Committees are the workhorses of the League. They conduct the studies that lead the formation of positions; they provide the expertise that allows us to take action; they find the speakers and prepare Voter materials for forums. When they are not involved in a study, action, or event, they are educating themselves in their area of interest.

But committee membership fluctuates as members’ lives and priorities change. Some committees fade away entirely when work on one project comes to an end. That means that there are times when they need new blood and/or a new focus. Now is such a time. Some committees are going strong – Transportation and International Relations, for example – but others have lost members or leadership or both. And there are glaring gaps in our coverage of important issues.

Take the Social Justice Committee. Social justice is a broad area, covering issues of interest to many Leaguers — homelessness, public health and safety, at-risk youth, low-income housing, and many others. But although these issues could potentially occupy several committees, the current Social Justice Committee does not have the time or membership to tackle them. Despite this, the committee recently played a major part in putting on a very successful forum on drug policy. However, Leaguers who would like to see more events focusing on social justice issues need to step into the breach and make it happen. It’s up to you.

Two committees which are looking for new leadership are the Education Committee and the Economics and Taxation Committee. The Education Committee has a long history with the League, including both studies and action. It needs a new chair to keep its work going. The Taxation Committee’s longtime chair is spending two years in the Peace Corps in Colombia. Its membership has nonetheless stayed together and was responsible for finding the speaker and assembling the Voter materials for our recent event on financial reform. But it needs someone to take the helm. Any takers?

We currently have no local committee covering environmental issues, although we do have experts on the subject in the League. This is a hot topic area in which many members would like to see more programs.

We miss our Civics Education Committee, which combined work in local schools with fun events for Leaguers. Is anyone game to resurrect it?

Committees come and go. Some begin with studies and disband when the study is finished; others remain as standing committees, following an issue and suggesting action as needed. Some committees, such as the Transportation Committee, focus first on educating themselves on an issue. They may choose to share what they learn with the whole membership in a forum, conduct a formal study on some aspect on which the League lacks positions, or propose an appropriate action to the Board.

Many of those who have participated in committee work have found it the most satisfying part of League membership. It is a chance to work very hard with a small group of people with similar interests. And the work is crucial to the League; we rely on committees for our programs, our positions, our actions. But committees need members. We need you.
A number of us attended the LWVWA action workshop in Bellevue, December 1. We heard from State Senators David Frockt and Karen Keiser and from the State Action Portfolio Chairs about goals, likelihoods and challenges.

The budget reduction is ONLY a mere $6.4 BILLION this biennium compared to $11.7 billion for 2009-11. This is on a total state budget of $33.6 billion for 2007-9. As a result of reductions, the spending level declined for the last two biennia (2009-2013); a two-biennium reduction has not occurred in the last 40 years. Revenue and spending are expected to increase slightly for 2013-2015 but the $2.1 billion increase in revenue will be exceeded by the $2.5 billion budget increase. Education enhancements to K thru 12 alone could add $2 billion more. Many legislators have taken a no new taxes stance.

The senators talked about health care priorities such as Medicaid expansion to the uninsured and the development of an exchange. Such expansion could potentially free up some state dollars as the feds would pay 100% of the cost for those with incomes under 133% of the federal poverty level as opposed to the current 50/50 sharing for Medicaid coverage. Education is being dominated by the need to adhere to the McCleary decision requiring funding for basic education. Keiser talked about heart-rending cuts she has had to face such as dental care for adults with toothaches and mothers who have not had time off to bond with their premature infants. She stated that population growth is one of the factors driving up the health care funding needs.

Besides having a part-time paid lobbyist who provides valuable information and advocacy, State League has an impressive cadre of volunteer lobbyists. The list of their priorities for this year was in the last Voter. (Yes, dig it out from that pile on your sideboard.) I was particularly happy to find park funding on their list. Cynthia Howe, as a Seattle-King County leaguer, played an instrumental role in getting League involvement in that issue. Betty Tabbut is taking the lead for the State and Cynthia will continue to monitor this from a more local perspective—a good partnership. We believe parks are a public good that should receive substantial state funding – they should not be required to generate all the funds for their maintenance through fees, sales, or other means.

Items heard from League lobbyists and others:

- The need to get rid of tax exemptions for fossil fuel.
- Possible taxes on online sales, capital gains – even a carbon tax.
- District voting to give minorities more voice (we have a position allowing for a combination of district and at-large positions).
- Bellingham is working on coal terminals related to the coal train issue.
- Charter schools may be challenged on constitutional grounds.
- Keiser talked about the declining number and increasing conservatism of women in the legislature; others mentioned concerns about access to abortion related to insurance and hospitals.

Our oldest former League of Women Voters of Seattle president and State legislator, Mary Ellen McCaffree, attended. She has co-written a book, entitled Politics Of The Possible: The continued on page 6
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### JANUARY
- **Board Meeting**
  - Saturday, January 5
  - 9:00 a.m. - noon
  - League Office
- **Voter deadline**
  - Monday, January 7
- **International Relations Committee**
  - Monday, January 7
  - 12:45 – 2:45 p.m.
  - League Office
- **Transportation Committee**
  - Tuesday, January 17
  - 10:00 a.m. – noon
  - League Office

### FEBRUARY
- **Board Meeting**
  - Saturday, February 2
  - 9:00 a.m. – noon
  - League Office
- **Voter deadline**
  - Monday, February 4
- **International Relations Committee**
  - Monday, February 4
  - 12:45 – 2:45 p.m.
  - League Office
Forum Schedule

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

Most forums are held at the Seattle First Baptist Church, but occasionally they are scheduled in other locations and times. The schedule of upcoming forums for 2013 appears above - please note that there have been several changes to the schedule; check your Voter or the LWVS-KC website (seattlelwv.org) each month for up-to-date information.

Board Briefs by Joanna Cullen, Secretary

The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County Board met on Saturday, December 8, 2012. This is a summary of their work.

Nominating Committee

Ginna Owens and Lindsay Cummings who are serving on the Nominating Committee encouraged all to submit names to the Committee to serve on the 2013-2014 Board.

Membership

Susan Jones reported that membership increased by five in November and had decreased by two since June. Mary Jo Vigil reported that she was working with Carol Goldenberg to roll out the new mentor program in January.

Local Units

Local Unit Coordinator Lindsay Cummings reported that she was enjoying her work with local units and continuing to work to involve new members in the League Drinks event prior to the forums. She also emphasized that it is important for all Board Members to connect with local units and to attend unit meetings. In December many have holiday celebration special events.

Development

The Board gave kudos to Ginna Owens for the successful November event that netted approximately $28,000, more than originally anticipated.

Ed Fund

President Bevington reported that the Ed Fund Board is in the process of planning spring fundraising events and that production and design of the new 2013 TRY was going well.

Action

Ellen Barton reported that President Bevington will be drafting a letter thanking the Seattle Port Commissioners for their effort to address public concern regarding the appearance of a possible conflict of interest over Port CEO Tay Yoshitani’s position on the Board of Directors of Expeditor’s International. At the October 23 Port Commission Meeting, the Commissioners presented a report by the lawyers they retained to do an outside review that stated there was no conflict of interest. However, the League letter will let the Commissioners know that the League will
continue to monitor the situation.

President Bevington also referred the Board to the LWVWA web site for information on testifying against the current plans for a coal train terminal at Cherry Point WA at the Public Scoping Meeting on December 13.

There will be a write up on the LWVWA Action Workshop in the Voter.

**Meeting with Chinese Delegation**

President Bevington reported that the November 8 visit with the Chinese Delegation that was arranged by the World Affairs Council was a successful and interesting cultural exchange. A group of professionals particularly interested in elections, they certainly had a good grasp of the US’s system of government, much better than ours was of the Chinese. Women’s issues, including the Chinese one child policy and issues in the family and at work, were also topics of interest. They were also aware of environmental and climate change issues. The LWVS-KC International Relations Committee has decided to focus on China in 2013 and continuing contact with the World Affairs Council is likely.

**Program**

Karen Adair reported that she had met with the Mail-in Voting Study and the Tree Ordinance Study Committees. She and Co-chair Beatrice Crane had finished Program Planning materials for the January Voter. They were working with a committee to plan the February program and invited ideas for the March forum. Issues of special concern to women have typically been presented in March.

**Finances**

Cindy Piennett reported that the results of the Finance Review showed that LWVS-KC is in good shape, and Cindy presented a written report with recommendations.

**Office Lease**

Marian Wolfe and Laraine Volkman attended and reported their comparison of one location with the current LWVS-KC office location. They also requested further direction from the Board. The Board decided to continue to consider new office locations and possibly sharing with the State League.

President’s Message continued:

*Decade Our American Democracy Worked.* We have a copy for your enjoyment in the League office. Linnea Hirst has read it and deemed it a page turner. The state league is selling copies as a fundraiser – see their website.

Be sure you get the State legislative newsletter online as the session starts. Call the State office to help the state lobby for your favorite issue and contact your legislators, using our new TRY directory of elected officials when it comes out in late January or early February. Our legislators need your support.

Judy Bevington
President
Committees

ECONOMICS AND TAXATION COMMITTEE
THE COMMITTEE USUALLY MEETS ON THE LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH, BUT AS OF THE VOTER DEADLINE THEY HAVE NOT DECIDED WHETHER TO MEET IN JANUARY. FOR MORE CURRENT INFORMATION, EMAIL VICKY DOWNS AT DOWNSVDOWNS@AOL.COM.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
DATE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 3
TIME: 10:00 A.M. - NOON
PLACE: LEAGUE OFFICE

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
DATE: MONDAY, JANUARY 9
TIME: 12:45 - 2:45 P.M.
PLACE: LEAGUE OFFICE

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 17
TIME: 10:00 A.M. - NOON
PLACE: LEAGUE OFFICE

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

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

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

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

**GREAT DECISIONS 2013: HOW DO WE MAKE SENSE OF IT ALL?**

**BY CAROL GOLDBERG**

Join with fellow League members and friends to explore eight of the most challenging foreign policy issues confronting us in our rapidly changing world. Beginning in February, the League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County will host two Great Decisions discussion groups. The League shares with the non-partisan Foreign Policy Association (FPA) the goal of informed citizen participation in our democracy. For 59 years, FPA has been publishing an annual briefing book written by scholars and experts in the field to serve as the basis for stimulating discussion. Participants discover a broader context for understanding the daily news and influencing the foreign policy debate.

An evening group will meet at the home of Vicky Downs at 909 East Newton, number nine, in Seattle starting on February 19 and continuing on alternate Tuesdays through June 4. Call Vicky at 206-328-3926 or Carol Goldenberg at 206-527-8589 if you wish to attend or learn more about the program. This is a good opportunity to share a League activity with friends or neighbors.

An afternoon group will be meeting on Mercer Island beginning in February. Call Susie Anschell at 206-232-2640 for more information.

It is not too late for other League members to organize a group discussion in your neighborhood. Call Carol to get help with this.

All participants will need to purchase the $20.00 Great Decisions briefing book which will be available in January with up-to-date information. The FPA is taking orders now. Call 800-477-5836 or email www.fpa.org

**Topics for 2013 are:**

**Future of the Euro by Erik Jones**

- How did the 2008 global recession contribute to the development of the euro crisis?
- The health of the euro affects and is affected by the state of the global economy.
- How can European Union leaders prevent the collapse of the common currency?

**Egypt by Bruce Rutherford**

- The popular revolution that ousted President Hosni Mubarak in 2011 ushered in the promise of radical change. Two years later, what is the state of Egyptian democracy?
- How will the military and civilian government balance power?

**NATO by Mark Webber**

- How has NATO’s agenda evolved since its inception during the cold war?
- With its military commitment in Afghanistan winding down and a recent successful campaign in Libya, what are the alliance’s present day security challenges?

**Myanmar and Southeast Asia by Barbara Crossette**

- The West has welcomed unprecedented reforms made by Myanmar’s government. What challenges must Myanmar overcome before it can fully join the international community?
- What role can it play in Southeast Asia?

**Intervention by Thomas Weiss**

- The “responsibility to protect” doctrine has become central to modern humanitarian intervention. When should the international community intervene?
- Why did the West rush to intervene in Libya and not in Syria?
Iran by John Limbert
Suspicion and a troubled history have blighted U.S.-Iranian relations for three decades. How can the United States and Iran move forward? Is the existence of Iran’s nuclear program an insurmountable obstacle?

China in Africa by David Shinn
What interests govern China’s engagement in Africa? Should China’s growing emphasis on political ties and resource extraction inform U.S. relations with African nations?

Threat Assessment by Gregory Treverton
How can the United States address the challenges of a weak economy, homegrown terrorism and nuclear proliferation? What threats and opportunities are presented by the ascendancy of China and by regime change in the Middle East?

TREE ORDINANCES STUDY
At our annual meeting in May 2012, members voted to conduct a study about tree ordinances. What should a model ordinance look like? Work has begun on this study, but more volunteers are welcome to get involved. If you are interested in contributing to the committee’s efforts, please contact Chair Nancy Rust by email: ndrust@comcast.net, or by leaving a message at the League office (206-329-4848).

NOMINATING COMMITTEE BEGINS SEARCH
By Betty Sullivan, Chair
The Nominating Committee is beginning its search for league members to serve on the Board of Directors for the League of Women Voters of Seattle/King County. Board members work together to develop plans for the future operation of the League. This year we will be nominating a new president and three vice-presidents who will hold the portfolios of Voter Service, Action, and Development. We will also nominate a new Treasurer and Secretary, as well as three directors.
Are you interested in contributing by being on the Seattle/King County League Board? Do you have ideas to improve the running of the League? Do you enjoy working with others who share your interests? Are you looking for a way to learn leadership skills that could help you in the future? Do you have a particular interest in an issue or policy and would like to learn more about the subject?
If you answered YES to any of these questions, become a candidate for nomination! Please call Committee Chair Betty Sullivan, 206-682-5240 to learn more about the process. Interviews will begin after the first of the year and the nominated slate will be announced to the current Board in April. The officers and directors will be elected at the May Annual Meeting.

FOLLOW THE LEAGUE’S PROGRESS IN OLYMPIA
SUBSCRIBE TO THE LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER
During the legislative session you will receive weekly information about League support or opposition to bills, pertinent committee hearings, status of bills and Action Alerts.
Sign up at www.lwwa.org.
POST ELECTION REPORT ON VOTER SERVICES
By Cyndi Goddard-Woods, Co-Chair

VOTER REGISTRATION

It’s the end of a presidential election year and the start of a new year, a good time to take stock of our local League’s efforts in 2012. Since it was a presidential election year, there was a big push to register voters across the country. League participated in “National Voter Registration Day” on September 25. I’m thrilled to report that LWVS-KC participated in four different events on September 25 where fifteen volunteers helped 41 people register to vote. Our savvy volunteers from the First Hill unit were clever enough to arrange to use Cupcake Royale on Capitol Hill as their staging area, thus making volunteering a “sweet” experience!

As I’ve previously reported, we tried a few new things this past year. Our South King County unit responded to a request from the King County Library System in Federal Way and staffed a voter registration table in the library through August and September. They reported that more than 70 people completed registration forms in the library and another 30 or more either got answers to questions or took forms home to fill out with family members. The librarian who coordinated with our team was thrilled that we could support that neighborhood. She’s looking forward to working with League again next year. A local community clinic, the Country Doctor, contacted us about setting a voter registration corner in its waiting room. We provided registration forms, instructions, and assistance to allow patients to complete their voter registration while they waited to see their doctor.

Two local League members came to our voter registration training in the summer and set up a table in a church in the University district where they helped homeless people register to vote.

The North King County unit worked voter registration tables in front of three Goodwill stores in the area. I think even the volunteers were pleasantly surprised at how many people they helped register to vote. One of the volunteers reported that a shopper offered to buy the card table they were using ... after all, it was a Goodwill store. I guess this is an example of how you never know what will happen when you volunteer with the League.

We registered scores of voters at the University Street Fair in June and scores more at the 4th of July naturalization ceremony at Seattle Center. We had tables at community colleges, community centers, festivals, and the University of Washington. All told, we registered some 300 voters in 2012 at thirteen different events in our community. The combined audiences at those events exceeded 2,000 people. Voter registration is a great opportunity to get the League’s name out in the community and help further our mission by encouraging informed and active participation in government.

Of course it all comes down to the volunteers. I want to thank again our wonderful voter registration volunteers: Mary Ehlers and Becky Cox and all the South King County unit volunteers, Kim Abel, Pat Cleary, Joanna Cullen,
SPEAKERS BUREAU

Another huge way that Voter Services furthers our League mission is through the Speakers Bureau. Our cadre of volunteers puts forth yeoman effort during the election season. This year being a presidential election year we were literally flooded with requests for speakers to help voters make sense of the many measures on their ballots. During September and October, we supported 27 different events where we helped explain the ballot issues to over 700 voters.

Every time I go out to a community group and discuss the ballot issues, I come away feeling good about our democracy. People ask thoughtful questions and work hard to ensure that their vote is based on facts rather than hyperbole. People are truly grateful that League is there to provide unbiased information for them to use in their voting decisions.

I appreciate our Speakers Bureau volunteers more than I can say. Thank you and kudos to Ellen Barton, Lee Carpenter, Susan Cotterell, Joanna Cullen, Allison Feher, Julie Anne Kempf, Candis Litsey, Pat McCann, JoAnne McGaw, Susan Monck-Jones, Ginna Owens, Kim Peterson, Kelly Powers, Denise Smith, and Amelia Woolley.

A few of the volunteers’ names on our Speakers Bureau roster are new this year. When they expressed interest in being a volunteer, we arranged to have them pair up with a seasoned veteran to learn how we do Speakers Bureau. It proved to be a fun opportunity for both the “newbie” and the “trainer.” If you’re interested in becoming a Speakers Bureau volunteer for the next election cycle, contact us at the office and we’ll make sure you’re trained and ready before you ever try to go it alone. It really is a fun and rewarding experience.

On November 20, the Transportation Committee hosted the third speaker in our Freight 101 series, Steve Sundquist from Climate Solutions, a nonprofit organization based in Olympia. While he is particularly interested in climate issues, Steve’s background includes more than 15 years at Russell Investments. Like BNSF’s Terry Finn at our October session, Steve focused on coal as freight, not coal as an environmental contaminant. He acknowledged that releasing any amount of coal into the atmosphere is a very serious issue. However, the coal from the Powder River Basin is a valuable commodity to those interested in mining and transporting it and those who will have jobs because of it. While Wyoming and Montana advocate for coal mining, there is significant opposition to both mining and transporting it in those states and Idaho. Various Pacific coast ports are considering exporting it because they envision profit from doing so. All of the states that the coal trains will travel through, including Washington, will absorb the impact of transporting it, both infrastructural and environmental. Because it is an issue of interstate commerce, the opportunities for a community to stop it are limited. Nevertheless, we should be aware of the economic issues the coal trains present. While the potential for economic gains exists, coal trains carry economic risk also.

Every one of the 18-30 daily coal trains, each consisting of 125 cars, will travel through Spokane. The heavy, loaded trains will travel south and west from Spokane toward the ports of Boardman and St. Helens, Oregon, and Longview, Washington and north to Cherry Point, near Bellingham, Washington. Empty trains from Cherry Point will probably cross Stevens Pass instead of traveling down the I-5 corridor. Only the port commissioners at those ports have explicit power to say yes or no to the cargo. Grays Harbor has already said NO.

In addition to the serious issues of local and
global pollution, economic questions about the investments that ports will have to make to ready themselves for an increase in the coal export should be a very critical focus for citizen concern. The costs of expanding ports to handle the vast increase in coal from the trains will be paid by taxpayers. For example, the Cherry Point terminal would need to span an additional 1200 acres (filling 131 acres of wetland).

At the present time, Washington ports provide competitive routes to and from Asia. However, major change is coming. Prince Rupert, British Columbia, is building its own super port and will be one day closer than Washington ports to Asia. Also, the Panama Canal is being expanded. The super-sized ships that now dock along the Pacific coast will be able to pass through the canal to access the east coast ports. Thus, competition will increase for shipping from Asia. Coal may provide the incentive to make the necessary investments in port facilities to better compete for all of the Pacific cargo.

Assuming best case scenarios for the bounty of the coal fields, 950 additional super-sized ships will use one or more of the Pacific coast ports to transport it to Asia. However, coal is already a very risky investment. Setting aside the fact that midwestern and eastern US coal-fired power plants are converting to cheaper and less polluting natural gas, the profit expectations for the Powder River coal are based on a prediction of high Asian prices. However, according to Mr. Sundquist, last summer there were 30+ ships loaded with coal waiting to be sold off the China coast because of a glut. Moreover, the price for the Powder River type of coal is down over 20%. In addition, China has its own reserves as well as huge natural gas reserves. It is making rail investments and huge investments in wind and solar power and energy conservation. China has set a goal to reduce its carbon output by 40+% by 2020. And Australia and Indonesia have coal for export, too. They are much closer to China than our Pacific coast. The CFO of CSX, a competitor railroad, said export coal is “by far the most volatile business we have.” (He meant value volatility, not explosive.)

Even BNSF faces economic risks from committing to the coal. Already it has difficulty meeting demand for rail service in the Puget Sound region and eastern Washington. The coal trains will be very hard on existing infrastructure and every additional 125-car train will compete for space on the rails with other freight trains. The coal trains will impact passenger rail as well, but there are interesting incentives for BNSF to make the efforts to accommodate passenger rail. (Mr. Finn mentioned that BNSF has a contract to provide “fast passenger trains” along the I-5 corridor during his presentation in October.) BNSF will be responsible for all of the infrastructure required by the coal trains. However, both Federal and State governments join with BNSF to provide the passenger service. Passenger trains require much smoother track and by-pass lanes so that they are not blocked by cargo trains. Any construction that may be required to make elevated crossings for passenger trains is paid for 95-98% by taxpayer funding.

Additionally, economic studies done by organizations like Climate Solutions and the Sierra Club list the negative economic effects of coal trains, not just along the tracks:

- Coal terminals will provide the fewest jobs per sq. ft. of deep water port space;
- Tourists do not visit coal terminals;
- Entrepreneurs and highly skilled workers may choose to live where coal ports aren’t; and
- Property values decrease with increased train traffic.

This information, provided by Mr. Sundquist and his organization, adds important information about the potential risks that mining companies, railroads, and ports must consider before they commit to coal trains. The public must take every opportunity to demand accountability from the elected port commissioners and all other elected officials with responsibilities in regard to the coal train issues. Our Freight 101 sessions are working to provide the best information we can as a part of that public effort.
NEW MEMBERS

For Ina Bray the concept of the League represents the quintessential ideal of democracy. She was born in Lithuania, grew up during World War II in Germany, and knows full well life under a totalitarian regime. In 1950 she emigrated to Los Angeles with her family. After earning degrees from UCLA and UC Berkeley (library science), she spent many years working or volunteering in libraries. But during the Cold War, her Lithuanian roots also made her an advocate for her country, one of the many under the occupation of the Soviet Union. For decades she actively participated in a number of local, state, and national elections, a luxury forbidden behind the Iron Curtain. The Goodwill Games in Seattle provided an additional opportunity to show that many of the Soviet republics had been incorporated forcefully. She became intensely involved in pressing that organization for recognition of its sports participants as representatives of emerging countries and not of the USSR. And when the UW became interested in establishing a Baltic Studies Program, the only such program in the US, as a community volunteer again she put all her effort behind that successful project. After a lifetime of work as mother and wife, as librarian, as volunteer in endless capacities, Ina is truly enjoying the programs and insights that the League has to offer.

Dorothy Clark recently retired from a career with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court as judicial assistant to the chief judge. As a federal employee covered by the Hatch Act, she could not be active in political campaigns, but she became interested in consumer advocacy, especially student loans, real estate issues, and the insidious credit card debt problem. Through her working years she was involved in community activism through the schools and her church. Lately Dorothy has been a volunteer for homeless youth in the University District with a project called Teen Feed. She has been a long time resident of Northeast Seattle and has found a comfortable home in the View Ridge unit of the League.

THANK YOU TO OUR LEAGUE SUPPORTERS!

Many people have stepped up to the plate to help fund They Represent You, our directory of elected officials. There’s still time to donate if you haven’t already done so. When it is published, check out the back page of the 2013 TRY to thank those supporters. A big thank you to the Horizon House volunteers who stuffed and labeled the end of year mailing for the Education Fund.

We are also grateful to those members who made a donation along with their dues: Betty Colasurdo, Ann Dittmar, Cynthia Howe, Helen L Karr, Gunbjorg Ladstein, and Karla L. Wight. A number of members have chosen to renew at a higher level. We are grateful to contributing member Rainer Storb as well as booster members Naomie Bulloch, Rebecca Castilleja and Jeanne Lee. You make it possible for us to offer lower fee memberships to our members who find it difficult to pay the standard dues.

REPORT FROM OUR FOREIGN DESK

Intrepid League member Nora Leech has settled into her permanent residence for her two-year stint in the Peace Corps - Barranquilla, Columbia, where she will be teaching English. If you would like to follow her adventures you can read and even subscribe to her blog: lapisbluewater.wordpress.com or you can follow her on Facebook. Buena Suerte, Nora!
“Making Democracy Work:” A Value Proposition  
By Susan Jones, Membership Chair

The League’s slogan, “Making Democracy Work,” has aptly encompassed the work of the League in so many areas for close to 100 years now and continues to be relevant in the 21st century going forward. It slips easily into conversation among members, but how many of us can just as glibly describe its meaning and benefits to others unfamiliar with the League and what it does? It’s easier said than done, especially when you are presented with a spontaneous and unexpected opportunity to sell the benefits of League membership in only a minute or less.

Which brings me to the subject of perfecting your own “elevator speech” about the League. We’ve all been there...when a conversation with an old friend or a simple encounter with a stranger sparks a question about the League, a comment on a local issue or hot topic, even a heated debate about the merits (or not) of government. That’s when each of us should be ready to segue into a short but precise summary of the value of League membership. After all, we are the government and it is our job to ensure that democracy works for all citizens and constituents. Likewise, each of us can and should be enthusiastic recruiters of new members since it is only by broadening and diversifying our membership that the LWV will remain vibrant and influential.

“Enthusiastic” is the operative word here too, for this is not an elevator speech to try to secure a job interview or appointment with an elusive business executive to sell your wares. It is something you can even have fun with since the worst case scenario is that while you may not gain a new member, you have at least educated someone new about the League. And if you inspire someone to inquire about membership, then hats off to you!

So where do we start? Well, thanks to Ginna Owens who first introduced this topic to the Board members at our retreat last August, it can logically begin with the LWV mission statement and be expanded or refined from there depending on your own interests and sensibilities and especially what League membership has meant to you. Our brochure defines the League as a “nonpartisan political organization” that “encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy.” Those three goals, individually or together, can be the basis of a winning value proposition to which you add specific examples of exactly how we make democracy work, whether it’s through voter registration, voter education, improving elections, and the like.

This is your opportunity to expound briefly on a topic you know well (from a study committee, for example) or about which you are particularly passionate. The websites of the national, state and local League are great resources for specific talking points with which to hone your own “sales pitch.” Or you can tick off the benefits you have personally realized from being a League member. And don’t forget, the League is 92 years old and still going strong.

Of course, all of this is a meaningless exercise if we do not remain mindful of those opportunities (more frequent than one might realize, I am learning) to call upon your elevator speech for 30 seconds or maybe even a minute or two. I think we may surprise ourselves at how much we can accomplish this way.
Catching Up with:

Mary Ellen McCaffree — Former Seattle League President and State Legislator

Mary Ellen McCaffree, a lifetime member of the League, was a special guest at the Action workshop in December. After serving three years as president of the Seattle League, she resigned to run for the Washington State legislature in 1962. She had played a major role in the League’s activities in redistricting in the 1950s and early 1960s, and thus became a central figure in the legislature’s redistricting efforts in 1963 and 1965.

Mary Ellen has recently co-authored a book, *Politics of the Possible*, in which she credits the League with much of the success related to the redistricting effort of this era. Throughout her career she worked to spur greater citizen awareness and involvement in spearheading change. Mary Ellen encouraged women to take an active part in local and national politics, noting that, “the key to keeping our American democracy alive is citizen participation at all levels.”

*Politics of the Possible* is part political history, part personal experience, but mostly a vital example of how politics can be positive and progressive, and how a responsible focus on problem solving can overcome partisan ills. As the authors say in the preface, “More than history, this book affirms what is possible here and now.”

The story unfolds through the eyes of Mrs. McCaffree, a mother of five who entered politics to champion her children’s overcrowded, under-funded schools. In her four terms as a state legislator from Seattle, she was central to the “Evans Era” leadership team, was an architect and author of a major program of tax reform, championed nationally groundbreaking legislation in education and environmental protections, and sponsored 18-year-old voting rights. By retracing McCaffree’s path inside the gears of governing during Washington state’s most productive and legendary decade, *Politics of the Possible* charts the overhaul of our state during the 1960s, culminating in a stunning 1970 special legislative session that capped a sweeping program of progressive, bi-partisan reforms.

The authors wrote out of concern that newer American citizens don’t understand the process of our governing bodies well enough to play their part in assuring our government works for us. *Politics of the Possible* provides a real-world model of citizen-driven success, along with tools for getting involved and making a difference.

The League of Women Voters has joined authors Mary Ellen McCaffree and Anne McNamee Corbett to promote the book as part of the League’s initiative to record and promote stories of past League leaders and to assist in its strategy to show how the League and citizens make a difference in the strengthening of our representative democracy.

Copies are available through the League of Women Voters of Washington website: www.lwvwa.org. A portion of the proceeds goes to support the LWVWA Education Fund.

(material in this article was adapted from the November/December 2012 press release issued by the publisher)
Winner of the Man Booker Prize in 2011, this novella makes the reader think about ageing and memory. It also has the feel of a mystery we readers have to figure out for ourselves.

In Part One we meet narrator Tony Webster as he remembers his “book-hungry, sex hungry” youth. In contrast, fellow sixth former Adrian Finn was someone Tony looked up to as he, unlike Tony, “gave the impression he believed in things” and was “essentially serious.”

At Bristol University, Tony experiences his first, not-very-successful sexual relationship with a fellow student, Veronica. He also communicates with Adrian at the much more prestigious Cambridge University. After breaking up with his first girlfriend, he is surprised to learn from Adrian that he is now dating Tony’s old flame. After university, Tony leaves for months in America until he is called back because of Adrian’s suicide. He tries to understand what led to his friend’s death but has no way of knowing what Adrian might have been thinking. Only one thing seemed clear: the death was intentional.

In about five sentences, Tony describes the bulk of his adult life: a job, a marriage, a daughter, “an amiable divorce,” and retirement around age sixty. He had “wanted life not to bother [him] too much,” and in that sense he thought his life could perhaps be called successful.

In Part Two, Veronica’s mother dies, leaving Tony five hundred pounds and Adrian’s diary. This motivates Tony to contact Veronica, whom the lawyers said actually possessed the diary, and to try to figure out why her mother left him money. Gradually Tony brings together memories he has willfully forgotten or misconstrued and tries to join past actions to people in order to create “a chain of individual responsibilities” that can explain what his own life was about.

A colleague in my Montlake fitness class, a woman who teaches at the University of Washington, encouraged me “to re-read” this short and intriguing book. She used what she called a “technical term” when she pointed out that Tony was a classic “unreliable narrator.” Almost immediately something clicked, and I happily did read the book again in three ninety minute-long sittings.

I realized that Barnes does a masterful job of setting out in lucid prose what it is to live life. Instinctually we rework our memories to help us deal with the pain age inevitably brings us; even if the pain is little more than the “accumulation, the multiplication of loss.”

Something like this must have worked in a book discussion group Carol Goldenberg told me about. With many points of view in the group, she reported on what seemed to be a growing awareness of the many layers in this novella. She also spoke of the delight she felt when she learned that Philip Larkin was the unnamed author of the poetry weaving together varying times and places.

Though I don’t belong to such a group, my second reading proved to be wonderfully satisfying, even though we readers cannot find perfect answers to everything we might want to know. This book also seems a particularly appropriate read for those of us who are in our retirement years. As we face 2013, Barnes shows us that memories are important and it might be a good idea for us to consider how we use them and how they affect us.

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

2013 - 2014
Local and State Program Planning

Choosing issues for study and emphasis for the coming year to two years

In preparation for these discussions, it is important to be familiar with current League positions. Positions in brief for both state and local are included in this Voter beginning on page 24. You can find the full state positions on the LWVWA web site www.lwvwa.org or in the publication Program In Action 2011-2013. The Seattle-King County League positions are available from the office or online at www.seattlelwv.org.

This year our State Convention will be held May 31 - June 2 at the Little Creek Casino Resort in Shelton hosted by the Mason County League. There our Program Planning and Study Identification will focus on our state issues. They will be put to the delegates for their consideration and final vote. It is the responsibility of the state Board to propose programs at convention based on the recommendations developed from the local League discussions.

Annual Meeting for the Seattle-King County League will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2013.
Principles of the League of Women Voters

- The League of Women Voters believes in representative government and in the individual liberties established in the Constitution of the United States.

- The League of Women Voters believes that good democratic government depends upon the informed and active participation of its citizens.

- The League of Women Voters believes that the right to vote must be protected for every citizen; that every person should have access to free public education which provides equal opportunity for all; and that no person or group should suffer legal, economic, or administrative discrimination.

- The League of Women Voters believes that efficient and economical government requires competent personnel, clear assignment of responsibility, adequate financing, and coordination among the different agencies and levels of government.

- The League of Women Voters believes that responsible government should be responsive to the will of the people; that government should maintain an equitable and flexible system of taxation; promote the conservation and development of natural resources in the public interest; share in the solution of economic and social problems which affect the general welfare; promote a sound economy; and adopt domestic policies which facilitate the solution of international problems.

- The League of Women Voters believes that cooperation with other nations is essential in the search for solutions to world problems and that the development of international organization and international law is imperative in the promotion of peace.
WHAT IS YOUR PASSION?

PROGRAM PLANNING: The way the League chooses its programs / issues.

The League’s program planning process is separate from but related to the process which culminates in positions taken at the state and local levels.

Any action the League of Women Voters takes is based on our positions. Each year in January we examine those positions to see if we need new positions on vital issues, or if we should update any current positions, or even if we should eliminate positions that are no longer relevant.

As a grassroots organization the program planning process begins at the local level. Members choose programs/issues (referred to as “issues” below) to place on our public policy agenda at the state level for the next two years. Identification of these issues is part of our Citizen Education program aimed at helping people understand the complexities of an issue and encouraging people to participate in reaching a solution, and can also lay the groundwork for successful advocacy.

This is also the opportunity for your local League to consider what role it will play in addressing those issues at the state level and/or to identify issues that you want to address at your local level only.

A good way to determine an issue or study you want to suggest and would be willing to work on is to ask yourself “What is My Passion?” League members choose issues to place on our public policy agenda, and consider what role their local League will play in addressing those issues during the program planning process. You also decide which items to recommend as state program priorities. The process culminates when the program is adopted at the local annual meeting and the biennial state convention.

Here are some questions to consider in selecting an issue for League work:

- Which issues are of such vital concern to our members and our community that they demand attention now?
- Which issues will benefit from the League’s special expertise or perspective?
- Is there a real possibility that citizens working on this issue can bring about positive change?
- Will League work on this issue have a measurable impact on our community or state? How will results be evaluated?
- Will working on this issue give the League opportunities to collaborate with other groups and individuals?
Once members have decided that an issue of public concern requires League attention, we must determine what role the League should play in addressing those issues, including:

1. **Citizen Education**: to help citizens understand the complexities of an issue and encourage people to participate in reaching a solution; can also lay the groundwork for successful advocacy.
   - Does our community need help in understanding this issue and its possible solutions?
   - Is there enough time to develop and implement our project before citizens must make a decision?
   - Is it more important to help citizens understand this issue than to advocate our League position at this time?

2. **Study**: to reach member agreement (through consensus) on an issue so that the League can take action.
   - Does the League already have a position?
   - Is there a government solution to the problem?
   - Is there enough time to do a study and then act to influence the resolution of the problem?

3. **Update**: to review a position
   - Is the League position still useful?
   - Is the position sufficiently general?
   - Are there significant developments in the position topic that are not reflected and are they important enough to warrant the time necessary for more study and an update?
   - What is the proper scope of effort to update the position?

4. **Concurrence**: to agree with a position already held by another League of Women Voters
   - Is their study available to us?
   - Is their resulting consensus of sufficient use to us?
     - We would need to be sufficiently well informed on the issues.
     - We would need the statement, background materials including pros and cons
     - We could not amplify, make subject to conditions, or alter the statement of position reached by the other League.

5. **Action**: always the goal of the League’s study process. Member understanding and strong support are essential for successful action.
   - Are the timing and the political realities right for success?
   - Does the community expect or need the League to be a player on this issue?
   - Will League action on this issue make a significant difference?
   - Could a focused, targeted action campaign enhance LWV visibility and stature?
   - Do our members understand our position and our action goals?

6. **At the local level**:
   Suggest “hot topics” for future programs. Please review the suggested list of hot topics on page 32 to spur your thinking. You are encouraged to bring your own ideas to the forum and unit discussions.
UNIT INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROGRAM PLANNING

At January unit meetings, allow discussion time to be evenly divided between local and state positions. Note that your planning material includes two forms to be completed, one for our local League issues and one for the state League issues.

Consider the following questions in reference to our League positions:

- Do we need a new position on a matter on which we currently do not have a position? (This requires a study.)
- Do we need to update a position extensively? (This also would require a study.)
- Do we need to revise a position slightly?
- Do we need to sunset a position that is no longer relevant?

Local Program Discussion

1. Review the criteria for the selection of local study items:
   a. The issue must fall within the principles of the LWV.
   b. It must be one on which governmental action is needed.
   c. It must be within the province of local government.
   d. It must be one to which the League can make a significant contribution.
   e. It must be timely.
   f. Options must exist for citizen action.
   g. There must be sufficient energy within League to carry out the work of a study committee.

2. Discuss possible new local studies, updates, or hot topics
   a. This is a consensus decision with agreement on major principles and the absence of major opposition. For full study proposals, be sure that suggested topics meet each of the criteria listed above. Suggestions that do not meet the criteria may take the form of an update, hot topic, or Voter article.
   b. Prioritize your choices.
   c. Please indicate on the reporting form the names of any members who wish to work on a specific topic/issue.

3. Review existing local positions. Identify any positions you feel should be updated.

4. As you review our positions, you may discover existing positions that would allow us to take action on an issue of concern. Suggest action you would like the League to take on a vital issue.

State Program Discussion

1. Review existing state positions. Identify any positions that you feel should be updated.

2. List and rank statewide issues you wish to see addressed.

3. Review the criteria for the selection of state study items: (see list above)

4. Discuss possible new state studies.
   a. This is a consensus decision with agreement on major principles and the absence of major opposition. To the extent possible, be sure that suggested topics meet each of the criteria listed above.
   b. Prioritize your choices.
LOCAL PROGRAM PLANNING SUGGESTIONS REPORTING FORM: 2013-2014

List the top three topics or issues your unit suggests for new local studies, updates to positions, hot topics or action.

Topic 1:
Study? Update? Hot topic?
Describe scope and focus:

Unit members willing to work on this study, update, hot topic:

Topic 2:
Study? Update? Hot topic?
Describe scope and focus:

Unit members willing to work on this study, update, hot topic:

Topic 3:
Study? Update? Hot topic?
Describe scope and focus:

Unit members willing to work on this study, update, hot topic:

Identify local positions that should be updated:

Suggested action for LWVS-KC to take. On what current positions would this action be based?

For Unit Discussions please use the recording form that was emailed to the unit leaders and handed out at the discussion leaders’ briefing. Individuals who are unable to attend any of the program planning meetings are invited to complete this form and submit their input by mail, fax, or email to the LWVS-KC no later than January 23rd. See inside front cover for addresses and phone numbers. Please write legibly and include additional sheets if needed.
STATE PROGRAM PLANNING SUGGESTIONS REPORTING FORM: 2013-2015

Review of Current LWVWA Positions
If you think a position needs to be revised, please explain:

If you propose concurrence with a previously adopted local position, please provide:  
1. The position, 2. LWV source of position, 3. Contact information, 4. Reason for considering concurrence.

Listing and Ranking of Issues for State Program
Please list in the table below the items you want to give attention to.
Specify what role the issue should play, e.g. study, update. After discussion, rank the top three items in order of importance: give it a 1 if it’s the most important and 3 if it’s your third choice.

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For items listed above, please provide an outlook for work. The outlook for work should help members determine whether the item is practical and manageable. Please include: the expected length of time needed for completion, possible sources of information, role of local Leagues, and members willing to work on the project and their contact information.

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The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County

Local Positions in Brief

as of May 24, 2012

Editor’s Note: The positions that follow have been shortened because of limitations of space. The subheadings and criteria listings have been removed. The years listed after the position are those in which it was adopted or revised. For a complete set of the current positions, contact the League office or visit the website.

CITY GOVERNMENT

Citizen Participation

Vision of the City

Economic Development
- Support measures to achieve a healthy economy characterized by services that meet basic human needs. 1995
- Support measures to enhance the economy. 1995
- Support the use of public funds for economic development that benefits the public. 2006
- Support the evaluation of publicly-funded economic development activities to ensure that stated goals are achieved. 2006
- Support business regulation that is clear and consistent, and that protects public health, worker safety, and the environment. 2006
- Support legislation that links the granting and continuation of corporate subsidies, tax preferences, and incentives to specific criteria which ensures transparency and accountability. 2006

Neighborhoods
- Support communication and cooperation between the city, other local governmental entities and neighborhoods to plan for, create and maintain healthy neighborhoods. 1992, 1993, 1994, 2002, 2003
- Support a process that allows stakeholders to participate in the development and implementation of neighborhood plans. 2002

Land Use Planning and Zoning
- Support the interdisciplinary approach in comprehensive planning. 1969, 1972, 1974, 1984
- Support density that is well planned, respects neighborhoods, facilitates public transportation, is environmentally sensitive and complies with growth management open space goals. 1992, 1994

Publicly Owned Property
- Support legally required procedures for determining when and what kinds of property are considered surplus. LWE 2004
Public-Private Partnerships
- Support measures to ensure accountability and adequate citizen participation/oversight in public-private partnerships. Our vision recognizes that public-private partnerships may serve as a mechanism for the City to work in concert with the private sector to achieve public objectives if specific elements are present. 2002

Privatization
- The following core services, functions and assets critical to the well-being of the people, should remain with government and not be transferred to the private sector: Courts, police, public health, public schools, prisons, voter services, taxation, parks, lakes, water and mineral rights, beaches, streams, and forests. 2010
- Specific criteria should be the basis for decisions regarding whether core government services, functions and assets not listed in the preceding section should be transferred to the private for-profit sector. 2010
- Public agencies are required to make a documented finding of adequate return on investment for the public for any government contribution of funds or assets to the private sector. Periodic performance audits should be required and made public regarding whether stated public benefits were met. 2010
- Government employees and elected officials after leaving government service should be prohibited for two years from working for any private company for which they had oversight responsibilities or authority over awarding contracts. 2010

Governmental Structures
- Support home rule for the city of Seattle. 1963, 1975, 1984
- The city should have control over those matters which are of strictly local concern.
- Support measures to increase accountability, responsiveness and efficiency of city government.
- Support the separation of powers and an adequate system of checks and balances among the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government (and these respective functions), with the responsibilities of each being clearly defined. 1963, 1969, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1990
- Support election criteria to foster fair and effective representation. 1996

Budget and Finance
- Support adequate financial resources for city government.
- Support criteria for use in prioritizing programs and projects. 1988
- Support measures and procedures to ensure that the city’s budget and the budgets of other local governmental entities are prepared using sound financial management procedures and that citizens have ample opportunity to participate in the development and review of the proposed annual budget. 1983, 1988, 2003

Capital Improvement Projects
- Support specific methods for financing capital improvements. 1985, 1987
- Support measures to evaluate the development and implementation of capital improvement projects. 1985

Law Enforcement/Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation
- Support a well-trained and adequate police force, responsive to public needs. 1969, 1979, 2002
- Support police policies based on adequate planning, adequate staffing and adequate training, that protect the rights of free speech and assembly, while providing safety for all. 2002, 2008
- Support an emphasis in law enforcement on building trust in immigrant communities, to include the policy of asking about an individual's immigration status only if he/she has been charged with a felony or misdemeanor. 2008

Trade
- Support the encouragement of more trade activity if this growth is well planned and sensitive to environmental concerns and to the needs of workers both in the U.S. and internationally. 1978, 1982
- Support an international trade policy set primarily at the national level. The State and City should be involved in formulating this policy.

Municipal Court
- Support a municipal court system organized to
effectively and efficiently meet the needs of our urban community. 1986

Ethics in Government

- Support ethics in government and measures to ensure that public officials and employees and members of boards, commissions, and advisory committees perform their responsibilities in the public interest in accordance with the highest ethical standards and measures to increase citizen confidence in government. 1994, 2003

Public Library

- Support a public library system that provides the public with fundamental library services and access to information technology. 1993

HUMAN RESOURCES/SOCIAL POLICY

Human Services

- Support measures to provide basic food, shelter and health care for those unable to provide for themselves and to provide training and opportunity for employment. 1982, 1984, 1990, 2004
- Support funding for community mental health services that addresses factors such as the number of individuals needing services, complexity of client needs, and local factors such as housing and labor markets that affect the cost of providing services. 2004
- Support removal of artificial barriers to advancement in employment. 1993
- Support the involvement of local government in sponsoring ESL classes for all immigrants. 2008
- Support measures to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, religion, age, gender, physical or mental disability, race, national origin, marital status or socio-economic status, and promote equal rights for all persons. 1994, 2000

Housing

- Support programs that promote individual choice of housing by enhancing the availability and affordability of alternatives throughout the city. 1992, 2000, 2004
- Support low-income housing programs which meet the needs of low-income persons, are well located with respect to schools, jobs, medical care, shopping and transportation, and contribute to the diversity of the neighborhood. 1978, 1982, 1994, 1995, 2000

- Support programs to aid homeless families and single adults and to prevent homelessness. 1995, 2004
- Support efforts to limit the damaging environmental and social effects of sprawl. 2000
- Support the efforts of government at all levels to increase the supply of affordable housing through a variety of programs. 2000
- Support policies which increase the density and the supply of affordable housing. 2000

Health and Safety

- Support provision of public health services to all residents without regard to their citizenship status. 2008
- Support measures to reduce the exposure of the population to toxics in the home such as: educating the public and public officials, informing the media, developing advocacy groups, improving building standards. 1990, 2001
- Support incentives to promote healthy homes. 1994, 2001
- Support research and education in the area of indoor toxics. 1994, 2001
- Support public health as a basic function of government that must receive adequate and sustained public funding. The activities that are critical in sustaining community health include: community-based preventive services; control of communicable diseases; emergency preparedness, and ensuring a safe and health environment. 2005

Human Rights

- Support a human rights agency as a necessary and useful local government function. 1966, 1969, 1976

Microlending

- Support the concept of microlending. 2000

Women

- Support local government policies that enable women to make economic and personal decisions for themselves and their families. 1981, 1993, 1994
- Support policies that promote gender equity in employment. 1993
- Support policies that promote awards of spousal maintenance. 1994
- Support a uniform system of legislation protecting a divorced spouse’s rights to pension benefits obtained during a marriage. 1994
- Support policies that promote reproductive choice. 1994
Teens
- Support government funding of programs to ensure health, safety, education and welfare of teens. 1995
- Support prevention and intervention programs to overcome problems of violence, suicide, homelessness, and family dysfunction. 1995

Children
- Support measures to assure that children have adequate food, clothing, education, medical care and a safe home environment free from abuse and neglect. While primary responsibility rests with the family, the community must provide the support if the family does not. 1985, 2003
- Support programs that provide parenting education and assist parents in problem resolution which is important in fostering positive child development and preventing delinquency. 2003

Early Childhood Programs
- Support the use of public funds for programs that meet the cognitive, physical and social needs of children from birth through age eight; that encourage parent education and involvement; and that provide health and human services to these children and their families. 1990, 2006

Drug Abuse and the Community
- Support measures to expand and fund drug abuse prevention education and drug abuse treatment programs as a means to reduce the demand for drugs. 1992, 2004

Juvenile Justice
- Support measures to develop and provide family, child and youth development programs to prevent delinquency, crime, and/or recidivism. 2002.

Cultural Activities
- Support city involvement in cultural activities. 1989, 1994

Historic Preservation
- Support the following criteria to be applied in designating an historic landmark: historical, architectural, and aesthetic values. 1986
- Support historic preservation policies which decide each designation on a case-by-case basis taking into consideration other public priorities, particularly human needs. 1986
- Support sharing the costs and benefits of historic preservation by the public and private sector 1986
- Support a process for determining landmark designation that includes a broad-based commission, public hearings, and final approval by the City Council, with provisions for appeal. 1986

SCHOOLS
- Support an educational system that provides quality staffing and citizen involvement and will permit each child to acquire basic skills, to develop the ability to reason, to develop self-esteem and social skills and that will challenge all children to achieve their full potential. A variety of educational approaches should be provided to achieve these goals. 1974, 1987, 2012

Financing
- Support adequate long-range financing for our public schools. 1962, 1968, 1970

Policy-Making
- Support a curriculum which includes academics, the arts, physical education and work skills. LWE 2004

Governance
- Support measures that clearly delineate authority and responsibility at the school building level and a governance structure that involves the community. 1997

Educational Reform
- Support educational reforms that address individual student needs and measures that allow innovation and flexibility in education. 1997

Administration
- Support the delegation of administrative functions to an appointed superintendent responsible to the board. 1962, 1970, 1971, 1987
- Support the school board and administration using all effective means of communicating with the public.
- The board must actively seek the counsel of parents, teachers, students and other citizens throughout all phases of the policy-making process. 1962, 1971
- Support the school board and administration establishing and implementing procedures for participation of school building staffs in district decision making.
School building staff should be involved in the district decision making processes which affect them and their work with students. 1987

**Teacher Compensation**

- Support teacher compensation systems that reflect geographic cost of living variables and special demographic factors, and that reward teacher growth and excellence. 1992

**Teachers**

- Support an evaluation system for teachers that includes information from multiple measures of student growth. The measures should reflect the overall performance of the student. 2012
- The following criteria should be used in determining a reduction in force (RIF) caused by budget reductions: seniority based on years of experience, teacher evaluations, and the needs of the school. 2012
- Support funding for professional development and teacher collaboration time as a priority for improving teacher effectiveness. 2012

**Citizen Participation in Budget Process**


**Children at Risk**

- Support programs and staff to provide early identification of children at risk and appropriate counseling and/or referral. 1985

**NATURAL RESOURCES**

- Support measures which are precautionary in their approach to the use of processes and materials which may have unintended harmful effects. 2004

**Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenbelts**

- Support comprehensive planning, acquisitions, development, preservation and use of parks, open spaces, unique areas, habitats, and green belts, both public and private, to provide a wide variety of facilities for all age groups. LWE 2004
- Support of the city's park and open space plan. MI 2004
- Support measures to achieve a well-maintained, adequately funded, diverse and safe system of parks, recreation and open space which is accessible to all, with emphasis on public service that is flexible and responsive to changing demographics and social needs. 1990.
- Support preservation, acquisition and enhancement of open spaces, selected ecosystems and environmentally sensitive areas, and promotion of environmental awareness and sense of stewardship in the public. 1990, 1991
- Support Seattle Center as a unique urban park with a wide variety of activities and open space made available to residents and to non-residents of the city. 1981, 1989

**Energy**

- Support the formulation of clearly-defined governmental policies on energy. 1975
- Support the adjustment of the economy to zero energy growth, and the establishment of a definite target date. 1975, 1982
- Support governmental controls to accomplish energy conservation. 1975, 1994
- Support research and development on a wide variety of new energy sources such as solar, solid waste, wind, geothermal, tides and nuclear fusion. 1975
- Deregulation of the electric industry should be approached cautiously because of its possible impact on the environment and various stakeholders. 1998

**Solid Waste Management**

- Support measures to achieve waste reduction and recycling of solid waste as a first priority with environmentally safe disposal of the remainder. 1985

**Air Quality**

- Support reducing the amount of carbon dioxide produced to achieve a sustainable system. Incorporate the best available science to achieve best practices which may include mitigation. 2005

**Litter**

- Support measures to control litter as an environmental and aesthetic problem. 2005
- Support the role of individuals, business, volunteer groups and government in controlling litter. 2005
- Support the efforts of all individuals/groups to change attitudes so a litter-free environment is valued. 2005

**Drainage and Wastewater Management**

- Support the development of governmental policies, legislation and processes for storm water
management that protect and maintain habitats as part of a sustainable ecosystem. 2009

- Support emerging scientifically-based practices that encourage best management practices, low impact development and natural drainage systems. 2009

**KING COUNTY**

**Governance**

- Support a county-wide policy-making body with legal authority to establish policy for functions which require area-wide solutions. 1997, 2000
- Support a form of county government that is representative of the areas governed. 1997, 2000
- Support a form of county government that would have the power and resources to carry out its functions including adequate financial resources. 1997, 2000, 2005
- Support increased efficiency and cost-effectiveness. 2000
- Support coordination and cooperation among all local governments, including ports, schools and special districts. 1997, 2000
- Support establishment of long-range goals, plans to attain them, and a performance budget in an understandable form, including a long-range capital improvement program. 1997, 2000
- Support maintaining discretionary county services, especially in the areas of health and human services. 2005
- Support cost containment through:
  - efficient administration of county systems
  - consolidation of special services, where appropriate
  - coordination between the cities and the county, particularly in the area of criminal justice
  - preventive services, including alternatives to incarceration. 2005
- Support the use of tools that would promote the annexation of urban areas, e.g. education, state mandates, and financial incentives. 2005

**Ethics in Government**

- Support ethics in government and measures to ensure that public officials and employees perform their responsibilities in the public interest in accordance with the highest ethical standards and measures to increase citizen confidence in government. 1994, 2000, 2003

**Courts**

- Support implementing a strong court administration responsible for unified customer service, efficient management systems and coordinated technology. 1999
- Support reducing jurisdictional overlap except to provide flexibility in dealing with case overloads. 1999
- Support changes to the judicial selection system that would ensure qualified judges, increase public awareness of judicial elections and provide the public the information needed to make informed decisions. 1999

**Special Districts**

- Support consolidation of like special districts and setting of minimum, enforceable, county-wide standards for special districts.

**Farmland**

- Support a flexible combination of governmental programs to prevent a nonreversible alteration to lands with prime or productive soils. The principal use of those lands should ultimately be food production. Governmental policies and programs including taxation and zoning should support King County agriculture (land and industry).

**Solid Waste Management**

- Support measures to achieve waste reduction and recycling of solid waste as a first priority with environmentally safe disposal of the remainder. 1985.
- Dependence on landfills for disposal of solid waste should be greatly reduced.

**Transportation and Growth Management**

- Support the concentration of population growth by coordinating growth management plans in order to support a mass transit system and to reduce sprawl. 2004
- Support a diverse, seamless, balanced transportation system that includes such features as regional and commuter rail, passenger-only and auto ferries, maximum development of high-occupancy vehicle lanes, express, local and feeder buses, transportation for special-needs, promotion of bicycle use, and adequate, safe pedestrian access to all transit and community services. 2004
- Support growth management/transportation planning and funding that includes cooperation
and coordination among transportation systems to implement effective regional multi-modal transportation choices. 2004

- Support the use of public transportation systems through incentives such as convenient, affordable, secure transit services and pricing disincentives such as user-based taxes. 2004
- Support incentives for additional employer auto-trip reduction programs. 2004
- Support adequate and secure park-and-ride lots, community transportation centers and transit-oriented development where appropriate. 2004
- Support an increase in the amount of state, regional and local transportation funds to implement the most appropriate high priority transportation improvements consistent with adopted growth management and transportation plans. 2004

- Support coordination among all levels of government and industry in order to (1) share equipment, money and expertise and (2) form regulations to control transportation of hazardous material. The response procedure should be simplified, allowing for a distinct chain of command and easy access to resource information. The importance of adequate training, for both the personnel responsible for transporting the hazardous material and the personnel handling the incidents, should be stressed. The funding for enforcement of regulations and training of personnel should be provided by the private sector and government. The state must provide adequate inspection and enforcement regulations. 2004

WASHINGTON STATE WATER RIGHTS AND GROUNDWATER PROTECTION

- Support the principle of maximum net benefits including human health and safety, riparian habitat, concurrency of supply with permitted demand, Indian treaty rights, protection of in-stream flow, and hydraulic continuity. 1996, 1999
- “Allocation of waters among potential uses and users shall be based on the securing of the maximum net benefits for the people of the state. Maximum net benefits shall constitute total benefits less cost including opportunities lost.” (Water Resources Act, 1971)
- Support federal and state standards and guidelines on a watershed basis. Other governments should meet or exceed federal and state regulations. County government should be the most restrictive. 1996
- All wells (Class A, B, and single family residential wells) should be measured and the data regarding water withdrawal, use and claims be reported to King County and the Department of Ecology.

PORT DISTRICTS

- Support public port districts as authorized by R.C.W. Title 53.04.01 (as of 1985) with emphasis on coordinated planning, public accountability, purposes of the port and environmental sensitivity. Puget Sound Leagues of Women Voters’ position adopted by LWV Seattle in 1982; amended in 1989.

REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY

- Support water conservation efforts by all users including education programs, voluntary and mandatory conservation requirements that take into account previous conservation efforts and alternative types of water reuse. 1996, 1999
- Support a regional approach to water resources, watersheds, basins, and aquifers and to the accountability of any decision-making bodies to citizens. 1999
- Support a legal framework to create a regional water entity to manage regional water development. 1996
A summary of our current state positions follows. You can find detailed information on each of them in Program In Action on the LWVWA web site www.lwvwa.org. (Hard copies are available for $3.00 upon request from the state League office.)

2011 – 2013 State Program: Positions in Brief

**Education** Action to support in principle the Basic Education Act (1977) and the Levy Lid Act. Action to obtain a balanced tax structure and to maintain uniform assessment practices to ensure equitable and sufficient financing. Action to support adequate and stable state funding of common schools in Washington including the costs of in-service training. Action to increase visibility, accessibility and accountability of the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education. Action to support closer links between schools and social services, so that every child is ready to learn. Action to support greater involvement of parents, an increased role in decision making for teachers, and more flexible state education requirements. Action to provide greater access to public higher education to all, at whatever point in life it can be beneficial. Action to expand the definition of Basic Education to include the birth to five years.

**Port Districts** Action to encourage cooperation among port districts, but with local options for voter control over major policy and expenditure decisions.

**Privatization** Core services, functions and assets critical to the well-being of the people, should remain with government and not be transferred to the private sector. Public agencies are required to make a documented finding of adequate return on investment for the public for any government contribution of funds or assets to the private sector, Government employees and elected officials after leaving government service should be prohibited for two years from working for any private company for which they had oversight responsibilities or authority over awarding contracts.

**Representative Government** Action to facilitate changes in the state constitution to achieve a representative and effective state legislature. Action to promote an informed electorate. Action to limit methods of financing political campaigns in order to ensure the public's right to know, combat undue influence, enable candidates to compete more equitably for public office and promote citizen participation in the election process. Action to support the initiative and referendum process, adopt improvements to the process and require additional information for voters. Action to protect the interests of all affected parties in considering the formation of new counties. Action to clarify in legislation the processes in county formation and to require that the entire county have the ability to vote on separation. Action to support election methods that promote "representative-ness," citizen participation and accountability and that produce proportional representation. Action to support a majority vote requirement if achieved through a mechanism such as Instant Runoff Voting (IRV). Action to support a primary that is "open" and encourages minor party participation if a primary continues to be used.

**State Tax Policy** Action to obtain a balanced tax structure that is fair, adequate, flexible and has a sound economic effect.

**Washington State and Indian Treaty Rights** Action to enhance salmon resources, establish a procedure for retrocession of jurisdiction to the tribes and support tribal land use planning of trust lands.

**Transportation**

**Transportation** The League supports a balanced state transportation policy that defines the role of the state and supports increases in funding to provide adequate revenue and flexibility for a multi-modal system of transportation.

**Natural Resources**

**Energy** Action to support an energy policy within Washington State. Action to educate the public on energy conservation. Action to establish incentives for efficient use of current energy sources and the greater use of alternative energy sources.

**Global Climate Change** See LWVUS Impact on Issues.

**Resource Management** Action to obtain coordinated planning and ensure environmental quality in the use of water, air and land resources. Action to insure that forest management is carried out in a manner that will sustain healthy forests, streams and habitats.

**Waste Management** Action for coordinated control and reduction of solid waste. Action to reduce the amount of hazardous waste generated in Washington and action to promote safe management of that waste which is produced, including toxics in the home.
Examples of Possible Hot Topics

Hot topics do not take the place of a full League year-long study, but address timely, hot button issues of concern to members. These can be the topic of a special event, a luncheon, a series of Voter articles, or an informational forum. These following ideas are suggestions to spur your thinking, but please don’t limit yourself to the topics listed here. Some are repeated from last year’s list of suggestions since, although time and scheduling did not permit their inclusion in our program calendar, they may still spark some interest among members. Bring your ideas to the program planning forum and unit meeting.

- New revenues for state and local governments.
- The local impact of income inequality
- Climate change
- Alternatives to incarceration
- The decline of middle-class wage jobs as a result of globalization and technology.
- Civics education
- School funding: what does a well-funded school system look like and how do we achieve it?
- How to achieve truth in campaign advertising
- Human trafficking . . . a local problem?
- Politics of food (emphasis on school lunch program)
- Women’s rights (particularly reproductive/health rights)
## Unit Meetings

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January Forum: Program Planning

Seattle First Baptist Church
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Thursday, January 10

6:30 p.m. - Unit/Discussion Leader Briefing
7:30 p.m. - Presentations

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