It’s Time to Get Out the Count!

Adapted from the LWVUS website article “Census Overview”

Every election season, the League of Women Voters works to “Get out the Vote.” This year it’s time to “get out the count.” In 2000, almost one in three households failed to return their census forms, leading to not only lots of extra work doorbelling by census workers but also holes in the final count. We can do better.

Article I, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution mandates a headcount of everyone residing in the United States. The first census was conducted in 1790, and one has been carried out every 10 years since then.

The 2010 Census form, a short form with 10 questions that will take 10 minutes to complete, will be mailed to all households in early March. The census will count all residents living in the United States as well as ask for name, sex, age, date of birth, race, ethnicity, relationship and housing tenure.

Census data is important because it:

- impacts how more than $300 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to communities for neighborhood improvements, public health, education, transportation and more;
- is also used to apportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and to redistrict state legislatures and;
- used to define legislature districts, school district assignment areas and other important functional areas of government.

The census is like a snapshot that helps define who we are as a nation. Data about changes in our communities is crucial to many planning decisions, such as where to provide services for the elderly, where to build new roads and schools, or where to locate job training centers. Here in King County, due to our large and very diverse communities (we speak over 90 languages and represent many ethnicities and races), getting an accurate count is critical.

Let’s work together to make it happen right!!

“Data about changes in our communities is crucial to many planning decisions... let’s work together to make it happen right!!”

Don’t Forget!
February 7 - TRY Release Party!
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President’s Message

Well, the new year has really gotten off to a running start! We had an exciting program in January: our committee chairs really inspired us with all the great work they’ve been doing and some ideas for going forward. The TRY committee burned the midnight oil cross-checking all the updates for the 2010 edition, and got it to the printer on time. We should have it back the first week of February and I hope you plan to join us at our release party at the Mercer Island Community Center. We will be recognizing the great work done by local elected officials and community members, which often has the greatest affect on the lives of our residents.

As for me, I’m working with a group of community organizations planning for ways to reach out and educate about the 2010 Census, particularly to the ethnic minority communities. You’ll hear more about that, and ways you can get involved, at our February forum. In addition, I attended a conference on Open Government, sponsored by the Washington Coalition for Open Government, at the University of Washington. I learned about the open records and public meetings acts and how they relate to issues concerning campaign finance, as well as pending issues before the Supreme Court such as the Referendum 71 case. I also learned that until 2005 Britain did not have an equivalent to the Freedom of Information Act, and that to this day they lag far behind us in openness. You can read more about the conference in the next edition of the State Voter. That same weekend I also attended a town hall where Congressman Jim McDermott, State Senator Karen Keiser, and State Representative Eileen Cody spoke about the pending Health Care legislation in Congress and the possible effects of the legislation for residents in Washington State. It was a very interesting presentation and we’ve put a link to it up on our website.

Whatever happens with the Congressional legislation, there is complementary legislation moving through Olympia that needs our support, and we need to make sure our Basic Health Plan is funded to appropriate levels. You can stay on top of these fast moving issues by subscribing to the State League’s action newsletter and then making those calls and sending those emails. Our representatives need to hear from us. Even if you think that they already agree with you, remind them and then please thank them for their efforts.

Finally, Happy Birthday to the League! We are 90 years old this month – can you believe it? My personal history with League goes back over 15 years now and I can’t believe it’s been that long. I am continuously inspired by the work that has been done, the work that we do, and the great things that are out there that we could be doing. Thank you and keep it up!

Mission Statement

The League of Women Voters of Seattle, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

The League of Women Voters of Seattle serves the greater Seattle area, including the cities of north King County as well as east King County from Bothell to Bellevue.
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League Forums

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

Please note that the March forum, described below, will be held downstairs at Town Hall, Seattle rather than at St. Andrews Church in Bellevue, where the March Women’s History Forum has traditionally been held.

WOMEN & CLIMATE CHANGE: CONNECTING AROUND THE WORLD

The International Relations Committee is planning an Action Forum, to be held Downstairs at Town Hall, Seattle at 7:30 p.m. on March 4. As usual, admission will be free. We hope you will put this date on your calendar now—and join us then!

This forum will focus on women around the world, the challenges climate change presents for the poorest of them, and action we can take to help change that. Climate change hits women in poor countries especially hard, as they plant and grow food, collect water and gather firewood, and nurture their children.

The goals of the forum are to better understand the effects of climate change on these women, to connect the dots between our lives and theirs, and to explore the action we can take here that will improve their lives there. Opportunities for action will begin at the forum.

The issue of climate change is an action priority for the national League (LWVUS). So, following their lead, we are including education and action at this forum. In the next Voter we will publish some LWVUS-Oxfam materials on this topic for use by the units. And, of course, we will be announcing our distinguished panel of speakers. So stay tuned! But for now, please plan to attend. And if you can, bring a friend or neighbor—we have a big space to fill and hope to welcome many members of the League and the public to help bring about change.

Further information is available from forum Co-chairs Elizabeth Davis and Antonia Potter, or I-R Co-chair Ellen Berg.
Committees

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
DATE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8
TIME: 12:45–2:45 P.M.
PLACE: LEAGUE OFFICE

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE
DATE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13
TIME: 1:00 – 3:00 P.M.
PLACE: LEAGUE OFFICE

Our guest speaker will be Amnon Shoenfeld, Director, King County MHCADSD (Mental Health, Chemical Abuse & Dependency Services Division).

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
DATE: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
PLACE: LEAGUE OFFICE
TOPIC: SOUND TRANSIT AND LIGHT RAIL
COMM. CHAIR: JANET WINANS (206) 323-4825

Our members are from King, Kitsap, Pierce and Snohomish Counties. Please come and join our discussion about this regional issue with one of the people working for the Transit Agencies.

IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE
DATE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: LEAGUE OFFICE

The Immigration Committee will be meeting to make plans for 2010. We expect that Congress will be taking up Comprehensive Immigration Reform (CIR) this session, so there will be much for us to do. As you know, the League has national and local positions on immigration. We should be ready to act on them.

We are eager to add to our committee numbers, so all who are interested, please join us. We will likely rotate between day and night meetings in order to accommodate everyone.

Committee member Barbara Yasui has agreed to serve with Barbara Reid as co-chair. So the current contact information is:
  Barbara Reid (206) 329-4848
  Barbara Yasui (206) 329-4848

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
DATE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24
TIME: 12:15–1:30 P.M.
PLACE: LEAGUE OFFICE
TOPIC: TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Our speaker will be Professor Ken Zeichner, Director of Teacher Education at the University of Washington College of Education. He will talk about the different approaches to teacher education across the country, in addition to what is happening at the UW. This is the second meeting on the topic of teacher quality, and everyone is welcome to attend who is interested in this issue. For more information, contact Lucy Gaskill-Gaddis at terrylucy2u@comcast.net.

ECONOMICS AND TAXATION COMMITTEE
DATE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27
TIME: 9:00 A.M.
PLACE: 909 E. NEWTON ST., D-9

For more information, call Nora Leech at (206) 329-4848.

LAND USE COMMITTEE

Because Land Use Committee Chair Karen Kane was unable to attend the January planning forum, she submitted the following report:

Committee chair Karen Kane is looking for a replacement chair, or at least a cochair, for the Land Use Committee (LUC). She has spent the past months reconnecting with, and/or reaching out to, old and new land-use-related organizations that can provide the LUC with timely updates on issues citywide, informative guest speakers and, hopefully, prospective new members. Her aim is to see that LWVS members are invited not merely to monitor or comment on the actions of important public policy committees (e.g. Port of Seattle citizen advisory committees), but are offered a seat at the table as well.

The following are three major topics on the LUC’s agenda during the coming months:

MULTIFAMILY CODE (MFC)
The Multifamily Code covers design/construction rules for projects ranging from low-rise townhouses to high-rise residential towers built anywhere within Seattle city limits. It was last reviewed in the 1980s, prior to the creation of numerous neighborhood plans and Seattle’s Comprehensive Plan. Last summer, the city hired a group of residential architects to see how proposed revisions to this code would work in real-life development situations. Subsequently, these architectural consultants implemented a series of “White Hat/Black Hat” scenarios to ascertain when the code worked as intended, and where it provided loopholes that could be exploited for unintended uses and unforeseen consequences. During their fall presentation to the Seattle City Council’s Planning, Land Use and Neighborhoods Committee (PLUNC) and the general public, the architects concluded that the code did indeed contain some loopholes, but that they were relatively small and certainly fixable with some legislative tweaking. Throughout the remainder of 2009, PLUNC fine-tuned the “midrise/highrise” portions of the code, and resumed work on its “lowrise” portion in January.

QWEST FIELD NORTH PARKING LOT REDEVELOPMENT/PIONEER SQUARE

A multi-use residential/retail/other (e.g. office) structure is being proposed for the north parking lot of Qwest Field in Pioneer Square. While surrounding businesses and residents have long wanted some sort of redevelopment on that property, there is some disagreement about the pros and cons of this particular project, and its long-term impact on the entire Pioneer Square neighborhood. As currently proposed, it would be a public-private partnership and, as such, ties into the LWVS’ “Privatization Study” that appeared in the September 2009 Voter.

GOODWILL PROPERTY REDEVELOPMENT (Dearborn St.)

While one proposed multi-use redevelopment project for the Goodwill Industries site has been scrapped for lack of financing, surrounding neighborhoods such as the Chinatown-International District, Little Tokyo, Little Saigon, Beacon Hill and Pioneer Square still would like to see another residential/retail/Goodwill project built on that Dearborn Street property. During the past few years, these groups have worked with various University of Washington departments to develop designs for the site. And now, due to a string of unexpected circumstances, the LUC may have an unprecedented opportunity to bring together representatives from all of these entities to discuss the new neighborhood proposal face-to-face. Additionally, that general area may be receiving federal stimulus funds, which makes discussion of the Goodwill property and what direction future development should take all the more timely.

OUTREACH

The LUC has reached out to Leaguers who belong to other organizations, such as the Municipal League, on the possibility of holding joint meetings on topics of mutual interest. These topics could include the Municipal League’s recent report on King County’s governance structure as it applies to land use regulation, and Seattle waterfront redevelopment/Puget Sound clean-up efforts. For further information, please contact Karen Kane at (206) 329-4848.
Announcements

** UW SERIES: SUSTAINABLE URBANIZATION **

The University of Washington Alumni Association and the UW Graduate School are producing a series of lectures titled NEXT CITY: Sustainable Urbanization. The lectures are held at Kane Hall and are free, although seating is limited. You may reserve a seat by calling the Alumni Association at (206) 543-0540. Two events are scheduled for this month.

Date: Tuesday, February 9
Time: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Place: Kane Hall 130, University of Washington
Topic: Leveling the Playing Field: Helping Poor Children Succeed
Speaker: Geoffrey Canada, President and CEO of the Harlem Children’s Zone

Date: Wednesday, February 10
Time: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Place: Kane Hall 220, University of Washington
Event: Panel Discussion by UW Department of Geography professors

** BOOK DISCUSSION: GOING TO MEET THE MAN **

Date: Wednesday, February 17
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: 316 NE 54th Street (home of Barbara Reid)

The Immigration Committee is sponsoring a series of activities related to the immigration experience. This month’s event is a discussion of a book of short stories, Going to Meet the Man, by James Baldwin. As always, non-members are welcome to attend.

For more information, please call Barbara Reid at (206) 329-4848

Upcoming events
March 17 Film: The Cats of Mirikitani
April 21 Book discussion: Outcasts Unlimited, Warren St. John
May 19 Exhibit: “Yellow Terror: The Paintings of Roger Shimomura”
June 16 Book discussion: Two Years in the Melting Pot, Liu Zongren
July 21 Film: Amreeka

** LAST CALL FOR GREAT DECISIONS **

By Carol Goldenberg

If you have not yet signed up for a Great Decisions Discussion Group sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Seattle, now is the time.

The briefing book must be ordered from the Foreign Policy Association. Call (800)477-5836 or email www.greatdecisions.org. The cost is $18.00 plus tax and handling.

The Issaquah group will begin monthly meetings on Sunday, January 24. Contact Denise Smith at (206) 329-4848 or groundwatersmith@msn.com for time and place.

The Mercer Island group will meet on alternate Tuesdays beginning February 9 at the home of Susie Anschell. Contact Susie at (206) 329-4848 or sanschell@hotmail.com to confirm.

The Seattle group will meet on alternate Tuesdays beginning February 9 at the home of Vicky Downs. Contact Vicky at (206) 329-4848 or downsvdowns@aol.com to confirm.

For general information, contact Carol Goldenberg at (206) 329-4848.

Topics for 2010 include:

TRY RELEASE PARTY
BY DENISE SMITH, CO-PRESIDENT, LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SEATTLE EDUCATION FUND

Date: Sunday, February 7
Time: 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Place: Mercer Island Community Center
(see directions below)

The 2010 They Represent You Directory of Elected Officials (TRY) has been compiled, edited and sent to the printer. It will be ready for distribution the second week of February. We will celebrate the release of this year’s publication, and the fact that the Seattle League has been distributing the TRY since the 1970s, with a party.

Join us at the Community Center on Mercer Island on Sunday afternoon, February 7, to celebrate the League’s 90-year history of helping citizens engage in their government and over 30 years of distributing TRY.

We will also use this opportunity to recognize the service of those listed in the TRY, the elected officials serving on local governments and working on regional issues. We have invited the local elected officials listed in the 2010 TRY to join us; three of them will share their experiences during the celebration. Mayor Don Davidson of Bellevue will discuss the importance of local governments working together on water issues. Deputy King County Executive Fred Jarrett will discuss regional transportation planning. Issaquah Mayor Ava Frisinger will introduce the discussion and share her commitment to local government.

Community Center at Mercer View
2040 84th Ave SE
Mercer Island, WA 98040
(206) 236-3545

Directions from I-5
- Follow signs for I-90 E/Bellevue/Spokane and merge onto I-90 E
- Take exit 7A for 77th Ave SE
- Turn left at 77th Ave SE
- Turn right at N Mercer Way
- Turn left at SE 26th St/Island Crest Way
- Continue to follow SE 26th St
- Turn left at 84th Ave SE
- Destination will be on the right
Planning for Seattle’s Central Waterfront has been underway for several years. A major first step was the charrette held in 2003, in which several League of Women Voters of Seattle (LWVS) members participated. This was followed by public forums and the adoption of guiding principles by the city council. In summary, the principles include maintaining the waterfront as public space, developing linkages to downtown, being environmentally sensitive and sustainable, and reflecting the history of the waterfront.

In 2009, an agreement was reached by the city, county and state to remove the Alaskan Way Viaduct and to replace the seawall. The Seattle City Council has now created the Central Waterfront Partnerships Committee, which will advise the Mayor and Council on models for managing the waterfront as a public space. The committee has been selected and meeting dates established with the goal of completing recommendations by September of 2010. Observers are welcome and public forums are planned. The meetings are tentatively scheduled for the third Thursday of each month, 3:30 – 5:30, in the Bertha Landes room in City Hall.

LWVS member Jan O’Connor has been appointed to the committee. She participated in the early charrette and has been an observer of the Viaduct Stakeholder process. LWVS member Zita Cook, who lives downtown, will attend as an observer. More information on the project is available at seattle.gov/dpd/planning/central_waterfront.

We could be referring to any of a number of our members—but it is the League itself that celebrates its 90th birthday this month. Proposed by Carrie Chapman Catt at the National American Woman Suffrage Association convention the previous year, when the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution granting suffrage to women was imminent, the League of Women Voters was formally organized in Chicago on February 14, 1920. Six months later, the final state—Tennessee—voted to ratify the 19th Amendment.
MAIL IN YOUR SPECIAL ELECTION BALLOT BY TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

The February 9 special election focuses on funding for schools and King County Libraries.

The League of Women Voters of Seattle supports both Seattle School District Proposition 1, Capital Levy, and Proposition 2, Operations Levy. In addition to Seattle, the following school districts will have levies on the ballot: Bellevue, Mercer Island, Tukwila, Riverview, Snoqualmie Valley, Issaquah, Shoreline, Lake Washington and Northshore.

Voters throughout King County, with the exception of voters in Seattle, Renton, Enumclaw, Hunt’s Point, and Yarrow Point, will be eligible to vote on a levy modification to support operational expenses for King County libraries.

For more information on King County Rural Library District Proposition No. 1, go to King County Library System, www.kcls.org//prop1/. For further information on the February 9 election, go to King County Elections, kingcounty.gov/elections.aspx.

VOTING INFORMATION FOR FEBRUARY 9 SPECIAL ELECTION

Ballot Drop Boxes
King County has eliminated most of its neighborhood ballot drop boxes because of budget cuts. However, it maintains drop boxes at its election headquarters, at 9010 E. Marginal Way S, Tukwila, as well as at the county administration building, 500 Fourth Ave., Seattle. The drop boxes are open 24 hours beginning January 20, but the last pickup will be 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Ballots may also be dropped off during business hours at one of the county’s three accessible voting centers, below.

Accessible Voting Centers
Tukwila, King County Elections, 9010 East Marginal Way S, 98109.
Open weekdays, January 20 – February 8, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday, February 9 (Election day), 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall 450 110th Avenue NE, Bellevue, 98009 (open only 2 days).
Monday, February 8: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 9: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Seattle, Union Station 401 S. Jackson St, Seattle, 98104 (open only 2 days). Monday, February 8: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 9: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Returning ballots by mail
All ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by Election Day, February 9.
Ballots returned via the U.S. Postal Service require one first class stamp.

Election Night Postmark
What do you do if you’ve missed both the last mail collection at your neighborhood post office and the 8:00 p.m. ballot drop box deadline?
The Riverton Heights USPS Office near the airport is open from 8:30 a.m. – 11:58 p.m.
Address: 15250 32nd Ave. S, SeaTac 98188
Phone: (206) 241-7061
Note that the LAST pickup from collections boxes is 8:00 p.m. — YOU MUST GO INSIDE THE LOBBY after that time. Allow time to stand in line—your envelope will be postmarked by the time it is accepted at the window. So if the doors close at 11:58 pm and you’re still in line and get to the window at 12:01, your ballot will be postmarked February 10.
Membership Report by Kelly Powers, Membership Chair

A THANK YOU to the committee chairs who shared their committee activities and the issues they are following at the January Program Planning Meeting. It’s inspiring to learn about the research, monitoring and activism League members are engaged in. For example, it was telling how many of the committee chairs spoke about the State Budget crisis, expressing concerns about the potential effects and the need to see reform.

The Seattle League is very excited to offer the March Forum on Women and Climate Change in a bigger venue, the Town Hall basement. We hope to draw members from the community who are interested in climate change, women’s and environmental rights, international and public health issues. Because we’re holding the forum at the Town Hall, we won’t be holding our usual Get to Know League Dinner before the March Forum. We’ll be sure to update you as alternative plans develop.

If you take a minute and think about it, it’s easy to come up with people who are very passionate about some angle of the issues presented in the March Forum—a friend who works on international women’s health issues, another friend who volunteers at a medical clinic in the Sudan, a neighbor who is a pre-nursing student, the active environmentalists, my daughter who admires Greg Mortenson’s work with schools in Iraq and Afghanistan. I am going to be sure to invite these people to this event and ask them to invite people they know who would be interested. Here’s hoping that you too will reflect on the people and organizations you know and personally invite them to this groundbreaking forum.

Diversity Policy

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

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

LWVS affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of Americans in its membership, board, staff and programs.
The report below is taken from the governor's website; it summarizes some financial variables in the state as the legislative session gets underway.

**Variables in our fiscal crisis**

**Washington state variables**

- Declining state revenue. The November revenue forecast for Washington state government shows projected General Fund revenue down $760 million for the two-year budget period that ends June 30, 2011. This follows a shortfall of $9 billion, which represented about 27 percent of the state's General Fund operating budget.

- Struggling labor markets. Personal income grew at a rate of just 0.5 percent in 2009. Non-farm employment grew at a rate of 2.2 percent in 2008 and declined by 1.8 percent in 2009. Though these were poor performances, they still were better than national trends. The aerospace industry stalled in 2009, with employment remaining level compared to 2008. Employment in all other manufacturing sectors fell by 7.7 percent. Our unemployment rate rose to 7.3 percent in 2009 — reaching 9.3 percent in October — as the economic downturn dampened labor market activity.

**National variables**

- Cautious consumers. Consumers continued to watch their spending in November because of the weak job market and uncertainty in the economy. Thomson Reuters reported that the retailing industry posted a 0.5 percent increase in the month of November compared to a year ago when sales were 7.8 percent below the previous year. Most industry professionals think consumer spending will not improve until late next year.

- Foreclosures continue to rise. The Mortgage Bankers Association reported that as of the third quarter of 2009, 8.85 percent of all mortgage loans nationwide were either 90 days or more past due or in foreclosure — up from 5.17 percent in the third quarter of 2008 and 2.95 percent in the third quarter of 2007. Washington state has fared somewhat better with 5.47 percent of all mortgage loans either 90 days or more past due or in foreclosure as of the third quarter of 2009.

- Home sales show some signs of recovery. Home sales continued to improve in October. Falling prices, low interest rates and the First-Time-Buyers tax credit have all played a role. The National Association of Realtors reported its Pending Home Sales Index rose to 114.1 in October, an increase of 3.7 percent over September, and up 31.8 percent compared to a year ago.

From the website: www.governor.wa.gov/priorities/budget/fiscalcrisis.asp.
I watched a video clip of Sandel challenging an auditorium filled with Harvard students, and knew I wanted to read this popular professor’s book. In it, he shows us that inevitably, whether talking about affirmative action, the environment, nuclear weapons or other public concerns, the issue is justice, not politics. Our response will be judgmental, and “that’s all right,” he says.

So how can we judge? Sandel presents the reader with challenging situations. Should a dynamic and popular handicapped girl in a wheelchair be allowed on the high school cheerleading team? Should a man be tortured if he has information that might save lives in the next hour? Since no answer is simple and clear to all, we have to judge on some basis we find reasonable. Others may find a different basis, but at least we can differ about these more profound positions rather than the immediate question at hand.

Sandel then introduces us to a few theories of justice: utilitarianism (minimizing harm to people), libertarianism (enhancing personal freedom), or communitarianism (Aristotle’s idea of developing the common good), among others. After years teaching at Harvard, he writes lucidly and shows us how the ideas of philosophers such as Immanuel Kant and John Rawls are relevant in today’s world.

The important thing is to look deeply into conflicts and think about what is at the bottom of it. What is the purpose of cheerleading, for example? Is it an athletic sport where it’s important to be able to do the splits or create a human pyramid? Or is its purpose to enthuse the sports fans, in which case a dynamic but handicapped cheerleader might do very well. This is not an either/or situation, but it does require a judgment.

In more complicated and seemingly political situations, Sandel suggests we would do well to look carefully at the common good, and discuss as disinterestedly as we can, what is the conflict really about?

I was delighted to learn there is a PBS series based on Sandel’s course that might be a fascinating program for small groups to see and discuss together. Certainly the book, and probably the TV series, could be helpful to any group or individual with a deep interest in any of the issues the LWV focuses on. There is an ethical element in them all, and Sandel might just be the person to help us see various ways to approach any issue we take up.

Though it was not an easy read, I found this book decidedly worthwhile.

The opinions in this review are personal and do not represent those of the LWV.
February Program: 2010 Census

CENSUS 2010

The following materials are taken from the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) website (www.lwvus.org) and the U.S. Census Bureau website (www.census.gov). The census website has a vast library of materials. The summaries and extracts presented here were selected to give an overview of the history of the census and information about the current census, and to illustrate certain concerns, such as privacy. We hope they will help stimulate discussion about the importance of the census, how the census is taken and any concerns or issues that might need to be addressed.

This is not a formal study adopted by LWVUS, but rather a call to action by local leagues to support community efforts and engage in Census 2010 activities. Therefore, there are no consensus questions to consider and return. However, if during the unit discussions issues or ideas arise that you would like to see addressed, please include them in your unit reports. While the deadline for input to the formal program planning process and calls for action priorities at the national level has passed for this year, opportunities remain to bring issues to the attention of LWVUS, and to its convention in June. We welcome your thoughts, ideas and suggestions.
In April of 2009, the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) signed on as a national partner in the 2010 U.S. Census. At that time, LWVUS President Mary Wilson declared that “the 2010 Census is an enormously important government effort that sets out to count all Americans. The League is joining this effort as a national partner to enable our local, grassroots members to help achieve this goal.”

“We join with the U.S. Census Bureau and other organizations in emphasizing the importance of every single resident being counted in the community in which they live,” Wilson stated. “Many Americans may not be aware of how important Census data is to almost every aspect of their lives. This data is used as the basis for most federal funding to states and communities as well as for determining the number of representatives to the U.S. House of Representatives and to state legislatures. Since Leagues around the country are well-known and trusted sources of civic information, they can play an important role in educating the public that the 2010 Census is important, easy, and fair.”

“Our goal is to work with others to eliminate the ‘undercount’ that occurs, particularly within low income and minority populations,” said Wilson. “We have been fighting to protect the rights of underrepresented communities in many arenas including voting and elections, and immigration and health care reforms. The Census influences so many public policy decisions, we all must do our part to see that it is as accurate and inclusive as it can be.”

“Officials have worked hard to plan this Census, but they cannot reach into every community without the help of grassroots organizations like the League,” Wilson said. “It is our hope that thousands of League members nationwide will do our part to make the Census a success, by helping Americans reach a comfort level with the process and a willingness to participate in this important civic process. Our approach to the Census is similar to that of voting - We want everyone to count!”
HISTORY AND OVERVIEW OF THE CENSUS

The U.S. Census Bureau does more than just count the number of people in the country once every 10 years. About 12,000 Census Bureau employees gather, analyze, and regularly deliver helpful information on hundreds of topics about the nation’s people and its economy. The readiness of the Census Bureau staff to innovate continually improves the quality of the data we deliver.

Why Is the Census of Population and Housing Important?
Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution places the decennial census at the core of our democratic system of governance. It mandates a count of the nation’s populace every 10 years. The decennial census provides information that is the cornerstone of knowledge about the American people. It is the basis for virtually all demographic information used by educators, policymakers, and community leaders. Information collected by the Census Bureau directly affects decisions made on matters of national and local importance, including education, employment, veterans’ services, public health care, rural development, the environment, transportation, and housing.

• Many federal programs are statutorily required to use information from censuses to develop, evaluate, and implement their programs.
• Federal, state, and county governments use Census Bureau information to guide the annual distribution of hundreds of billions of dollars in critical services.
• Congressional seats are reapportioned and legislative districts are drawn based on decennial census data.
• Statistics from the Census Bureau are also used to monitor and enforce compliance with civil rights statutes, including the Voting Rights Act of 1965, and employment, housing, lending, and education antidiscrimination laws.

What Other Information Does the Census Bureau Collect?
Besides the decennial census the Census Bureau conducts an economic census and a census of governments every five years, as well as nearly 100 other demographic and economic surveys and censuses every year. Information is obtained monthly, quarterly, or annually and released accordingly. Many of these are done on a cost-reimbursable basis for other federal agencies such as:
• Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS)
• Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)
• Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS)
• Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
• National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)

Why Are Demographic Surveys Important?
With a population as changing and diverse as ours, separate surveys of households provide more in-depth and current information on characteristics of the American people such as labor force participation, income, crime victimization, incarceration rates, and measures of health. Recurring demographic surveys include:
• American Housing Survey (AHS)
• Current Population Survey (CPS)
• National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS)
• Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP)
• Consumer Expenditure Surveys (CES)
• National Health Interview Survey (NHIS)

Why Are Economic Surveys Important?
The U.S. Census Bureau conducts numerous economic surveys in addition to the economic census. These surveys help present a clear picture of the many facets of our diverse and changing economy, and are used by planners and analysts in both the public and private sector. The data gathered from economic surveys are also used by the White House, the Federal Reserve Board, and the Bureau of Economic Analysis to develop important economic indicators.
Economic surveys include:
• Construction Spending
• Manufacturers Shipments, Inventories, and Orders
• Monthly Retail Trade Survey
• Service Annual Survey
• U.S. International Trade in Goods and Services
Who Uses Census Bureau Data?
Data from censuses and surveys are used to make short- and long-range decisions by government officials at all levels, business and industry executives, educators, librarians, transportation planners, market researchers, real estate developers, think tanks, health and emergency service providers, and many others.

What Other Programs, Products, and Services Are Offered by the Census Bureau?
• Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing, or TIGER®, is the name of the system and digital database developed at the Census Bureau to support mapping needs. It defines the location and relationship of streets, rivers, railroads, and other features to each other and to the numerous geographic entities for which the Census Bureau tabulates data from its censuses and surveys, and automates mapping and related geographic activities.

• The Statistical Abstract of the United States, the Census Bureau’s flagship publication, has been published every year since 1878, and is available online, in print, and on CD-ROM. It provides valuable statistics on the social, political, and economic organization of the United States. Also included are data and nearly 1,400 tables from many statistical publications, both government and private. Learn more about the Statistical Abstract of the United States at <www.census.gov/compendia/statab/>.

• The International Data Base, available on the Census Bureau Web site, provides population related data for countries and areas around the world. Visit <www.census.gov/ipc/www/idb>.

How Can I Obtain Census Bureau Data?
Accessing Census Bureau data is free and easy. Most Census Bureau statistical data are housed at www.census.gov. A specially designed database called American FactFinder is located on the Census Bureau Web site and provides quick and easy access to major demographic and economic data files.

Printed maps, CD-ROMs, DVDs, and on-demand printed reports are available at nominal prices from the Census Bureau’s Customer Services Center at 1-800-923-8282.

HOW THE 2010 CENSUS WILL OPERATE

Timeline

March 2010: The census forms will be delivered by mail to all households in the U.S. Census forms will be available at select public locations for those who did not receive one by mail. Questionnaire assistance centers will be open to help people to complete the forms.

April 1, 2010: Official Census Day. Completed forms should be postmarked by this date.

April 2010 - August 2010: Many households that do not return their questionnaire will receive a replacement in early April. Non-response and Clarification Interviews conducted.

December 2010: Census Bureau delivers apportionment counts to the President.

The 2010 Census and the American Community Survey - “America is Changing, and so is the Census.”

One of the most significant changes in modern census history will occur in 2010. For the first time since 1930, all addresses in the U.S. will receive a census short form.

In recent censuses, most addresses received one of two forms: either the short form, which focused on the population count and demographics; or the long form, which included additional questions on socioeconomic and housing characteristics. Nationwide, about one-in-six addresses in 2000 received the long form. Together, the two parts of the decennial census showed not only the number of people living in America but also the way we live: education, housing, jobs and more. This information will still be part of the decennial census, but it will be collected on a continuing basis as part of the American Community Survey.

Although the U.S. Census Bureau’s Population Estimates Program provides estimates of population and housing in the years between censuses, there were no updates on the estimates for the long form’s characteristics data. Our nation is not static, however, and communities need current data to make informed decisions.

After a decade of testing and development, the Census Bureau launched the American Community Survey (ACS) in January 2005. The ACS is officially part of the decennial census and includes essentially the same questions as the long form. But rather than once a decade, the ACS is sent to a rolling sample of addresses every month, every year, throughout the nation. By 2010, the new survey will yield current annual data for all geographic areas of the country in the form of single- or multiyear estimates.

Topics in the 2010 Census

Demographic Characteristics: Age | Sex | Hispanic Origin | Race | Relationship | Home: Owned or Rented?

Additional Topics in the American Community Survey

Social Characteristics: Marital Status | Marital History | Fertility | Grandparents as Caregivers | Ancestry | Place of Birth, U.S. Citizenship and Year of Entry | Language Spoken at Home | Educational Attainment and School Enrollment | Residence 1-Year Ago | Veteran Status: Disability Rating and Period of Service

Economic Characteristics: Income | Food Stamps Benefit | Labor Force Status | Industry, Occupation, and Class of Worker | Place of Work and Journey to Work | Work Status Last Year | Vehicles Available | Health Insurance Coverage

Housing Characteristics: Year Structure Built | Units in Structure | Year Moved into Unit | Rooms | Bedrooms | Plumbing | Kitchen Facilities | House Heating Fuel | Telephone Service Available | Home Value | Rent | Mortgage Status | Selected Monthly Owner Costs

Reaching an Increasingly Diverse Population*

The goal of the 2010 Census is to count all residents living in the United States on April 1, 2010. The U.S. Census Bureau does not ask about the legal status of respondents in any of its surveys and census programs. To help ensure the nation’s increasingly diverse population can answer the questionnaire accurately and completely, about 13
million bilingual Spanish/English forms will be mailed to housing units in neighborhoods identified as requiring high levels of Spanish assistance. Additionally, questionnaires in Spanish, Chinese (Simplified), Korean, Vietnamese and Russian as well as language guides in 59 languages will be available on request.

**Preparing For the Census Taker - What to do when a census taker visits you.**

If you don’t send back your form, you may receive a visit from a census taker. If a census taker visits you, here’s what you should do:

- First ask to see their ID. All census workers carry official government badges marked with just their name; they may also have a “U.S. Census Bureau” bag
- Note that the census taker will never ask to enter your home
- If you’re still not certain about their identity, please call the Regional Census Center’s to confirm they are employed by the Census Bureau
- Answer the census form questions for your entire household (you must be at least 15 years old to answer questions) so that the census taker can record the results for submission to the Census Bureau. Census takers visit local homes several times to capture resident information for the 2010 Census. If you prefer, you can schedule a visit with your census taker. Should the census taker come when you are away from your home, they will leave a contact number. If a census taker has not visited your home or you have a question about your participation with the census, call your Census office.

**Help for Non-English Speaking Respondents**

Census takers will have a flashcard containing a sentence about the 2010 Census written in approximately 50 languages. If a resident doesn’t speak English, the census taker shows the flashcard to the resident, and the resident points to the language he/she speaks. A census crew Leader will then reassign the case to a person who speaks that language.


Use a blue or black pen.

Start here

The Census must count every person living in the United States on April 1, 2010.

Before you answer Question 1, count the people living in this house, apartment, or mobile home according to our guidelines:

- Count all people, including babies, who live and sleep here most of the time.

The Census Bureau also conducts counts in institutions and other places:

- Do not count anyone living away from home with a roommate, such as in a college dormitory, military barracks, or work dormitory.
- Do not count anyone living in a prison, jail, or detention facility, even if it is on April 1, 2010.
- Leave these people off your form, even if they return to live here after they leave college, the nursing home, the military, jail, etc. Otherwise, they may be counted twice.

The Census must also include people without permanent places to stay, such as:

- If someone who has no permanent place to stay is living here on April 1, 2010, count that person. Otherwise, he or she may be missed in the census.

1. How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2010?

Number of people =

2. Were there any additional people staying here April 1, 2010 that you did not include in Question 1? Mark X if all that apply.

- Children, such as newborn babies or foster children
- Relatives, such as adult children, cousins, in-laws
- Nonrelatives, such as roommates or live-in baby sitters
- People staying here temporarily
- No additional people

3. Is this house, apartment, or mobile home — Mark X ONE box.

- Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan? Include home equity loans.
- Owned by you or someone in this household free and clear (without a mortgage or loan)?
- Rented?
- Occupied without payment of rent?

4. What is your telephone number? We may call if we don’t understand an answer.

Area Code + Number

5. Please provide information for each person living here. Start with a person living here who owns or rents this house, apartment, or mobile home. If the owner or renter lives somewhere else, start with any adult living here. This will be Person 1.

What is Person 1’s name? Print name below.

Last Name

First Name

6. What is Person 1’s sex? Mark X ONE box.

- Male
- Female

7. What is Person 1’s age and what is Person 1’s date of birth? Please report babies as age 0 when the child is less than 1 year old.

Age on April 1, 2010

Month

Day

Year of birth

→ NOTE: Please answer BOTH Question 8 about Hispanic origin and Question 9 about race. For this census, Hispanic origins are not races.

8. Is Person 1 of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

- No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
- Yes, Mexican, Mexican American, Chicano
- Yes, Puerto Rican
- Yes, Cuban
- Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin — Print origin for example, Argentinean, Colombian, Dominican, Nicaraguan, Salvadoran, Spaniard, and so on.

9. What is Person 1’s race? Mark X one or more boxes.

- White
- Black, African American, or Negro
- American Indian or Alaska Native — Print name of enrolled or principal tribe.

- Asian Indian
- Japanese
- Chinese
- Korean
- Filipino
- Vietnamese
- Other Asian — Print race, for example, Hmong, Laotian, Thai, Pakistani, Cambodian, and so on.

- Some other race — Print race.

- Native Hawaiian
- Guamanian or Chamorro
- Samoan
- Other Pacific Islander — Print race, for example, Hawaiian, Tongan, and so on.

10. Does Person 1 sometimes live or stay somewhere else?

- No
- Yes — Mark X if all that apply.

- In college housing
- In the military
- At a seasonal or second residence
- For child custody
- For jail or prison
- In a nursing home
- For another reason

→ If more people were counted in Question 1, continue with Person 2.
CENSUS AND CONFIDENTIALITY TODAY

The Law . . . Title 13, U.S. Code
Simply stated, information collected by the U.S. Census Bureau is used only for statistical purposes. When the Census Bureau says it will keep your information confidential, that also means it will not release results that could be used to identify you. That’s the law!

The Oath . . .
All Census Bureau employees, including temporary employees, swear under oath that they will not disclose any information about individuals or businesses gathered by the agency.

The Penalties . . .
Substantial penalties are in place for violators of the law. Disclosing confidential census information is a felony; the penalty for wrongful disclosure is up to 5 years imprisonment and/or a fine. (Under the Sentencing Reform Act, the fine for wrongful disclosure currently is up to $250,000.)

Confidentiality Is a Must
Only authorized Census Bureau employees can see your personal identifiable information. Even copies of census questionnaires cannot be used as evidence in a court of law. Census data on individuals or establishments are not subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. No authority can obtain personal identifiable data from the Census Bureau. The airtight law applies to the White House, U.S. Supreme Court, Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, police, military, and welfare agencies—everybody!

Technology Safeguards
Modernized automated computer systems and programs, used to store and process information collected, are configured to ensure that an individual’s information is protected from any unauthorized access—for any reason! Names and addresses are separated from the electronic files that contain an individual’s answers when no longer needed, to protect the respondent’s confidentiality. The Census Bureau even withholds statistical totals if they represent a geographic area so small that the numbers might identify someone. Access to Census Bureau computer systems from outside the Census Bureau is strictly controlled through secure technology, including passwords, firewalls, encryption, and auditing, to prevent unauthorized access.


CONFIDENTIALITY AND THE CENSUS IN THE PAST

Evolving Privacy of Census Data
The first 50 years of census taking is most notable for the absence of concern about confidentiality. A few individuals did oppose the first census in 1790, and enumerations in the early 1800s on religious grounds. They cited the Bible (II Samuel 24: 1-15), where it is said that King David’s taking of the census of Israel and Judah resulted in an epidemic that killed 70,000, as a reason to refuse giving any information. They also pointed out that the unwelcome results of other biblical censuses were military service and taxes. Apart from this opposition though, little if any evidence can be found that Americans were afraid of what their government would do with this personal information once they provided it to census takers.

Census Results Publicly Posted
Perhaps due to this lack of public opposition, the laws authorizing the taking of the census did not provide for the confidentiality of the information collected. In fact, the laws governing census taking between 1790 and 1840 required the assistant U.S. marshals (who were responsible for data collection between 1790 and 1870) to post the returns in “two of the most important places” in their enumeration districts. The idea was that anyone incorrectly enumerated, or not enumerated at all, could come forward and correct the mistakes or be added to the list. Most Americans cooperated with the first census (there were penalties for refusing) and apparently raised few objections when the assistant marshals posted the returns in their enumeration districts. In the population censuses, this procedure
of posting census results remained in effect until the 1850 census. In 1930, the Women's Bureau (a Federal agency) asked the Census Bureau for a list of the names, addresses, occupations, and employment status of women living in Rochester, NY. In light of the 1929 Census Act imposing strict confidentiality, the Census Bureau referred the request to the U.S. Attorney General. The Attorney General decided such information could not be released under the new statutory provisions. Similar requests from law-enforcement or security agencies subsequently were routinely turned down. These included identification of foreign-born persons in a particular Washington, DC neighborhood where an official residence was being considered and a confidential verification—without authorization from the suspects—for a census search of addresses claimed as alibis in drug or immigration cases.

One of the best known cases involved the 1942 request for census information on Japanese Americans living on the west coast. Until recently, the Census Bureau maintained that it did not provide the U.S. War Department with names or addresses from the 1940 census in order to facilitate the round-up of Japanese Americans for relocation in internment camps during World War II.

By law, no one—neither the census takers nor any other Census Bureau employee—is permitted to reveal identifiable information about any person, household, or business. Thus, when the United States entered World War II and the War Department wanted to relocate Japanese Americans living on the West Coast in 1942, it could not obtain their names and addresses from the 1940 census.

Although the Census Bureau concedes that its staff provided census tabulations that were used in the internment effort, what is unclear is whether the then-in-effect legal prohibitions against revealing individual census records were violated. In response to this uncertainty, the recent Director, Kenneth Prewitt, made the following statement on March 24, 2000:

“The historical record is clear that senior Census Bureau staff proactively cooperated with the internment, and that census tabulations were directly implicated in the denial of civil rights to citizens of the United States who happened also to be of Japanese ancestry. The record is less clear whether the then-in-effect legal prohibitions against revealing individual data records were violated. On this question, the judicial principle of innocent until proven otherwise should be honored. However, even were it to be conclusively documented that no such violation did occur, this would not and could not excuse the abuse of human rights that resulted from the rapid provision of tabulations designed to identify where Japanese Americans lived and therefore to facilitate and accelerate the forced relocation and denial of civil rights.

I would also like to state clearly that for many years the Census Bureau was less than forthcoming in publicly acknowledging its role in the internment process. Silence was not the worst offense, for there is ample evidence that at various times the Census Bureau has described its role in such manner as to obfuscate its role in internment. Worst yet, some Census Bureau documents would lead the reader to believe that the Census Bureau behaved in a manner as to have actually protected the civil rights of Japanese Americans. This distortion of the historical record is being corrected.

The internment of Japanese Americans was a sad, shameful event in American history, for which President Clinton, on behalf of the entire federal government, has forthrightly apologized. The Census Bureau joins in that apology and acknowledges its role in the internment.

In the post-war period, important safeguards to protect against the misuse of census tabulations have been instituted, notably stronger legal provisions to protect data confidentiality and the Census Bureau's introduction of disclosure avoidance techniques. Adherence to these safeguards preclude a repeat of the 1941/42 behavior.

Over the past half-century, and especially following the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the critical importance of summary data for enforcement of voting rights and civil rights in this age is an important contrast to the misuse of information in the early 1940s.

# Unit Meetings

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barrie.austin@comcast.net
10:00 am Issaquah City Hall & Police
130 E. Sunset Way, Coho Room
(upstairs) **Note time change**

**Kirkland/Redmond - Sheila Hoff**
srhoff123@yahoo.com
7:00 pm Liv Grohn
338 10th Ave., Kirkland
Call for directions

**Mercer Island - Lucy Copass/Cynthia Howe**
lucyco@speakeasy.org
howe.john@comcast.net
9:15 am Mercer Island Presbyterian Church
3605 84th Ave. SE, Mercer Island

**Shoreline - Juliet Beard**
juliet@windermere.com
4:30 pm Richmond Beach Congregational Church, NW 195th St. and 15th Ave. NW

**North Central - Jan Orlando**
orlanre@aol.com
7:30 pm Alice Rasp
4523 5th Ave NE

**University House - Wallingford - Barbara Denis/ Judy Coskey**
bdenis340@comcast.net
tjcoskey@msn.com
10:00 am University House
4400 Stone Way N

Wednesday, February 16

**North King County - Rejean Idzerda**
idzerda@comcast.net
9:30 am Lake Forest Park Third Place Books
17171 NE Bothell Way

Saturday, February 20

**Ballard/Queen Anne/Magnolia Day - Kim Peterson**
10:00 am Alice Peterson
5245 Pullman Ave. NE
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2010 Census

Seattle First Baptist Church
1111 Harvard Ave.
(Harvard and Seneca)

Thursday, February 4

6:30 p.m.  Unit Briefing
7:00  Reception
7:30  Program starts

All forums are free and open to the public.

Speakers include

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Linh Ngo, Census 2010 Project Manager, Asian Pacific Islander Community Leadership Foundation

Chandler Felt, King County Demographer

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