Financial Reform at the Crossroads

By Marge Baker, Board Member & Voter Editor

The Seattle-King County LWV Fall fundraiser, Financial Reform at the Crossroads: Digging Out from 2008 – What’s Next?, drew a sold-out crowd to Town Hall on November 10. Friends old and new gathered for mimosas and conversation before we sat down to lunch. We enjoyed a choice of salad or sandwich with plenty of extras from Gretchen’s Shoe Box.

After a welcome from President Judy Bevington, our Master of Ceremonies Kim Abel presented the Making Democracy Work awards. The award for Public Leadership was bestowed posthumously on Craig Salins, Executive Director of Washington Public Campaigns until his recent death. His brother, Dan Salins, accepted the award and John King, president of Washington Public Campaigns, highlighted Craig’s untiring efforts to promote campaign finance reform. The Youth Achievement award went to Natalie Doggett, a senior at Newport High School, Bellevue. Natalie described her Girl Scout Gold Award project to provide voter registration and information to 18-year-olds through registration drives at high school football games and a week-long voter registration booth at her school. She is also preparing a video on voter registration for Bellevue School District’s senior government classes. She said she recognized that education is the watchword to prepare young people for voting. Her enthusiasm for the voting process came through in her remarks.

Our keynote speaker, former Managing Director, Moody’s Investors Service, Ted Young gave us a cogent and stimulating summary of financial reform in the U.S. from its beginning in the aftermath of the Great Depression. Mr. Young noted that there has always been a tension between regulation and free market laissez faire economics. The ultimate question is where to strike the balance. The impetus to deregulation began in the 1970s with the rise of the Efficient Market Hypothesis, leading to the repeal of the Glass-Steagall Act in 1999. Consolidations in the financial sector and growth of innovative financial products resulted in systemically important financial institutions, some of which were deemed too big to fail in the reaction to the 2008 crisis. Looking forward, he predicted that President Obama and the Democratically-controlled Senate would move ahead with implementing the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act but does not anticipate any further attempts to regulate. According to Mr. Young, the Republican House of Representatives will try to weaken...
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WHEW! The Election and the Fall Event: two missions accomplished.

What a relief to have the election over! What a combination of supremely serious issues and foofarахs. While the League is non-partisan, we each cared about the outcome of the presidential election and we cared that the election process be fair. Going forward, let’s become more informed and advocate for issues that the League’s positions support--voting rights protection, campaign finance reform, women’s roles in elections, and how to move the economy out of stall mode—to name a few.

At the State level, the League endorsed marriage equality and the measure passed. Historic! We opposed charter schools and a 2/3 vote to be required for tax measures, but both of those passed. We took no position on legalization of drugs or AFIS and they both passed. We did provide information on those, with forums and ballot issue summaries that could be used to help voters make decisions. Let’s keep an eye on charter schools to see how they work—perhaps we will be involved in later adjustments. With the 2/3 requirement for tax measures, we know that it will be even harder to get revenue for needed social programs.

At the local level, we supported seawall restoration and it passed handily. I would like to think that, even without super storm Sandy, Seattleites would have realized the importance of keeping our infrastructure shipshape.

Leaguers worked hard to support the election process. We participated in 20 voter registration and outreach events, 24 speakers bureau engagements to discuss ballot issues, 10 forums, and 16 unit discussions, and responded to numerous requests for information about voting and sent email alerts. Our series of eight articles in the Seattle Times about our presidential election was a means to reach a larger audience.

We will soon begin a study of all-mail voting, with concern to see that voters are not disenfranchised. It is my hope that we can continue to expand our reach with all of our election activities. There are huge numbers of potential voters who are unregistered or lack information about the issues. There is no lack of challenge for us in our mission to promote informed and active participation in government. The Board is engaged in ongoing discussions of the best means of doing that. Let’s take a breath and then start revving up for the next election!

We are riding high on the success of our Fall Fund-raiser that featured Financial Reform as the keynote address. I am struck by the outstanding involvement of so many Leaguers to achieve the success. It may have been over a year ago when Ellen Berg first proposed the idea that League become more involved in the key issue of the day—the economy. She envisioned a large effort culminating before the election. It would have taken a better helmsman than I to turn our ship around that fast, but it did lead me to seek ways to put more emphasis on the economy—so essential to all that we support. Our committee on Economics and Taxation was already focusing on this topic. They invited Ted Young to speak about his “Wall Street” experience with Moody’s at a meeting in our office. When I heard him, I knew we should have him speak to a larger audience.

When plans for a “name” speaker for our fall event didn’t work out, we decided to use the opportunity to go with an economic theme and get a “twofer” by having an event that we could also use as a forum for unit discussions. While some rued the absence of our auction, no one was interested in taking on that huge task. Ginna Owens and the team she assembled jumped into the task of
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**The League office is closed between Christmas and New Year’s Day.**

### DECEMBER

**State Action Workshop**
- Saturday, December 1
  - 9:00a.m.
  - St. Andrews Church
  - 2650 148th Ave SE
  - Bellevue

**Voter Deadline**
- Monday, December 3
  - 12:45p.m.
  - League Office

**Board Meeting**
- Saturday, December 8
  - 9:00a.m.
  - League Office

**Transportation Committee Meeting**
- Tuesday, December 18
  - 10:00a.m.
  - League Office

**Economics and Taxation Committee Meeting**
- Saturday, December 29
  - 9:00a.m.
  - 909 E Newton, Unit D

### JANUARY

**Board Meeting**
- Saturday, January 5
  - 9:00a.m.
  - League Office

**Forum Program Planning**
- Thursday, January 10
  - 7:30p.m.
  - Seattle First Baptist Church
Forum Schedule

The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County (LWVS-KC) presents a public forum most months between September and May, generally on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Most forums are held at the Seattle First Baptist Church, but occasionally they are scheduled in other locations and times. The tentative schedule of upcoming forums for 2012-2013 appears at left; check your Voter each month or the LWVS-KC website, seattlelwv.org, for up-to-date information.

Please note: This month there will be no Thursday forum and the January forum has been moved to the second Thursday of the month.

Happy Holidays!

Board Briefs by Joanna Cullen

The Board of the League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County met on Saturday, November 3, 2012. This is a summary of their work.

Voter Services

Some LWVS-KC activities were winding down as the November election neared. Voter Services is overwhelmingly busy during the lead up to an election. This year was not an exception for Chairs Cyndi Woods and Julie Anne Kempf. The intense work to produce summaries of ballot issues and election forums and to support more than three dozen events was almost over.

Development

Development Chair Ginna Owens updated the Board on the needs and logistics for the November 10th event “Digging out from 2008.” She emphasized that she could not be more excited about the program and that in order for the League to continue to do its work all must support this important event. Ginna anticipated that State League Co-President Kim Abel with her knowledge of the League and experience would do a wonderful job as event moderator. She thanked those on the Economics and Taxation Committee who worked with Program Co-chair Beatrice Crane in preparing all the materials for the Voter. The leadership of the local units and President Bevington was also acknowledged as key to the success of the event, along with the work of the Program Chairs.

Action

The Board noted that the campaign working to pass Seattle Proposition 1 to rebuild the seawall relied on the LWVS-KC endorsement, and LWVS-KC’s letter to the editor was published on the Seattle Times web site.

League member Jean Carlson testified on behalf of the League before the Seattle City Council in favor of legislation which prohibits candidates for local offices rolling over campaign funds from one election to the next and also prohibits...
fundraising until January 1 of the year before an
election. President Bevington reported that the
League received feedback that Jean’s testimony
was expected to be very helpful to the passage of
the new rules.

Joanna Cullen has also been coordinating with
LWVWA and the campaigns to defeat I-1240
Charter Schools. The State League has been taking
the leadership on this since it is a statewide issue.
Mostly Joanna has been forwarding information
on campaign needs for voter contact via phone
and doorbelling to the Seattle League.

Action Chair Ellen Barton reported that the
LWVS-KC will continue to monitor the possible
appearance of a conflict of interest when Port of
Seattle CEO Tay Yoshitano accepted a position on
the Board of Directors of Expeditor’s International.
At the October 23rd Port Commission Meeting,
the Commissioners presented a report by lawyers
they retained to do an outside review that stated
there was no conflict of interest.

Washington State’s initiative process and
representation by district in the Seattle City
Council were two issues mentioned that may
require League attention in the future. A plan
for financing Washington State Parks was also
perceived to be of continuing interest at the State
level and for many in the Seattle-King County
League.

Ellen Barton, Judy Bevington, Joanna Cullen,
and Janet Winans expressed their intention to
attend the December 1st LWVWA 2012 Action
Workshop.

Program

Program Chairs Adair and Crane reported that
Program Action Planning would be the January
Seattle League forum and the unit meetings’
topic. The materials will appear in the January
issue of the Voter. The November 10th event is
the program for November and in December
local units can choose a topic that interests them.

Finance Committee

Treasurer Kati Ortiz presented the profit and
loss statement and reported that she closed last
year’s books. She acknowledged Office Manager
Allison Feher and Cindy Piennett for their help.
She is working with the Finance Committee
to implement the recommendations that were
presented in October and praised their efforts.

Outreach and Communications

President Bevington informed the Board that a
meeting requested by the World Affairs Council
with a delegation of Chinese professionals
interested in elections was set for Thursday,
November 8th, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Translators
will also be attending. Mary Jo Vigil offered to
make sure that Starbucks donates coffee and
perhaps some gifts for the meeting.

Mary Jo Vigil announced that Marianne Scholl,
cofounder of the Seattle Woman magazine, has
volunteered to help enhance LWVS-KC’s presence
on social media. This news was welcomed.

It was noted that Lindsay Cummings has been
attending the State League meetings that are
a part of the Member Leadership Development
program to strengthen the foundation of the
League’s membership and local units. Annette
Holcomb is the State League liaison to Seattle-
King County.

M/S/C The LWVS-KC approved Lindsay
Cummings and Ginna Owens as members of
the Nominating Committee. They will
be joining Committee Chair Betty Sullivan,
along with other members Becky Cox, Carol
Goldenberg, Kelly Powers, and Laura Weese to
identify directors and officers for the 2013 LWVS-
KC Board.

The next LWVS-KC Board meeting will be held
on December 8th to accommodate the LWVWA
December 1st Action Workshop.

The Board noted that the January Program
Planning is the key to building and maintaining
the foundation of all levels of the League. All
Board Members were encouraged to attend local
unit meetings and events.
Committees

**All-Mail Ballot Study Committee**
The committee is not meeting during our busy election season but we are still looking for interested people to join the team! To include the presidential year data, we will be reporting in April 2013. For more info, leave a message at the Seattle League office 206-329-4848, or please contact chair Julie Anne Kempf via email at: julie@kempf.com.

**Economics and Taxation Committee**
**DATE:** SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29  
**TIME:** 9:00 A.M. - NOON  
**PLACE:** 909 E NEWTON, #D-9

**Education Committee**
The committee is not meeting at the moment as some members worked on the Newspapers in Education “E lecting the President” series for classroom use this fall and others worked on the opposition to the charter schools initiative. The committee is looking for interested new members to join the group.

**International Relations Committee**
**DATE:** MONDAY, DECEMBER 3  
**TIME:** 12:45 P.M. - 2:45 P.M.  
**PLACE:** LEAGUE OFFICE
The agenda will include our traditional rousing “Hot Topics” discussion and developing study and program ideas around this year’s focus: China.

**Land Use/Waterfront Committee**
The committee is on a brief hiatus while awaiting the outcome of the seawall levy. The committee will convene shortly to determine their next priorities. Suggestions are welcome!

**Transportation Committee**
**DATE:** TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18  
**TIME:** 10:00 A.M. - NOON  
**PLACE:** LEAGUE OFFICE
This month’s topic is MAP 21: a new template to understand and prioritize Federal Highway Funding. The guest speaker will be Allison Camden, Federal Relations Manager, WSDOT. See page 16 for a summary of the October meeting.

**Social Justice Committee**
Having completed the drug policy forum in September, the committee will convene shortly to determine their next priorities. Suggestions are welcome!

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

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**Mission Statement**
The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy.
Chinese Delegation Visits LWV-Seattle/KC

By Judy Bevington

At the office, on November 8, we hosted a nine-person delegation from China—along with their three interpreters. This event was sponsored by the World Affairs Council. Our guests were a group of professionals, journalists, and researchers who are particularly interested in elections. Judy Bevington, Cyndi Woods, Julie Anne Kempf, Allison Feher, and Carol Goldenberg talked about our grassroots organization and our election activities. Carol told them that our International Relations Committee has decided to focus on China in 2013 and that we would appreciate hearing what issues they think we should investigate. They enthusiastically talked, in particular, about women’s issues. They talked about the one-child policy, the dependence of elders on their children, women’s lack of power in the workplace (and the excess of their power in the home!). Pollution and global warming are concerns—even more so in rural regions where there is no money to deal with problems like water quality. While the move to a market economy is improving people’s lives, there is still much poverty and other associated problems such as pollution, and the difficulty of women have handling both home and workplace. They said that demonstrations are commonplace, often fueled by the social media.

We enjoyed this experience very much and we hope this leads to some ongoing contacts with them and the World Affairs Council. If this is of interest to you, consider contacting the International Relations Committee. You can reach Rebecca Castilleja at telbalto@yahoo.com.

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making this work. It “took a League”—many more than I can list here dug in—from the technical prowess of Julie Anne Kempf, Jeanette Johnson and Allison Feher, the “catering” of Lynette Bixby, registration by Carol Burton and Laraine Volkman, the emceeing of Kim Abel, the sponsorships of MJ Vigil and Starbucks, Elly Hogue, and Vicky Downs to all those who filled tables, attended, donated, bought raffle tickets and stayed to vacuum. All inspired by Ginna’s enthusiastic leadership, they ended up with an event to be proud of. The energy and buzz in the room indicated good connections being made and the rapt attention for Ted’s address indicated a meaningful experience. Ted got rave reviews and we received generous donations. It took many hands but not onerous work for the germ of an idea to evolve into this meaningful and successful event. Thanks to all.

Judy Bevington, President
League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County
Great Decisions 2013
By Carol Goldenberg

The Foreign Policy Association (FPA) is a non-profit organization founded in 1918 with the goal of providing the American public with tools to better understand and participate in the foreign policy process. Each January, it publishes a Great Decisions briefing book, describing and analyzing eight pressing foreign policy issues for use by individuals or groups seeking an understanding of global challenges. The League of Women Voters, too, has a goal of informed citizen participation and LWV Seattle/King County has for many years hosted Great Decisions discussion groups for our members and friends starting in February each year.

The topics for 2013 are:

- Future of the Euro
- Egypt
- NATO
- Myanmar and Southeast Asia
- Humanitarian Intervention
- Iran
- China in Africa
- Threat Assessment

For more information, check the January Voter. Great Decisions briefing books can be ordered now from the FPA and will be ready for mailing the last week of January 2013. Call FPA at 800-477-5836 or check www.fpa.org.

Call League member Carol Goldenberg at 206-527-8589 to indicate your interest or to learn more about how the program works.

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.
The following were adopted by the League of Women Voters of Washington state board as the issues for emphasis in the upcoming legislative session. For a complete set of the state League positions, Program in Action 2011-13, call the office at 206-622-8961 or go online to www.lwvwa.org.

The League of Women Voters of Washington 2013 Legislative Priorities
Adopt state revenue policies that are balanced, fair, adequate and flexible so that critical needs are met.

Strengthen Democracy
• Expand voter registration opportunities such as same day and 16/17 year-old pre-registration.
• Reform election systems so that all communities have an equal opportunity to elect candidates of their choice.
• Support campaign finance reform.

Support Education, Early Learning, Families and Children
• Support a plan to fully fund Basic Education as defined by the Legislature (RCW 28A) and required by the State Constitution and the State Supreme Court.
• Protect and enhance funding and programs to meet basic needs of families and children.
• Promote the early learning and well-being of all children through policies, practices and funding that support high quality services.

Protect Natural Resources
• Adequately fund State Parks to protect them as public assets.
• Ensure that water resource management plans are open for public review and input before allocating funding.
• Promote renewable energy use based on conservation principles and ecosystem health.
• Consider environmental quality and public health impacts when making decisions
about transportation and exports.
• Eliminate toxic chemicals in children's products.

Transportation
• Support adequate funding to implement the comprehensive and balanced statewide transportation plan (Washington Transportation Plan 2030).

Improve Access to Health Care
• Ensure access for all residents to comprehensive, uniform, and affordable health services.
• Use the Affordable Care Act to fund public health, health coverage for low income populations, Medicaid expansion, and continuity of care as individuals move between subsidized care options.
• Provide incentives for expanded primary care doctors to work in under-served areas.

Agriculture:
• Ensure productive agricultural lands are available to support sustainable agriculture policies.
• Support reduction in the use of toxic chemicals on the farm; moving towards an environmentally sound agricultural sector.

New Year’s Resolutions: Plan Ahead for 2013
by Karen Adair, Program Co-Chair

This Voter comes to you at a hectic time of year. Holiday celebrations with family, friends, and community ring out the old year and ring in the new. In the League, our new year begins with our annual January program planning forum and unit meetings where we will focus on which local issues need our attention over the next year, as well as state issues we would like to see LWVWA address.

So during December’s festivities help us get a head start on the League’s 2013 program-planning efforts by thinking about the issues that you are concerned about. Some topics that emerged from previous January program-planning meetings include privatization, teacher effectiveness and drug policy reform. Decide whether the issues you are concerned about need an extended study that leads to a published document, a forum, and then the adoption of new positions. Or could they be “hot topics” around which a special event can be more quickly organized? Might they be the topic of a Voter article? Are these issues upon which the League can take action based on our positions without the need of a new study and new positions?

Let’s all make an early resolution to attend January’s forum and unit meetings prepared with program recommendations. As has been pointed out before, this is one of the ways we remain a grassroots organization.
National News

Without the printed national newsletter, it can be hard to keep abreast of all the activities going on at the national level that support the work of all the Leagues around the country.

If you can, be sure to go online to the national League website, www.lwv.org, and sign up for The LeaguE-Voice Newsletter. This is a monthly publication that has a lot of news from the 'other Washington.'

Here are some examples of current events and work being done:

**Supreme Court Set to Hear Arguments on the Voting Rights Act**

On Friday, November 9, the U.S. Supreme Court decided to hear a case that challenges the constitutionality of the Voting Rights Act. In response, we issued the following statement:

The League believes the Voting Rights Act is an essential part of American democracy. The thought that the Supreme Court might overrule Congress and take away voting rights should send a chill down the spine of every American.

The Voting Rights Act ensures that every American has an equal right to vote. With the problems in our election system exposed once again this week, the Supreme Court should be enforcing voting rights, not taking them away.

Throughout the past year, national has been active in cases involving voter ID, suppression and fraud issues to help insure that all eligible voters have an equal opportunity to vote.

**League Sends Letter to Congress on “Fiscal Cliff,” Taxes and Budget**

On November 15, a letter was sent to the U.S. House and Senate and will be delivered by members of the LWVUS Lobby Corps to select offices on the Hill. The League urges Congress to provide a long-term solution by substantially increasing revenue, protecting the social safety net, reducing defense spending and carefully managing the deficit.

**Agriculture Update: LWVUS Board Adopts Tentative Scope**

At the national convention in June 2012, a study on agriculture was adopted to update our twenty-year old positions. The national board has now adopted a tentative scope:

“The Agriculture Update will focus narrowly on (1) current technology issues in agriculture including genetically modified organisms (GMOs), herbicides, pesticides, sustainable farming, agriculture water pollution, aquifer depletion, antibiotics in livestock, and accurate food labeling; and (2) current agriculture finance issues including consolidation in agriculture industries, crop subsidies and the federal agricultural regulatory process.”

**The Board Invites Applications for Agriculture Update Committee**

Under supervision of the LWVUS Board, committee members will be responsible for selecting or developing study materials, developing consensus questions, and reviewing/tabulating responses submitted by participating Leagues. The proposed timeline extends from January 2013 to April 2014. If you are interested in being a member of the Agriculture Update Committee, please complete the online application form and submit it along with your resume no later than December 3, 2012. Any questions may be directed to Norman Turrill, Agriculture Update Chair, at lwvturrill@mac.com.
Give a membership in the League!

This holiday season consider the gift of a League membership for friends and family. Members automatically receive the VOTER, either in print or electronically, for the latest updates on current studies and action, monthly forums, committee activities, voter registration, and other volunteer opportunities. In addition, members receive action alerts about legislation in Olympia and Washington, D.C., as well as publications from the state League.

League membership is open to men and women.

Name: ____________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________

City/State/Zip: _______________________________________

Phone: _________________ Email: _______________________

Dues and contributions:

☐ $60 one year individual membership
☐ $90 one year household membership
☐ $35 low or fixed income
☐ $25 student
☐ Enclosed is a contribution of $ __________

Please make your check payable to LWVS-KC and return with this form or go online to www.seattlelwv.org/membership.

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

Thank you for supporting the work of the LWV!

Please return this form to:
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Seattle, WA 98122-7007

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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT
BY JANET WINANS, CHAIR

Our Puget Sound regional Transportation Committee is meeting every third Tuesday this year to examine the remarkably complicated, convoluted and special interest driven structures of freight transit in our region and nationally. The Coal Train issue serves as our lens of discovery. We intend to educate ourselves well enough to provide a forum about those issues in Fall 2013.

The committee is engaged in Freight 101 in our meetings. There will be a series of articles in The Voter to provide updates of what we are learning.

Coal, of course, is only one kind of freight and railroads are only one, very particular, kind of freight transit. And, one of the most important things to understand about the freight structure is that it is the result of generations of relationships formed by a conglomeration of for-profit companies in competition with each other for the resources that drive their profit.

The October 16 speaker for the Transportation Committee’s continuing FREIGHT 101 discussions was Terry Finn, Director, Government Affairs, for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF). He provided an excellent introduction to railroads and their place, power, and purpose in the movement of huge quantities and a vast array of cargo across the country and through our cities.

Transcontinental railroads began with the Pacific Railroad Act in 1862. In exchange for contracts to lay the rails to the Pacific Coast, the US government granted square mile blocks of land checker boarded, one side then the other along the path to the builders. The Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) was set up in 1887 and regulated railroads with a complex system of rate setting rules. After WWII, the interstate highway system, funded by the US government, gave the trucking industry a very competitive advantage over railroads and many of them went out of business. The Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Act of 1976 greatly reduced the rate setting requirements the ICC exerted on railroads and freed them to set rates as individual businesses. The Staggers Rail Act of 1980 completed that process.

Individual railroad companies are responsible for maintaining the condition of all the tracks and all equipment. They own it, they maintain it, they decide what to carry on it, and they continue to exist because they profit from it. The Staggers Act did require them to share their rails with each other, however. As a result, the Union Pacific uses BNSF track in Washington State.

The federal government cannot restrict whatever cargo the railroad companies choose to carry, but the federal government does demand that they carry particular, very necessary, and very dangerous cargo, such as the very toxic chemicals that are necessary to American commerce. Coal, of course, is far less dangerous to transport than many of these other cargoes. Railroads are self-insured.

The business of railroads is freight. Trucks and river barges are their competition and Mr. Finn emphasized that rail is the most energy efficient and best air quality method, per mile, for moving freight further than 500 miles. One train, about 1.5 miles long, carries the cargo of 280 trucks. BNSF is investing in new, energy efficient rolling stock and engines that will cut their nitrous oxide emissions by 60% and particulate matter by 69%.

In response to the ongoing debate and concerns about the new coal trains, Mr. Finn provided a handout on which BNSF made the following statements:

- BNSF has hauled coal through Seattle to Canada for at least 25 years. The added
number of new trains is uncertain. It will depend on the market and use of the system for other freight. The estimate is between 8 and 16 coal trains per day. The heavy, loaded trains will use the more level routes along the Columbia River and north, parallel to I-5. Empty cars will return to the mines over the steeper mountain pass routes.

- Average speed of intermodal, coal, box car, and other trains in Seattle is 25-30 MPH. A 1.5 mile long train takes 4-5 minutes to move through a crossing.

- Despite decades of coal transport through the Pacific Northwest, only now are there complaints about coal dust. Loaded cars are sprayed with a “surfactant” before leaving the mine. The surfactant forms a crust that inhibits dust.

- Rail capacity is sufficient for this added cargo because of constant planning and investment.

- Freight rail is the greenest mode of surface transport.

- BNSF has made major capital investment in the newest locomotive fleet.

- BNSF will meet its obligations to the environmental review process.

As stated above, these are BNSF statements. The issues surrounding the coal train proposals are controversial and we plan to hear from other speakers who represent additional viewpoints in order to learn as much as we can about this complex issue.

Please join us every 3rd Tuesday, 10 a.m. at the Seattle-King County League office.

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**Coal Hard Truth** by Rebecca Castilleja, International Relations Committee Chair

*Editor’s note: The League of Women Voters has not taken a position on the proposed coal export terminals but is following the issue closely, including calling for appropriate environmental impact review. The following article is from one of our members who has a particular interest in the issue of coal power and is provided for information only. The opinions herein are personal and do not represent those of the LWV.*

Across the country, Americans are turning to cleaner energy and phasing out coal power. We have made major strides towards a coal-free Northwest by negotiating dates for Oregon and Washington’s last remaining coal plants to move beyond coal. The Boardman power plant, in eastern Oregon, will be off coal by 2020. The TransAlta plant, in southwest Washington, is scheduled to be off coal by 2025. The TransAlta plan represents a path forward towards protecting the environment and workers. The Sierra Club, along with its partners, worked to ensure that the community and workers in Centralia were protected, by negotiating a $68 million package in investments to help the community and state transition to clean energy technology.

Because of this and other successful efforts around the country to transition off coal, the coal industry has come up with a new plan: expand strip-mining operations in the Powder River Basin region of Montana and Wyoming (one of the largest coal reserves in the world) and transport the coal through West Coast ports to Asian markets. Coal companies stand to make huge profits from this project. But the Northwest in particular would pay the price.

As proposed, the coal would be transported in open cars on long trains through communities in Idaho and Washington (going through Spokane), along the Columbia River and up through the I-5 corridor to large coal port facilities in Oregon and Washington. The coal would then be loaded onto massive cargo ships and sent on to be burned in Asia.

Global coal companies, including Peabody Energy, Arch Coal, and Australian-based Ambre Energy, are seeking permits to build coal export terminals in Washington and Oregon – currently
four along the Columbia River, two on the Coast, and one on the banks of Puget Sound. The current proposed coal port locations are Cherry Point (north of Bellingham), Grays Harbor, and Longview, WA, and St. Helens, Coos Bay, and Port of Morrow, OR.

Shipping more than 150 million tons of coal a year through West Coast communities would release toxic coal dust and diesel exhaust along the rail lines, pose significant health risks to local populations, clog our railroads, ports, and highways, pollute air and water, and stoke the climate crises.

Coal dust and diesel exhaust from coal trains and cargo ships can cause serious long-term health problems like lung and heart disease and cancer. The wide-ranging health dangers of coal dust include exposure to toxic heavy metals like mercury and increased rates of asthma, especially in children. Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad studies estimate up to 500 pounds of coal can be lost in the form of dust from each rail car en route, polluting air and water.

More coal burning in Asia means more toxic air pollution – especially mercury – travelling across the Pacific to contaminate West Coast rivers, lakes, and fish.

Northwest communities in and along rail lines and near the coal export terminals could see 20 or more coal trains rolling through town every day — and some rail communities up to 60 trains daily. Increased traffic delays at busy rail crossings would clog commuter traffic and could slow response times for emergency responders and limit access to neighborhoods, schools, and business corridors.

Many neighborhoods targeted for increased train traffic are lower-income communities that are already over-burdened with pollution and economic development challenges.

The increased strip-mining in Montana and Wyoming would put more communities at risk and would threaten precious water resources and wildlife habitats, as well as the long term productivity of farms and rangeland.

Close to the terminals, shorelines would be given over to industrial sites, with enormous piles of coal and constant dust. The proposed 48 million ton per year terminal site at Cherry Point would span 1,200 acres, destroy or degrade 162 acres of wetlands, and sit directly on critical habitat for herring, a primary food source for endangered salmon.

Besides threatening fragile marine ecosystems, the ports will be accommodating some of the largest cargo ships in the world — “capsize” freighters, about three times the length of a “superferry.” These vessels would compete with the other commercial and pleasure craft currently populating our inland waterways. Their size and bulk make them difficult to maneuver in an emergency and the potential for a spill or other environmental disaster is a serious concern.

Exporting coal promotes deeper global fossil fuel dependence. It delays the urgently needed transition to cleaner alternatives. It makes climate disruption inevitable, including extreme flooding, drought, food shortages, and ocean acidification — costs that fall disproportionately on lower-income and middle-class communities. This proposal would impact communities in the Northwest, North America, and around the globe.

Pioneering a sustainable prosperity is both a responsibility and an economic opportunity. New and traditional industries alike can provide good jobs while protecting our quality of life. Exporting coal, however, is a local and global economic development strategy that is incompatible with this vision and fundamentally incompatible with the goals of energy security and climate stability.

For more information: CoalFreeNorthwest.org.

There will be a public hearing on the proposed Cherry Point terminal on Thursday, December 13 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Washington State Convention Center, Ballroom 6F, 800 Convention Place, Seattle. For more on this issue, check the state League website: www.lwvwa.org.
Getting Connected Membership News

New Members

Mary Quiatt Clark, born in a mining town in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, first joined the League of Women Voters as a young woman in Columbia Heights near Minneapolis. She attended the University of Michigan earning a teaching certificate and a Masters Degree in English. Mary enjoyed teaching grades four, seven, and eight before coming to Seattle with her husband where he joined the faculty of the University of Washington. They lived in University housing before moving to Laurelhurst where they raised their four sons. Mary rejoined the League where, Mary said, she had such stimulating experiences with women who provided community leadership.

Mary describes herself as a lifelong student with a special interest in music. She studied music theory at UW and sang with the choir of St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church. She continued taking many classes at UW and participates in a history study group and a book discussion group. She served on the Library Foundation Board, editing their monthly newsletter. Mary recently moved to Horizon House and rejoined the League after time out for several years.

Sarah Meardon has worked with Jobs with Justice and has studied martial arts with the Feminist Karate Union. From her mother Marilyn Meardon, an actor and educator, Sarah learned the value of learning through the arts. As a founding member of Citizens Band, she played anarcoustic music for five years. Sarah says she is now “proud to be a member of the League of Women Voters seeking liberty and justice for all.”

Are You a Cheerleader for the LWV?

During the run-up to this year’s election, the LWV enjoyed some steady and impressive visibility on both the local, state, and national level. Our Seattle-King County chapter, for example, fulfilled dozens of requests countywide for speakers who could address the multitude of ballot issues and volunteers who could assist with voter registration. Across the nation the League made headlines in a number of other states for its success in resisting voter suppression efforts. In the midst of all this community and media attention, I began to contemplate how we could all work to sustain and build the reputation of our organization long after the election frenzy has passed and how we might harness this momentum to build our membership.

What actually precipitated my thinking about this was realizing how little I had done myself to “tell the League story” to my friends and others during the years I have been an active member. There I was, nose buried in the latest Voter or jotting notes at a monthly forum so I could be better prepared for discussion questions at my upcoming unit meeting the following week. But I rarely took notice of the bigger picture or thought about ways to share that wealth of information or encourage others to do the same.

So toward that end, I will be using this page in the coming months to suggest a number of different---but also very simple---ways that we can each become better cheerleaders, or ambassadors if you will, for the LWV.

We each have our own reasons for being League members and our own stories to tell, but there are a number of things we can do or be mindful of on a daily basis to promote awareness for the LWV and what it does. It may mean perfecting your own “elevator speech” to tout the benefits of League activities, events, and membership whenever that opportunity presents itself. It can also be something as simple as how you “sign” your emails or other correspondence. These and other specific strategies will be among those I will cover in more detail in future articles.

And finally, and perhaps most importantly, just because I’ve recently had this minor epiphany does not mean I have the last word on how to be a better sales rep for the League. I would love to have feedback at any time on some of the things that have worked (or not) for you, what you think are the League’s strongest selling points, etc. So stay tuned and stay in touch!

Susan Jones, Membership Chair

Thank You for Your Support

League members continue to be generous with their financial support as well as their time and energy. In
the past month the following members have included a contribution along with their regular dues: Zita Cook, Bettina Hosler, and Ruthe Ridder.

A number of members have chosen to renew at a higher level. We are grateful to contributing member Paul Aurich as well as booster members Roberta Goodnow, Connie Hellyer, Eleanor Laxdall, Michael Rogers, Marianne Scholl and Elizabeth Waddell. You are helping us to provide memberships to those in need as well as contributing to the financial solvency of the League. Thank you!

**Cover Article - cont’d**

Dodd-Frank, although repeal will not succeed. Republican House members may get some help from conservative Democrats in forestalling full implementation of Dodd-Frank. Some Democrats would like to do more reform, such as reenact Glass-Steagall, reimpose barriers between commercial and investment banking, break up large institutions, and consolidate regulating agencies. Two short years from now, we will have a new Congress in which control may change parties. Mr. Young advised us that we need not be experts in financial institutions and the banking system to inform our elected representatives what outcomes we do not want to see.

There are so many people to thank for the success of the fall luncheon, starting with our indefatiguable event chair, Ginna Owens.

Her team of volunteers made sure that all the details, large and small, were taken care of:

Karen Adair, Marge Baker, Sandy Barney, Linette Bixby, McKenna Bixby, Carol Burton, Jean Carlson, Beatrice Crane, Joanna Cullen, Ruthie Dornfeld, Vicky Downs, Bette Evans, Allison Feher, Jeanette Johnson, Julie Anne Kempf, Candis Litsey, Megan Opfer, Jamia Plancich, Kelly Powers, Betty Sullivan, Mary Jo Vigil, Laraine Volkman, Janet Winans, Boots Winterstein and Marian Wolfe.

Thanks to the generous support of many, the event raised almost $28,000.

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And to everyone who came, donated, participated and hopefully enjoyed a great event:

Karen Adair, Martha Aldridge, Anne Anderson, Jan Asbjornsen, Margaret Austin, Nancy Bagley, Margaret Baker, Virginia Barker, Sandy Barney, Mary Barton, Ellen Barton, Susan Barton, Ruthanna (Fam) Bayless, Dina Bennett, Amanda Berry, Judy Bevington, Ryan Bevington, Linette Bixby, Natalie-Pascale Boisseau, Pirkko Borland, Beverly Brazeau, Michael Brooks, Marcia Brown, Carol Burkhart, Ann Burkhart, Mary Burki, Carol Burton, Kris Bushley, Rachel Button, Jean Carlson, Ken Carter, Jane Commet, Zita Cook, Jeanette Corkery, Beatrice Crane, Joanna Cullen, Lindsay Cummings, Ken Dammand, Barbara Denis, Ann Dittmar, Glen Doggett, Vicky Downs, M. Vicky East, Nancy Eitreim, Bette Evans, Karen Falkingham, Jeannie Falls, Allison Feher, Lynn Ferguson, Hjordis Foy, Connie Fletcher, Eleanor Fordyce, Lucy Gaskell-Gaddis, Theodora Geokezas, Robin Gleiser, Raelene Gold, Adeline Gold, Carol Goldenberg, Roberta Goodnow, Nancy Grout, Ellen Hazzard, Miriam Helgeland, Edie Hilliard, Linnea Hirst, Eleanor Hoague, Dorothy Hopper, Bettina Hosler, Cynthia Howe, Jeanette Johnson, Laurie Johnson, Susan Jones, Betty Jones, Ruth Kagi, John King, Sandra Kraus, Phyllis Lamphere, Pat Lane, Carol Larsen, Lois Laughlin, Joan Lawson, Anne Lester, Candis Litsey, Deborah Livingstone, Richard Lopez, Janet Lynch, Ingrid Lynch, Sally Mackle, Dorris Martin, Lonnie Martin, Patricia McCann, Evelyn McChesney, Karen McFadden, Carol McMeekin, Edith Miller, Barbara Miller, Vivian Montoya, Robert Morris, Alice Moss, Betty Newell, Laura Northrop, Jan O’Connor, Janet Orlando, Kati Ortiz, Ginna Owens, Alice Paine, Laura Parma- Veigel, Mary Pelz, Janet Perry, James Perry, Joan Peterson, Alice Peterson, Timmie Peterson, Ellen Phillips-Angeles, Aena Pitts, Sue Pocock, Toni Potter, Joelle Pozniak, Carolyn Rasch, Alice Rasp, Connie Reed, Barbara Reid, Joanne Repass, Adele Reynolds, Angela Robinson, Nancy Robinson, Michael Rogers, Josephine Roskin, Nancy Rust, Cindy Ryu, Peggy Saari, Barbara Salkin, Betty Sanders, Mary Margaret Sandoz, Marianne Scholl, Dorothy Schott, Brad Shaffer, Gail Shurgot, Elsie Simon, Shirley Skeith, Denise Smith, Helen St. John, Lucy Steers, Judy Sterry, Betty Sullivan, Christine Swanson, Lounette Templeton, Hazel Thomas, Lisa Unsoed-Chang, Mary Jo Vigil, Laraine Volkman, Betty Lou Wagner, Jaclyn Wall, Philip Wall, Jocelyn Wang, Mary Warner, Laura Weese, Constance Wentzel, Estelle Wertheimer, Gerry Williams, Warren Wilson, Janet Winans, Gail Winberg, Robert Winship, Boots Winterstein, Alice Woldt, Marian Wolfe, and Marlis Worthington.
Purely by chance I found the audio version of this book in the library when looking for something interesting to listen to on my daily walks. I am often on the same streets, so a stimulating book is welcome. After listening for an hour to this one, it was so captivating I couldn’t stop talking about what I had just learned. Now I have a paperback copy to dip into and remind me of important ideas.

Brooks shows us how we achieve success and in doing so he looks at research, much of it new information, about the brain, psychology, or social norms. To help us understand, he created fictional characters, Harold and Erica. He takes us from the moment Harold’s parents first meet each other, through his birth and development into an adult, his marriage, career, and finally his last day on Earth.

I found it riveting and was delighted by Brooks’ asides, which introduced me to research explaining why each of these fictional characters behaved as he did.

Harold’s parents Rob and Julia “got their first view of each other in front of Barnes and Noble.” Brooks describes what they see in the other as they approached, almost completely without realizing what either is doing. We learn that since Pleistocene times males have looked for specific physical traits in possible mates, and we watch as Rob registered at least six features in Julia that made her especially attractive to him. Julia registered Rob’s pleasingly symmetrical features. “By these and other measures, Harold’s future father passed the test.”

I like to think of myself as a rational person, but reading about the multilayered and mostly unconscious activity as Rob and Julia met and began to know each other, I began to see how profoundly we humans are motivated by what is sub-conscious. This is the realm of intuition, of emotion, of social norms and biases, of genetic predispositions and personality traits.

When Harold was still a fetus, he “was listening and memorizing the tone of his mother’s voice.” He also listened to “rhythms and patterns he would need to understand and communicate.” French babies cry differently from German babies, and Harold was different in his own way. We humans are predisposed before birth to be who we are. Much can and will change, but predispositions exist.

We learn how social our minds are, and how modern culture seems to overemphasize rationalism, individualism, and such measures as I.Q. I was especially moved when Harold’s wife Erica worked in a corporation run by a man who overemphasized I.Q., with mediocre results for the company. Brooks uses the device of an old-timer at the company who, with Erica, eventually helps turn their organization around. Basically, the old-timer knows how important it is to develop human relations within the company to help bring everyone together as a team.

Through this and other events in the book, Brooks brings in fascinating studies and research that help show how and why events worked as they did. We learn why Harold felt a profound desire for children while Erica did not, and how Harold came to terms with his need, and how Erica came to realize the importance of making her marriage work. This turns the book into an intellectual adventure, which I couldn’t put down.

This book shows us a new way to look at ourselves, our friends, and our families, as well as the world we live in. This seems especially important in the twenty-first century when so many of us feel we know few people deeply.

The opinions in this review are personal and do not represent those of the LWV.
December is Unit Choice Month! As is our December tradition, regular unit meetings are on hold this month, so we have time to do something special instead! Some units choose to have holiday luncheons and others host outside speakers to get educated on a hot topic. Perhaps your unit will consider using the articles about the coal trains issue in this Voter as a basis for discussion. Note that some groups skip meeting this month. Please check the listings below to see what your unit has planned.

Or if you haven’t yet chosen a unit, perhaps this is the month to try out a new group and get to know some fellow Leaguers!

Because schedules are so different in December, we suggest that you contact the unit leader to confirm the time and location of a meeting.

No Meeting is scheduled for the following units:

BALLARD/MAGNOLIA/QUEEN ANNE DAY – Joan Peterson, joanmepeterson@gmail.com, 206-789-7447

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

SHORELINE – Juliet Beard juliet@windermere.com, 206-715-5531

UNIVERSITY HOUSE/WALLINGFORD – Barbara Denis 206-547-2042

WEST SEATTLE – Amanda Berry, Ethel Williams amandamberry@earthlink.net, 206-724-7518; etheljw1@q.com, 206-932-7887

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<td><strong>FIRST HILL</strong> — Joan Lawson</td>
<td><a href="mailto:joanvlawson@gmail.com">joanvlawson@gmail.com</a></td>
<td>206-382-3147</td>
<td>10:00 a.m. Horizon House, Forum and Social Room 900 University St., Seattle 206-382-5453 <a href="mailto:awdittmar@gmail.com">awdittmar@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td><strong>CAPITOL HILL/MONTLAKE</strong> — Vicky Downs/Zita Cook</td>
<td><a href="mailto:downsrdowns@aol.com">downsrdowns@aol.com</a></td>
<td>206-328-3926</td>
<td>7:00 p.m. Vicky Downs 909 E Newton St. #D, Seattle</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:zzitamcook@comcast.net">zzitamcook@comcast.net</a></td>
<td>206-374-0369</td>
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<td>The Capiton Hill/Montlake Unit invites you and your friends to the home of Vicky Downs for a presentation and discussion of the proposed Seattle street car system. Join us at 7:00 for wine and light refreshments. Our speaker, Dept. of Transportation planner Ethan Melone, is invited for 7:30. Please RSVP to Vicky so we can adequately prepare.</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:hedgwolfe@aol.com">hedgwolfe@aol.com</a></td>
<td>206-763-9430</td>
<td>7:30 p.m. Vivian Montoya 4932 42nd Ave S, Seattle 206-695-2620</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:montoyaviv@yahoo.com">montoyaviv@yahoo.com</a></td>
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<td><strong>VIEW RIDGE</strong> — Gail Winberg</td>
<td><a href="mailto:winbergeng@q.com">winbergeng@q.com</a></td>
<td>206-524-7801</td>
<td>12:45 p.m. Gail Winberg 6004 NE 60th St., Seattle</td>
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<td>QUEEN ANNE/MAGNOLIA/BALLARD EVENING – Teddy Geokezas</td>
<td><a href="mailto:tgeokezas@msn.com">tgeokezas@msn.com</a></td>
<td>206-782-5036</td>
<td>Merrill Gardens 800 4th Ave N, Seattle</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:orlanre@aol.com">orlanre@aol.com</a></td>
<td>206-524-0936</td>
<td>Jan Orlando 5026 36th Ave. NE, Seattle</td>
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<td>BELLEVUE/KIRKLAND/REDMOND – Bonnie Rimawi</td>
<td><a href="mailto:bonnierim@aol.com">bonnierim@aol.com</a></td>
<td>425-820-7127</td>
<td>Frank Orlando 5026 36th Ave. NE, Seattle</td>
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<td>Will be meeting with Issaquah, see below.</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:margaret.austin@comcast.net">margaret.austin@comcast.net</a></td>
<td>425-392-5760</td>
<td>11:30 a.m.</td>
<td>Susan Cotterell, 580 E. Sunset Way, Issaquah 425-392-1868</td>
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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. Also please bring a $6.00 donation to help pay for the lunch. There is a cat so if you are allergic be sure to take your medication. Directions: Exit 18 from eastbound I-90. Right onto E. Sunset Way at the light. Go past a small gravel lot. Susan’s grey house with a front porch is on the right-hand side, the north side.</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:npboisseau@gmail.com">npboisseau@gmail.com</a></td>
<td>206-417-0573</td>
<td>9:00 a.m.  Third Place Commons Mtg. Room</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:singingphoenix@yahoo.com">singingphoenix@yahoo.com</a></td>
<td>425-776-4513</td>
<td>206-417-0573</td>
<td>9:00 a.m.  Upper level, 17171 Bothell Way NE Lake Forest Park</td>
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<td>SOUTHWEST KING COUNTY – Mary Ehlers/Kathy Jorgensen</td>
<td><a href="mailto:maryehlers@comcast.net">maryehlers@comcast.net</a></td>
<td>253-941-1930</td>
<td>6:30 p.m.  Foundation House, 32290 1st Ave. S Federal Way</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:kjorgensen@juno.com">kjorgensen@juno.com</a></td>
<td>253-859-8349</td>
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<td>We will be watching the movie Water Blue Gold: World Water Wars. Welcome to anyone who wants to come for an entertaining and educational evening (we will have popcorn!!). We will be meeting at Foundation House in Federal Way from 6:30 to 9 p.m. This is earlier than usual to have time to see the movie and discuss it afterward. This award-winning documentary posits that we’re moving closer to a world in which water - a seemingly plentiful natural resource - could actually incite war. As water becomes an increasingly precious commodity, corrupt governments, corporations and even private investors are scrambling to control it … which leaves everyday citizens fighting for a substance they need to survive.</td>
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**Thursday, December 20**

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Next Month:

Action and Program Planning for 2013
January 10th at 7:30 p.m.
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