Annual Program Planning Forum Coming Up
by Abigail Doerr and Alyssa Weed

Join us on January 4th for our annual Program Planning with a PechaKucha Night!

The new year is upon us, and it is time to begin planning for the 2018-19 year. In 2017, we had an impressive panel of mover and shakers who discussed amazing opportunities to support intersectional work in our region. This coming January, we will host a “PechaKucha Night.” This format will allow League members and guests to share their passions and ideas for our community. Following the program, we will break into groups and brainstorm burning topics that we would like to dig deeper into for 2018 and 2019 forums. The more ideas we get, the more interesting and impactful forums and discussions, and the more vibrant topics for our units to discuss. To inspire and spur our discussions, our January forum will begin as a “PechaKucha Night.” This is a new format for our January forums.

Here are the answers to some questions you no doubt have:

What is PechaKucha? PechaKucha is a simple presentation format where you show 20 images, each for 20 seconds. The images advance automatically and the presenter speaks along with the images. The presentation format was devised by architects who held the first PechaKucha Night in Tokyo in 2003. The idea was that they thought architects talk too much! While we at the League love our color-coded cue cards that politely inform our panelists that time is up, this is a creative presentation style for League members and guests to give a concise presentation on an issue and topic that will spur discussion and creativity without the cue cards.

Who can present? We have curated a panel of both League members and community members to present on topics that are important to us. We have a few slots open for additional presenters, and we’d love to hear from you! Is there a topic you are passionate about but participating in a full forum is daunting? Is there work you are doing in the community that you’d like to share? Send us (the program chairs) a note at abigail.doerr@gmail.com or afweed1@gmail.com if you are interested in presenting!

What can people present? The key to a great presentation is to present on a topic you are passionate about. Our voter services chairs are passionate about voting and are eager to show all the amazing work they have been doing to cultivate civic engagement across the county. Did you go on a trip recently that inspired you about what we could do in our community? Do you have a hobby or talent that you’ve been dying to show off to the League community? Often on PechaKucha Nights people present their latest creative projects or work. Anything is fair game on PechaKucha Night.

Continued on page 6
Contents

President’s Message ........................................... 3
Calendar .......................................................... 4
Forum Schedule ................................................. 5
Committees .......................................................... 7
King County Connects
   Special Event Announcement ......................... 8
   Action Workshop ............................................. 9
   Eastside Holiday Luncheon ............................ 9
   IR Committee .................................................. 9
Membership
   Support the League! ..................................... 10
Features
   Voting Challenges in WA ............................. 11
   Econ. & Tax. Committee .............................. 12
   Book Review .............................................. 13
Unit Meetings .................................................. 14
Board and Committee Contacts ...................... 15

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.

Contact Information

President: Stephanie Cirkovich
The Voter Editor: Amanda Clark

League of Women Voters
of Seattle-King County
1620 18th Avenue, Suite 101
Seattle, WA 98122
Phone: 206-329-4848
info@seattlelwv.org
www.seattlelwv.org

Office Hours:
Weekdays, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

League of Women Voters of Washington
1402 Third Avenue, Suite 430
Seattle, WA 98101
206-622-8961
lwvwa@lwvwa.org
www.lwvwa.org

League of Women Voters of the United States
202-429-1965
lwv@lwv.org
www.lwv.org

Postal Regulations
The Voter is published monthly except June and August by the League of Women Voters of Seattle - King County, 1620 18th Ave, #101, Seattle, WA 98122.

Periodicals postage paid at Seattle, WA.

Postmaster:
Send address changes to The Voter.
1620 18th Ave, Suite 101
Seattle, WA 98122
The Voter (ISSN 0888-8841)
Connecting with the Leadership

When I joined the League in 2015, I didn’t know much about the organization aside from its stellar reputation. I had just moved back from my hometown of Seattle from New York, and having formerly served on the board of the Municipal League of King County, I wanted to belong to another organization that cared about good government and democracy as much as I do.

Since then, I’ve done a lot with and for the League. I helped organize several fundraising events, worked with Starbucks to create the Ballots & Baristas partnership, promoted the League to several local media outlets, and volunteered at or attended countless forums and special events. I have devoted a tremendous amount of my time and energy to this organization because I know how important the League is to our civic life and to the health of our community. I suppose that’s why I was asked to lead it only two years after joining.

But I have a confession to make: In the two-plus years I’ve been with the League, I have never attended a single unit meeting.

For you newer members who may not be aware, units are the foundation of the League of Women Voters. Units are like neighborhood discussion groups, though you don’t need to live in the area to join that particular unit. In theory, units guide the work of the League from the ground up by studying issues, discussing the study topics presented in The Voter and at League forums, and ultimately helping the Board develop the League’s positions. In this way, units operate in tandem with League programming, and this system works really well in advance.

In practice, however, our League’s units and programs have diverged a bit, in part because our programming has gotten a little more fluid, and in part because of our changing member demographics. More of our membership works during the day when several unit meetings are held, and many of our newer members simply don’t know enough about unit meetings and why they can be such an informative and important part of the League experience. (My never attending a unit meeting had nothing to do with lack of desire, but rather logistics: A full-time job, family obligations, a heavy-duty volunteer schedule, and a lack of evening meetings in my area always made it impossible.)

As a result, many of the League’s units are operating somewhat independently of the League. While some are trying to follow the League’s monthly programs and guidance for what it’s worth, others are developing their own programming altogether based on the interests of their particular group. And we are hearing from some units who feel that they are not getting enough substantive discussion material from the League—that The Voter and our programs have not offered enough of an in-depth, 360-degree, “League-like” deep dive into an issue.

We hear you.

The board had a brief discussion about the units at our last meeting, and the consensus was that first and foremost, we want our units to have a meaningful and engaging experience. We recognize that this experience is going to differ from unit to unit. However, we also want our units to be connected to the greater organization and to help guide the League’s work; we need to create a stronger feedback loop between the units and the board so that there is

Continued on page 6
## December

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sunday</th>
<th>Monday</th>
<th>Tuesday</th>
<th>Wednesday</th>
<th>Thursday</th>
<th>Friday</th>
<th>Saturday</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Education Comm. 11:00 a.m.</td>
<td></td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td><em>Calling BS in an Age of Misinformation 7:00 p.m.</em></td>
<td></td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>3 Board Meeting 10:00 a.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>22</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>26</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>28</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>29</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Forum: Program Planning 7:00 p.m.</td>
<td>3</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**For unit meeting information see page 14. The office will be closed from Dec. 18 thru Jan. 1.**

### December

- **Board Meeting**
  - Saturday, December 2
  - 10:00 a.m.
  - League Office

- **The Voter Deadline**
  - Monday, December 4

- **Special Event:** Calling BS in an Age of Misinformation
  - Thursday, December 7
  - 7:00 p.m.
  - Benaroya Hall, Seattle

- **Education Committee**
  - Thursday, December 7
  - 11:00 a.m.
  - League Office

- **Economics & Taxation Committee**
  - Saturday, December 9
  - 9:30 a.m.
  - 909 E. Newton #D-9, Seattle

- **International Relations Committee**
  - Tuesday, December 12
  - 7:00 p.m.
  - 909 E. Newton #D-9, Seattle

- **Social Justice Committee**
  - Sunday, December 17
  - 3:00 p.m.
  - see page 7 for location

### January

- **Forum: Program Planning**
  - Thursday, January 4
  - 7:00 p.m.
  - Seattle First Baptist Church

- **Board Meeting**
  - Saturday, January 6
  - 10:00 a.m.
  - League Office

**Winter Weather Reminder!**

If Seattle Schools are delayed or closed, then the office will delay opening or be closed.

Call the office or check the website for the status of forums or other events.

Check with committee chairs and unit leaders to verify if those meetings will be cancelled.

Please stay safe!
Forum Schedule

- **Sept 6** — Port and Sheriff Races
- **Sept 18** — 45th and 48th LD Senate Races
- **Oct 4** — Seattle School Board Races
- **Oct 5** — Seattle City Mayor & Council Races
- **Nov 2** — Internet Privacy
- **Dec 7** — No forum. There will be a special event in December.
- **Jan 4** — Program Planning

The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County (LWVS-KC) presents a public forum most months between September and May, generally on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Most forums are held at the Seattle First Baptist Church, but occasionally they are scheduled at other locations and times. The schedule through January is listed here. Check the Voter each month or the LWVS-KC website, 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

The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County and Education Fund Boards met on November 7, 2017. This is a summary of their meetings.

The Board met on a drizzly Saturday for a very informative and educational meeting. On the docket was an introduction to the concept of ranked choice voting, introduced by Cindy Black and Julie Anne Kempf. This led to lively discussion regarding the logistics of how the process of ranked choice voting works and which portions of an election cycle would require this method of voting. Since ranked choice voting is the topic of a future Seattle Charter Amendment, the board was gratified to learn more about it without making any decisions in regard to endorsement of such a change.

Pat Griffith provided an update regarding the winter Action Workshop, which will be held on January 6th. Additionally, she explained that the expected February ballot measure regarding safe consumption sites will no longer be on the ballot at that time.

Responding to a request from the Friends of Discovery Park, the Board unanimously endorsed the Discovery Park Master Plan Resolution, in agreement that the preservation of Discovery Park was a healthy choice for the city of Seattle.

During the meeting of the (c)3 Board, Barbra Chevalier and Bridget Kruszka were commended for their hard work during the election season. The Board also discussed Ballots & Baristas, in particular, how to improve upon this program in years to come.

Kiku Hayashi and Christy Wood provided an update regarding the upcoming December 7 event on fake news. This event is expected to draw a crowd. Get your tickets early!
Leadership continued:

a stronger understanding of where our membership stands on important issues. To accomplish some of these goals, we reestablished a “Committees & Units Liaison” position on the board, which Zara Kublin has been very skillfully occupying since July. She is bringing new focus and energy to many areas of the League that have previously languished, and I am very grateful for her insight and dedication. With Zara’s help, we’ll be continuing this conversation at our January board meeting with the guidance of some longtime Leaguers, and surveying members about units and programs in the new year.

I’d also like to thank the unit leaders who have demonstrated tremendous patience and persistence in leading their units, especially during this transitional time for our organization. Our unit leaders are the heart and soul of the League, and I appreciate everything they do to keep our organization running.

Last but not least, I want to strongly encourage all of you to participate in our January forum, which will be an opportunity for us all to come together and decide on the programs we’d like to see in the upcoming year. Especially if you are one of those people who feel like the League hasn’t offered you enough grist for the mill. The more input we have from our members, the better our programming for the year.

One final, bittersweet thought: I am finally attending my first unit meeting in December, although it will be the last meeting of the Southwest King County (Federal Way) unit. While I’m sad to see a unit go, this group has done a lion’s share of the League’s work over the years, so I’m looking forward to celebrating their accomplishments and gleaning some advice for others. I am profoundly grateful to Mary Ehlers, Cindy Piennett, and the rest of the unit for all they have done and will continue to do on behalf of the League.

Best wishes to you and yours for the holiday seasons and for a peaceful and prosperous new year.

Stephanie Cirkovich
President

Cover article continued:

year that we come together to decide on the issues we want to study and to address in the forums for the next year, beginning in the fall. Certainly, some of the forums will be candidate and ballot issues forums, but we do want to move forward with other burning issues that our members want to address. Our committees are the impetus for studies that lead to positions. As they learn from speakers and others, they formulate ideas about the issues most important to them. These ideas can lead to studies, which then help us develop our positions on an issue—those positions are what we use to take action.
Committees

**Economics and Taxation Committee**  
DATE: Saturday, December 9  
TIME: 9:30 a.m.  
PLACE: 909 E. Newton #D-9, Seattle

**Education Committee**  
DATE: Thursday, December 7  
TIME: 11:00 a.m.  
PLACE: League Office

**International Relations Committee**  
DATE: Tuesday, December 12  
TIME: 7:00 p.m.  
PLACE: 909 E. Newton #D-9, Seattle

We will be looking at current League positions covering the United Nations, Trade, US relations with developing countries, and arms control and military policy. It appears that an increasing challenge is in the area of cyber weaponry. Members will share materials on these issues. All League members are invited to join in the discussion.

**Social Justice Committee**  
DATE: Sunday, December 17  
TIME: 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
PLACE: Home of Melissa Taylor.

RSVP to nhurley1009@gmail.com for location details.

Read more about what’s happening at the committee meetings on page 12.

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

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.

**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 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.
CALLING BS in an Age of Misinformation

December 7, 2018 at 7 p.m.
Illsley Ball Nordstrom Recital Hall
Benaroya Hall, 200 University Street, Seattle

Jevin West  Carl T. Bergstrom

The digital revolution has democratized the consumption and production of news and information. While this has created a platform for voices previously unheard, there has also been an increase in false news stories, memes, and outright lies.

UW Professors Jevin West and Carl T. Bergstrom—the masterminds behind the wildly popular UW class entitled “Calling Bullshit” and www.CallingBullshit.org—will discuss some of the reasons behind this onslaught of misinformation and how we as a society can overcome it.

Proceeds from this event benefit the League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County Education Fund.

Tickets are available for purchase at Benaroya Hall’s website, www.bit.ly/LWV-BH. Tickets are $21.50 for students and League members, $31.50 for non-members.
The International Relations Committee will meet on Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 PM at the home of Vicky Downs, 909 E. Newton.

We will be looking at current League positions covering the United Nations, Trade, US relations with developing countries, and arms control and military policy. It appears that an increasing challenge is in the area of cyber weaponry. Members will share materials on these issues. All League members are invited to join in the discussion.

EASTSIDE HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

All Eastside LWV members (and guests interested in the League) are asked to save the date for a holiday luncheon sponsored by the Issaquah unit.

Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2017
Time: 11:30 AM
Location: St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church (large room in the basement), 325 SE Darst Street, Issaquah. Darst Street is near Issaquah High School and off of 2nd Avenue.

PLEASE RSVP to Dorris Martin at Dorrismrtn@aol.com. $8.00 Donation accepted at the door, except for those donating food.

Sign Up for the Winter Action Workshop

The Seattle King County League holds its Action Workshop on Saturday, January 6, at Seattle First Baptist Church, 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Cost is $25 and includes lunch. Sign up on the LWVWA website.

The packed schedule is being programmed but is not yet confirmed, but it will include a keynote speaker. (Rep. Pramila Jayapal will be there if the House schedule permits.) Our state Lobby Team will present issues that will be on the agenda of the 2018 Washington State Legislature, which begins two days after the Action Workshop. Our crack lobbyists, Nancy Sapiro and Pam Crohn, will be on hand as will some legislators to give their perspectives on the 60-day session.

Volunteers are needed for registration, food and coffee, and assembling materials. Please call the League office or Pat Griffith (pgseattle@q.com; 206-285-2452) if you are willing to help.

Not available on January 6? You can also sign up for the Tacoma Action Workshop on December 2 or the Olympia Action Workshop on November 18.
Support the League!
By Carla Chavez

The work of the League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County is fundamental to educating voters — providing the resources to make informed decisions about their lives. This year, the League hosted six forums to highlight hot-button issues that affect our community. From Aging in Place to Women Running for Office, the forums provide an open space to have meaningful dialogue that is critical to a thriving civic environment.

The Voter Services Committee hosted seven candidate forums, helping voters make informed choices in this election cycle. Hundreds of constituents had the chance to meet candidates, ask questions, and watch as candidates engaged on the issues that matter to their constituents; even more constituents were reached by social media.

Your membership in the League helps support this work, and with an additional gift, we can grow our programs to reach even more people in King County.

We want to put on your radar a few opportunities to support the League as we wind down the year.

- They Represent You: Directory of Elected Officials. Used by thousands of citizen activists throughout the state to identify and contact their representatives, 30,000 copies are distributed free to libraries, schools, community groups, organizations, businesses, and individuals. The 2017 edition of our “TRY” directory was so popular this year we had to print more! League members fund this important resource by making a gift to the education fund. A request for your support will hit your mailbox in a few weeks.

- Support our December program event, “Calling BS in an Age of Misinformation”! On December 8th at Benaroya Hall Professors Jevin West and Carl Bergstrom from the University of Washington will talk about the proliferation of fake news and provide you with tools to help you tell the difference between real news and BS. Tickets are $21.50 for members and can be purchased at Benaroya Hall. See the weekly email for a link to the box office.

- Join our Spring Gala Committee. It is the second year for the Voices of Democracy Gala and we need creative and eager people to make this an event to remember. Volunteers will work on décor, table captain recruitment, selecting the “Making Democracy Work” awardees, and registration. The 2017 Gala was a fantastic success, with 200 members and guests attending. We celebrated our chapter and celebrated the community members who do the hard work to Make Our Democracy Work.

- Volunteer with our fundraising committee and help us put together events and activities to raise funds to support all the work the League does! Email development@seattlelwv.org and let us know what you’d like to do!

We are so lucky to have a strong membership and engaged community. There are many ways to support the League so that it is stable and strong for many years to come.
In response to a question about the voting rights article in the October Voter, I want to provide some additional information about the League’s positions on such matters. Overall, the Washington State League’s positions support the article’s recommendations, allowing for the use of Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) in single-seat contests, such as for executives and judges (Election Methods, 6). It supports proportional representation in government bodies such as councils and legislatures (Election Methods, 5) and are in favor of alternative election systems at both the state and local levels (Election Methods, 1) that maximally promote “representative-ness,” citizen participation, and accountability (Election Methods, 2).

The State League furthermore supports “permanent, personal registration” that should be simple and convenient and require no proof of citizenship other than a sworn signature on the registration form. (Election Laws and Procedures, 3).

With regard to redistricting, the State League’s position is that the state legislature should be apportioned substantially on population, and that districts should be convenient and contiguous with specific standards for fair representation assured (Redistricting and Reapportionment, 1). This should be done by an independent agency (Redistricting and Reapportionment, 2) with machinery specifically made to conduct automatic, compulsory, periodic redistricting (Redistricting and Reapportionment, 3) every ten years as soon as possible after the census (Redistricting and Reapportionment, 5).

The Seattle-King County League can take action based on State positions if the issue falls within our jurisdiction. Locally, our relevant position is the following:

- Support the following election criteria to foster fair and effective representation (1996):
  - A. Participation in elections by the maximum number of citizens.
  - B. Focus on issues. Negative campaigning should be discouraged.
  - C. Accountability. Elected officials should be answerable to those who elect them.
  - D. Stability. A small change in voting percentages should not result in huge swings in representation.
  - E. Simplicity. The system and access to it should be easily understood by the electorate.
  - F. Diversity of candidates.
  - G. Equal opportunity to participate in the political process.
  - H. Representation of the broad political spectrum of the electorate.
  - I. Responsiveness to all voters. Legislative bodies must be able to reflect the views of the electorate.
  - J. Methods which maximize the effectiveness of the individual vote.

If you have any additional questions or would like more information about any of these issues, please contact Barbra Chevalier, barbra.n.chevalier@gmail.com.
Economics and Taxation Committee
By Jo Evans

The Economics and Taxation committee met on October 28th. With the recently proposed federal budget and tax cut plan, we had much to discuss. We are reading The Permanent Tax Revolt by Isaac William Martin and briefly discussed chapters 1 and 2, which provided historical context for property taxes and its politics. We agreed to read chapters 3 and 4 for the next meeting’s discussion.

Members track what’s happening in taxes, clipping and sharing articles. In addition, we have topic leaders on several aspects of taxation, each of whom summarized recent proposals and policy changes in her topic of interest. We discussed how it appears that the US has fully entered a neo-liberalism stage with proposed tax cuts, further deregulation, curtailed government spending, intensified income inequality, and more.

One member noted that several local school districts’ tax levies will be on the ballot in the next 12 months, with some of the levy votes occurring before real property owners in Washington State will have seen the full effect of the new property tax bills with the current McCleary decision. Nearly $13 billion additional state property taxes for common schools will be collected in 10 years, 2018–2027.

We touched on non-taxation of non-profit owned real estate and the growth of neo-states such as Catalonia and Spain, as far as taxation is concerned. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, one member reminded all of us that we have power by writing our elected government representatives on what we have reasoned is best for the overall health of our city, state, and nation, in addition to encouraging friends and relatives in other states to do the same.

The committee’s next meeting is Saturday, December 9, at 9:30 AM. All League members are welcome to attend. Please contact the League office for the location.

League members on a tour of King County Elections with Director Julie Wise just a few days after the November election. Fascinating and informative to see all they do to ensure your vote counts. Want to see for yourself? We’re planning another one in the spring. Contact the office or the Voter Services chairs if you’re interested.
Hogarth Press challenged Pulitzer Prize winning author Anne Tyler to write a contemporary novel based on Shakespeare’s *Taming of the Shrew*. How could any twenty-first century father make his daughter marry a man she doesn’t want? This book proves it can be done brilliantly.

Tyler sets the story in Baltimore, where Dr. Louis Battista’s research on autoimmunity presumably takes place at Johns Hopkins University. His project is about to make a breakthrough, thanks to the efforts of his brilliant Polish lab assistant, Pyotr.

Battista is a widower who, from the moment his wife died, turned to his daughter Kate to care for the family, including her irresponsible teenage sister Bunny. Kate does not enjoy her domestic chores and avoids them when possible, such as by making a huge pot of “meat mash” to serve as dinner for one week.

Whether or not she liked working with figures, during tax time Battista naturally turned to his older daughter for help. When immigration authorities said Pyotr would be deported unless he was married to an American woman, Dr. Battista turned yet again to Kate.

Knowing his task would be difficult, he started by tricking her into meeting Pyotr. He telephoned from work, asking her to bring him the sandwich he had “forgotten” at home.

Angry to be given another task, she arrived with the sandwich box and turned to go saying she has no interest in staying for “a chat” as Battista had suggested. Watching this, Pyotr hooted aloud saying, “Just like the girls in my country,” and beamed. “So rude spoken.”

Clearly, Kate has not turned off Pyotr. In the following week he unexpectedly appears when she shops for food, and again in her very own back yard. He explains why he is not disturbed by her lack of girlish charm. “In my country they have proverb: ‘Beware against the sweet person for sugar has no nutrition.’”

Demanding her father’s help, Kate yells, “You’re trying to trade me off against my will. You’re sending me to live with a stranger, sleep with a stranger, just for your own personal gain. What is that if not trafficking?”

Astounded, Battista retorts, “I would never expect you to sleep with him!”

They finally agree to find ways to fool the immigration authorities with a “wedding,” assuming that Pyotr and Kate would live in their own home but have separate bedrooms. That would allow Kate to give up the onerous domestic duties in her father’s house, and allow her to live on her own. Maybe this could work out.

However, once Aunt Thelma heard the word “marriage,” she insisted she would take care of the wedding. It would “most certainly” take place in Cockeysville Consolidated Chapel where Uncle Theron was in charge!

Along with lost lab mice and other twists, the upcoming wedding descends into chaos and ends in Kate’s stunning monologue.

Anne Tyler loves her characters, making her readers likely to follow suit. What would Shakespeare think of her book? I imagine he’d be intrigued by the modern cultural aspects and would smile as he finished reading, just as I did.

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

Because of the holidays and the special event on December 7, most units have chosen not to meet in December. If you have any questions about your unit, please contact the unit leader.

BALLARD/MAGNOLIA/QUEEN ANNE DAY
Janet Anderson
janetranderson@msn.com, 206-285-2460

*This unit is having a cookie exchange at the home of Wendie Berge, 3100 W Commodore Way, #306. December 9 from 10 to noon.*

FIRST HILL – Adele Reynolds
adelereynolds@netscape.net, 206-621-4867
900 University St, Seattle

*This unit is meeting on December 18 at 10:30 a.m.*

SOUTH SEATTLE
Marian Wolfe & Vivian Montoya
hedgwolfe@aol.com, 206-763-9430
montoyaviv@yahoo.com, 206-695-2620

*This unit is meeting on Monday, December 4 at Third Place Books, Raconteur at 5:30 p.m.*

The Eastside units (Bellevue, Issaquah and Mercer Island) are having a holiday party. See page 9 for details.

BELLEVUE/KIRKLAND/REDMOND
Cathy O’Shea
cathy_oshea@yahoo.com, 425-753-4182

CAPITOL HILL/MONTLAKE
no unit leader at present
info@seattlelwv.org

DOWNTOWN/PIONEER SQUARE
Carla Chavez
carla.chavez@icloud.com

ISSAQUAH
Margaret Austin
margaret.austin@comcast.net, 425-392-5760

MERCER ISLAND
Paneen Davidson
paneenie@gmail.com, 206-466-2023

NORTH CENTRAL SEATTLE
Jan Orlando
orlanre@aol.com, 206-524-0936

NORTH EAST SEATTLE
Gail Winberg
winbergeng@q.com, 206-524-7801

NORTH KING COUNTY
Judy Deiro & T Benny
judy.deiro@gmail.com, 425-774-1492
thessalonika.benny@gmail.com, 206-353-7070

QUEEN ANNE/MAGNOLIA/BALLARD EVE.
Kathy Pugh & Marlis Worthington
ckp1966@comcast.net, 503-580-1240
marliswrt@hotmail.com, 206-283-7147

SOUTHEAST KING COUNTY/ENUMCLAW
Cathy Dormaier
clcathy@skynetbb.com, 360-802-6799

UNIVERSITY HOUSE/WALLINGFORD
Janet Kime
kraftyjanet@comcast.net, 206-588-0988

WEST SEATTLE
Ethel Williams & Pat Lane
etheljw@comcast.net, 206-932-7887
plain11@juno.com, 206-932-1578

More information about the units, including where and when they generally meet, can be found online at http://seattlelwv.org/units.
### Board & Committee Contacts

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Term</th>
<th>Executive Committee</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2017-19</td>
<td>President: Stephanie Cirkovich, 206-329-4848, <a href="mailto:president@seattlelwv.org">president@seattlelwv.org</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2016-18</td>
<td>1st VP - Action: Pat Griffith, 206-285-2452, <a href="mailto:pgseattle@q.com">pgseattle@q.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2017-19</td>
<td>2nd VP - Program: Abigail Doerr, 206-329-4848, <a href="mailto:abigail.doerr@gmail.com">abigail.doerr@gmail.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2017-19</td>
<td>Secretary: Katie Dudley, 206-329-4848, <a href="mailto:kate.c.dudley@gmail.com">kate.c.dudley@gmail.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2016-18</td>
<td>Treasurer: Linda Snider, 206-329-4848, <a href="mailto:treasurer@seattlelwv.org">treasurer@seattlelwv.org</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Term</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2017-19</td>
<td>Technology: Liz Bander, 206-478-7335, <a href="mailto:lizhill@outlook.com">lizhill@outlook.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2017-19</td>
<td>Development: Carla Chavez, 206-329-4848, <a href="mailto:carla.chavez.board@gmail.com">carla.chavez.board@gmail.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2017-18</td>
<td>Voter Service: Barbra Chevalier, 425-445-2281, <a href="mailto:barbra.n.chevalier@gmail.com">barbra.n.chevalier@gmail.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2016-18</td>
<td>Development: Kiku Hayashi, 206-329-4848, <a href="mailto:kikuhayashi1@gmail.com">kikuhayashi1@gmail.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2017-19</td>
<td>Committees &amp; Units: Zara Kublin, 206-276-2831, <a href="mailto:zkublin@hotmail.com">zkublin@hotmail.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2017-19</td>
<td>Voter Service: Bridget Kruszka, 716-783-2407, <a href="mailto:bkruzsk3@gmail.com">bkruzsk3@gmail.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2017-19</td>
<td>Membership: Cathy O’Shea, 425-753-4182, <a href="mailto:coshea120@gmail.com">coshea120@gmail.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2017-19</td>
<td>Action: Anastasia Samuelsen, 206-329-4848, <a href="mailto:anastasiad606@gmail.com">anastasiad606@gmail.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2017-19</td>
<td>Outreach &amp; Events: Melissa Taylor, 206-329-4848, <a href="mailto:melissataylor.lwvskc@gmail.com">melissataylor.lwvskc@gmail.com</a></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2017-19</td>
<td>Program: Alyssa Weed, 206-329-4848, <a href="mailto:afweed1@gmail.com">afweed1@gmail.com</a></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note:** All board members listed above are also members of the Education Fund Board.

**Education Fund Officers - same as above except Treasurer**

| 2017-19 | Treasurer: Christy Wood, 206-707-3845, eftreasurer@seattlelwv.org |

**Nominating Committee**

| 2017-18 | Chair: Amanda Clark, 206-236-0517, amandac5@comcast.net |
| 2017-18 | Amelia Woolley, 206-329-4848, woolleyamelia@gmail.com |
| 2017-18 | Judy Love, 206-329-4848, judysteveL@gmail.com |

**Off Board Positions**

| Voter Editor | Amanda Clark, 206-236-0517, votereditor@seattlelwv.org |

**Committees**

- **Economics & Taxation:** Nora Leech, nleech2002@yahoo.com
- **Education:** Joanna Cullen, jfoxcullen@gmail.com
- **International Relations:** Carol Goldenberg, carolsango1@gmail.com
- **Transportation:** Abigail Doerr, abigail.doerr@gmail.com
- **Social Justice:** Nikki Hurley, nhurley1009@gmail.com
- **Social Justice:** Melissa Taylor, melissataylor.lwvskc@gmail.com
- **Waterfront:** Nancy & Charles Bagley, 206-282-1578, candnbagley@comcast.net
LWV SEATTLE-KING COUNTY:

Special Event:
CALLING BS IN AN AGE OF MISINFORMATION

Thursday, Dec. 7

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

Illsley Ball Nordstrom Recital Hall
Benaroya Hall
200 University Street
Seattle, WA 98101

Tickets are available online at:
www.bit.ly/LWV-BH

The digital revolution has democratized the consumption and production of news and information. While this has created a platform for voices previously unheard, there has also been an increase in false news stories, memes, and outright lies. This lecture will talk about some of the reasons behind this onslaught of misinformation and how we as a society can overcome it.