Time for Action by Beatrice Crane, Voter Editor

Those laborious studies lead to consensus, which leads to new positions, which lead finally to action—right? Well, yes, but it’s not quite as direct as all that. It’s all about timing and focus, concentrating energies to have maximum effect. The League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) and the League of Women Voters of Washington both identify priorities for action each year, issues on which the League has strong positions and legislative action is expected; each employs a professional lobbyist who works with a volunteer lobby team to follow these issues closely. At the local level, the League responds to calls for action from the national and state Leagues; it also follows local issues, with the help of its action committees, and takes action as deemed appropriate by the Board—by testifying in front of or sending letters to government entities, for example.

And what is the role of the individual member in all this? We cannot, as individuals, speak for the League—that is reserved for the official spokesperson (usually the president.) But the voices of constituents are more powerful than those of any organizations. There is a great deal of work being done behind the scenes to give League members the tools and information they need to act on their own. LWVUS sends out Action Alerts informing members about pending legislation in Congress in areas of interest and recommending appropriate action—go to the LWVUS website, LWVUS.org, to subscribe. At the state level, the League is going into high action season, as it prepares for the 2010 legislative session. The state lobby team has identified three action priorities—Public Campaign Financing, Early Learning and Education, and the Washington State Budget Issues. We hope many of you attended one of the Action Workshops in November. Lobby Day in Olympia is coming up in January; this is an opportunity both to hear more about what LWVWA hopes to accomplish this year, and to talk directly to your legislators.

To follow what is going on in Olympia, you cannot do better than subscribe to the LWVWA legislative newsletter, an extremely informative publication which reports weekly on the progress of bills in various areas of interest to the League, and lets members know how they can help move them along. See page 12 for more information.

Keeping members informed and encouraging them to use their clout as constituents is one excellent way to achieve legislative goals. Another is to work closely with other organizations which have similar interests. At our action forum in December, we will hear about the legislative goals of some local organizations.

Meanwhile, back at the office, volunteers will be busy putting together the 2010 edition of They Represent You, a directory of elected officials put out by the League of Women Voters Education Fund, which is updated annually after the election. This is an invaluable tool for communicating with elected officials; see page 7 for how you can help with this effort.
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President’s Message

The holiday season is upon us and while that’s often a very busy time for most of us, League work does tend to slow down a bit – there’s no study this month and units take time to have a party or invite their legislators for a visit. Here in the office things will be focused on fundraising and producing TRY, our annual directory of elected officials.

Me, I’m trying to stop and take stock of what we’ve accomplished over the past year. Next month will be program planning for both the local and the national level, but before we try to look forward I want to look back and see how we did with those goals we set last year.

At the national level we spent a lot of time focused on health care, and there was a lot of frustration with the decision of the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) not to push harder for at least a discussion of universal coverage. How do we constructively address that frustration? Should we look at our bylaws and try to push for some kind of structural change at the National Convention in June? Or do we need to understand the structure behind the relationship between local, state, and national League better before we can begin to come up with a solution?

Locally, we’ve done a lot and some of it required stepping out of our comfort zone. Requests for our speakers bureau this year were not just simple requests for a ballot issues presentation. An adult education class for new citizens wanted us to go back to the basics and cover what the job of a mayor, councilmember or port commissioner is. A college class wanted to know more about getting involved in the community and taking action to change laws and ordinances for their causes. Volunteers stepped up, did some extra creative thinking and planning, and provided some great education to a diverse group of our community members. And speaking of action, our Social Justice Committee has been working hard trying to protect social services from county budget cuts with lots of testimony and letters.

It’s great to have that clean calendar to begin planning for the new year, but before we start filling it with all the things we usually do, we need to make time for the new, the unexpected, and the challenging. We also need to take a second look at the usual and decide if it still serves our mission and the community. The Board and I will be doing this in the next two months, and I invite all of you in your committees, units, and other activities with the League to do the same.

Sincerely,

Allison Feher

Mission Statement

The League of Women Voters of Seattle, 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.

The League of Women Voters of Seattle serves the greater Seattle area, including the cities of north King County as well as east King County from Bothell to Bellevue.
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### Membership and Outreach Committee
- **Saturday, December 5**
  - 1:30-3:00 p.m.
  - Tuogo Coffee House

### January Voter Deadline
- **Monday, December 7**

### International Relations Committee
- **Monday, December 7**
  - 12:45-2:45 p.m.
  - League Office

### Education Committee
- **Wednesday, December 9**
  - 12:00 p.m.
  - League Office

### Transportation Committee
- **Tuesday, December 15**
  - 10:00 a.m.
  - 3837 E. Crockett

### Book Discussion
- **Wednesday, December 16**
  - 7:00 p.m.
  - 316 NE 54th St.

### Civics Education Committee
- **Thursday, December 17**
  - 4:30-6:00 p.m.
  - Vios Pub at Third Place Books, 6504 20th N.E.

### Forum: The State Budget and the Current Economy
- **Thursday, November 5**
  - 7:30 p.m.
  - Seattle First Baptist Church

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### Board Meeting/Retreat
- **1:00-2:00 p.m.**
  - 316 NE 54th St.

### Legislative Session Begins
- **November 5**
  - 7:30 p.m.
  - Seattle First Baptist Church
League Forums

The League of Women Voters of Seattle (LWVS) presents a public forum each month between September and May, generally on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Most of the forums are held at the forums are held at Seattle First Baptist Church, although we schedule one on the eastside every year. The tentative schedule of upcoming forums for 2009–2010 appears to the left; check your Voter or the LWVS website, seattlelwv.org, each month for up-to-date information.

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Seattle (LWVS) met on Saturday morning, November 7, 2009. This is a brief summary of their work.

Membership: LWVS currently has 800 members. The first joint meeting of the Membership and Outreach committees was held Saturday, Oct. 17, resulting in a discussion of how best to meet members’ needs.

Fundraising: Final numbers are pending, but it appears that the League auction netted $54,000. The board expressed its appreciation to Victoria Bennett and Allison Feher for their work on the auction (along with the many hours put in by volunteers), and will explore fundraising alternatives at the January retreat.

Outreach: Board members will be attending the breakfast for Equal Rights Washington on November 10, 2009.

Units: LWVS has 18 units. Judy Bevington shared unit responses with the board for improving our events. Bevington, Beatrice Crane and Butler-Wall have compiled the recordings of privatization discussions which will be shared with the Board and study chair in December.

Program: Following a presentation by Ellen Berg, chair of the International Relations committee, the board approved their proposal to organize the March 2010 forum. The forum, “Sisters on the Planet” will explore the impacts on women globally from climate change. The subcommittee working on the forum includes Elizabeth Davis, chair, and Carol Goldenberg, Ginny NiCarthy, Vicky Downs, and Toni Potter. Others interested in participating in the planning should call the office. Taking action on climate change is a LWVUS action priority and this forum will be an action forum. It will be held in Seattle.

The December 2009 Forum will focus on the legislative agendas of local organizations, particularly those serving diverse populations. It will be organized by Brita Butler-Wall, Maria Brusher, and Allison Feher.

The Board approved a request by Dana Twight, Chair of the Civics Education Committee, to pursue talks with the Museum of History and Industry about educational outreach on their upcoming exhibit. The exhibit will run February 20, 2010 to May 2, 2010 and is entitled, “The Enemy Within: Terror in America – 1776 to Today.”

Voter Service: The board received a status update on our They Represent You (TRY) project, including plans to hold a TRY release party, tentatively scheduled for February 7, 2010.

The Board will write a ballot analysis on the upcoming Seattle Schools’ levy, with Brita Butler-Wall as point person. Liaison Kelly Powers distributed information from Schools First regarding the February 9, 2010 operating and capital levies.
Committees

Social Justice Committee
Date: Saturday, December 5
Time: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Place: League Office

The Social Justice Committee would like to extend an invitation to all League members to join us for our next meeting.

The Social Justice Committee has focused on issues ranging from homelessness and affordable housing, the impact of government revenue streams and policies on the provision of health and human services and how current governmental/criminal justice policies have impacted decisions relating to the need to build a new city/county jail, to voting rights and marriage equity.

The committee is currently working on a study to explore the impact of funding and government policies on mental health service delivery in Seattle and King County. The Seattle League’s last mental health study, from 2003, is available on our website (www.seattlelwv.org) under the “League Library” tab.

Membership and Outreach Committee
Date: Saturday, December 5
Time: 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Place: Tougo Coffee Company, located just a few blocks south of the League office, 1410 18th Ave (8th Ave and Union St between Pike St & Union St).

The committee’s purpose is to create the momentum within the board, units and other league leadership to move forward the membership and outreach strategic goals. We will brainstorm opportunities for outreach and dialogue with community members and groups with special guest Susan Gleason from the Yes! Magazine and Reclaim Our Media Project. All are welcome.

Please contact one of the co-chairs, Maria Brusser (outreach.seattlelw@gmail.com), or Kelly Powers (membership.seattlelw@gmail.com), if you are interested in joining the discussion.

International Relations Committee
Date: Monday, December 7
Time: 12:45 – 2:45 p.m.
Place: League Office

Anyone interested in participating is welcome – we will be talking about the forum we are planning on the global effects of climate change on women, among other things. Everyone is invited to bring one article on an I-R topic which has recently caught your attention. For more information, email Ellen Berg or Peggy Saari: ellenberg@msn.com or peggysaari@comcast.net.

Transportation Committee
Date: Tuesday, December 15
Time: 10 a.m.
Place: 3837 E. Crockett (Call (206) 329-4848 for Directions)

We plan to have a casual, coffee and cookies gathering at the home of Janet Winans to welcome new and returning members of the committee and to discuss plans for the new year. Anyone interested in learning more about our committee is welcome to come. See page 10 for a report on our October meeting, which concerned Metro’s budget.

Education Committee
Date: Wednesday, December 9
Time: 12:00 p.m.
Place: League Office
Topic: Teacher Quality

At our meeting in October, the Education Committee decided to look at the issue of teacher quality. It is a “hot topic” in the education field right now. According to the National Council on Teacher Quality, there are four areas that have the biggest impact on teacher quality: state policies, teacher preparation programs, school district policies, and unions. Over the next year, we will look at their study of the Seattle School District, talk to local school officials involved in training and evaluating teachers, learn how local teacher training programs train new teachers, and review union agreements that relate to teacher quality. While this is not an official study, it may lead to future work on developing local positions on this issue.

Please join us on December 9 at noon at the Seattle League Office for our first meeting on this issue. For more information, call Lucy Gaskill-Gaddis at (206) 329-4848 or email her at terrylucy2u@comcast.net.
Diversity Policy

The League of Women Voters of Seattle (LWVS), 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, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.

LWVS recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision-making. LWVS 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 affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of Americans in its membership, board, staff and programs.
Help Wanted - TRY 2010

The 2009 General Election is over and League volunteers have begun compiling data for the 2010 TRY. The Seattle League’s annual They Represent You; Directory of Elected Officials pamphlet has been our trademark publication for many years and an anticipated resource for public libraries, city halls, public service workers, local service organizations and the general public. For an organization focused on active public participation in government, this publication is essential. We ask your support with this effort.

Betty Sullivan will be coordinating volunteers in the variety of tasks needed for this publication. If you are experienced in fact checking, editing, entering data in InDesign or proofreading, please contact Betty at the League office. If you are available to assist with fundraising mailings in December or January, please contact Lindsay Cummings. And if you would like to celebrate our success and assist with planning or attending the first They Represent You release party, please mark your calendars for the afternoon of February 7. Denise Smith (issaquahsmith@msn.com) will be coordinating volunteers for fundraising and the TRY release party.

Eastside League of Women Voters Holiday Luncheon

Date: Thursday, December 10
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Place: Susan Cotterell’s home
580 East Sunset Way
Issaquah 98027

All Eastside LWV members and prospective members are cordially invited to a holiday luncheon at the home of member Susan Cotterell. Ava Frisinger, Issaquah’s Mayor, has been invited. Susan has a cat, so please, if you are allergic, take your meds before you come. Unit leaders will be trying to reach you if you generally attend unit discussions on the Eastside. Please email or phone Susan directly if no one has reached you. Please leave your phone and email. To those who have never attended a unit meeting but are interested in League, please join us for this happy time!

What to Bring: About $6.00 to reimburse those who are supplying or buying food for our lunch. And your holiday cheer.

Immigration Committee Sponsors Book Discussion

Date: Wednesday, December 16
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Home of Barbara Reid
316 NE 54th Street
(206) 523-3381
Book: Stubborn Twig, by Lauren Kessler

This book concerns three generations of a Japanese immigrant family in the Northwest—see review in Summer 2009 Voter. It was Oregon’s recommended “read” for 2009. Any interested members are welcome to attend the discussion, which is sponsored by the Immigration Committee.

Impromptu Outreach at University House

One of the discussion questions at last month’s unit meetings read, “would you be willing to reach out to the organizations you belong to and engage them in discussions about the state budget and our current tax structure?” League members Barbara Denis and Fran Trowbridge did just that, when called on at short notice to replace a scheduled speaker at a University House coffee hour. Barbara, one of the unit leaders at University House, and Fran, who had served as discussion leader at the unit meeting the previous week, presented material from the unit meeting to residents of University House, sparking a lively discussion of Washington’s tax structure.

The session was so stimulating that four new members signed up to join League on the spot. And in answer to a question about how to educate people on the subject, long-time member Mary Slotnick suggested contributing to the League of Women Voters Education Fund.
Great Decisions 2010
By Carol Goldenberg

Trying to be a good citizen and make sense of increasing global threats that challenge our understanding? Join one of Seattle League’s three Great Decisions Discussion Groups, beginning in February 2010. For 56 years, the Foreign Policy Association (FPA) has published the annual Great Decisions discussion guide, addressing eight of the most compelling issues in foreign policy. Each book is written by independent experts and contains in-depth articles providing maps, historical background, policy options and an opportunity to take part in a national opinion poll on U.S. foreign policy. The Foreign Policy Association, based in New York, is an independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to learning about the world. Support for FPA’s work comes from individual contributions, foundation grants, membership, publications and events. For many years League has used the Great Decisions program to complement its programs and to reach out to the community.

ORDER YOUR BOOK
Call FPA at (800) 477-5836 or email www.greatdecisions.org. Books will be mailed after January 1, 2010 and will cost $18.00 plus tax and handling.

MEETINGS
Issaquah - contact Denise Smith at (425) 392-9339 or groundwatersmith@msn.com for information about location. Dates of meetings have not yet been determined.

Mercer Island - contact Susie Anschell at (206) 232-2640 or sanschell@hotmail.com for information about location. Dates of meetings have not yet been determined.

Seattle - contact Vicky Downs at (206) 328-3926 or downsvdowns@aol.com for information about location. The Seattle group will meet on alternate Tuesday evenings beginning February 9 and continue through May 18.

Contact Carol Goldenberg at (206) 527-8589 for general information.

TOPICS FOR 2010
Special Envoys
Special envoys can help bring attention and diplomatic muscle to resolve conflicts and global challenges, but they also bring with them their own “special” problems. Will the Obama administration’s reliance on special envoys increase the ability of the U.S. to deal with major international issues or complicate our diplomatic options?

Kenya and R2P
Post-election rioting in Kenya in December 2007 brought pressure on Nairobi, from international and regional diplomats, to end tensions and avert bloodshed on a massive scale. What lessons can be learned from the intervention in Kenya? What does it mean for the UN’s emerging “responsibility to protect” doctrine?

Global Crime
From the booming sex trade in Eastern Europe to online fraud syndicates in Africa and drug cartels of Asia and Central America, crime is becoming increasingly organized and globalized. How can countries better protect citizens seeking the benefits of a globalized world from being exploited? What international actors can effectively fight global organized crime?

U.S. - China Security Relations
China’s influence is growing, along with its military expenditures. How will this growth affect China’s relations with its neighbors and with the U.S.? Will China’s expanding military and economic power affect traditional U.S. roles and U.S. alliances in East Asia? How will countries like Japan, South Korea and India respond?

Global Financial Crisis
The global financial crisis that began in late 2007 revealed major deficiencies in the regulation of markets and institutions—all of which came perilously close to collapse. Emergency measures to prevent a full collapse of the global financial system have led to mixed results. How will governments and the world community respond to this challenge?

Russia and its Neighbors
Russia’s policy of maintaining a “sphere of influence” in former Soviet satellites has been challenged in recent years by movements against pro-Russia regimes. Russia has pushed back by cutting Ukraine’s natural gas supply and intervening in Georgia’s campaign in South Ossetia. Will Russia regain its traditional leadership role in the region?
The Persian Gulf
Now more than ever, the Persian Gulf region offers many difficult challenges to U.S. policy makers. How will President Obama’s direct appeal to Arabs and Muslims impact U.S. foreign policy in the region? What will the fallout of withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq be? Can the U.S. and its allies prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons?

Peacebuilding and Conflict Resolution
U.S. campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan have shown that military force alone cannot ensure peace in all conflicts. How can the U.S. successfully integrate tools of peacebuilding into its statecraft? At what point do poverty, disease and climate change threaten national security? What role can non-governmental actors play in supporting government efforts?

Impact of Budget Problems on King County Metro
By Janet Winans, Chair, Transportation Committee

The speaker at the October meeting of the Transportation Committee was David Hull, the Service Planning Supervisor for Metro. He presented a proposal by Kurt Triplett, the interim King County executive, on how to deal with the impact of structural budget problems on Metro’s budget.

The objectives for the executive’s budget proposal are long-term sustainability, preserving as much existing service as possible and positioning the agency for rebound if/when economic conditions and/or new revenue sources allow. Facts cited include the following:

1. Metro’s largest source of revenue is receipts from 9/10 of a cent sales tax. (75%)
2. Because of the global economic downturn, that revenue stream is down dramatically.
4. Metro Transit’s financing is not just short-term.
5. Economic models project Metro Transit’s sales tax revenue will not return to 2008 levels until 2014.

Metro has been struggling with an ironic problem. Because citizens have supported transit levies over the years, Metro is one of the best functioning and best positioned transit systems in the country. Its budgeting approach was to set aside funds for such things as purchasing replacements to the fleet instead of using bond issues for new funding. That has meant that there are dedicated funds set aside. Metro has been able to rearrange some of those funds to cover the short-term crisis. However, the audit Metro commissioned criticized their practices as too lavish. For instance, their 95% on time service record has been the best in the nation and that is, according to the auditor, too high.

Because every bus route, wherever it is in the county, is necessary to the riders who use it, Mr. Triplett’s plan did not cut routes. Instead, it proposed reducing service across the county by 9%. That will mean more crowded buses on some routes and less frequent service on others. All plans for expansion would have to be delayed into the hoped-for future, except for Rapid-ride and SR520 service, which were authorized in last year’s transit vote.

It is interesting to note that Dow Constantine advocated most of these recommendations during his campaign for King County executive.
A Cast of Thousands

Many thanks are due all those who helped, one way or another, to launch the 33rd Political Party and Auction. Some people solicited businesses for items. Others donated wonderful things. A dependable group helped with mailings. The units jumped in to take on an array of tasks from helping to get out the invitations to closing the silent auctions. Members stepped up to telephone long lists, take messages, check on table captains, solicit sponsors, review certificates, help with data entry or work the night of the auction. Many sent checks. We all get by “with a little help from my friends.” The auction is no exception!

A heartfelt round of applause goes to the following: Karen and David Adair, Marlene and Kenny Alhadeff, Cathy Allen, Maxine Asmussen, Margaret and Barrie Austin, Nancy Bagley, Nadine Baker, Virginia Barker, Sandy and John Barney, Juliet Beard, Ellen Berg, Katie Bethell and Adam Jacob, Judy Bevington, Elaine Birn, Eileen Bleeker, Ann Bowden, Chuck and Tessa Bowden, Shira Brewer, Herb Bridge, Jon and Bobbe Bridge, Blair Brooke-Weiss, Kent Brown, Lisa Brown, Marcia Brown, Maria Brusher, Mary Burki and Mike Ogden, Kris and Alan Bushley, Gloria Butts, Lee Carpenter, Heidi Carpine, Doreen Cato, Audrey Chanen, Pat Clark, Richard Clark, Pat Cleary, Anne Conkle, Anne R. Conn, Lucy and Michael Copass, Susan Cotterell, Beatrice Crane and Peter Crane, William J. Crittenden, Lindsay Cummings, Betsy Darrah, Jo Dawson, Erika de Bronac, Nancy Debaste, Ruthie Dornfeld, Cora Doty, Vicky Downs, Diana Echeverria, Pat Emerson, Hilke Faber, Nancy Federici, Patty Flowers, Jayne Freitag-Koontz, Lucy Gaskell Gaddis, Deborah Gayle, Theodora Geokezas, Jean Godden, Carol Goldenberg, Bea Greenwald, Sue Gregory, Liv Grohn, Carolyn Haley, Anna Haman, Shirley Harper, Debby Haverty, Marjorie Hawkes, Karen Heidergott, Diana Henderson, Piper Henry, Linnea Hirst, Eleanor Hoague, Pete Holmes, Bettina Hosler, Cynthia and John Howe, Julie Howe, Mickey Horwitz, Jean Hurlburt, Rejean Idzenda and Bruce Mosley, Susan Jones and Chris Monck, Jeannette Kahlenberg, Barbara Kaiser, Cris Kantor, Helen Karr, Flora Belle Key, Gunbjorg Ladstein, Phyllis Lamphere, Linda Landerdahl, Lois Laughlin, Dan and Eleanor Laxdall, Kathy Leiendocker, Monica Leigh, Candid Litsey, Carol Lumb, Myra Lupton, Ann Maxwell, Kitty and Michael Mahon, Peter Maier, Miki and Patti Mann, Jocelyn Marchisio, Joe and Carmen Marquez, Dan McCarty, Rose McCoo, Edith and Roger Miller, Nancy Miller, Linda Mitchell, Wendy A. Morgan, Margaret Morrow, Harriett and John Morton, Alice Moss, Betty Newell, Anne Orlando, Jan Orlando, Judy Ostrow, Virginia Owens, Laura Parma-Weigel, Janet Perry, Joan Paulson, Alice and Jack Peterson, Joan and Kim Peterson, Lisa and Terry Peterson, Sandy and Rick Phillips, Judy Pigott, Temma Pistrang, Toni Potter, Kelly Powers, Diana Pritkin, Kathleen Randall, Alice Rasp, Barbara Reid, Jim and Adele Reynolds, Lyn Reynolds, Barbara Reid, Rute and Bob Ridder, Bonnie Rimawi, Angela Robinson, Mavis and Steve Roe, Rosita and Oscar Romero, Peggy Saari, Peter Saari, Dorothy Young Sale and Roger Sale, Sharon Tomiko Santos, Sam Scharff, Hazel Schiffer, Mary Anne Schmitt, Joan Scott, Gail Shurgot, Elsie Simon, Neil Slotnick, Andrea Smith, Bruce Smith, Dianne Smith, Rosealma Smith, Linda Snider, David Spellman, Deborah Spenser, Jay Spenser, Helen Baker St. John, Lorna Stern, Joyce Stevenson, Ellyn Swanson, Dorothy Garrison Swarts, Jay and Betty Sullivan, Joan Thomas, Ann and Greg Thornton, Catherine Tlapak, Peggy Tlapak, Dana Twilight, Margaret Vance, Laraine Volkman, Rev. Doris Waggoner, Jaclyn Wall, Anita Warmflash, Virginia Wedgwood, Laura Weese, Estelle Wertheimer, Ethel Williams, Peg Williams, Janet Winans, Gail and Jay Winberg, Boots Winterstein, Heidi Wolf, Marian and Leo Wolfe and Edith Younge.

The units have pulled a lot of weight. Credit goes to Ballard/Magnolia/Queen Anne Unit, Bellevue Unit, Capitol Hill/Montlake Unit, First Hill Unit, Issaquah Day Unit, Issaquah Evening Unit, Kirkland/Redmond Unit, Magnolia/Queen Anne/Ballard Unit, Mercer Island Unit, North Central Unit, North End Afternoon Unit, North King County Unit, Southend Unit, View Ridge Unit, West Seattle Day Unit, West Seattle Evening Unit for doing an assortment of jobs and/or for contributing financially to the auction.

Special recognition goes to Karen Adair, Ann Bowden, Jean Carlson, Lindsay Cummings, Mark Early, Lynn Felsing, Bea Greenwald, Carolyn Hale, Flora Belle Key, Kitty Mahon, Harriett Morton, Jan O’Connor, Dorothy Young Sale, Denise Smith, Olive Spannaus, Betty Sullivan, Peggy Tlapak, Estelle Wertheimer and Christal Wood for taking on some of the more arduous jobs. Allison Fehr took on a myriad of tasks from working out the credit card arrangements and processing credit cards to making all the backdrops for the certificate items. She alone put in well over one hundred hours. It’s been a gigantic effort. Kudos to one and all!

We are very grateful to the following item donors...
not recognized in the November Voter: Marleen and Kenny Alhadeff, Center House Theater, Columbia River Journeys, Diana Echeverria, Patty Flowers, Island Books, King County Wastewater Treatment, Mervin Manufacturing, Sailing Heritage Society, Spadelago, Tutta Bella, Margaret Vance, Rev. Dorris Waggoner, and West Seattle Nursery and Garden Center.

**Our 33rd Political Party** and Auction would not have been complete without the participation of our politicians. We thank the following for their involvement: Tom Albro, candidate for Port of Seattle Commission; Seattle City Attorney Tom Carr; Rick Chatterton, candidate for Woodinville City Council; Seattle Councilmember Sally Clark; Seattle Council President Richard Conlin, candidate; Port of Seattle Commissioner John Creighton, candidate; John Curley, candidate for Sammamish City Council; Seattle School District No 1 President Michael DeBell, candidate; Seattle Councilmember Jan Drago; Councilmember Chris Eggen, Shoreline City Council; Seattle Councilmember Jean Godden; Rep. Roger Goodman, 45th Legislative District; Governor Chris Gregoire; Port of Seattle Commissioner Lloyd Hara, candidate for King County Assessor; Councilmember Bruce Harrell; Rob Holland, candidate for Port of Seattle Commission; Pete Holmes, candidate for Seattle City Attorney; Congressman Jay Inslee, 1st District; Sen. Ken Jacobsen, 46th Legislative District; Sen. Fred Jarrett, 41st Legislative District; Rep. Phyllis Gutierrez Kenney, 46th Legislative District; Sen. Adam Kline, 37th Legislative District; Sen. Jeanne Kohl-Welles, 36th Legislative District; Patti Mann, candidate for Bellevue School District No. 405 Board; Rep. Marcie Maxwell, 41st Legislative District; Congressman Jim McDermott, 7th District; Jim McIntire, Washington state Treasurer; Judge Laura Gene Middaugh, Superior Court; Sen. Ed Murray, 43rd Legislative District; U.S. Sen. Patty Murray; Betty Patu, candidate for Seattle School District No. 1 Board; Joan Probala, candidate for Issaquah City Council; Sheriff Sue Rahr, candidate; Bob Rosenberger, candidate for King County Assessor; Kay Smith-Blum, candidate for Seattle School District No 1 Board; Port of Seattle Commissioner Gael Donelan Tarleton; Jean Thomas, candidate for Lake Forest City Council; Rep. Sharon Tomiko Santos, 37th Legislative District; Beverly Harison Tonda, candidate for King County Council; and Max Vekich, candidate for Port of Seattle Commission.

The **good news** is that we have met our budget goal. The fine tuning is still going on as we wait for final checks to arrive, but it looks as though the auction will bring in around $54,000. Though lots of people helped to put on the auction, however, many of the bigger jobs went unfilled. The load became extremely heavy for those who carried it.

**Thanks again to everyone** who helped. If we overlooked a thank you to someone, please let us know so that we can acknowledge you in the next newsletter.

We thank Alphaphographics, Copy Mart and Urban Press for giving us quality work at discounted prices.

**Community News**

**From the City of Seattle**

**By Jan O’Connor**

Department of Planning and Development

The DPD will soon begin working on an update of the city’s comprehensive plan. The state Growth Management Act requires that the plan be updated every seven years, and the next update is due by December 2011. The League has actively supported the state’s Growth Management Act and has participated in the development of the city’s current comprehensive plan.

In the late 1990s, Seattle residents participated in a neighborhood planning effort that resulted in thirty-eight neighborhood plans. Meetings have been held throughout the city to evaluate those plans, identify continuing priorities and raise new issues. The trends that emerged from those meetings will be published shortly, in reports called Final Status Reports and State of the Neighborhood Report, and presented to the City Council and Mayor. The League has done studies in these areas.
Action

THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND THE LEAGUE

The Washington State legislature goes into session in January every year. In odd-numbered years, sessions last 105 days, to allow time to prepare a budget. In even-numbered years sessions are only 60 days from start to finish—weekends and holidays included. In order for a bill to become law, it must be introduced in the House or Senate and make its way through through a policy committee and a fiscal committee and on to the floor, where it must go through the amendment process and be approved before being sent to the other house. There is must undergo the same process. If the bill is amended in the second house, it returns to the house of origin for approval. So for every bill that is passed or defeated in the course of a session, there are many that never make it out of committee, run out of time somewhere along the way, or are held over to the next session.

A short session, such as the one coming up in 2010, requires preparation, organization and hard work from not only legislators, but also from lobbyists, whose efforts can be instrumental in moving bills along. The League of Women Voters of Washington (LWVWA) maintains a lobby team, which works closely with its professional lobbyist, Lonnie Johns-Brown, to follow the progress of bills through the legislature. In order to do this efficiently, each member of the team works only on bills in a single area — e.g. education, energy, health care. Lobby team members may testify at committee hearings or speak personally to legislators.

LWVWA also enlists the support of individual members to move bills of interest through the legislature. To this end, it publishes a legislative newsletter every week during the legislative session. The newsletter includes reports on the progress of bills that it supports in each area of interest; applicable League positions; recommended actions, such as requesting a legislator to vote a bill out of committee; and names of contacts. Members may receive the newsletter either by mail or by email; see coupon below to sign up.

Members who are interested in joining the LWVWA Lobby Team should contact LWVWA Action Chair Kim Abel at kabel@wavecable.com.

FOLLOW THE LEAGUE’S PROGRESS IN OLYMPIA
SUBSCRIBE TO THE LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER

During the legislative session you will receive information about League support or opposition to bills, pertinent committee hearings, status of bills and Action Alerts. If you are willing to receive the newsletter via email it’s free! If you prefer to have it mailed to you there is a $15 charge. Please specify which version you wish to receive - mail or email.

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ROLLING OUT THE WELCOME MAT FOR NEW AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

It’s easy to get so busy in our day-to-day League activities that we inadvertently neglect a very important task: bringing new and inactive Leaguers into the fold by helping them to grow as contributors and eventually into leaders. It’s understandable that we stick with people we enjoy working with and whose talents are known quantities. Unfortunately, this is not a sustainable approach! We have a couple key positions on the Board to fill right now, and we’re even looking for Speakers Bureau volunteers.

There’s no end of League work to do and we are depending upon a large pool of enthusiastic and talented volunteers who can take on exciting, timely projects—large or small. Bringing on new Leaguers can be delightful and rewarding. It can result in energizing and fresh approaches. Think of all that we could do!

Some say “build the program and they will come.” They will. Great programming is a first step, but these days we’ve also got to invite people to join in and ask them to help in meaningful ways. I encourage you to consider your committees, projects and activities:

• Are prospective members personally invited to your meetings?
• Do you include people who have expressed interested on the email announcing meetings?
• Do you invite them back? If they can’t come, do you suggest other activities for them?
• Do you offer to meet up with them, or even better, offer to arrange a ride?
• Are you flexible in your meeting times to accommodate potential new members?
• Are you willing to try new venues that would be appealing to new members?
• Do you talk up your volunteers’ contributions?

If you’re feeling swamped, try asking another member to put out the official welcome mat or to handle volunteer appreciation.

Speaking of alternative venues….. People enjoy getting things done in convivial atmosphere. The Civics Ed Committee periodically meets at The Pub at Vios near the Third Place Books in Ravenna. The North Seattle Unit meets at Third Place Books in Lake Forest Park and their meeting is on the Community Calendar. Maria Brusher and I had an enjoyable and highly productive meeting at Tougo Coffee shop just a few blocks from the office.

MEETING PLACE IDEAS

**Tougo Coffee Company**
1410 18th Avenue Seattle – Central Area
206-860-3518
Free Wi-Fi available/Kids play area in back
Mon-Sat. 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Sun. 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**The Pub at Vios**
Ravenna Third Place Books
6504 20th Ave NE
(206) 523-0217
Free wi-fi
7 days, 4:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. (later on Weeknights and Saturday)
Happy Hour Everyday 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**The Mosaic Community Coffeehouse**
4401 2nd Ave NE - Wallingford
(206) 632-8036
Meeting room can be reserved, play area
Lots of tables suitable for meetings – Free wi-fi
Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Third Place Books**
Lake Forest Park

Please email or call Membership with other venue ideas – particularly on the Eastside, South and West Seattle.
Longtime active Leaguer Peg Williams celebrated her 90th birthday November 8th with a party at the Mount Baker Community Center. The guests included former neighbors, family, and a large number of Leaguers who have worked with Peg through the years. Happy Birthday, Peg!

Thanks to Linnea Hirst for bringing two new prospective members to the November forum.

Give a League Membership!

The gift of membership to the League of Women Voters is an excellent way to introduce friends and family to issues that matter to everyone living in the Puget Sound area. Since the beginning, the League of Women Voters has believed that active and informed citizens are vital to the health of democracy. Help support the League’s mission by giving an annual membership to someone you care about. Simply fill out the coupon below and return it to the League office with dues payment of $60. We will send a welcome letter and certificate to the new member(s).

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A Reminder:
The League of Women Voters of Seattle reimburses child care and elder care costs for members who wish to attend meetings. Call Lindsay at the League office for more information.
BOOK REVIEW by Vicky Downs

The Healing of America: A Global Quest for Better, Cheaper and Fairer Health Care by T.R. Reid

I know Tom Reid slightly. We worked together on an accreditation committee for his daughters’ international Catholic school in Tokyo, and he attended PTA meetings at his son's school, where I worked. His intelligence, inquisitiveness and empathy, enhanced by his wonderful sense of humor, help make his books, and certainly this one, both informative and good reads.

Reid explains four basic health care models that are used around the world. The “Bismarck Model” is found in several countries, including Germany and Japan. This plan would look familiar to Americans, because it depends on many private health insurance plans, and many hospitals and doctor's offices are privately owned. What is different from the US approach is that the system is tightly regulated in terms of medical services and fees.

In the “Beveridge Model,” health care is provided to all and financed entirely by the government. Great Britain, Spain and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs use this method.

The “National Health Insurance System” is a government-run insurance program that every citizen pays into. The medical providers are private, but the government controls cost by negotiating for lower prices, providing equal treatment for all, and sometime by making people wait for treatment. Canada, Taiwan and the U.S. Medicare program provide examples of this approach.

Finally, the “Out of Pocket” system is one in which the rich receive good health care and the poor often do not see a doctor at all, or not until it's too late. This is the approach in the poorest countries and for 17% of Americans.

The United States is like “no other country, because [we maintain] so many separate systems for separate classes of people” and because we rely so heavily on for-profit insurance plans to pay the bills. Our system is clearly the most expensive of those in any of the industrialized countries, and the only one in which health insurance is a for-profit business, as well as the only one in which workers occasionally lose their lives for lack of health coverage.

This book is filled with interesting insights. One is that “basically you die earlier and spend more time disabled if you are an American rather than a member of [one of the] other advanced countries.” Why? Because it is not profitable for insurance companies to encourage preventive care in the American system. However, it does make economic sense to provide preventive care if health itself, rather than profit, is the bottom line.

Reid says that “in every wealthy country except the United States, is the principle that financing health care must be a non-profit endeavor.” When profit is the bottom line, health care will suffer. If health is the bottom line, then the for-profit professionals are disadvantaged, and are limited to working with the very well-to-do, as happens in the UK, for example, or with those who want something like tummy tucks or other elective medical care.

With his chronically painful shoulder, Reid visited doctors in the United States, France, Germany, Japan and India, where he learned about medical care “from the inside.” Interestingly, the ancient Ayurvedic program in India proved to be positively bizarre in its approach but also very helpful. The French doctor was impressively informative and helpful as well as inexpensive. The British doctor recommended a “stiff upper lip”. It seems the culture of each country emphasized a different take on medical care.

This book describes many approaches to providing good, fair and affordable health care for all. It offers an excellent opportunity to select the kind of care that would best serve residents of the United States. Reid makes it clear that to do so is, above all, an ethical decision.

The opinions in this review are personal and do not represent those of the LWV.
Since we are talking about the upcoming legislative session at our forum and at some of our units, here’s a review of the structure involved in the legislative process. The steps listed below are from *The State We’re In: Washington* (The League of Women Voters of Washington, 2004, pp. 56-57).

The 2010 Regular Legislative Session is scheduled to begin in Olympia on January 11. This is the second year of the biennium, so a shorter 60-day session is planned. However, special sessions of up to 30 days may be called if more time is needed to address critical issues. Special sessions may be called by the governor, or the legislature can call itself into special session by a 2/3 vote in both houses.

1. Someone has an idea – they think a new law should be made, or an existing law should be changed. The person who has the idea might be the governor or some other elected official, or it might be a business or union leader or any other ordinary citizen.

2. The legislator who is going to introduce the proposed law or change (called a bill) asks someone on their staff to write a first draft. Usually, the draft is reviewed by the people who asked the state legislator to introduce it. Sometimes other people who have an interest in the topic are asked to review it, too, and to say whether they think it can get enough votes to pass. A bill may be revised many times before it is ever introduced.

3. Once a bill is drafted, it goes to the Code Registrar’s office, where people who are experts on Washington law go over it. They make sure it is technically correct, and decide where it would fit in to the Revised Code of Washington—the body of laws of our state.

4. The legislator who is going to introduce the bill may pass it around to other legislators to see if they want to be cosponsors. Then the bill is introduced in either the House or the Senate, and referred to a committee. For instance, all bills that will affect public schools are sent to the Education Committee; all bills dealing with roads go to the Transportation Committee, and so forth.

5. The committee chair decides whether the committee will consider the bill. If the chair chooses to, he or she schedules a public hearing on the bill. A public hearing is a meeting where anyone can come and tell the committee what they think about the bill. Then the committee discusses it. They may decide to amend (or change) it. Then they vote to either send it to the full House or Senate for a vote, or to kill it.

6. Even bills that pass out of committee don’t always get voted on by the full House or Senate. The Rules Committee decides which bills will be voted on, and when. At this stage, legislative leaders may decide to hold off on voting on a bill while people try to resolve any arguments they have about it. They rarely bring a bill up for a vote until they know that enough people agree on it for it to pass the full House or Senate.
7. Finally, a bill that has cleared all these hurdles comes up for a vote in the full House or Senate. If it passes, then it starts the whole process over again in the opposite house. Once again, it is introduced, referred to a committee, discussed in committee, referred back to the Rules Committee and then to the full House or Senate. It can be amended along the way. If the House and Senate pass versions of the bill that aren’t exactly the same, they have to work out the differences and pass the bill over again.

8. When a bill has passed both the House and Senate, it goes to the Governor. The Governor can sign it into law, or veto it. If the Governor vetoes it, both the House and Senate can override the veto if they pass the bill by a two-thirds majority. When the Governor signs a bill into law, there is almost always a special ceremony. The Governor invites the people who worked to pass the law to his or her office. They all have their picture taken together, and the Governor gives one of them

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**DON’T FORGET**

**LWVWA LOBBY DAY!**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 19**

**COLUMBIA ROOM, STATE CAPITOL, OLYMPIA**

For more information call the LWVWA office at (206) 622-8961
Unit Meetings

UNIT CHOICE MONTH
December is unit choice month at the League of Women Voters of Seattle. Some units invite legislators or other elected officials or community representatives to visit and speak; some organize social events; some combine the two. Some of our units arrange to join forces for an activity. And some just take a break. Check the schedule below to see if there is an activity that interests you.

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Thursday, December 10

**Issaquah Evening** - Ann Thornton/Denise Smith  
anninissaquah@gmail.com  11:30 am With Issaquah Day above

**Kirkland/Redmond** - Sheila Hoff  
srhoff123@yahoo.com  11:30 am With Issaquah Day above

**Mercer Island** - Lucy Copass/Cynthia Howe  
lucyco@speakeasy.org  9:15 am Mercer Island Presbyterian Church

**North Central** - Jan Orlando  
orlanre@aol.com  7:30 pm Jan Orlando

**Shoreline** - Juliet Beard  
juliet@windermere.com  4:30 pm Call for information

**University House** - Barbara Denis/Judy Coskey  
bdenis340@comcast.net  10:00 am University House

tjcoskey@msn.com  4400 Stone Way N

Coffee hour for unit members

Wednesday, December 16

**North King County** - Rejean Idzerda  
idzerda@comcast.net  (206)367-6634  9:30 am Rejean Idzerda


Saturday, October 17

**Ballard/Queen Anne/Magnolia Day** - Kim Peterson/Kerry Peterson  
No December meeting

* Note that you are invited to attend other units’ meetings
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