assistance
   - Campaign voucher assistance
   - Timely voting deadline information (includes smaller elections; primaries etc.)

3. Designate a person(s) to contact this population, or groups that serve this population.

4. Determine if the group is open to League involvement.

5. Share your ideas for involvement with them.

6. Document additional needs, requests or specific information to take back to your unit.

7. Share report from the liaison(s).

8. Decide if this is an appropriate population that needs the help you can offer.
   
   If not, choose a new target population and repeat the above steps.
   
   If this is an appropriate group decide what services you will offer.
   
   Develop a timeline for what will be done and when
   
   Designate one or more persons per task

9. Report the status of the project each month, from now until the November election.

10. Revise and implement additional plans and timelines for all services intended.

*For forums or educational talks/events

1. Decide if you will organize a discussion, forum or other educational event
2. Decide on format (speakers, panel, video, other)
3. Develop a timeline
4. Designate people to manage all needed tasks
Unit Meetings

Everyone is invited to attend the League’s neighborhood discussion groups, called unit meetings, to meet people passionate about League and our community. Units meetings are a great way for new members to learn about League. Units typically discuss the monthly forum topic or other issues of local interest. Unit times and locations subject to change; please verify with unit leader.

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Board & Committee Contacts

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LWVSKC MARCH FORUM:
Census 2020: What Does it Mean to You?

Monday, March 16
7:30 p.m.

Town Hall Seattle
1119 8th Avenue (at Seneca)
Seattle

Governor Gary Locke, honorary chair of the King County Complete Count committee, will explain why the Census matters and what you can do to make sure King County has a Complete Count! Also hear from a panel of local Census leaders on what is happening in King County and how to get involved.