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## Retrospective 2015

by Katie Dudley, Voter Editor

The League has had an exciting and interesting 2015. As the year comes to a close, a retrospective of the highlights of the year is in order.

The year began as usual: busy, but also hopeful for the upcoming twelve months. We held a planning forum in January, where members came ready with their ideas, hoping to get enough support to plan and deliver a forum on their topic in the next year. Also in January the League co-sponsored an event with the Seattle Council PTSA and Seattle Education Association on the Legislature's contempt of court for failing to fully fund basic education.

February was a milestone month—the League celebrated its 95th birthday! The February forum topic was the merging of secular hospitals with religiously affiliated ones, and the impact on patient care. We geared up for the coming legislative session by encouraging members to contact their legislators about bills important to the League, either pro or con. Allison Feher worked hard to create a new version of the TRY; it arrived in February, with much help from Julie Anne Kempf.

Human trafficking was the hot topic forum in March. The League learned about the dire circumstances of Human Trafficking, how it is getting worse, not better, and how we interact with the trafficked without even knowing.

The Columbia River Treaty was the topic of April's forum, a wild departure from March's topic of human trafficking. This Treaty with

Canada, currently being renegotiated, is little known to the public but is crucially important to Washington State residents because it concerns water released from Canadian waters into our water system at particular times of the year, as well as payment for hydropower and other matters.

Our spring fundraising event, A Toast! To Our Diverse Heritage was held at the Wing Luke Museum on April 18th. Both League members and members of the public attended, visited the exhibits, and caught up with each other. State Representative Cindy Ryu emceed the event. Awards were presented as well—Pramila Jayapal received a Lifetime Achievement award for her help in registering thousands of new voters with One America. David Perez was also awarded for his work as an attorney on voting rights issues, and CAIR, the Council on American-Islamic Relations, was awarded for increasing voter registration and participation among Muslim-Americans. County Assessor Lloyd Hara encouraged people to donate to the League.

The Annual Meeting was on May 21. There we honored 50-year members, reviewed the past year, and made plans for the upcoming year. Newly nominated Board members were elected, and then-president Ellen Barton introduced the new League of Women Voters Seattle-King County president, Amanda Clark.

Yakima in June is sunny and warm, and that is where the League of Women Voters of Washington held their convention. Highlights included

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## Connecting with the Leadership

I'm optimistic about the future.

Sometimes it seems as if there is doom and gloom around the world. It seems as if Americans don't care enough about the country to even vote. And we see "polls" that show that young people are locked into social media, feel disenfranchised, don't see what the future holds for them, and so don't bother to vote. What will happen to our democracy?

In mid-November, Becky Cox, Cindy Piennett, and I from the LWVS-KC, along with Mary Ehlers, representing the State League, attended the "Activism Fair" at the Pacific Northwest Conference of the Junior States of America (JSA). Never heard of them? Neither had we, until we got an invitation to attend from the chair, a delightful and poised young woman named Divya Seth.

Even if you haven't heard of them, JSA is a big deal. JSA was started in 1934, and with over 10,000 members, it's the largest student organization in the U.S. - its mission is to strengthen American democracy by educating and preparing high school students for life-long involvement and responsible leadership in a democratic society. The theme of this conference, attended by over 500 students from the Pacific Northwest, was "Opportunities and Obstacles: Fulfilling the American Dream." Congressman Adam Smith from the 9th District was the keynote speaker.

Most of the attendees' day was filled with Ted Talks and debates. And unlike academic conventions I've been to in the past, the students do go to the sessions. No wandering around book exhibits or having coffee in the lobby. Some of the topics included the Path to Citizenship, Income Inequality, Citizens United v. FEC, Decay of Social Values, and Racism of the American Criminal Justice System.

The Activism Fair included booths from organizations around the area. Near the League's booth were Northwest Harvest, Seattle Against Slavery, and Young Democrats. We were amazed and gratified by the attention we received, mostly from young women. One wanted to be assured that we supported women's rights. Another asked what we thought about substituting the word "egalitarian" for "feminist." (We were against it—including the asker. Nothing wrong with being egalitarian, of course, but it's different.) And happily, these young women are feminists and not hesitant to say so.



*Amanda Clark*

Becky Cox took the opportunity to interview as many attendees as possible for the League's research into why people don't vote. One reason frequently cited, she said, was that people felt their votes wouldn't count. Look at the close Seattle Council races — votes count!

With so many young women interested in the League, I'm optimistic that the League will continue to grow, and to grow stronger.

Thanksgiving has passed, but I'll continue to give thanks for all of you who are strong supporters of the League, who volunteer your time and energy, and are excited about planning new studies, forums, and events. Thank you!

The coming holidays make us feel happy and optimistic, and can reinvigorate us and make us happy. We'll enjoy time with our families and friends, and come into the New Year with hope and exciting plans. I will resolve to work hard to promote our League, to register new voters and attract new members, especially reaching out to communities of color and new citizens. I hope you'll join me.

May your holidays be blessed with the joy of the season!

# December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.
6	7 Intern't'l Relat. Comm. 12:45 p.m.	8	9	10 Education Comm. 11:00 a.m.	11	12 Econ & Tax Comm. 11:30 a.m.
13	14	15 Transportation Comm. 10:00 a.m.	16	17 Climate Change Comm. 10:00 a.m.	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	26
27	28	29	30	31	January 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2
3	4 Intern't'l Relat. Comm. 12:45 p.m.	5	6	7 Forum: Program Planning 7:00 p.m.	8	9 Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.

*units meet during light shaded period; office closed during darker shaded period*

## DECEMBER

**No Forum this month**

Board Meeting  
Saturday, December 5  
9:00 a.m.  
League Office

International Relations Comm.  
Monday, December 7  
12:45 p.m.  
League Office

**The Voter Deadline**  
Monday, December 7

Climate Change Committee  
Thursday, December 17  
10:00 a.m.  
League Office

Education Committee  
Thursday, December 10  
10:00 a.m.  
League Office

Econ. & Tax. Committee  
Saturday, December 12  
9:30 a.m.  
909 E. Newton #D-9, Seattle

Transportation Committee  
Tuesday, December 15  
10:00 a.m.  
League Office

## JANUARY

**The Voter Deadline**  
Monday, January 4

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

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

## Winter Weather Reminder!

If Seattle Schools are delayed or closed, then the office will delay opening or be closed. Call the office or check the website for the status of forums or other events.

Check with offsite committee chairs and unit leaders to verify the status of those meetings.

## Forum Schedule

**Sept 10** - General Election  
**Oct 1** - Money in Politics  
**Nov 5** - Constitutional Amend. Study  
**December** - No Forum  
**Jan 7** - Program Planning  
**Feb 4** - Death Penalty  
**Mar 3** - Inequality: Income and Opportunity  
**Apr 7** - Cleaning Up the Duwamish

The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County (LWVS-KC) presents a public forum most months between September and May, generally on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Most forums are held at the Seattle First Baptist Church, but occasionally they are scheduled at other locations and times. The tentative schedule of forums for 2015 appears at left; check *The Voter* each month or the LWVS-KC website, [seattlelwv.org](http://seattlelwv.org), for up-to-date information. Past forums are frequently televised and can be accessed from the resources page of the website.

## Board Briefs by Dora Taylor, Secretary

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

Cindy Piennett gave a presentation outlining the league's finances, with a heavy emphasis on improving fundraising and building up the Leadership Circle.

The Board also discussed programming, and Janet Winans mentioned possible programs related to pay equity, the death penalty, and the Duwamish Tribe.

Pat Griffith reported on the Action Committee, and the Board discussed the Legislative Action Workshop at St. Andrews Church in Bellevue on November 21 – attendance is \$25. Pat also discussed the passage of I-1366 and whether the State Board will become involved in legal proceedings against it.

The Board has been discussing an update to the website, but voted to table the issue for discussion in December.

Nora Leach visited from the Taxation Committee and discussed possible Tax workshops with the Board.

Katie Dudley gave a brief treasurer's report for the Education Fund, and Cindy Piennet joined in the discussion. Candis Litsey was elected the new treasurer for the C3 through June 2016.

Ginna Owens gave a Development Committee Report and the board members discussed their efforts in building relationships with outside organizations and providing them with copies of the TRY. Ginna also briefly discussed the plan for the fundraising event which is to be held in Spring, 2016.

*This month's board briefs were prepared by Katie Dudley.*

the guests who spoke about possible legislation regarding climate change, with lively discussion about carbon tax or cap and trade. Raelene Gold moderated a discussion regarding water issues in Central and Eastern Washington, and we heard riveting presentations about the extreme lack of snowmelt and what that means for water availability during the summer growing season. There were workshops on a variety of issues, including Vote 411, getting young people involved in the League, climate change, and more. Several people held caucuses in their hotel rooms, on serious topics like transportation, and on less serious topics like how to use Twitter.

For Seattle, June 6th was the date of the “In and Out” Board meeting, wherein Board members who were leaving their positions welcomed the Board members who were replacing them, and explained how their roles fit. The Board welcomed Katie Dudley, Dora Taylor, and Zara Kublin as new C4 Board members, and also welcomed the return of Ginna Owens to the Board. The Board also said goodbye to MJ Vigil, Joanna Cullen, Jayne Freitag, and Lisa Peterson.

The summer months are relatively quiet for the League, but there was another milestone birthday to celebrate: the 95th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment on August 18, 1920!

The summer was also a good time to consider the upcoming primary election, which was held on August 4, 2015. The League gave deep consideration to which initiatives to endorse for the November general election, and which ones not to endorse. The Board held its annual retreat in August as well, to discuss goals, issues, and ideas— it was also an opportunity to get to know each other better.

Also in August, the Leadership Circle Luncheon was held at Exeter House. Each year, the League holds a celebratory luncheon for members who pledge to donate a minimum \$240 a year for three years. This year, the luncheon included mimosas and appetizers on the verandah at Exeter House, followed by a gourmet luncheon. Amanda Clark

spoke of how much we, the League, appreciate the donations that Leadership Circle members make above and beyond membership dues— these donations allow us to spend time working on studies, holding forums, registering voters, and holding unit meetings; without these donations, we would need to dedicate much more time to actively fundraising than to fulfilling our mission to increase the public’s understanding of major public policy issues and to influence public policy through education and advocacy. If you’d like to join the Leadership Circle, please contact the League office.

September was a time for education—there was a forum on local ballot measures. The Board announced its decision to support I-122, Honest Elections Seattle. The Board also ultimately decided to support King County Proposition 1 (Best Starts for Kids) and to oppose Seattle Proposition 1 (Move Seattle).

October, the month before the election, saw a flurry of activity. Not only was the election looming, but the forum during that month was on Money and Politics. Janet Winans showed how money has been a major issue in politics at least since the 19th century—and it’s not getting better. Our president, Amanda Clark, found that she was a hot commodity on television, on the radio, and in the news, given the decision to oppose Seattle Proposition 1 (Move Seattle).

After Money and Politics, the November forum was on the Constitutional Amendment process. This forum, as well as the one on Money and Politics, was based on National League studies. National wants consensus before taking a position on these topics. We were disappointed in the voter turnout in the election. In King County, only 39.9% of registered voters chose to vote, so less than half were the “deciders.” Members of the Economics and Taxation Committee and their guests heard a presentation on Creating a Progressive Tax System by John Burbank, Executive Director of the Economic Opportunity Institute.

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# Committees

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## Climate Change Committee

DATE: Thursday, December 17

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: League Office

## Economics and Taxation Committee

DATE: Saturday, December 12

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

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

## Education Committee

DATE: Thursday, December 10

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: League Office

## International Relations Committee

DATE: Monday, December 7

TIME: 12:45 – 2:45 p.m.

PLACE: League Office

## Transportation Committee

DATE: Tuesday, December 15

TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

PLACE: League Office

Subject: Understanding “Why Property Tax Levies?”

Speaker: To be announced.

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

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

## Diversity Policy

The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County (LWVS-KC), in both its values and practices, affirms its beliefs and commitment to diversity and pluralism, which means there shall be no barriers to participation in any activity of the League on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.

LWVS-KC recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision-making. LWVS-KC subscribes to the belief that diversity and pluralism are fundamental to the values it upholds and that this inclusiveness enhances the organization’s ability to respond more effectively to changing conditions and needs.

LWVS-KC affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of Americans in its membership, board, staff and programs.

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## King County Connects — Announcements

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### HAPPY HOLIDAYS

All Eastside members are invited to come (and bring a prospective member!) to the annual Eastside Holiday Party, Tuesday, December 8, hosted by the Issaquah unit. It will begin at 11:30 a.m. at St. Michael and All Saints Episcopal Church, 325 SE Darst St. in Issaquah.



If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Susan Cotterell at 425-392-6803 or [grannysue@msn.com](mailto:grannysue@msn.com). Suggested donation, \$8 per person.

### Need a thoughtful holiday gift? How about a League membership!

You know how much you get from being a League member, why not share that with friends and family.

Benefits include the TRY directory of elected officials, the monthly *Voter*, ongoing updates on current issues, invitations to units, forums, events and more!

The recipient doesn't live in King County? Not a problem. We can coordinate membership with other Leagues.

Use the enclosed form, purchase online on our website, or call the office for assistance.

*Happy Holidays!*



Dear Readers,

The Voter currently does not publish a Letters to the Editor section, and I would like to change that. League members have many valuable and interesting things to impart and share with others, so if you feel like you have something that League members need to know about, please write in. Space is limited so no more than 250 words.

Thank you,  
Katie Dudley  
Voter Editor

## GREAT DECISIONS FOR 2016

Join with fellow League members and friends to discuss eight of the most challenging foreign policy issues confronting us in our world today. The Foreign Policy Association (FPA) was founded in 1918 by 141 distinguished Americans and was initially known as the League of Free Nations Association, to support President Woodrow Wilson's efforts to achieve a just peace. In 1923, it became the Foreign Policy Association with a commitment to the careful study of all sides of international questions affecting the United States. Eleanor Roosevelt and John Foster Dulles were among the members. FPA's mission remains much the same today. Many world leaders have addressed FPA audiences. Visit [fpa.org](http://fpa.org) for a full history of the organization. In 1954, the Great Decisions program was launched in Oregon based on the annual briefing book to facilitate discussion.

- Middle East
- The Rise of ISIS
- The Future of Kurdistan
- Migration
- The Koreas
- The United Nations
- Climate Change
- Cuba and the U.S.



The Great Decisions 2016 Briefing Book will be available beginning in mid-December, and will cost \$25. You can purchase it by visiting the following website, ([http://www.fpa.org/great\\_decisions/?act=gd\\_materials](http://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/?act=gd_materials)), or you can contact the FPA at 1-800-477-5836 or email [sales@fpa.org](mailto:sales@fpa.org) for information and to order.

### Discussion Groups

Starting February 9, and continuing every other Tuesday for 8 weeks, a Great Decisions group will meet in Seattle at the Capitol Hill Branch of Seattle Public Library, 425 Harvard Ave. E., on the corner of Harvard and Republican, from 6:00 p.m. through 7:45 pm. Limited parking is available for free under the building; the entrance to the parking garage is on Harvard Avenue. An elevator goes directly to the 2nd floor meeting room, to the right of the elevator. Several bus lines (8, 9, 43, 49, 60) stop within three blocks. For questions, call Rosalie McCreary at 206-687-7415 or email to [romcceary@gmail.com](mailto:romcceary@gmail.com).

## Updates from our State and National Leagues

*All members of the LWV of Seattle-King County are also automatically members of the LWV of Washington and the LWV of the United States, whose work focuses on issues of state and national concern, respectively. Be sure to sign up for weekly email newsletters and/or visit their websites: [www.lwvwa.org](http://www.lwvwa.org) and [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org) for the latest information.*

### Olympia and Our Washington

LWVWA is getting ready for the upcoming legislative session and we hope you are too. If you didn't get a chance to go to one of the action workshops, we want to remind you that December is the best time to set a meeting with your legislators - the session is short in 2016 and they may not have time once it starts.

Not sure what to say in the meeting? Bring League's Legislative priorities with you. You can also bring some of the issue papers that have been prepared by the lobby team (available on the website). Still want more? Call the office or one of the team members and we can help you out.

#### 2016 Legislative Priorities

This year, League will advocate to:

**PROTECT DEMOCRACY:** Expand opportunities to participate in elections and government, minimize the influence of money in politics, and promote more representative elections systems.

**REFORM REVENUE POLICIES:** Adopt revenue policies that are stable and fair to adequately fund services and functions critical to the well-being of the people of our state.

**FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE:** Reduce carbon emissions and support an increase in clean air standards.

**FUND EDUCATION:** Adopt a plan to fully fund basic education by 2018 as defined by the Legislature and required by the state constitution.

### National News

LWVUS is gearing up for the presidential election year.

National is sponsoring youth voter registration programs, teaming with Grammy Award winner Patty Griffin in the *Use Your Voice Tour* (unfortunately not coming to the Puget Sound) to promote voting, and have updated the quadrennial *Electing the President* materials. There will be more in the coming months as the election heats up.

The advocacy team is celebrating the rejection of the Keystone Pipeline proposal and continues to support the EPA's Clean Power Plan and proposed new methane pollution standards. Be sure to visit the [lwv.org](http://lwv.org) website to add your voice to these efforts.

We have now completed our review of the two national studies on Money in Politics and Amending the Constitution. The consensus reports are being collated and we will let you know when national announces any new or modified positions that result from the studies.

*Note: 'Tis the season for annual solicitations. While donations to state and national to support their work are much appreciated, just a reminder that they do not count toward your membership dues (a portion of which are allocated to state and national). So please give what you can, but make sure your dues with LWVSKC are your first priority to keep receiving this publication as well as our other local materials.*

# Action

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## ACTION REPORT

By Pat Griffith

Though League endorsements won in some contests (I-122 Honest Elections in Seattle and Best Starts for Kids in King County), we were on the losing side in two others: the Move Seattle Transportation Levy, and I-1366, the statewide initiative to require a 2/3 majority vote by the state legislators to raise taxes, which also directs the institution of a constitutional amendment that will require a 2/3 legislative majority to raise taxes, with an automatic reduction in sales tax if this constitutional amendment hasn't been created by a certain date. The state board will decide at its November meeting whether to join the plaintiffs in a suit challenging the constitutionality of I-1366.

Pat Griffith presented the LWV support of the *McCleary* decision and funding it with a fair and equitable taxation system at the Senate K-12 Committee Listening Tour in Renton, one of the nine held throughout the state. Parents and teachers testified passionately about the immediate funding needs for class size reduction, building capacity, and teacher shortages. The passage of I-1366 further complicates potential revenue solutions and streams. The committee proposes a levy swap as a partial solution, as levy rates vary widely throughout the state and in the Puget Sound region. For example, the levy rate in Seattle is \$1.60 per \$1000 of assessed property valuation, while the Federal Way rate is \$4.32. The difference is attributable to differences in the tax base.

### Action Calendar for 2016

**January:** The board will hear presentations on Seattle I-123, also known as the Park My Viaduct Initiative, which will appear on the August 2016 primary ballot. The initiative would create a mile-long elevated park along Alaskan Way, which would radically change all of the waterfront plans developed by the City. The initiative would create a new Public Development Au-

thority (PDA) to build and operate a park similar to the High Line Park in New York City. It would utilize sections of Highway 99 instead of demolishing them.

Though the League has not taken a formal position on the initiative, Nancy and Charles Bagley have done substantial research on the subject, much of which can be found in the Summer 2015 edition of the Voter. The League voiced its concerns at the August 4 city council meeting.

**February:** Two Seattle Public School levies, one a 3-year maintenance and operations levy and a second six-year levy for construction and major improvements to buildings and athletic facilities, are being proposed for the ballot. The school board will vote on the construction levy proposal at its November 18 meeting. If the LWVS-KC takes a position, it will need to occur no later than the January 9 board meeting.

Other school districts in King County will also be proposing levies for the spring. Optimistically, the state legislature will act on *McCleary* decision alternatives to local levies, but districts need to act to be assured of funding maintenance and construction needs if the legislature does not act in a timely fashion.

**June:** The Transportation Committee will be studying the Sound Transit levy proposal to be on the November 2016 general election ballot. Details on projects to be included and levy rates will be finalized in June.

Other levy actions under discussion include an increased Seattle Housing levy and a public safety levy to hire additional police officers.

The Education, Waterfront, and Transportation Committees welcome your input and participation, so check your *Voter* and the website for meeting times.

# Voter Service

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## VOTER SERVICE REPORT

by Amelia Woolley

### Voter Registration:

This year, we sent volunteers out to various locations throughout the community and registered new voters and updated voter information for others. Our First Hill Unit alone attended 20 events throughout the summer and fall, assisting over 300 members of our community with voter registration, providing take home registration forms, and offering to assist with questions about voter registration status. They also distributed 534 voter registration materials, mainly consisting of our local TRY brochure. Volunteers also distributed TRY's from surrounding counties and other informational brochures produced by the League of Women Voters and our partners.

Along with our First Hill Unit efforts, we were able to provide voter registrars for other events, including farmer's markets, speaking events, and even at a local city council candidate forum.

A thank you to all volunteers who gave up a morning or afternoon to help with this tireless work: Anne Anderson, Helen Bereiter, Emily Bingham, Jean Carlson, Ruth and Al Eller, Eleanor (Lundy) Fordyce, Linnea Hirst, Joan Lawson, Frank Little, Ingrid Lynch, Adele Reynolds, Nancy Robinson, Nancy Rust, Lisa Schuchman, Lou Templeton, Connie Wentzel, Sharon Baker, Pat Griffith, and Julie Sarkissian.

Voter registration is one of the strongest outreach options the League does and gives volunteers a chance to interact with all members of our community. It is valuable work that cannot be done without our volunteers.

### Candidate Forums

This year, the League sponsored or co-sponsored events for ballot issues and candidate forums.

We held a ballot issues forum as our monthly forum in October for issues facing voters in the Seattle-King County General Election. Our education committee co-sponsored a school board candidate forum. Various units, including Mercer Island and West Seattle, also hosted candidate forums in their communities.

### Speaker's Bureau

This year we spoke to about 20 different groups about ballot issues. The Speaker's Bureau gives volunteers the opportunity to go into the community to educate voters on the issues that appear on the ballot. We also produced our simplified ballot issue summaries to provide to these groups.

We are always looking for more volunteers for all of our voter service activities. If this is something you are interested in for next election season, please keep it in mind and contact the League office to get more particulars. We provide training for Speaker's Bureau, voter registration, and moderating at candidate forums.

This year has provided a challenge for me, because I am balancing a full time job with the voter service responsibilities, and we could not have completed the work that we did without the help of some very important members. I would like to thank Connie Hellyer, as the First Hill Voter registration coordinator, for all her work and determination with registering voters. A thank you to our President Amanda Clark for also stepping in and assisting with anything asked. Thank you to Julie Anne Kempf and Allison Feher for all their work and assistance they provided this voter season. Finally, thank you to all volunteers or committee members that helped in any way. I appreciate all you do to help make democracy work!



## Getting Connected Membership News

### MEMBERSHIP/OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT by Zara Kublin

When I joined the LWVS-KC Board this past summer, I took on, with some trepidation, the Membership portfolio. Over the course of the ensuing four months, the Board has given a lot of thought over fresh ways for the League to both attract new members and get current members more involved – we would like to see our membership grow and be active.

I recently met with outgoing Membership Chair, Paneen Davidson, and after a lively discussion, decided to join forces to launch a new Membership and Outreach joint committee. Times have changed dramatically since many current members first got involved with the League. People are busier than ever. Most couples work full-time jobs. There is no end of single-issue advocacy organizations offering people outlets for supporting their favored causes. Many people are disaffected, feeling they can't do anything to make government work for them or their community.

In order to turn the trajectory of our membership rolls around, the League needs to find a way to appeal people where they are now in their lives. We need to appeal young people, and freshen our presentation as an up-to-date, relevant organization. This means reorganizing the website to make it friendlier, more visually striking, and simpler to operate. We also need to appeal to busy people. This means making the operations of the League easier to understand, defining what membership means, and making very clear the multiple ways – large and small – that people can get involved.

We need greater diversity in our membership. This means highlighting how the League's work has been and continues to be critical in ensuring justice for all communities, including those that have been historically disenfranchised. It means reaching out to and partnering with local

organizations to do the best work in helping engage everyone in the democratic process.

These are long-term goals. In the meantime, what can we do? Paneen and I came up with a few ideas for making our current League more engaging. Let's reconnect with the units. The Board wants to attend more unit meetings, getting to know members, hearing their ideas, finding out ways to bring units back into the core work of the League and to make them vibrant recruitment vehicles. Let's find out what work our members are already doing and bring it into a coherent committee structure. (For example, we have members who do wonderful work for membership, but don't have the support or recognition being part of a formal committee can provide.)

Let's make the most of our forums. When you attend a forum, talk to someone you don't know. Introduce them to a committee chair, a unit leader or a Board member, tell them why you joined the League and encourage them to join if they aren't members already. Let them know that whether they want to participate or not, by joining they'll be supporting our work.

Let's have wine! Let's create an atmosphere that encourages people to socialize before and after forums, to talk with our panelists, and to continue the conversation.

We have many other ideas for invigorating our League, some simple, some large, some experimental. We welcome yours. Creating a League that feels modern, exciting, and technologically up-to-date but that remains true to its 95 years of intelligent, complex work is a daunting but exciting project. We want all members to feel they're a part of it.

Please contact Zara or Paneen if you're interested in helping the Membership and Outreach Committee – our numbers can be found in the back of this *Voter*.

## SOME WAYS YOU CAN HELP THE LEAGUE

The League always needs help raising funds – so how can members help? Here is a list of ways you can help:

- Pay more than your basic dues.
- Donate at appeal times – or any time – honor someone on a birthday, give a memorial gift.
- Check for matching opportunities from your (former) employer.
- Join the Leadership Circle by committing to give at least \$240 a year for three years.
- Name the League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County Ed Fund as a beneficiary in your will – see below for guidelines.
- Attend our fund raising events – ideally, invite a non-member or two as well.

Share the contact names of those you know in local businesses and organizations who could be asked to support the work of the League: introductions are always helpful!

### Leaving a Legacy to League – Your Will Power

The Board of the Seattle-King County League of Women Voters is continuing to explore various funding options for the operation of the League, over and above dues and direct cash donations. There will be more to come on these options in upcoming Voter articles.

In the meantime, please consider becoming a member of the Bertha Knight Landes Legacy Society by including the League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County Education Fund in your Will. This is one of the easiest ways to help sustain the education and voter service work of the League for years to come, without impacting available cash in your lifetime. You can leave a

specific dollar amount, or you can leave a percentage of your estate.

This legacy involves having the appropriate language in your will. Suggested language to use is “I give, devise, and bequeath \_\_\_% of my residual estate (or the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ ) to the League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County Education Fund, a civic organization located in Seattle, Washington, with offices at 1620 – 18th Avenue, Suite 101, Seattle, Washington 98122.”

If you already have a will, you can have your attorney add a codicil to include the LWVS-KC Ed Fund to avoid having to draft a new will. If you don't have an attorney, you could contact the King County Bar Association for a referral to a private attorney or to the Elder Care Law Clinic. Or, call the League office for referral assistance.

After you've included the League in your will, contact the LWVS-KC Ed Fund office so that we can list you as a member of our Bertha Knight Landes Legacy Society. Bertha Knight Landes was elected mayor of Seattle in 1926. She was the first woman, and to date, the only woman, to be elected to that office.

The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County Education Fund is organized under Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3). Donations and bequests are tax-deductible to the extent the law allows. The Fund's tax identification number is 91-1224769.

### *Do you shop with Amazon?*

If your holiday shopping plans include Amazon.com, please remember to *smile* when you shop and the League's Education Fund will receive .5% of the purchase price. Be sure to use the [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile) website address to access Amazon in order for your purchases to qualify.



# Features

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*Suggested reading from the Climate Change Committee:*

## CLIMATE CHANGE:

### ANSWERS TO 10 COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### 1. Q: What is meant by 'recent climate change'?

A: The Earth's surface temperature (averaged over the globe) has risen about 1.3 degrees (Fahrenheit) since about 1900. The temperature rise is associated with other changes in global climate, which include: rise of about 8 inches in average sea level; changes in precipitation patterns with formerly wet areas getting wetter and the dry areas becoming dryer; decline in global ice and snow cover. Many of the observed changes since 1950 are unprecedented in Earth's history over the past thousands of years. [1]

#### 2. Q: Why is the climate changing?

A: The global energy 'budget' is out of balance. Since the start of the 20<sup>th</sup> century the rate of energy inflow from the Sun to the Earth's surface has been greater than the outflow via infrared radiation from the surface to outer space. The inflow has not changed appreciably, but the outgoing energy flow is retarded by so-called greenhouse gases, which consist of water vapor and carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>). The effect of these gases is like the effect of a blanket over a sleeping person. Heat given off by the Earth cannot escape efficiently through the blanket.

Greenhouse gases have always been present at low concentrations in our atmosphere. However, the atmospheric concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> has increased by almost 40% since the Industrial Revolution, effectively thickening the atmospheric 'blanket', causing the rise in global average surface temperature.

#### 3. Q: What gives scientists confidence that human activities are responsible for most of the

#### global climate changes of the late 20<sup>th</sup> century?

A: The dominant cause of 20<sup>th</sup> century increase in greenhouse gases is human activity (primarily, burning fossil fuels and secondarily, changing land use); their high concentrations are unprecedented in Earth's history over the past eight hundred thousand years; moreover, carbon emitted from fossil fuel burning can be identified chemically. The global warming effect of adding CO<sub>2</sub> by burning fossil fuels was predicted in the late 1800s, and is a robust consequence of basic physical principles.

#### 4. Q: The Earth's temperature varies from time to time and from place to place. How is that consistent with the idea of global warming?

A: Volcanic eruptions, variations in how much heat is stirred down to deep waters in the ocean, and complex atmospheric circulations all contribute to natural variability in surface temperatures. For this reason, it is necessary to average temperatures over large regions and over at least 5-10 years to see meaningful trends. The rising trend in globally averaged temperatures is unmistakable.

#### 5. Q: How has the climate of the Pacific Northwest changed over the past 50 years?

A: Our climate is very sensitive to ocean circulations (such as El Niño), so it fluctuates a great deal from year to year, but there are long-term trends. The average PNW temperature has risen about .13 deg F every 10 years from 1895 to 2011. The frost-free season has lengthened by about 30-40 days over that period, and most of our glaciers are in decline. Regionally, annual precipitation has not changed appreciably but the proportion of precipitation falling as rain (not snow) has increased, leading to earlier stream flows and declines in spring snowpack of 15 -35% since mid-century (followed by a slight increase, due probably to natural variability) .

The coastal waters are becoming more acidic.

Because of the fluctuations that dominate our regional climate, it is difficult to determine how much any particular phenomenon was due to human activities. However, it is very clear that rising temperatures (whatever their cause) have significant impacts on our agriculture, forests, water supply, fisheries, and public health. These impacts will increase as temperatures continue to rise unless greenhouse gas emissions can be sufficiently decreased.

**6. Q: What are the predictions for global climate change over the 21st century?**

A: The global mean temperature rise (relative to mean late 19th century temperature) is likely to exceed 2.7 deg F by 2100 and to continue to rise long after 2100 in the absence of strict emission controls. The changes will be non uniform, with high latitudes warming faster than low latitude regions, and will continue to vary from year to year and decade to decade. Wet regions will likely become wetter and dry ones dryer. [1] For agriculture, human and animal health, extreme temperatures (the coldest and hottest days of the year) can be more important than annual averages. Extreme cold events are predicted to decrease, whereas heat waves are predicted to increase, with much of the globe (including parts of the PNW) to have average summer temperatures in 2100 that are higher than the average summer temperatures in the same regions in the 20th century [2].

**7. Q: What are the predictions for 21st century climate change in the Pacific Northwest?**

A: By 2050 our average annual temperature is likely to rise between approximately 2-9 deg F (relative to the average 1950-1999 temperature), depending on the emissions over that period. The number of days with heavy rainfall will likely increase, although annual average rainfall is not predicted to change substantially. The average April 1 snowpack in WA is expected to decrease by approximately 40% (relative to 1916-

2006). Streamflow in many basins will occur earlier in the year, posing flood risks in spring, and it will be diminished in the summer, when the need will be greater because of the high temperatures. The area covered by wildfires is predicted to increase several fold by 2040. [3]

**8. Q: How much Carbon Dioxide is emitted each year in our state? How much globally?**

A: Approximately 0.1 Gt (or 220,000,000,000,000 lbs) of CO<sub>2</sub> are emitted in WA every year. (24 lbs are emitted for every gallon of gasoline burned in driving a car!) Globally, in 2014, 32 Gt CO<sub>2</sub> were emitted. Thus the WA state rate was about 1/3 of 1% of the global total.

**9. Q: Is there a 'tipping point' for climate, beyond which we can never return to pre 21<sup>st</sup> century conditions?**

A: There is not one single 'tipping point'; there have already been environmental changes that are not reversible. The global mean temperature rise of 3.6 deg F has traditionally been cited as a tipping point, or maximum 'safe' degree of warming. Roughly speaking, the cumulative emitted CO<sub>2</sub> would have to remain under about 3700 Gt CO<sub>2</sub>, requiring a decrease of more than 50% in emission rates (over 1990 levels) by 2050 for a 50% chance of temperature rising less than 3.6 deg F in the 21st century. [4]

**10. Q: Since our Washington emission rate is such a small fraction of the global rate, what good would it do to decrease our state emissions?**

A: The U.S. is a major emitter, so that unless U.S. emissions decrease sharply, climate change will accelerate. However, national controls of emissions are not easily achieved in the contemporary U.S. Thus, it is important for states, by themselves and in groups, to take the lead in developing viable economic mechanisms to curb emissions. Such curbs have been instituted in California, in British Columbia, and ten states in the Northeast U.S. that form the RGGI

(regional greenhouse gas initiative). Washington can join and lead these entities, helping to provide a basis for rapidly scaling up U.S., and ultimately global efforts to control our climate.

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## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE RECAP DECEMBER 2015

by Janet Winans

Are you ready to begin thinking about Sound Transit 3? It is the next transportation levy the Transportation Committee will confront. We are working to build our understanding of how huge revenue systems work as we also wrap our heads around this regional property tax proposal that will fund the next stages north and south of the “spine” of our transportation infrastructure. We chose the revenue system of the City of Kent as a first study model.

Barbara Lopez is the Assistant Director in the Office of Financial Planning and Tax Division, City of Kent. She supervises the system flow, the “chugging along” of that engine. The fuel for that engine is revenue, flowing in from a variety of legislated sources: property tax, sales tax, business and occupation tax, utilities taxes, real estate excise tax, a liquor profits tax and fuel tax, along with license fees, permits, and charges for particular services, fines, interest and even donations.

When Lopez began her career, Kent was a small city in the lush agricultural Green River Valley. Change began soon after and today, that lush valley is the fourth largest warehouse and cargo transfer center in the country. This once-small city is now the home of a bustling immigrant community, and Kent has grown, becoming the sixth largest city in the state and the third largest in the county. It is now minority white.

Kent offers a remarkable case study of the impact that the changes to the local, state, and national economy have had on the revenue flows that are necessary to keep such “ships” moving forward.

ShoWare Center, an events venue, symbolizes the future that was expected from the warehouse economy. It was completed in 2009 and will ultimately cost 13% of the gross receipts of the city’s utility taxes until the bonds purchased to build it are retired. In 2008, well after they

were committed to those bonds, the Great Recession hit; purchasing power and sales tax income plummeted. In 2009, state law shifted the location for sales tax collection on the cargo in Kent's warehouses from "origination based" to "destination based." The loss of revenue from that cargo is about \$12 million per year, mitigated by a state fee of \$5 million, leaving a gap of \$7 million/year in funds for the city.

Property taxes, capped at 1% of growth by state initiative, and sales taxes are the major sources of funds for government services. Most of the other revenue sources are percentages of gross receipts, earned by the various businesses and utilities, and are directed at specific services such as street operations, youth programs, debt service, law enforcement and parks. Because they are taxes on gross receipts, the Great Recession hit them hard.

A voter-approved initiative from 2000 eliminated the motor vehicle excise tax (MVET), which had been the state's fourth largest revenue generating tax with fifty-five percent of its revenue going to the state's general fund and twenty-four percent going to local governments. In 2001, another initiative set a 1% limit on property tax increases, regardless of the rise in inflation. That left sales taxes as the essential source of revenue for most government services.

Barbara listed the following ongoing challenges:

- Expenses increase at approximately three percent per year, compared to revenues at one percent per year
- The possible impact of the *McCleary* court decision on state shared revenues
- Public Facilities District Debt – ShoWare Center

The major category Barbara listed for uses of the revenue is government services, while she also lists: capital/debt service, program administrative costs, street capital street operations, youth/teen programs, residential street capital, technology operations/capital, law enforcement, and parks capital.

As the Kent City Council debates how and where to cut or find new revenue sources, Barbara used the example of just how integrated all these issues are. When a Council Person suggested closing some city parks to reduce costs, the parks director noted that closing them doesn't leave them unused. Closing parks would lead to unsanctioned use and abuse of the facilities, and limiting activities for youth increases the demand for more expensive law enforcement. Already, the police force in Kent is underfunded, and works hard to be effective in dealing with disputes amongst and between Kent's diverse culture and citizenry.

The ship that is Kent has navigated very difficult waters during the last 20 years. The investments in the warehouses of the valley and in the ShoWare Center were well-intended attempts to win in the Marketplace, but the Great Recession was a terrible and perfect storm.

What do we call the voter-driven cuts to the revenue stream that was once the fuel of the city? How can we view the variety of property tax levies that have been patched together to replace some of the revenue lost from formerly predictable sources? How do we understand and communicate about the resources that make up a community, a school district, a city, county, state? We welcome answers from you, Readers. Come join our efforts at our meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month.



## WATERFRONT COMMITTEE REPORT

by Charles and Nancy Bagley

- **Tunnel and seawall delayed**
- **I-123 to be reviewed**

Bertha, the 57-foot giant drill meant to drill the State Route 99 tunnel under Seattle's downtown, malfunctioned in December of 2013, and remains under repair. The contractors, STP, have deferred resumption of drilling to December 23 of this year. This two-year delay has moved the opening date of the tunnel to April 2018. Just over \$1 billion of the \$1.35 billion tunnel contract has already been paid out by the State of Washington.

Meanwhile, financial and litigation issues continue to compound. According to the Seattle Times, STP has billed the state for \$125 million for a "change order" related to a steel pipe in the drill's way. The state has not paid for this because it says that STP should have known about the pipe and ought to have been prepared to deal with it. STP has also billed its eight insurers \$143 million for the repair costs of Bertha, even though Bertha was supposed to still be under warranty from its manufacturer, Hitachi. STP's insurers are refusing to pay, so STP has sued them. Also, the State has sued STP, so as to create a basis for possible future claims against the contractor, claiming STP "... has failed to fulfill its obligations..." under the contract. The State has \$116 million in contingency funds. Fortunately, the City of Seattle is not a party to the contract, nor the legal disputes, and has no enforceable liability for cost overruns.

Meanwhile, the Seawall replacement continues. The current project, Phase 1, goes from Washington Street in Pioneer Square to Virginia Street, the location of Piers 62 and 63. Completion of Phase 1, paid for by a Seattle voter-approved \$290 million bond, was expected to be complete in early 2016, but with delays, is now anticipated to be complete in 2017. Cost overruns are now estimated at \$71 million. Work

proceeds round the clock, seven days a week. Unforeseen soil conditions have contributed to the delays. The complexity of the work is stunning. In many areas, the shore soil has to be stabilized for work by literally freezing it solid. Phase 2 is located from Virginia Street north to Broad Street, and will require new funding.

Seattle Initiative 123, launched by the Park-MyViaduct campaign, got the required signatures to qualify for a referendum vote and was reviewed by the City Council. The League has not taken a position on I-123. The Seattle-King County League Board will hear from Kate Martin, campaign chairperson, as a proponent, and from friends of the Waterfront, as opponents, at the January Board meeting before making a formal decision.

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December will be a quiet month. On Tuesday, December 8th, there is a holiday party on the Eastside—if you'd like to attend, please see the invitation on p. 8 and RSVP. For the rest of the month we will take time to rest a bit with our families and friends and enjoy what the season has to bring.

Next year, we have a lot to look forward to. We need to plan our programs and decide what we are interested in studying. We already know that Seattle I-123 (Park My Viaduct) will be on the ballot for August's primary election, and there will likely be many other ballot measures to study. Next year there is also a presidential election, which I'm sure most of us will be watching carefully.

We have a lot to look forward to—let's make 2016 another good year that we can look back on with pride.

BOOK REVIEW by Vicky Downs

## MISSOULA: RAPE AND THE JUSTICE SYSTEM IN A COLLEGE TOWN

By Jon Krakauer

Jon Krakauer writes, “Rape is a much more common crime than most people realize, and women of college age are most frequently the victims.” He says he wanted “to understand what deters so many rape victims from going to the police, and to comprehend the repercussions of sexual assault from the perspective of those who have been victimized.”

Krakauer focuses on several sexual assaults in Missoula, Montana, from 2010 through 2012. He interviewed the victims, who were all college students, as well as “their families and acquaintances, and when possible, the men accused of [assault.]” Virtually all of the rape victims that Krakauer interviewed had been raped by people they knew and trusted.

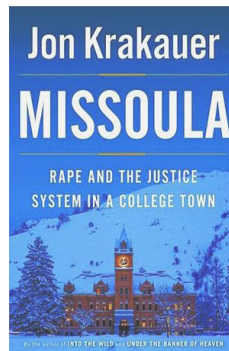
I learned that talking with the police about rape felt much like as much of a violation as the rape itself, as the mental health needs of the victims of crime are often ignored by both males and females in the police force. In addition, a professor of psychiatry is quoted as saying “[If] one set out intentionally to design a system for provoking symptoms of post traumatic stress disorder, it might look very much like a [court of law].”

Krakauer writes, “Carefully conducted studies consistently indicate that at least 80 percent of rapes are never disclosed to enforcement agencies.” In addition, “when an individual is raped in this country...more than 90 percent of the time the rapist gets away with the crime.”

Krakauer writes that men who think of themselves as nice, “share [the] common idea that a rapist is a guy with a knife, who drags women into the bush...” If they’ve only had sex with a person who didn’t want it, but was drugged or had no way to resist, they do not believe themselves to be rapists.

Many people, including the Missoula police chief in 2012, believe that 50 percent of rape claims are false. The chief referred to an article written

in 2009, which dealt with studies done in the 1980s and ‘90s. Krakauer writes that more recently “scholars have debunked” those studies, even though they continue to be cited. Thus, the police chief was “[advancing] the notion that American society suffers from an epidemic of spurious rape allegations by malicious women, resulting in the wrongful conviction of many thousands of innocent men.” The actual percentage of false rape claims is between 2 and 10 percent.



In recent years, a lot of pressure has been put on colleges and universities to deal with rape. Internal tribunals made up of faculty and students may be suited to dealing with cheating or plagiarism, but they are no more suited to dealing with rape than with homicide in the dorm room. Rape is a criminal act, and the police, not university personnel, have the forensic and legal training needed, and nowadays, have learned best practices for investigating victims and the accused. Best practices state that investigators should start by assuming the victim is speaking the truth.

The Department of Education, however, pressed colleges and universities to deal swiftly with rape accusations. These institutions can expel accused rapists if the “preponderance of evidence” is in the victim’s favor. The criminal standard is higher; requiring “clear and convincing evidence” or “beyond reasonable doubt.” The criminal standard of justice can take a long time, in which case the accused rapist might well be on campus moving about freely while the victim waits for justice. What’s a traumatized victim to do?

Headlines in Missoula media occasionally referred to their city as being the “Rape Capitol” of the country. Krakauer points out that Missoula’s rape rate is a little lower than other cities of the same size, and says, “That’s the real scandal.” Those of us in Seattle need to know that the acquaintance rape statistics in our city are somewhat worse than Missoula’s.

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



## Unit Meetings

Several of the units are not meeting this month and many are having a holiday party so be sure to check the listings carefully as usual locations and times may have changed. If a unit is not listed that means there is no meeting planned; however, the eastside units are all invited to attend the Issaquah holiday luncheon. Meetings are open to all.

Unit Leader email	Phone	Time	Location
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Monday, December 7			
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**SOUTH SEATTLE** - Marian Wolfe and Vivian Montoya

hedgwolfe@aol.com	206-763-9430	7:30 p.m.	Hostess: Marian Wolfe
montoyaviv@gmail.com	206-695-2620		4155 13th Ave S, Seattle

Tuesday, December 8			
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**ISSAQUAH** – Margaret Austin (with **Mercer Island and Bellvue/Redmond/Kirkland Units**)

margaret.austin@comcast.net	425-392-5760	10:00 a.m.	Hostess: Susan Cotterell
			325 SE Darst Street, Issaquah
			425-392-6803

*Luncheon - see details on page 8.*

*Please RSVP.*

Wednesday, December 9			
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**NORTHEAST SEATTLE** (formerly View Ridge) – Kay Beck

kbeck25@comcast.net	206-523-3127	12:45 p.m.	Hostess: Kay Beck
			1542 Nicklas Place NE, Seattle

Saturday, December 12			
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**BALLARD/MAGNOLIA/QUEEN ANNE DAY** – Alice Peterson

peterson-alice-jack@msn.com	206-524-5530	10:00 a.m.	Hostess: Wendie Berge
			3100 W Commodore Way, #306
			206-283-1190

*Cookie Exchange!*

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

Unit Leader email	Phone	Time	Location
<b>Monday, December 14</b>			
<b>FIRST HILL – Adele Reynolds</b>			
adelereynolds@netscape.net	206-621-4867	10:00 a.m.	Horizon House, Forum & Social Room 900 University St., Seattle

**CAPITOL HILL/MONTLAKE –**

	206-329-4848	7:15 p.m.	Hostess: Linnea Hirst 1602 E McGraw St., Seattle 206-322-3076
<i>Cookie Exchange!</i>			

**Tuesday, December 15**

<b>WEST SEATTLE – Ethel Williams/Pat Lane</b>			
etheljw1@q.com	206-932-7887	1:00 p.m.	Salvadorean Bakery & Restaurant
plain11@juno.com	206-932-1578		1719 SW Roxbury St, Seattle

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