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## The Year(s) of the Woman

by Alyssa Weed, 2nd Vice-President & Program Chair

Many of you may recall 1992 being celebrated as “The Year of the Woman,” when the country sent what was at the time considered a “wave” of outstanding women to the Senate. It was this year that we became properly introduced to Senators Patty Murray, Carol Moseley-Braun, Dianne Feinstein, Barbara Boxer, and later Kay Bailey Hutchison. Moseley-Braun was the first female African-American Senator, the first African-American US Senator for the Democratic Party, the first woman to defeat an incumbent US Senator in an election, and the first female Senator from Illinois. And with Boxer and Feinstein, California became the first state in the nation to be represented in the Senate by two women.

It’s difficult not to draw parallels between 1992 and 2018, in part because of the disastrous job the Senate did in its confirmation hearings for Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, a disastrous job that was repeated in 2018 with the confirmation of Brett Kavanaugh. Like the mishandling of Anita Hill’s sexual assault accusations in 1992, the treatment of Dr. Christine Blasey Ford’s testimony in 2018 precipitated a tidal wave of women in Congress.

More than 100 women are now sitting members of the House of Representatives. Women had never before held more than 84 of the 435 seats in the House. To say the 2018 midterms were huge for women would be an understatement. In 2018, we also saw the continued conversation of #MeToo, the birth of Time’s Up, and the public reckonings of habitual predators like Larry

Nassar, Harvey Weinstein, and Louis CK. In our own state, we pushed for elected officials like Rep. David Sawyer, Rep. Matt Manweller, and Sen. Joe Fain to answer serious allegations of sexual harassment and assault. Our Equal Pay Opportunity Act, sponsored by Rep. Tana Senn, was signed into law.

But women shouldn’t be seen as the just an “alternative” to bad men. Shirley Chisholm was the first African-American woman elected to Congress, the first African-American candidate for a major party’s nomination for president, and the first woman to run for the Democratic Party’s presidential nomination. Chisholm was also a League member, a dedicated educator and civil rights activist, and a champion for women and families. Her name is almost always associated with one of my favorite quotes: “If they don’t give you a seat at the table, bring a folding chair.”

It’s high time for women to stop being called upon to swoop in and clean up the messes of men like Clarence Thomas and Brett Kavanaugh. It’s time for us to take our place at the table and stay there. At the March forum, you’ll hear from some of the most impactful women in King County talk about what it’s like to work in the trenches of male-dominated fields, the importance of women in leadership roles, and how we can all be more supportive of women’s successes. We’ll discuss the “pink tax,” bigotry, workplace sexism, and the media landscape with some of our region’s heaviest hitters—

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### MISSION STATEMENT

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 the Leadership

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As you know, the Board has the responsibility of determining whether to endorse a ballot measure, and depending on the decision, whether to actively support or to urge a No vote on the issue. These decisions are based on League positions, not our personal preferences, and we follow a process evaluating each issue carefully.

### **Board Endorsement of School Levies**

At its meeting on February 2, the Board considered recommendations of the Education Committee that the League endorse the Seattle and Renton school capital and operations levies that were up for renewal. The Education Committee was represented by Joanna Cullen, who provided a detailed account of their research. The Board discussed the League's long-standing positions that in ideal conditions, levies should serve only as a temporary funding source. Several members also noted that the public deserves more transparency in how the funds would be spent. Despite these issues, the Board agreed that funding public education is of paramount importance. Until the State proves itself to be a sufficient funding source, voters are in the best position to identify the needs of the students in their communities. Ultimately, the Board voted to endorse the levies.

### **Special Election Results Breakdown**

Educators and students in both communities certainly had a lot to celebrate on Election Day! While ballots were still being counted at the time of this writing, the Seattle levies were both approved by a wide margin of 67.71 percent (operations) and 70.88 percent (capital). The Renton levies also had comfortable victories, each approved by about 61 percent of voters.

On what was arguably the snowiest Election Day in decades, voter turnout was low. Only around 25 percent of Seattle voters and 22 percent of Renton voters cast a ballot. These figures were significantly lower than State turnout numbers for last year's special elections: 32.47 percent (February 2018) and 31.52 percent (April 2018). Here's to educating and motivating even more voters next year (and to better weather)!

### **Educate the Board about Ballot Measures**

The Board is eager to hear from members about ballot issues throughout King County. When you learn about a proposition that you think the Board should review or act upon, please reach out. If we determine the issue is one that merits an endorsement decision, you'll be invited to spearhead a subcommittee that will:

- Identify each LWV position (pro and con) that the measure impacts.
- Request information from the pro and con sides of the campaigns.
- Distribute that written information to Board members along with a recommendation form at least 48 hours in advance of the endorsement meeting.
- Attend the endorsement Board meeting to help us understand the pros, cons, and League positions.

Our request for input of this kind from members is ongoing, so please consider this a standing invitation. We love to see new faces at our meetings and get to know the issues affecting communities around the county.

Heather Kelly  
Action Chair

# March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>March 1</b>	2 Econ & Tax Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m. Board Meeting 10 a.m.
3	4	5	6	7 Forum: 7 p.m.	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Homelessness Committee Meeting 4:30 p.m.	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Education Committee Meeting 11 a.m.	29	30 Econ & Tax Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m.
31	1	2	3	4	5	6 Board Meeting 10 a.m.

*Units meet during shaded period — see pages 17-18 for details.*

## March

Econ. & Tax. Committee  
Saturday, March 2  
9:30 a.m.  
909 E. Newton #D-9, Seattle

Board Meeting  
Saturday, March 2  
10:00 a.m.  
League Office

Forum: Women in King County  
Thursday, March 7  
7:00 p.m.

## The Voter Deadline

Friday, March 8

Homelessness Committee  
Tuesday, March 19  
4:30 p.m.  
League Office

Education Committee  
Thursday, March 28  
11:00 a.m.  
League Office

## Econ. & Tax. Committee

Saturday, March 30  
9:30 a.m.  
909 E. Newton #D-9, Seattle

## April

Board Meeting  
Saturday, April 6  
10:00 a.m.  
League Office

## Forum Schedule

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### March 7: Women in King County

The League frequently presents public forums on issues of public interest. Check the *Voter* each month or the LWVS-KC website, [seattlelwv.org](http://seattlelwv.org), for up-to-date information. Past forums are frequently televised and can be accessed from the resources page of the website.

## Board Briefs

by Katie Dudley, Secretary

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*The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County and Education Fund Boards met on February 2, 2019. This is a summary of their meetings.*

Treasurer Cathy O'Shea presented her report. Conversation was steered toward how to be cognizant of League finances while also ensuring that the quality of content and programming remain high. We will review expenses for things like the Internet and storage to be sure that funds are used efficiently.

The Board then launched into the endorsement process for the education levies on city ballots throughout the county. Joanna Cullen visited to provide her expertise and a breakdown of the pros and cons of both accepting and rejecting the levies. The Education Committee's position on all of the levies on the February special election ballot was that the Board should endorse all of them. After material review and discussion, the Board ultimately decided to endorse all three of the levies, in keeping with the imperative League value of encouraging education, funding operations, and ensuring access for all Seattle students.

Melissa Taylor provided the Board with an excellent statement in support of education funding in excess of McCleary: "McCleary should be a floor, not a ceiling."

Program Chair Alyssa Weed then provided a recap of the January planning forum and announced the formation of a homelessness committee. Upcoming forums include the panel on suffragism and racism in the suffragist movement and a forum panel on what it is like to be a woman in a male-dominated career. Potential later forums include public banking.

The Board also discussed a tour of the King County Election facilities, which Cathy O'Shea has organized.

For the Education Fund meeting that followed, the Board discussed the Treasurer's report, and Christy Wood provided a development update in regard to fundraising. Additionally, the annual Voices of Democracy gala is approaching in March, and during the meeting, the Board helped address the invitations to be mailed out shortly. As with all of the League galas, table captaining is encouraged.

Finally, the Board discussed the content of the upcoming *Voter* to ensure that it also maintained quality.

# Committees

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## **Economics and Taxation Committee**

DATE: Saturday, March 2 and March 30

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: 909 E. Newton #D-9, Seattle

*Two meetings this month.*

## **Education Committee**

DATE: Thursday, March 28

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: League Office

## **Homelessness Study Committee**

DATE: Tuesday, March 28

TIME: 4:30 p.m.

PLACE: League Office

## **International Relations Committee**

This committee is in hiatus while the Great Decisions group meetings are occurring. Check back in May or contact the chair for more information.

We encourage participation in our committees by all interested members. It's a great opportunity to meet and talk to community leaders, stakeholder organizations, and experts where you can have direct input on local issues that affect you.

Don't see a committee that covers your issue? Call the office and let us know. Sometimes people are working more informally without regularly scheduled meetings. If so, we may be able to help connect you with them or help you start your own.

*Have a question? Contact information for committee chairs is listed on the inside back cover.*

## 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



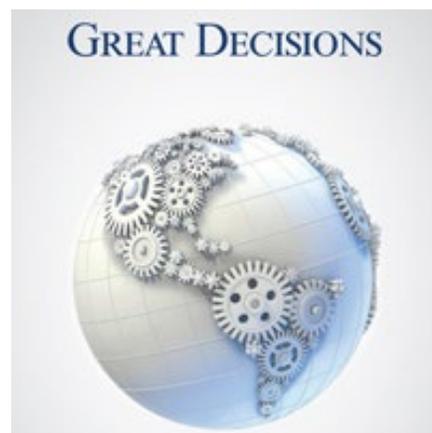
### LWVS-KC Awarded Grant

In December, the Seattle-King County League of Women Voters was awarded a \$1,000 grant from the LWVUS to continue our outreach to historically underrepresented populations in local high schools. This spring, we will follow up on the work that we began last year with registration tables, voting presentations, and civics discussions. We will also reach out to young people in the fall to remind them to register, update their registrations, and vote.

If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact the Voter Services Committee ([voterservice@seattlelwv.org](mailto:voterservice@seattlelwv.org) or 425-445-2281).

### Changes to Great Decisions Schedule

The February 6 meeting of the International Relations committee was cancelled due to inclement weather. The committee will now be focused on the Foreign Policy Association's *Great Decisions* discussions. The *Great Decisions* discussion group will meet beginning February 12th and continuing every other Tuesday evening through May 21st. Briefing books can still be ordered through [fpa.org](http://fpa.org) or Google Great Decisions. YouTube will carry videos of the discussion information. Please be advised that the discussions of "Cyber Conflict and the "US and Mexico" topics will be switched in date. "US and Mexico" will be discussed on April 23rd and "Cyber Conflict" will be discussed on May 7th. The location is 909 E. Newton St., #D9 at 7:15 PM. For information call Rosalie McCreary at 206-687-7415.





## Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m.  
The Palace Ballroom  
2100 5th Avenue, Seattle

### TICKETS

\$115 for members  
\$125 for non-members

After March 8, tickets are \$130 Members /  
\$150 non-members

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit  
[seattlelwv.org](http://seattlelwv.org) or call the office at 206-329-4848.



### Special Guest Sally Jewell, former CEO of REI and 51st U.S. Secretary of the Interior and Emcee Hilary Franz, Washington State Commissioner for Public Lands



Sally Jewell graduated from Renton High School in 1973, received a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Washington, and worked in the oil and banking industries before becoming Chief Executive Officer of REI in 2000.

A lifelong outdoors enthusiast, Sally helped found the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust and has been recognized for her leadership in conservation and environmental protection efforts by the National Audubon Society and the Woodrow Wilson Center, among others.

In 2013, she was nominated by President Barack Obama to serve as United States Secretary of the Interior, where she expanded access to national parks and acted as steward for 20% of the nation's land. She was the second woman in history to hold the position.



Elected in 2016, Commissioner of Public Lands Hilary Franz protects and manages nearly six million acres of public lands in Washington State – from coastal waters and aquatic reserves, to working forests and farms, to commercial developments and recreation areas. Commissioner Franz is committed to ensuring our public lands are healthy and productive, both today and for future generations.

She is leading the push to make Washington's lands resilient in the face of climate change, investing in carbon sequestration and clean energy with wind, solar, and geothermal infrastructure.

Hilary is a third-generation farmer and small forest landowner, and has raised three wonderful boys. She holds a bachelor's degree from Smith College and a juris doctor from Northeastern University Law School.

## **LOOKING BACK, *MOVING FORWARD***

# **League of Women Voters of Washington 2019 Biennial Convention**

**June 6-9, 2019**

**Tacoma, WA ★ Hotel Murano**

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The League of Women Voters of Washington will convene its biennial Convention on Friday, June 7, 2019 (business plenary sessions begin at 9 a.m.) and end on Sunday, June 9, 2019 (12 noon). There will be a Pre-Convention Reception and Historical Event on the evening of Thursday, June 6, 2019. All activities and business will be in Tacoma, Washington, and hosted by the [League of Women Voters of Tacoma-Pierce County](#).

The business of Convention will set the stage for the 2019-21 biennium and voting delegates will adopt the Program of Work, elect officers and board of directors, approve budget and by-law amendments. There will be workshops on League history, current and new League programming and League management.

More information on Convention Registration, hotel reservations, and additional Convention details will be continually added. The final business for Convention will be posted by April 26, 2019 (as per by-law requirement).

### **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

You do not need to be an official delegate of your Local League to attend the convention! As an Observer, you may attend all of the programming, the dinners, the social events and caucuses as an interested League Member, and if you have a great League prospect who is not yet a member, you can bring them, too.

Plan now to attend—Each local League may send their President and additional delegates as determined by your membership count that was finalized with LWVUS on Jan. 31. Anyone may attend as an observer.

**Join us in Tacoma as we will be "Looking Back / Moving Forward"!**

**Get the latest details on the website:**

**<https://lwvwa.org/Convention-2019>**

## Join the League!

Take part in informed discussions of the issues facing our communities. Members automatically receive the VOTER, either in print or electronically, for the latest updates on current studies and action, monthly forums, committee activities, voter registration, and other volunteer opportunities. In addition, members receive action alerts about legislation in Olympia and Washington, D.C., as well as publications from the state League.

League membership is open to everyone.

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### Dues and contributions:

- \$75 one year individual membership
- \$115 one year household membership
- \$40 low or fixed income
- \$10 student
- Enclosed is a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your check payable to LWVS-KC and return with this form or go online to [www.seattlelwv.org/become-a-member](http://www.seattlelwv.org/become-a-member).

Membership dues and contributions are not tax deductible; however, eligible tax deductible contributions may be made to the LWVS-KC Education Fund.

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# Features

## Victory on the Waterfront!

By Charles and Nancy Bagley, Waterfront Committee Co-chairs

On January 28, 2019, the Seattle City Council voted unanimously to approve the formation of the Local Improvement District (LID) that will fund a major portion of the Waterfront Improvement Project (CB 119447). The LID was proposed by City administration and approved by a sufficient majority of property owners to meet State law requirements. This LID was the last hurdle in the way of fulfilling our hopes to create a promenade along the waterfront, with planters and art installations, a newly designed Waterfront Park, and the Overlook Walk from the Market to the waterfront, all of which will enable people to access and enjoy their new waterfront. Without the LID these improvements would not be possible.

The LID applies a one-time special assessment on property from Alaskan Way to the freeway, with those on or close to Alaskan assessed a much larger share than those farther away. The assessment per owner is estimated to be about 35 percent of what each owner would receive in increased property value because of the waterfront improvements. During 2019 the Council will accept legal appeals and complaints about incorrect assessments from individual owners. In 2020 the assessments will begin.

The total funding for the Waterfront Improvement Project is \$712 million, from these sources: City of Seattle, \$249 million; Washington State, \$193 million; LID, \$160 million; and philanthropy from Friends of the Waterfront and others, \$110 million. The philanthropy commitments to

date total \$32 million and are growing.

Street improvements will be paid by the State from separate funds. The tunnel contractor, STP, has filed nearly \$.5 billion in cost-overrun claims against the State. In some future year these will be settled, but will not affect the implementation of the Waterfront Improvement Project.

In July 2012 the James Corner Company presented Seattle with a Framework Plan for development of Seattle's waterfront, "Waterfront for All." Since then, the Bertha Breakdown moved the estimated completion date from 2018 to 2023. The Seattle Aquarium changed its plan for an expansion from a building over water, blocking much of Waterfront Park's views, to an on-land site, where a splendid Ocean Pavilion will feature exhibits of tropical waters: reefs, mangroves, sea life, and even sharks. We might note that the Aquarium's decision to expand on land was significantly assisted by League's involvement from 2013 to the present.

The tunnel is open. The Viaduct is coming down. Funding is secured. Time to move ahead!



## We Cannot Run on Volunteer Power Alone

By Christy Wood, 1st Vice President & Development Chair

One of the uniquely beautiful things about the League of Women Voters is its dedicated, mobilized, and highly engaged membership base. It's one of the many things that has made the League of Women Voters such a strong and admired organization for nearly 100 years.

However, passion and raw, determined grit don't always pay the bills. In order to create a sustainable and successful League, the Board needed to create an aggressive fundraising plan that helped attract donors and corporate dollars to our organization.

To do this, the Board hired fundraising consultant Lynn Gerlach of Tamarack Communications to help us organize and expand our corporate and grant outreach, while our volunteer development team worked on strengthening our individual and leadership gifts.

This summer Lynn put together a panel of past Board presidents and members who had deep-rooted knowledge of the

League's past donors and projects. Her meetings with this panel helped Lynn craft a comprehensive prospectus that she has been sharing with corporations and foundations.

And this work has paid off! Sponsorships from the ACLU, Microsoft, SPEEA-IFTPE, and more have committed to helping us fund our community advocacy work. Plus, KNKX is joining us as our official media sponsor!

We also continue to grow our Leadership Circle program. For just \$240, League members can help provide the stability and certainty that helps us continue to provide excellent educational and other vital services to the voters in our community.

We're not done yet, but this is a great beginning to help us be here for another 100 years. If you'd like to become a Leadership Circle donor, or volunteer for the Development Committee, please contact Christy at 206-707-3845 or [christywood@hotmail.com](mailto:christywood@hotmail.com).

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## Observer Corps Update

By Cathy O'Shea

The snow was beautiful, and we'll be talking about it for years! But while a lot of public meetings were canceled, the Observer Corps was busy getting organized to start reporting.

We had our first training session and are excited that eight people have already joined the Corps. We cover quite a few areas already: city councils for Bellevue, Renton, and Kirkland, school districts for Issaquah and Bellevue, the Port of Seattle, King County Council, and the new King County Local Services Committee.

We are looking for more observers, for

councils in Seattle and other cities and for more school boards. Also, we would like partners for observing the King County Council and Bellevue City Council. These two councils meet weekly, and it would help to have two observers for each. We'd like each observer to cover just one or two meetings a month at the most.

We should have a section on the website up around mid-March, and you'll be able to start seeing reports there. Our focus in March is going to be learning about our respective entities, what they do, and who's who.

Interested in joining us? Become an Observer by contacting Cathy O'Shea at [coshea120@gmail.com](mailto:coshea120@gmail.com) or 425-753-4182.

## Homeless Study Update Gets a Committee

By Christy Wood, Committee Co-Chair

It has been three years since Seattle and King County declared homelessness a state of emergency in the hopes of gaining federal funding to help combat this growing problem.

It has been even longer since the Seattle-King County League investigated this issue in depth. With that in mind, it was proposed and approved at the May annual meeting to conduct a comprehensive update of the 2007 Study, Ending Homelessness in King County. A copy of the study can be found on our website: <https://www.seattlelwv.org/league-studies>.

After a few false starts, the update committee is finally up and running! Co-chaired by Christy Wood and Lauren Pixley, the committee consist of 13 League members from across King County with a wide variety of experience from researchers to housing and health care expertise.

The comprehensive study update will:

- Refresh some of the outdated and incorrect data currently in the study

with new numbers from the County and city of Seattle.

- Expand the information on local efforts, with special attention to the just announced “One Table” initiative, which is a joint venture between Seattle and King County to share and expand homeless resources.
- Research and evaluate the wins and losses from the now expired 10-year King County plan to end homelessness and report on plans moving forward.

The committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month at the downtown League office from 4:30 to 6:00 PM. Members of the committee are also participating in smaller research pods designed to dig deeper into issues, articles, and data.

If you’re interested in joining the committee or if you’d like to join one of the smaller research pods, please contact Christy at 206-707-3845 or [christywood@hotmail.com](mailto:christywood@hotmail.com).

### Summary of the LWVS-KC’s Current Public Policy Positions on Housing and Homelessness

- Support programs that promote individual choice of housing by enhancing the availability and affordability of alternatives throughout the region.
- Support low-income housing programs which meet the needs of low-income persons, are well located with respect to schools, jobs, medical care, shopping and transportation, and contribute to the diversity of the neighborhood.
- Support programs to aid homeless families and single adults and to prevent homelessness.

A. Ensure accessibility of services for homeless people by providing and publicizing a central clearinghouse for

referral to such services.

B. Increase outreach and engagement programs that serve homeless individuals with mental illness, chemical addictions or dual diagnoses.1995, 2004

C. Provide resources and support services to prevent homelessness.

- Support efforts to limit the damaging environmental and social effects of sprawl.
- Support the efforts of government at all levels to increase the supply of affordable housing through a variety of programs.
- Support policies which increase the density and the supply of affordable housing.

BOOK REVIEW by Vicky Downs

## *The Silence of Girls*

By Pat Barker

Barker won the Man Booker Prize for *The Ghost War*, part of a trilogy focusing on World War I. She describes military psychiatrists making their patients healthy enough to go back to the front, often to die. She knows how to write about war.

In this book Barker tells the story of the *Iliad* from a woman's point of view. Briseis is the queen of Lyrnessus, a small Trojan city. As the Greek army attacks, she watches from the citadel as her husband and brothers are slaughtered below, but she chooses not to follow her cousin over the parapet to her death.

The battle lost, Briseis becomes a slave and is given as a trophy of war to Achilles. She survives by smiling as she pours wine for the Greek warriors at dinner, and by waiting patiently for Achilles to call her to his bed at night.

It is not a good life, but Briseis finds ways to deal with her own needs. Living next to the sea, she enters the water each day and is physically and emotionally lifted up by the waves. They bring her a sense of peace, and something like safety, after washing out what Achilles left in her the night before.

She makes friends with other Trojans such as Ritza, an older woman who had been "awarded" to Machaon, the army's chief physician. When the doctor needs more help, Ritza suggests he call for Briseis. She learns from him and soon becomes something of a healer herself. Healing others, even the enemy, feels intrinsically worthwhile, and Briseis is empowered by her growing competence.

She is further empowered when she realizes that Achilles, known for his courage in battle, often returns home to wade into the waves searching for his mother. A sea goddess, she

seems to appear just under the surface, and Briseis hears Achilles whimpering like a child as he looks for her. The goddess is never there for long, but is obviously important to him.

Once, Achilles called for Briseis before she had time to rinse the salt from her hair or even clean her face. The smell of her hair made Achilles frantic for her body, but his sounds were those of a lost child. Did Achilles associate her somehow with his mother? Briseis sensed her power, but didn't immediately know how she might use it.

When King Agamemnon demanded Briseis leave Achilles and come to him, she was stone faced. A decade later, after the war was long over, she remembered, "Achilles cried when I was taken away. **He** cried **I** didn't. When none of it matters any more, I'm still proud of that. **But I cried that night.**"

This is a book about women who are dismissed as nothing but girls. Homer wrote about men and their values: courage, strength, honor, power, and a "glorious death." When his childhood friend Patroclus died, Achilles did everything he had promised, including killing his friend's "murderer" and cutting "the throats of twelve Trojan youths and using their bodies as kindling for [his friend's] funeral pyre."

Barker gives voice to women in this book. They value empathy, compassion, connection, and fortitude. Later, with Troy destroyed and Briseis pregnant with Achilles' child, he gave her to be married to his son Alcimus who would take her to Greece. At the end she wonders if perhaps she should have chosen to jump from the parapet to join her cousin in death. But just then her baby kicks, and she says, "I passed my hand against my belly and was glad I had chosen life."

Homer could not have written this book.

*Opinions in this review are personal and do not necessarily represent those of the League.*

*Continued from front page:*

Seattle City Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda, King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci, American Muslim Empowerment Network Executive Director Aneelah Afzali, Evergrey Director and Co-Founder Monica Guzman, and Melissa Santos of Crosscut. Join us at the table.

### **Suggestions for Further Reading**

- Crosscut, “Pay less for tampons? Seattle explores a tax break.” <https://crosscut.com/2018/10/pay-less-tampons-seattle-explores-tax-break>
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- David Smith, *The Guardian*, “Why the sexist ‘likability test’ could haunt female candidates in 2020.” <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2019/jan/03/elizabeth-warren-sexism-likable-election-2020>
- Therese Huston, *Harvard Business Review*, “Research: We Are Way Harder on Female Leaders Who Make Bad Calls.” <https://hbr.org/2016/04/research-we-are-way-harder-on-female-leaders-who-make-bad-calls>

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### **Call for Board Nominations**

Interesting and interested people. Doing interesting work and having interesting dialog.

Does this sound like a group that you want to be a part of?

Any experience to remember: demanding, rewarding, challenging, satisfying...

Join the LWVSKC Board of Directors to be part of a dynamic, fun group of people.

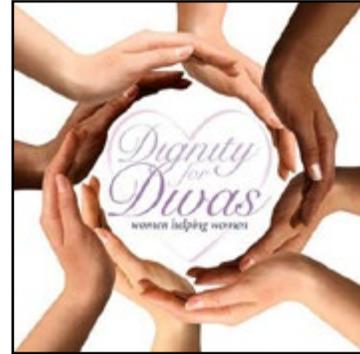
You will be able to:

- share your League successes with other Leagues
- build your leadership skills
- learn to use your skills to make things happen for the League and for your community
- help to se the direction for the LWVSKC
- expand your commitment to the League
- raise your visibility

If this sounds like an opportunity you or someone you know might want to pursue, please contact Amanda Clark, Nominating Committee Chair at [amandac5@comcast.net](mailto:amandac5@comcast.net).

## Thanks to Our Members for Supporting Dignity for Divas!

The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County has joined forces with Dignity for Divas ([www.dignityfordivas.org](http://www.dignityfordivas.org)), a nonprofit that supports women experiencing homelessness. We kicked off our partnership at the Forum on January 10 with collection boxes for their two areas of focus: the “Diva Survival Kit” and the “Welcome Home Kit.” We will be collecting new and unused items at all League-wide events, including the March 7 forum. The following are some of the suggested items; see their website for complete lists.



- Dish Soap/Dishwasher Detergent
- Laundry Soap/Bleach
- Towels/Washcloths
- Dish Set (4 count)/Glassware
- Pot and Pan set/Bakeware (basic)
- Glassware/Tupperware
- White shower curtain/liner/shower rings
- Sanitary Napkins
- Underwear/Socks
- Comb/Brushes
- Trial size lotions/deodorant
- Trial size shampoo/conditioner
- Individual cleansing (“baby”)wipes
- Lip Balm/Lipstick/Makeup

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### Discussion Questions for Unit Meetings

1. In Washington State, “essential” items like prescription drugs and some food items are not subject to sales tax. The Seattle City Council is now looking at extending that exemption to menstrual products like tampons and pads. Do you support this? Why or why not?
2. 2018 saw a record number of women elected to the US House of Representatives. Why do you think that is, and what can be done to encourage more women to seek public office?
3. In what ways are women in public office held to higher standards than men?
4. In June 2018, Washington State’s Equal Pay Opportunity Act was signed into law by Governor Jay Inslee. The bill, sponsored by Rep. Tana Senn, updated Washington’s equal pay law from 1943 and requires employers to provide equal compensation to “similarly employed” workers along with equal opportunities for career advancement, regardless of gender. What effect do you think this will have on women in the workforce?
5. According to a 2016 poll commissioned by the national ERA Coalition, 94 percent of Americans support an amendment to the Constitution to guarantee equal rights for men and women. Do you think the Equal Rights Amendment is still a necessary fight? Why or why not?
6. In the February Voter, one of the discussion questions asked about “white feminism,” which describes feminist theories that focus on the struggles of white women without acknowledging the challenges faced by women of color. Are there any causes, organizations, or issues that you’ve since become more aware of that affect women who are of a different ethnic, racial, religious, or socioeconomic group than you?

## Unit Meetings

We invite you to check out 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. Discussion usually focuses on the topic which is discussed at the monthly forum. In addition, background materials are generally included in our newsletter, *The Voter*.

(Unit times and locations subject to change; please verify with unit leader.)  
Meetings are open to all.

Unit Leader email	Phone	Time	Location
<b>Wednesday, March 13</b>			
<b>NORTHEAST SEATTLE</b> (formerly View Ridge) – Cynthia Butler			
cjbutler14@gmail.com	206-359-0340	12:45 p.m.	Brig Bldg. (6344) in Magnuson Park 7400 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle
<i>Directions: Go into the Park through North entrance at 74<sup>th</sup> and drive EAST toward water. At the STOP sign, turn LEFT to park in front of the Brig, or RIGHT, for more parking.</i>			
<b>QUEEN ANNE/MAGNOLIA/BALLARD EVENING</b> – Kathy Pugh and Marlis Worthington			
ckp1966@comcast.net	503-580-1240	7:30 p.m.	Magnolia Church of Christ
marliswrt@hotmail.com	206-283-7147		3555 W McGraw St, Seattle
<b>Thursday, March 14</b>			
<b>MERCER ISLAND</b> – Paneen Davidson and Toni Okada			
paneenie@gmail.com	206-466-2023	9:30 a.m.	Emmanuel Episcopal Church
td.okada@yahoo.com			4400 86th Ave SE, Mercer Island
<b>ISSAQUAH</b> – Judy Love			
judysteveL@gmail.com	425-417-8600	10:00 a.m.	Issaquah City Hall, Coho Rm. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Flr. 130 E Sunset Way, Issaquah
<b>SOUTHEAST KING COUNTY/ENUMCLAW</b> – Cathy Dormaier			
clcathy@skynetbb.com	360-802-6799	12:00 p.m.	Location: <i>contact unit leader</i>
<b>Friday, March 15</b>			
<b>UNIVERSITY HOUSE/WALLINGFORD</b> – Janet Kime			
kraftyjane@comcast.net	206-588-0988	2:00 p.m.	University House, San Juan Room 4400 Stone Way N, Seattle

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(Unit times and locations subject to change; please verify with unit leader.)

Unit Leader email	Phone	Time	Location
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<b>Monday, March 18</b>
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**FIRST HILL – Adele Reynolds**

adelereynolds@netscape.net	206-621-4867	10:30 a.m.	Horizon House, Forum & Social Room 900 University St, Seattle
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**SOUTH SEATTLE – Vivian Montoya**

montoyaviv@gmail.com	206-695-2620	5:30 p.m.	Raconteur at Third Place Books 5041 Wilson Ave S, Seattle
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**CAPITOL HILL/MONTLAKE –**

	206-329-4848	7:15 p.m.	Hostess: Linnea Hirst 1602 E McGraw St, Seattle 206-322-3076
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<b>Tuesday, March 19</b>
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**BELLEVUE/KIRKLAND/REDMOND Day – Cathy O’Shea**

coshea120@gmail.com	425-753-4182	12:00 p.m.	Kirkland Public Library 308 Kirkland Ave, Kirkland
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**WEST SEATTLE – Ethel Williams/Pat Lane**

etheljw@comcast.net	206-932-7887	1:00 p.m.	Daystar Retirement Village
pgblain11@gmail.com	206-932-1578		2615 SW Barton, Seattle

**BELLEVUE/KIRKLAND/REDMOND Evening – Rita Schulte/Cathy O’Shea**

rita.schulte@comcast.net	425-445-4371	6:00 p.m.	Hostess: Rita Schulte
coshea120@gmail.com	425-753-4182		16802 NE 35th St, Bellevue

<b>Thursday, March 21</b>
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**NORTH KING COUNTY – Lea Galanter**

leagal99@hotmail.com	425-820-9096	7:00 p.m.	Church of the Redeemer 6210 181 <sup>st</sup> St, Kenmore
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<b>Saturday, March 23</b>
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**BALLARD/MAGNOLIA/QUEEN ANNE DAY – Judy Ostrow**

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## **LWV SEATTLE-KING COUNTY:**

### Forum: Impactful Women of King County

**Thursday, March 7**

6:30 p.m. — Doors open  
7:00 p.m. — Program begins

Atlas Workbase  
500 Mercer St  
Seattle, WA 98109

To celebrate National Women's History Month, a panel discussion with:

- Aneela Afzali, American Muslim Empowerment Network
- Claudia Balducci, King County Council
- Monica Guzman, *The Evergrey*
- Teresa Mosqueda, Seattle City Council
- Melissa Santos, *Crosscut*

Panelists will discuss what it's like to be a woman in a male-dominated (or traditionally male-dominated) field, the power and importance of women's voices in leadership roles, and how we can all be more supportive of women's success.