
By Lucy Gaskill-Gaddis and Karen Adair, LWVS-KC Education Committee

On November 1st, a capacity crowd at our forum at Seattle’s Town Hall heard a variety of perspectives on the impact of federal government policies on local schools. Comments made to the organizing committee indicated that many who attended the forum came to an early consensus: the format was excellent, the speakers were informative, and the issues are vital.

This local forum was the first part of the process of responding to the LWVUS study on the federal role in education. Moderator Dana Twight informed the audience that “This is not part of the 24-hour news cycle,” but a long study process with a broad national scope. For two weeks after the forum, units (neighborhood discussion groups) discussed issues raised in the national study: funding and equity, special needs and early childhood education, Common Core Standards and assessments, and the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), otherwise known as No Child Left Behind (NCLB). The responses by units to the fifteen consensus questions were compiled and sent to LWVUS, which will review our responses as well as those from all other leagues around the country. The national league will make the results available in March and propose new positions based on the study. This will conclude the study process begun at the national convention in Atlanta in June 2010, where delegates voted to adopt this study.

Guest speakers at Town Hall included local and state officials and other experts who took time out of busy schedules to present their views, first in ten-minute individual presentations and then in a panel discussion where they answered written questions from the audience.

Marge Plecki, Associate Professor in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, U.W., and Nancy Beadie, Professor and Historian in Educational Leadership and Policy, U.W., discussed the historical timeline of federal support for education. According to Beadie, the federal government established strong educational policies first in the west, as that part of the country became integrated into the United States, and then in the Southern states at the conclusion of the Civil War. These policies, canceled by the states after Reconstruction, had a strong influence on the wording of the constitution of the new state of Washington, giving us one of the strongest statements in the union supporting the state’s role in providing education. As with many policies, the issue of states’ rights vs. federal oversight was in the forefront of compromises that led to federal and state rules.

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THE EVENT
What an elegant, swellegant occasion was our 35th Political Party, BEYOND SPIN! From the first sip of champagne to the talk by our scintillating speaker Stephanie Coontz, it seemed that a good time was had by all. Coontz’s allusions to the good old days, when job ads were in separate sections for men and women, rang a cord with many of us who were coming of age in the 1950s and ’60s. She reminded us of the battles our foremothers fought for us and of the tremendous amount of work that still needs to be done. Coontz made a very strong case that the LWV continues to be essential in the effort towards equality for women and justice for all Americans.

The music, the buzz of bargain hunters around the “silent” auction tables, the Making Democracy Work Awards (given to THE Washington Bus and the John Stanford Public Service Academy of Franklin High), the dinner and live auction all added to the festive occasion. Though Senator Patty Murray was unable to attend, we were pleased that her staff person Sheila Babb could attend and we are grateful for Senator Murray’s gracious words of support for our organization.

The event was highly successful financially as well. Preliminary calculations show that we are brushing up against our ambitious goal of clearing $40,000 or about one quarter of our budget for this year. There is no way to thank each of you adequately and personally, but you know how you contributed and I want you to know that it is appreciated. But I must call out some names that come to mind.

Of course, Kathy Sakahara, Event Chair, Nancy Eitreim, Auction Chair, and Ginna Owens, Development Chair, have to be at the top of the list. Other contributing team members include Joanna Cullen, Linette Bixby (and family), Laraine Volkman, Carol Burton, Katie Ortiz, Ali Morland, Rose McCoo, Judy Ostrow, and Carolyn Hale and her team of golden raffle ticket sellers.

Jan O’Connor worked hard and well managing the items that poured into the office. Kelly Powers made planning much easier by helping us select a fine speaker early in the process. Denise Smith ran off to the printers and saved the day when our copier started printing a black line down the middle of our display sheets. Staff Lindsay Cummings and Whitney Lewis, who managed Auction Tracker, pitched in. Graphic artists Lily Reid and Sarah Bullock added pizzazz to the event as did the decorations by Linette Bixby. Allison Feher used her registration know-how to make check-in go smoothly. The units, including King County North, Horizon House, West Seattle, and View Ridge pitched in; we are grateful to them all.

Thanks to those of you who attended the gala, reached out and invited new people, filled tables, procured items, helped with mailings, offered talents, items, and getaways; those who donated were vital. The politicians who joined us, the businesses that donated, and those of you who jumped in to fill a need as it arose helped immeasurably. Sorry if your name is not called out, but do please know you are appreciated.

THE ENDORSEMENT
The Board voted to oppose the car tabs measure and to not take a position on the Family and Education levy. (You should have received a Constant Contact message outlining the positions.)

As you may know, the latter decision received some criticism. I’d like to give you a little context for the decision and talk about where we go from here. Because some expert members had felt that they had not
received sufficient hearings last year, a subcommittee met for six months to develop a process to avoid this and to provide a plan for the endorsement process. This included a call for information, a Q and A session with proponents and opponents of the issues, and a special Board meeting to deliberate. The Board took its task very seriously. About half voted to endorse and about half voted to take no position; no one voted to oppose. The education committee, as might be expected, was not happy that there was not a decision to support. Those who thought we should take no position based their decision on factors such as the doubling of the levy amount and the burden on financially stressed citizens as well as concern about accountability for the use of the moneys. Those for the levy thought we had ample positions to support it, such as those related to early childhood programs and support for basic needs of children and teens. While the Board expressed total support for the goals of the levy, they did not come to consensus to support it. This left it to League members as individuals to weigh the issues and then vote and advocate for the measure as they saw fit.

At its November meeting, the Board, in the spirit of continuous improvement, identified issues to be addressed at a review of the endorsement process in January. The Education committee will have input into the process at the December meeting. I trust we can move forward with good will to clarify the roles of the Board and Committees and to find the right balance between our twin missions of voter education and advocacy. A question in my mind is this: what social programs can we support in an era of scarcity? Do effectiveness and affordability take a bigger role than in better times? What economic policies should we support to provide ample employment and funding of social needs? Challenging issues all.

The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County (LWVS-KC) presents a public forum each month (except December) between August and May, generally on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The expert speakers at each forum focus on a topic chosen by the Board with advice from the members. We also provide information on the topic in the Voter. Those topics are then discussed at unit meetings during the following weeks; unit meetings are open to all. See the list of units at the end of this Voter for a discussion in your neighborhood.

Most forums are held at the Seattle First Baptist Church, but occasionally they are scheduled in other locations and times. The schedule of upcoming forums for 2011-2012 appears above; check your Voter or the LWVS-KC website (seattlelwv.org) each month for up-to-date information.

Judy Bevington, President
League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County
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**DECEMBER**

- **Board Meeting**
  - Saturday, December 3
  - 9:00 a.m. – noon
  - League Office

- **Voter deadline**
  - Monday, December 5

- **International Relations Committee**
  - Monday, December 5
  - 12:45-2:45 p.m.
  - League Office

- **Land Use/Waterfront Committee**
  - Tuesday, December 13
  - 10:00 a.m.–noon
  - League Office

- **Immigration Committee**
  - Tuesday, December 13
  - 6:30-8:30 p.m.
  - 6545 27th Ave. NW

**JANUARY**

- **Forum: Program Planning**
  - Thursday, January 5
  - 7:00-9:00 p.m.
  - Seattle First Baptist Church

- **Board Meeting**
  - Saturday, January 7
  - 9:00 a.m. – noon
  - League Office

- **Economics and Taxation Committee**
  - Saturday, December 31
  - 9:00 a.m.
  - 909 E. Newton St., #D-9

- **League Office Closed**
  - Saturday, December 24 through Sunday, January 1

- **Voter deadline**
  - Monday, January 9
The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County met on Saturday morning, November 5th, 2011. This is a summary of their work.

The most current figures from the fundraiser indicate that it netted something in the neighborhood of $39,000.00, very close to the ambitious goal that Kathy Sakahara set. Reports are that it was fun, well-attended, and successful due our many dedicated volunteers and local units. The Town Hall event was also well-attended, and the League received many compliments on the well-informed presenters. Voter Service covered a total of 27 events during the election season in addition to the work on the election forums and ballot issue summaries that the League produced. Kudos to the work of Kathy Sakahara, Program Chair Jeanette Johnson, the Education Committee, and Cyndi Woods and Julie Anne Kempf of Voter Service.

The merger of the South County and Seattle League is official. Mary Ehlers presented a letter from the LWVUS Board disbanding the South King County League, along with a letter from the former South County Board outlining the last stages of transition. M/S/C The LWVS-KC Board approved the transition plan and will move accordingly to accomplish name changes on legal, business, and promotional documents, and on the URL. Mary Ehlers is organizing the committee that will integrate the positions of the Seattle and South County Leagues. Other members are Nora Leech, Joanna Cullen, Jane Shafer, and Beatrice Crane.

Membership was reported at 683 with 6 and 8 new members in October and September, respectively. President Bevington reported that Dana Twight has been working on new member connections and that she has mailed “welcome back” and new-member packets.

Board members concurred with Development Chair Ginna Owens that strengthening the structure of the LWVS-KC will make all work easier. Local units are the heart of this organization. Therefore, building on them and various outreach strategies for membership in general is where this work has to begin.

Pat McCann, Janet Winans, and Kati Ortiz will serve on the reading committee for the upcoming local study on effective teaching.

Subcommittee members for Finance Review are Cyndi Woods and Joanna Cullen, led by Laraine Volkman.

Financial Recommendations Committee members are Cindy Piennett, Linda Snider, Laraine Volkman, and Kati Ortiz.

Joanna Cullen, Beatrice Crane, and Janet Winans will be compiling the local unit consensus forms for the National Education Study.

M/S/C The Board approved a short leave of absence for Julie Anne Kempf. It will be less than a month.

The Board was sorry to hear that LWVS-KC received letters of resignation from Dana Twight and Linda Brown. Their work and dedication was much appreciated and they will be missed.

In the upcoming weeks and months the Board work will include the following:

In January the Endorsement Committee will be reviewing the Endorsement Process.

A PR task force will consider how to improve our structure for a smoother, more effective operation.

The Program Committee has begun to meet to plan for 2012-2013; they are reviewing ideas for the upcoming year. For instance, one letter that they received suggested the need for more current information on aspects of the economy and that perhaps this could provide more focus for several programs in the upcoming year.

Planning for and publishing the next edition of the TRY will require Board and volunteer time.
Committees

**Economics and Taxation Committee**
DATE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31
TIME: 9 A.M.
PLACE: 909 E. NEWTON, #D9
RSVP: LWVSEATTLENORA@YAHOO.COM

**Education Committee**
The Education Committee is currently completing work on the study “Fostering Teacher Effectiveness: No Easy Answers.” It is not holding regularly scheduled meetings at this time. Upon completion of the study, the Education Committee will resume its regular mission and announce a monthly meeting time.

**Immigration Committee**
DATE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13
TIME: 6:30—8:30 P.M.
PLACE: 6545 27TH AVENUE NW
SEATTLE 98117

Topic: *Passionate Declarations*, by Howard Zinn, Chapter 5, Just and Unjust War (and as much more as you wish to read)

From this strong title, you expect strength in argument, and that's just what you get from this American historian. This chapter is not only a passionate declaration of Zinn's views on war but a detailed and well-expressed treatise on his reasoning. This is certainly pertinent to our Immigration Committee, since war is one of the most important causes for the displacement of millions of people from their homes worldwide and the source for many of the world's refugees.

Please bring your own sandwich and we will provide dessert (healthy) and drinks.

**International Relations Committee**
DATE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 5
TIME: 12:45—2:45 P.M.
PLACE: LEAGUE OFFICE

**Land Use/Waterfront Committee**
DATE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13
TIME: 10:00 A.M.—NOON
PLACE: LEAGUE OFFICE

Topic: The Central Waterfront Project, particularly the governance of such a project and the port.

**Transportation Committee**
DATE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20
TIME: 10:00—NOON
PLACE: LEAGUE OFFICE

Speaker: Fred Jarrett, Deputy King County Executive

We encourage participation in our issue committees. Often there are excellent speakers who provide informative presentations.

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.
**A LUNCHEON IS ANNOUNCED**

The Issaquah Daytime unit is hosting a luncheon on December 7th for the Mercer Island, Bellevue, Redmond/Kirkland, and Issaquah units. If you are a member or prospective member of one of those units, you are cordially invited.

**Time:** Wednesday, December 7, 2011, 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Susan Cotterell’s home at 580 East Sunset Way, Issaquah 98027.

Susan has a cat so please, if you are allergic, take your meds before you come.

**What to bring:** Please bring $6.00 to reimburse those who are supplying or buying food for our lunch AND your holiday cheer.

**Directions:** Head east on I-90 towards Issaquah, exit at exit 18, East Sunset Way/Highlands. Take a right onto East Sunset Way at the traffic light. Go past the small gravel parking lot. Susan’s gray house with a front porch is on the right hand side, the north side. It is before the funeral home on the same side. Park on the wide shoulders of E. Sunset Way.

Please email or phone Susan directly if you plan to attend.

Susan’s email: grannysue@msn.com

Thank you, everyone. Especially Susan!

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**VOLUNTEER AT THE CIS DESK**

Now that the political party and elections are behind us and winter is setting in, come and join us on the CIS (Citizen Information Service) desk. It is a fun way for new members to get to know the League firsthand and for longtime members to be involved without undue responsibility. You will be the voice of the League on our end of the phone and meet everyone who comes in the door. Currently, we have an opening once a week on Mondays for a regular shift, and we always welcome anyone who would like to serve on the substitute list. You will be trained beforehand.

If you are interested, give Cynthia Howe a call (206-329-4848) or email her at howe.john@comcast.net.

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**TRANSPORTATION SPEAKER**

Doug MacDonald, the former head of Washington Department of Transportation and the Con speaker about Initiative 1125 at our October forum, will have spoken to the LWVS-KC Transportation Committee on November 15. His topic: the impact on transportation of the November election and his role in dealing with the discovery of Native American remains at Port Angeles harbor, the first site chosen to build the pontoons for the 520 Bridge replacement. Be sure to look for an article about his talk in the January Voter.
GREAT DECISIONS 2012

What are the most pressing international issues that command our attention in these chaotic times? It is always a challenge for the Foreign Policy Association to select eight topics to include in the Great Decisions briefing book but this year the challenge is especially daunting. The topics and authors chosen for 2012 are:

Middle East Realignment, by Augustus Richard Norton - The popular revolts and the upheaval of the Arab Spring have radically changed the face of the Middle East. What lies ahead for the Middle East’s transition to democracy? What are the prospects for the governments that have held out in this new order? With many long time U.S. allies ousted, how will the U.S. recalibrate its relations with the new regimes?

Promoting Democracy, by Larry Diamond - The U.S. has had a history of advancing and supporting democracy around the world. What place does democracy promotion have in U.S. foreign policy today? With a choice of tools ranging from economic aid to military force, what are the appropriate yet effective methods that the U.S. should use to promote democracy?

Mexico, by George Grayson - Mexico’s border with Central America, as well as the border shared with the U.S., has been a pathway for people, goods, crime, and contraband in both directions. How can Mexico address these trans-border challenges? What is the future of Mexico’s relations with its northern and southern neighbors? How will Mexico’s foreign policy affect its domestic policy?

Cybersecurity, by Ron Deibert - The securitization of cyberspace has caused a sea change for both government and the private sector, each faced with new threats, new battlegrounds, and new opportunities. Faced with challenges such as international cybercrime and authoritarian control of networks, how will the U.S. and its democratic allies approach the cyber frontier. How does this new domain figure in U.S. strategic interests?

Exit from Afghanistan and Iraq, by Michael E. O’Hanlon - Ten years after September 11, 2001, the U.S. is winding down its military commitment in Iraq and slowly pulling out of Afghanistan. What exit strategy will help Afghanistan and Iraq build stable democratic nations? How can the U.S. continue to achieve its counterterrorism goals? What is the role of the U.S. in the future of the Middle East?

State of the Oceans, by Sara Tjossem - The world’s oceans are essential to life on earth and are tremendously sensitive to global climate change. What are the consequences of climate change on oceanic factors like biodiversity, sea levels, and extreme weather systems? How can the U.S. and its international partners address the emerging challenges to this shared resource?

Energy Geopolitics, by William Sweet - The energy markets have been shaken by the instability of Middle East oil and the vulnerability of nuclear power. Developing countries like China are becoming bigger energy consumers, while energy producers like Russia see the opportunity to widen their influence. In this changed landscape, how will the U.S.’s energy needs affect its relations with other nations?

The non-partisan, non-profit Foreign Policy Association has been publishing educational materials and presenting forums on U.S. foreign policy since the end of World War II with the goal of advancing informed citizen participation in shaping U.S. relations with the rest of the world.

The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County will again sponsor three Great Decisions discussion groups, beginning in February 2012. The Seattle group will meet at the home of Vicky Downs on Capitol Hill (206-329-4848). A Mercer Island group will be hosted by Susie Anschell (206-329-4848). Susie is eager to have new members join them. A third group, organized by Denise Smith, will meet in Issaquah (425-329-4848).

To order the 2012 Great Decisions briefing book from the Foreign Policy Association call 800-477-5836 or email wwwfpa.org.
One of the new and very exciting parts of the program at Beyond Spin, our 2011 Political Party, was the presentation of the Making Democracy Work Awards. These awards recognize and honor individuals and organizations for activism that helps make our democracy strong, vibrant, and fair.

Two awards were presented: The Public Leadership award was presented to The Washington Bus and the Youth Achievement award was presented to the Stanford Public Service and Political Science Academy of Franklin High School.

- Hosted their largest Summer Fellowship program ever. Twenty-three young people from across Washington State spent nine weeks developing their leadership and community-building skills and mobilizing thousands of young voters.

- Organized Candidate Survivor, the largest and most energetic candidate forum in the state. Over 500 young people packed Neumo’s on Seattle’s Capitol Hill to watch candidates for Seattle City Council debate the issues young people care about.

- Pledged thousands and thousands of young people to vote by sending them time-travelling post cards to remind them to vote in the upcoming general election.

- Worked closely with Rock the Vote, a youth outreach partner of the LWVUS.

Being involved with the Bus is often the first political act taken in a young person’s life, but it is never the last. The Washington Bus’s motto “Of young people, by young people, for all people” rings true in its work to form a more engaged and informed region and state.
We applaud their efforts in galvanizing young voters and illuminating a pathway for a more civically engaged Washington.

“In addition to the Public Leadership Award for outstanding service to our community, we believe it is important to recognize the important work being done by young people to encourage involvement by their peers in the political process. The challenge to expand and improve our democratic process is an on-going one, and we will look to these youth to be leaders in the future.” Judy Bevington, President, League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County

Youth Achievement Award: Stanford Public Service and Political Science Academy of Franklin High School

The John Stanford Public Service and Political Science Academy (PSA for short) was honored for inspiring a life-long ethic of public service in its approximately 500 graduates.

The PSA is a rigorous 3-year college preparatory program with an emphasis on the public sector that offers students personal attention. It empowers students to develop their own vision of the role they and the government should take in confronting local, national, and international challenges. Challenging academic work is spiced with real-world experiences through field trips, meetings with legislators, conferences, internships, and service leagues.

PSA students graduate at a very high rate -- over 87%. Nearly 80% are accepted at two- and four-year colleges.

The program, like the school itself, serves students in one of the most diverse zip codes in the nation: 96% are students of color, 68% are served a free or reduced-price lunch, 13% are English language learners. Yet its outcomes are better than those of any other school in the state with similar demographics; they surpass many schools with less complex student bodies.

Students Wilondja Muyoma and Njeri Mburu graciously accepted the award. Students Diaba Kaba, Azaria Keys, and Yen Truong, Community Projects Manager Luzviminda Uzuri “Lulu” Carpenter, and Franklin High School Principal Jennifer Riley also represented the program. We owe a special thanks to a number of League members who provided tickets for students to attend.

In addition to the award, the League of Women Voters of Washington Education Fund gave the PSA a classroom set of the civics textbook *The State We’re In -- Washington: Your guide to state, local and tribal government.*
AUCTION DONORS AND SPONSORS

As President Judy Bevington wrote earlier, BEYOND SPIN--the 2011 Political Party and Auction--was an elegant, swellegant success. She has thanked many of the League volunteers. But beyond those thanks, we would like to thank our generous sponsors, who made the evening possible:

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LWVS-KC—MOVING FORWARD
CREATIVELY

By Ginna Owens, Development Chair

The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County is responding to the challenge of today’s economic and social upheavals with a close review of its own structural and financial conditions. In this climate, how can we most effectively marshal our myriad resources on behalf of good government and the voters of King County?

To begin this effort we’re forming a Development Committee to explore new and creative options and strategies that are commensurate with our mission of encouraging informed and active participation in government as we increase understanding of, and exert influence on, public policy through education and advocacy.

Examples of the development committee’s agenda might include

- Increasing the ethnic and age-related diversity of our membership.
- Enhancing our “will power” through estate planning workshops.
- Seeking ways to jazz-up our existing grassroots unit structure as we create new units.
- Examining the role of league committees and how they can best communicate findings to the membership.
- Considering a dues check-off to encourage “over and above” giving.
- Exploring publication possibilities.

What else? We invite your participation. Although stories of what happened in the past are discouraged, creative ideas based on past experience are welcome, as are brand new, fresh, 21st-century thoughts. To learn more about scheduled meetings and how best to communicate your comments and ideas contact Ginna Owens at ginnao@earthlink.net or 206-323-7992. If you prefer, you may contact the League office with your comments or contact information.

EFFORTS FOR TAX REFORM
CONTINUE

The failure of the 2010 vote for a state income tax was a disappointment for those of us who have worked for years to establish a more progressive and equitable tax system in the state of Washington. Much of the leadership for that campaign came from Bill Gates, Sr. and a team of supporters working with the Economic Opportunity Institute. Those supporters included a coalition of labor, education, religious, and political action groups who were convinced that the current state tax system in Washington is regressive and ill-equipped to meet the needs of state residents. LWVWA has been at that table.

But hope springs eternal. The 2010 income tax initiative [I-1098] passed in Seattle although it failed statewide. The current budget crisis and its devastating effect on many services valued by state residents has brought the committee together again with a new, more complex plan involving short-term recommendations, mid-term strategies, and a long-term plan that includes a new state tax structure.

Short-term strategies include a thoughtful, researched list of tax exemptions that might no longer be warranted and are generally not granted in other states. Income tax initiatives have been filed for the 2012 election with the knowledge that they may have political implications and that no one is aware of what other initiatives may be filed. (Filing several related initiatives is a technique that gives the proponents more options for achieving the most desirable description and title for an initiative.)

Mid-term strategies include education campaigns, hearings on public investment needs, and legislative actions to build trust in government. Those measures would include accountability, efficiency, and cost saving reforms.

Sallie Mackle and Jan O’Connor are currently serving as the LWVWA representatives to the group and would welcome other League members to join them. The group is currently called Tax Reform for Middle Class Prosperity.
Voter Service

VOTER SERVICE--SPEAKERS’ BUREAU
BY CYNDI WOODS, VOTER SERVICE CO-CHAIR

This general election prompted more requests for speakers to discuss ballot measures than we’ve ever had before. We sent volunteers to retirement centers, high school civics classes, and community organization meetings such as the Business & Professional Women of the University of Washington. We provided moderators for ballot issue and candidate forums throughout the county.

People were anxious to hear the League’s non-partisan, unbiased descriptions of the statewide initiatives and local propositions. In all, we were able to support 27 different events this season. Every time I went out to one of these venues, I was delighted to hear from the attendees how much they appreciate what the League does to inform voters on election matters.

Thank you so much to our Speakers’ Bureau volunteers:

Ellen Barton
Juliet Beard
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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, 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 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.
Given the frenetic nature of our election season, we’ve fallen behind in welcoming our brand new League members. Please keep an eye out for Kathy Sanders, Jane Worthen, Sarah Kohut, Elbert Gage, Paneen Gordon Davidson, Valerie Payne, Whitney Lewis, Mia Alexander, Helen Bereiter, Alice McCully, Dorothy Stimpson, Natalie-Pascale Boisseau, Gussie Howe, Anne Anderson, Ann Zavitykovsky, Patricia Biller, Beverly Brazeau, and Pat Loschen. Charlotte Holmes, Linda Gage, Miriam Helgeland, and Sally Mackey have joined us from other leagues where they pitched in with aplomb.

Natalie-Pascale Boisseau has already taken on the role of unit leader, and Pat Loschen is contributing much needed help in the membership arena. We are very fortunate to have so much talent and wisdom coming into the Seattle-King County League.

SPECTACULAR RESULTS!
First Hill Unit is on a roll! Since July of this year, the unit has gained nine new members. Unit Leader Jeannette Kahlenberg says she always talks to prospective members about the useful information that is published in the Voter. Kudos!

THANK YOU TO OUR LEAGUE SUPPORTERS!
Thank you to all the members who have donated an additional amount with their dues: Anne G. Anderson, Judy and Gary Bevington, Kris and Alan Bushley, Mary M. Coltrane, Betty Culbert, Deborah L. Jacobs, Gunbjorg Ladstein, Charlene McKenzie, Janet Orlando, Ruthe Ridder, Peggy and John Saari, Mary E. Sandiford, Elsie Simon, Barbara Stevens, and Bobbie Westfall.

…to members who contributed at the $100 Booster Membership Level: Lael Braymer, Betsy Darrah, Alvin Eller, Jayne Freitag, Lucy Gaskill-Gaddis, Betsy Greene, Sue Gregory, Dorothy Hopper, Luanna Iverson, Peggy Johnson, Christopher Jones, Eleanor Laxdall, Jeanne Lee, Anne Lester, Margaret Morrow, Edith Miller, Harriett Morton, Laura Parma-Veigel, Mike Ramey, Michael Rogers, Liann Sundquist, Beverly Tonda, Elizabeth Waddell, Helen West, Janet Winans, and Cyndi Woods.

…and to those who contributed at the $250 Contributing Membership level: Vicky Downs, Rosalie McCreary, Nancy Miller, Lucy Steers, Rainer Storb, and Gail Winberg.

Your generosity helps retain active members who are going through hard times.

THANK YOU TO MEMBERSHIP RECORDS VOLUNTEERS!
It takes many hands to keep up with 670+ members. Thanks to:
* Amanda Berry, whose office management keeps us organized and filed and who is game for learning new computer tasks, which is much appreciated;
* Our Very Brilliant, anonymous Membership Records fairy, who updates the state records and moves the ball along in countless ways;
* Gary Bevington, with his background in database management, who has quickly come up to speed on the ins and outs and detective work involved in keeping local database and member records in shape, saving the day several times already;
* Lindsay Cummings for pitching in to help with local renewals and for patiently fielding questions and solving sticky problems;
* Candis Litsey for keeping the national database up to date and for her keen eye that keeps us accurate;
* And the super helpful CIS Desk volunteers, who occasionally are pressed into service to help with mailings.

It is a delight working with each of you and it just wouldn’t get done without you!

We also want to give a shout-out to Seattle Central Community College economics student Teklay Tadesse, who has been distributing TRYs far and wide.
They were mostly ambitious young men from America’s East Coast who left for Paris in the nineteenth century to learn or to improve their latent skills and to see the world in a new way. They all worked hard and they all felt enhanced by the time they returned home. McCullough reports on the diaries, letters, and journals they wrote and seems, in turn, to have enjoyed writing about each of the people he describes. It’s as though these young people allowed the author to be in their company and he tells a good story conveying what he learned.

In 1831, Mason Warren was the twenty-year-old son and grandson of Boston’s two most prestigious physicians. They had high expectations that Mason too would become a surgeon. Arriving in Paris, the young man describes himself as “a perfect ignoramus” in the life he was entering. He managed to find a Spartan room and arranged for breakfast to be brought at an early hour each day. Weekdays he attended a lecture on surgery in the morning followed by another lecture in the afternoon, followed by his second and final meal of the day at five. The entire evening he spent studying and taking French lessons with a private tutor. Soon he attended operations as well as the lectures of the best surgeons of the time. Two who were well known for their amputations were renowned for “steady, quick, dexterous hands,” which was exceedingly important as there was no anesthetic at that time and patients could be “lively.”

Warren and other “medicals,” as they were called, were delighted to work and study in a huge hospital with over one thousand patients, which allowed them to learn about a wide variety of medical problems. The quality of the hospitals, the ability and eminence of the faculty, and the varieties of instruction provided were not available in America. Nor could men examine females back home, where women could only be “seen” by other women. French women had no such scruples. In addition, the supply of cadavers was such that some Americans could easily afford to buy one to dissect and study alone.

In contrast to Mason Warren, Samuel Morse was 42 years old and felt he had “reached his stride” when he arrived in Europe. He studied paintings in both Italy and in Paris, often making copies of famous works for a commission. After viewing a portrait by Veronese, he felt he’d been awakened to a completely new understanding of color. When he arrived in Paris in 1831, his good friend James Fennimore Cooper thought his work was “amazingly improved.” Cooper then commissioned Morse to copy Rembrandt’s Tobit and the Angel, which some considered the most difficult work in the Louvre.

Morse then set himself an even more difficult task. “It was to be a giant interior of the Louvre… and a great test of his skill. Using a huge, six-by-nine foot canvas, he painted Salon Carré in which “he rendered a generous sampling of the world’s greatest works of art, altogether twenty-eight paintings…including [the] Mona Lisa…and conveying in miniature the singular beauty and power of each.”

An apprenticeship in miniature sculptures called...
“cameos” had been Augustus St. Gaudens’ entrée into the world of art. Unlike many others who journeyed to France, St. Gaudens didn’t leave for Paris until 1867 and had never been shielded from poverty or other hard realities of life. The “combination of New York street life, work and the [Civil War] had made him mature beyond his years.”

Though he excelled at the small sculpture he’d been trained to make as a youth, he ached to complete something really grand. Where could he find instructors and examples of the art he wanted to create? Paris! Like other young men from America, he worked hard and learned.

One of the most poignant scenes in the book comes after describing the enormous effort St. Gaudens put into creating the statue of General Sherman. When complete, the work was chosen to be shown in a grand exhibition, which brought in all the artists and art lovers in Paris. When Rodin, the greatest sculptor of the day, came to see St. Gaudens’ work, he stared at it for a long time, saying nothing, and then removed his hat to acknowledge a fellow master sculptor.

McCullough gives us interesting stories about many people in this book. He shows how the intellectual environment in Paris helped turn Morse’s mind to experiments, which eventually led to his invention of the telegraph and Morse code. He shows why John Singer Sargent appeared at first to be a dilettante, with his easy conversation, his ability to speak several languages, and his love of music. Yet he was a particularly focused painter and never married. We also learn that Mary Cassatt felt more at home in Paris as an artist than anywhere in America. Charles Sumner was amazed to see fellow students who were black yet spoke fluent French and were spoken to with great respect. Soon after he returned to America he became an abolitionist.

I loved this book, and am grateful beyond measure to have been introduced to so many famous people who now seem like friends. If my husband were still alive, this would have been exactly the book I would have chosen for us to read aloud to each other after dinner this winter!

The opinions in this review are personal and do not represent those of the LWV.

THE CENTRAL WATERFRONT PROJECT
By Jan O’Connor

The Seattle Waterfront has been the subject of intense public and political interest for several years, interest generated by the questionable safety of the Viaduct and the seawall. A stakeholder group met for several years to review issues related to the Viaduct. The recommendation of that group was to remove the Viaduct. At the final meeting of the stakeholder group, the governor, the mayor, and county executive appeared to recommend the tunnel. (Not a reiteration of old tunnel proposals but a new short cut tunnel basically for commercial use.) The tunnel was opposed by many voters, including the mayor, but in view of the recent tunnel-related vote, it has been accepted by the current mayor and is now under way.

The Seattle City Council authorized the establishment of a Central Waterfront Partnership, chaired by Maggie Walker and former mayor Charlie Royer. One of the first tasks of the group was to establish guiding principles which would provide a framework for further discussion. Included in the principles are the goals of creating a waterfront for all, reconnecting the city to its waterfront, and celebrating Seattle’s past, present, and future. Early presentations also included descriptions of how such all-encompassing projects have been managed and financed in other cities.

As work proceeded, the decision was made to hire a design firm. The finalists in the selection process
made presentations to a huge audience at Benaroya Hall. James Corner and Associates was chosen as the lead design team. At this time, much work has been done and Corner has made three major presentations to large audiences at the Port of Seattle Bell Harbor conference center located on the waterfront. The first major presentation was an excellent review of the areas of the waterfront and their ownership, ranging from Pier 48 on the south to the Olympic Sculpture Park on the north. The second presentation was more challenging, with proposed connections between the upper levels and the waterfront identified. These connections may include hillclimb assists, pedestrian bridges, and design components identified as folds, where build-outs from the upper level come down over the Alaskan Way surface street to the waterfront. The third presentation occurred on October 27 and the focus was on activities that could take place along the waterfront. Corner noted that we have to think of the waterfront as a popular site for linear activities. Runners, bikers, and walkers need to be separated. In addition to these linear pathways, Corner focused on several areas in which “in place” activities could happen. He saw Pier 48, adjacent to Pioneer Square, as the site of historic displays, concerts, and a swimming beach. The folds would connect the upper levels to the lower levels at the Pike Place Market and at Belltown. The aquarium piers would be the site of science-related activities. The ferry dock would have a pool on the roof. The proposals were a little overwhelming and open for comment. These proposals were also seen as long term and part of a plan that really includes city-wide connections.

The Central Waterfront Project includes many issues of long-term interest to Leaguers, among them access to parks and recreation, governance, financing, land use and zoning, and transportation.

The Waterfront/Land Use Committee has met twice with a focus on this topic. There were interesting presentations on the plan by General Project Manager Steve Pearce of the Seattle Department of Transportation and by Jennifer Wieland, Manager of the Seawall Project.

On November 29, the League Waterfront/Land Use committee will meet and the focus of the discussion will be the finances involved in such a project. Our discussion will not center on swimming pools on the ferry terminal but on more mundane issues such as who is responsible for funding the seawall, who’s paying for the design, who owns the roads, the various piers, etc. Join us on Tuesday, November 29, from 10 a.m. to noon at the League office.

I am scheduling a December meeting for Tuesday, December 13, 10 a.m. to noon in the League office. The current plan is to focus on the governance of such a project and the port.

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Randy Dorn, Superintendent of Public Instruction, focused on Common Core Standards, adopted by the state in 2010 and being implemented over the next few years. He also spoke about NCLB and said the state is waiting to see about asking for a waiver for NCLB, to see if it is best for kids. Dorn agreed that investment in early education is critical in reaching our goal of having all students achieving at grade level by third grade. He believes that Congress needs to fund programs rather than shift the responsibility to the state and local districts.

Frank Ordway, Director of Governmental Relations for the League of Education Voters, emphasized the importance of early childhood learning. Teachers could do better if all children came to school prepared to learn; but without federal dollars, most early learning would not take place in our state. Even at that level, only a small portion of children eligible for federal programs can participate.

Mary Lindquist, President of the Washington Education Association, gave the teacher perspective: the federal emphasis on testing has changed our
schools, mostly for the worse. High stakes tests have narrowed our curriculum, especially in elementary schools, and emphasized the negative by labeling schools as “failing.” To expect to transform schools without funding is unrealistic, Lindquist maintained, citing the tale of two “Hawthornes.” One school named Hawthorne received a grant that led to turning its school around; the other school received no extra money and was not able to make similar progress. Federal funding, she commented, was needed to maintain a level playing field.

Susan Enfield, Interim Superintendent and self-proclaimed “chief cheerleader” of the Seattle Public Schools, emphasized some of the great successes happening in Seattle’s schools. She organized her comments around three themes: success (test scores are up at almost every grade level in every school and successes should be measured and celebrated); growth (student growth over time should be measured and celebrated); and flexibility (Seattle Schools need maximum flexibility to use the dollars we do have and there should be room to allow local districts to do what works in their particular district). She believes that NCLB has shone light on the need to focus on all children, but she is keenly interested in seeing Washington State apply for a waiver from federal regulations. Common Core Standards, she believes, will result in a significant shift in teaching in the U.S. There will be a great need for professional development for teachers to learn to use the standards well and make them meaningful.

In the panel discussions, Common Core standards and funding were two key issues. There was general agreement about the usefulness of Common Core Standards, but the speakers emphasized that the implementation will require training of teachers and could include curriculum changes.

In discussing federal funding, several themes emerged: federal funds need to have some flexibility so that local school districts can adapt them to their needs; mandates from the federal government should include funding to carry out the mandates (special education requirements are a good example); funds should be used to level the playing field so that all students actually do have an opportunity to succeed. There was also recognition that the federal government needs to help in housing and health programs because the environment in which children live has a major impact on their ability to succeed in school.

The forum ended on a grim note, when panelists addressed a question from the audience about whether districts were considering extending the school year in order to improve student achievement. Enfield pointed out that this is not being considered because of current budget cuts, which may result in just the opposite—cutting the school year. “Other options,” she lamented, “are equally ugly.”

An energetic group of LWVS-KC members put in many hours to make the forum a success. Kudos should go to the hard work of Lucy Gaskill-Gaddis, Chair of the Education Committee; Jeanette Johnson, Program Chair; Kelly Powers, Outreach Chair; Ginna Owens, Development Chair; Board members Dana Twilight and Julie Anne Kempf, and Education Committee members Karen Adair, Nancy Bagley, Joanna Cullen, Kelly Powers, and Phyllis Runyon. Lindsay Cummings in the League office provided invaluable office support.

The forum organizers were pleased that several groups agreed to co-sponsor this event: City Club of Seattle, Community & Parents for Public Schools (CPPS) of Seattle, League of Education Voters, Municipal League of Seattle, and Washington Stand for Children.

TVW (Channel 23) recorded the forum. A schedule of broadcasts can be found on its website at www.tvw.org and links are provided on the League’s website.

November’s forum was part of our 2011-2012 LWV Public Education Series, which will continue in March with the presentation of our local study, Fostering Teacher Effectiveness—No Easy Answers. Again, a forum, study materials, and consensus questions will guide LWVS-KC in the process of reviewing and possibly adding to our education positions.
# Unit Meetings

## DECEMBER UNIT INFORMATION

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<td>This will be a luncheon and all neighboring units are welcome! Please RSVP to Susan if you plan to attend. Please also bring a $6.00 donation to help pay for the lunch. There is a cat, so please be sure to take allergy medication if you need to.</td>
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<td>Special Program: Member Mary Burki’s travelogue: Highlights of the Adriatic – Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia, and Montenegro – accompanied by appropriate snacks.</td>
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<td>10:00 a.m. Lake Hills Public Library</td>
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**WEST SEATTLE** – Ethel Williams/Amanda Berry  
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amandamberry@earthlink.net 206-329-4848  7125 Fauntleroy Way SW, Seattle

**Wednesday, December 14**  
**VIEW RIDGE** – Gail Winberg  
[winbergeng@q.com](mailto:winbergeng@q.com) 206-329-4848  12:45 p.m.  Gail Winberg  
6004 NE 60th St., Seattle

Lynn Ferguson will give the latest news about the continuing development and plans for Magnuson Park! We will also have a staff person from the Sand Point Housing Association to report on the transitional and permanent housing in place and on their plans for the future.

**Thursday, December 15**  
**BAYVIEW** – Peg Williams  
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LWV SEATTLE: JANUARY FORUM

Program Planning

Seattle First Baptist Church
1111 Harvard Ave.  
(Corner of Harvard and Seneca)  
Seattle, WA

Thursday, January 5
7:00 p.m. - Forum

➢ No December Forum
➢ Please plan to attend in January and give your input as we plan the topics for our next League year!

All forums are open to the public.