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Civil Discourse in Action: A Health Care Reform Dialogue in the 8th Congressional District

by Mary Coltrane, Civil Discourse Working Group

1/2/18 Update: This event is being postponed. More details will be provided by email and on the website as they become available.

Our civil discourse forum is coming together, and will take place on Saturday, February 17th, 2018, in Issaquah. We have asked a number of different organizations in the 8th Congressional District to reach out to their members and let them know about this event.

Of course, the League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County is one of the organizations on the list. We plan to send our email invitation as soon

after the holidays as possible. If you live in the 8th Congressional District, we look forward to hearing from you—and your neighbors! The email invitation will include a link so invitees can check that they're in the 8th District.

We've asked Senator Patty Murray, Senator Maria Cantwell, and Congressman Dave Reichert to join us. If they can't, we'll give them a summary of the day's discussions; we want them to know the ideas that come out of this unique event.

Here is what the forum will look like:

- Participants will receive a primer

on health care reform that provides background information on this sometimes confusing topic.

- Everyone will be assigned to a small discussion group. The groups will be balanced to include people from different political and ethnic backgrounds and people of all ages. Skilled facilitators will lead the discussion. Everyone will get a chance to share their views.

- Each group will share highlights of their discussion with the larger group. The League will prepare a summary of this information and make it available to elected

leaders.

To make sure small groups reflect the political and ethnic diversity of the 8th Congressional District, we are asking prospective participants to complete a survey via Survey Monkey. We will select participants based on who first registers, with the goal of creating balanced groups. We are going to live stream the event on Facebook. KNKX-FM 88.5 is our media partner.

If you are a skilled facilitator, we need your

**Skilled Volunteer
Facilitators
Needed!**

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Mission Statement

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Connecting with the Leadership

Happy New Year! Here's hoping that 2018 brings all of us much health, happiness, and success. No doubt many of us are also making resolutions for the new year, and the League of Women Voters is no different. In the September Voter, I introduced the Board's strategic plan for the League, and our three major goals for the organization:

1. Strengthen the League's infrastructure, technologically and organizationally.
2. Diversify and continuously engage the League's membership.
3. Develop and improve the quality of the League's programming and services.

In many ways these are the League's resolutions, though we have been working hard on these goals since last July. And just like any resolution, the goals were easy to set; the challenge is following through on them to success and completion.

A couple of years ago I read an article about best practices for sticking to your New Year's resolutions, as explained by a behavioral psychologist who specializes in behavior modification and motivation.* He suggested that people who are successful in meeting their goals or resolutions typically have clearly defined goals; track their progress; publicize goals to friends and family; and prioritize those goals on their schedules.

The interest of publicizing our goals to friends and family, I'd like to highlight some of the League's upcoming events that fall under the aim of the third goal, improving our programs and services.

First, our January forum is incredibly important, as it's one of only a few times each year that we come together as one

League to decide on the issues we want to study and learn about the "following" year (the fall of 2018). The hope is that the issues and ideas presented will lead to a more in-depth study, which in turn helps the League develop our "position" on an issue. (Our positions are available online at <http://seattlelwv.org/advocacy>.) Only when we have a position on an issue can we take action on it.

This year Program Co-Chairs Abigail Doerr and Alyssa Weed have organized a dynamic and different kind of forum—presentations will be made "PechaKucha" style, with 20 slides shown for 20 seconds each. The format is very lively and visual. In addition to League presenters, we are inviting other organizations and individuals outside the League to present to us on the issues and topics they would like to see us take on in the year ahead. Please make every effort to join us and have your voices heard at this event, which sets the stage for our upcoming programming.

Then in February, the League is sponsoring an event called "Civil Discourse in Action: A Health Care Reform Dialogue." This special event is much like a town hall or civic forum, where people with very divergent political views and backgrounds will come together to discuss a difficult topic in an informed, civil way. Former League President Mary Coltrane and a committee of very dedicated volunteers have been working hard on this event for months, even garnering the help and support of Puget Sound radio station KNKX.

Look for several other changes and improvements to our programs and services later this year, including a redesign of our Voter newsletter, a survey to our membership about the services and benefits you're getting, and partnerships with other

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Happy New Year's Day!	2	3	4 Forum: Program Planning 7:00 p.m.	5	6 LWVWA Action Workshop 9:00 a.m.
7	8 Voter Deadline	9	10	11 Internat'l Relations 7:00 p.m.	12	13 Board Meeting 10:00 a.m.
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Social Justice Comm. 3:00 p.m.	22	23	24	25 Education Comm. 11:00 a.m.	26	27 Econ. & Tax. Committee 9:30 a.m.
28	29	30	31	February 1 Forum: Budgets as Moral Documents 7:00 p.m.	2	3 Board Meeting 10:00 a.m.
4	5 Voter Deadline	6	7	8	9	10

Units meet during shaded period. See pages 17-18 for detailed unit meeting listings.

JANUARY

Forum: Program Planning
Thursday, January 4
7:00 p.m.
Seattle First Baptist Church

The Voter Deadline

Monday, January 9

Internat'l Relations Committee
Thursday, January 11
7:00 p.m.
909 E. Newton #D-9, Seattle

Board Meeting
Saturday, January 13
10:00 a.m.
League Office

Social Justice Committee
Sunday, January 21
3:00 p.m.
League Office

Education Committee
Thursday, January 25
11:00 a.m.
League Office

Econ. & Tax. Committee
Saturday, January 27
9:30 a.m.
909 E. Newton #D-9, Seattle

FEBRUARY

Forum: Budgets as Moral Doc.'s
Thursday, February 1
7:00 p.m.
Seattle First Baptist Church

Board Meeting
Saturday, February 3
10:00 a.m.

Winter Weather Reminder!

If Seattle Schools are delayed or closed, then the office will delay opening or be closed.

Call the office or check the website for the status of forums or other events.

Check with committee chairs and unit leaders to verify if those meetings will be cancelled.

Please stay safe!

Forum Schedule

<p>Jan 4 - Program Planning</p> <p>Feb 1 - Budgets as Moral Documents</p> <p>Mar 1 - Redistricting and the Census</p> <p>Apr 5 - Voting Patterns and Behavior</p>

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

Board Briefs

The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County and Education Fund Boards met on October 7, 2017. This is a summary of their work.

The Board met on Saturday, December 2, with a full agenda. One of the Liz Bander, Technology Chair, reviewed some technology upgrade proposals, including hardware but also new ideas for the League's website, social media, and internal communication.

The Board strongly opposed the US House bill to mandate "concealed carry" reciprocity among states, supporting the LWVUS. They also supported a commemorative walk at Green Lake on the fifth anniversary of the Sandy Hook School shooting. They encouraged everyone to attend the Action Workshop in January to learn to be a more effective advocate for the issues of importance to the League.

They supported the resolution from the Friends of Discovery Park regarding the Park's master plan. They have also been discussing whether to support a system of "ranked voting. They decided to table that issue for now, but would like to see it be the subject of a study.

Voter services wants to get out in the community more to raise the public's awareness of the League and what it does. They also want to identify groups to collaborate with and events to attend to diversify our membership.

Finally, planning is beginning for the spring's Voices of Democracy gala. Look for a stimulating speaker and an evening of good food, wine, and awards.

Leadership continued:

organizations that do important work on issues you care about. (But please help us out by attending the January forum to let us know what issues are important to you!)

The above outlines just a fraction of the events and initiatives we have planned for the year ahead; we still have two other major goals for our organization, and many tasks planned under those goals as well. If you would like to see a draft of our strategic plan, which is still a work in progress, please feel free to email me at president@seattlelwv.org.

It will take a tremendous effort—and since we're an all-volunteer organization, a strong willpower—to commit to those goals and stick to them just as we would stick to our resolutions. Please help keep us honest by letting us know how we're doing, and please resolve to keep the League vibrant and relevant in 2018 by setting aside some time on your schedules for volunteering or attending a League event. It will be the easiest and most rewarding resolution you make.

Stephanie Cirkovich
President

*See Kevin Kruse, *A Psychologist's Secrets to Making New Year's Resolutions Stick*, Forbes, Jan. 3, 2016, available at: <http://bit.ly/LWV-Forbes>.

Cover article continued:

help. There will be eight small groups, with seven people each. Making sure that the discussion goes well is critical to the success of this effort. If you would like to help with logistics, or as a note-taker, we welcome that as well. Send an e-mail to Mary Coltrane at Coltran_e@icloud.com to discuss.

We will alert the membership about how to view the live stream on Facebook, so you will be able to see how this works. It should be interesting!

The forum will open at 10:00 AM for coffee and scones, with discussion from 10:30 to 12:30. We'll confirm location details with participants.

Committees

Economics and Taxation Committee

DATE: Saturday, January 27

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

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

Education Committee

DATE: Thursday, January 25

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: League Office

Topic: Status of charter schools in Washington State.

International Relations Committee

DATE: Thursday, January 11

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

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

Social Justice Committee

DATE: Sunday, January 21

TIME: 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

PLACE: League Office

Have a question? The contact information for the committee chairs is listed on the inside back cover.

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

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

Diversity Policy

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

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

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

King County Connects — Announcements

SEATTLE WOMXN MARCHING FORWARD JANUARY 21, 2018

To celebrate last year’s Seattle Womxn’s March, this year is a day of action.

January 21, 2018, will be a citywide day of training, support, sharing, and action with your neighbors, nonprofit organizations, marginalized folks, grassroots, and social justice groups in Seattle. This year, we will honor the anniversary of the worldwide Women’s Marches with a day of action and place-based community building, demonstrating Seattle’s commitment to equitable outcomes for all.

Participating nonprofits and social justice groups will open their doors all over the city. Local businesses will host lectures and panels. In addition to on-site nonprofit events, there will be neighborhood hubs around the city. These hubs will serve as event spaces for concurrent events, grassroots groups who do not have a physical location, and place-based community building.

To learn more, go to the Facebook page for Seattle Womxn Marching Forward.

Be a Better Advocate: Come to the January 6 Action Workshop

Whether you advocate for the League of Women Voters from Olympia or from your home computer, you will learn the issues coming up in the 2018 legislative session and how to communicate LWV positions effectively.

This is the third Action Workshop for the upcoming legislative session sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Washington. You can register for the workshop at lwvwa.org. Location is Seattle First Baptist Church, where we hold most forum sessions.

The workshop starts at 9:00 AM on Saturday, January 6, for coffee and muffins. Session starts at 9:30 and will include presentations by our contract lobby team; Marilyn Watkins of the Economic Opportunity Institute speaking to Revenue and Inequality concerns, Anna Fahey of Sightline Institute on effective messaging; the perspectives of two legislators from King County; and speed dating with our lobby team members.

Cost is \$25, including lunch and coffee. Pay parking is adjacent to Seattle First Baptist Church, where the workshop will be held. Metro routes 2 and 13 stop right in front of the church at 1111 Harvard Ave. and routes on Broadway are just a block away.

Please contact Pat Griffith at 206-285-2452 or email pgseattle@q.com if you would like to volunteer to help with food, registration, or assembling materials before the workshop.

**GETTING ENGAGED:
AN ORIENTATION TO THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**

Are you new to the League? Would you like a refresher on what the League is all about? Learn . . .

- Background of the League
- What does “nonpartisan” really mean?
- Action vs. Education
- Studies and Positions

And more! And refreshments!

Please join us.
Saturday, February 17, 2018
10:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Church of the Redeemer
6210 NE181st St.
Kenmore, WA 98028

RSVP to membership@seattlelwv.org

A Note about the New Member Orientation

By Lea Galanter

I attended a New Member Orientation in 2017 after joining the League in November 2016. In a room at the Ballard Library packed with new members, I met and shared with other like-minded women eager to participate in the democratic process. The orientation helped me learn more about the League, its organization, and the policies and principles that guide its political activism. Through the orientation, I discovered that the League does more than register voters and publish election information. The orientation showed me how to be politically engaged in a way that meets my passion. I came away realizing I was now part of the long history of involved women making a difference.

Getting Connected Membership News

By Cathy O'Shea, Membership Chair

Oh, if I could but live another century and see the fruition of all the work . . . ! There is so much yet to be done.—Susan B. Anthony

I love history, so New England is always a treat to visit. As I've grown older, and wiser, I see history differently and think more of the individuals and their lives than just the historic events they went through. So, as I visited Boston last month, the statues of people I have never heard of suddenly came to life. This city, with its strong sense of historical preservation, symbols to reinforce the values of democracy, education, and faith are everywhere in the city, from the Freedom Trail line marker to the preserved buildings, to the sayings and statues of the people, famous and not so famous, who created this city and impacted the world.

They are mostly not CEOs, albeit some were prosperous, politicians, bishops, or generals, and these figures certainly get recognition. But they were also authors and activists, people with outlandish ideas that are the

basis for our country and communities today.

And, I realized that we are continuing their work. Crazy ideas, like an income tax in Washington, belief in the care and equality of all people (the Veteran's Levy), the importance of public education and real information (our Speakers Bureau), and an endearing commitment to enrich our community through support and change.

From Abigail Adams and Lucy Stone to Marinda Gifford, the first woman dentist in Chatham, MA in 1903 (way before she could vote!). We stayed at her home, which made me aware that we all become a part of our communities. Whether we lead or support, we all contribute to create the history of tomorrow.

We've had 24 people join the League in the last few months! We welcome you all and hope you can join us at the new member orientation (details on the previous page). If not, we look forward to meeting you during the forums, unit, and committee meetings.

Welcome to New Members:

Thessalonika Benny
Julie Benson
Uzma Butte
Michael Caplow
Leslie Dammeier
Erin Drury Moore
Blair Einterz
Maryann Gray
Marian Jensen
Chelsea Jordan
Shari Kaufman
John Kennedy

Megan Kogut
Jacquie Mahoney
Eve McClure
Patricia McCreary
Susan Peters
Florence Peterschmidt
Charlotte Rasmussen
Kerry Reid
James Rindfuss
Amy Trainer
Linda Wager
Simone Wu

Features

Calling BS in an Age of Misinformation

By Kiku Hayashi

A special LWV year-end program was given by University of Washington professors Jevin West and Carl Bergstrom on December 7 at Benaroya Hall. “Calling BS,” a class in examining information with a critical eye, especially on social media, has become a very popular class at the University, and colleges and universities around the country have requested the syllabus, so the class is spreading.

The professors, in a fast-paced, alternating-presenter style, began with an overview of how information has been passed down through the centuries, beginning with illuminated manuscripts to today’s social media. Although “BS” has been passed on throughout history, it’s much easier to spread it in today’s fast-paced information world. They gave several examples of BS from current events that spread quickly and were widely believed by some. For example, the pedophile ring supposedly run by Clinton supporters at the Comet Pizza house actually resulted in someone who believed it taking it on himself to “rescue” the children and destroy the place. Even though the man was arrested and the entire story completely debunked, some people still maintained that it was true. Another example given was about sighting of singer Taylor Swift on a date with Senator Joseph McCartney. One recipient quickly pointed out that despite the “proof” of the photo taken of the date, Senator McCarthy has been dead for 50 years, long before the young singer was even born.

When dealing with fake news, recipients must question the source: Who is telling me this? How do they know? What’s in it for them? We should not be intimidated by authoritative-sounding sources with their graphs and tables. And we should avoid “confirmation bias” situations, in which we believe something because it supports our already decided opinions.

Is it possible that we will someday have an automated fake news detector? Probably not, since it’s harder to detect than spam. It should be noted that despite the ease of proliferating fake news, it takes far more effort to retract it. Professor West also believes that published research (information that has been vetted by peer review) should have a conflict of information disclaimer.

The League was acknowledged for its long-standing efforts to provide useful and timely information to the voter. But their advice to us was: Think more. Share less.

The presenters will publish a book in Spring 2018. Information about the publication’s availability will be provided by the League.

Our thanks to our presenters for a very special program. And thanks to Christy Wood, Ed Fund Treasurer, who coordinated the rental of Benaroya for this program.

Great Decisions Discussion Group

By Rosalie McCreary

The Great Decisions discussion group meetings begin on Tuesday, February 13. Briefing books will be shipped in January. If you haven't yet ordered, you can still contact fpa.org or Google Great Decisions for the Foreign Policy Association website to order.

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion group on world affairs. The program involves reading the brief book, watching a DVD, and then discussion.

Great Decisions 2018 topics are:

- The Waning of Pax Americana: February 13
- Russia's Foreign Policy: February 27
- China and America: The New Geopolitical Equation: March 13
- Media and Foreign Policy: March 27
- Turkey: A Partner in Crisis: April 10
- U.S. Global Engagement and the Military: April 24
- South Africa's Fragile Democracy: May 8
- Global Health: Progress and Challenges: May 22

It promises to be a fascinating year. For more information, call Rosalie McCreary 206-687-7415.

Meetings will be at 909 E. Newton Street, Seattle, Unit D Seattle. Street parking is available and the number 49 bus is a half block away on 10th Ave E. The meeting begin at 7:15 PM with coffee and cookies, then discussion from 7:30 to 9:00. Meetings will be at this location every other Tuesday, ending on May 22.

Seattle Waterfront Construction Is Starting

By Charles and Nancy Bagley,
Waterfront Committee

After almost ten years of community meetings and planning and design, the City has started to break ground on a new waterfront for all. Construction to rebuild Pier 62 began in December. Pier 62 is the pier north of the Aquarium. The official Pier 62 is entirely attached to Pier 63; 62 is the south 40 percent and 63 the north 60 percent of the visible area. The rebuilt public park will be one of the first parts of the new waterfront to open to the public in late 2019.

The original Framework Plan for Piers 62/63 included a roller skating park atop the pier, and on its south, a barge containing a saltwater swimming pool. These impractical ideas are now replaced by an open space for events (as the piers had been used in the past) and, on the south, a floating dock for small boat landing. Between Pier 62 and the Aquarium there is to be a natural, sloping shore and a shallow water habitat, probably not with public access.

The City plans to replace the old wood piles with steel piles; replace the old timber deck with a textured concrete deck; install a new railing; add utilities to support events; embed solar-powered LED lighting in the deck; add light-penetrating grating; and reduce overwater coverage by 1,800 square feet, which increases sunlight to the water below.

BOOK REVIEW by Vicky Downs

You're More Powerful Than You Think: A Citizen's Guide to Making Change Happen

By Eric Liu

Where does power come from?

Eric Liu tells us about migrant workers who hand-picked tomatoes and were “entrapped in debt peonage...the very definition of powerlessness.” Yet they began to meet in a local church and “resolved, together, to act.” They organized work stoppages, then larger strikes, followed by mass marches. The press noticed and after five years the workers got a raise. They did not stop, but went on to challenge supermarkets and fast food chains that bought tomatoes in bulk. Eventually Taco-Bell, McDonald's, and Burger King agreed to raise wages and reform their supply chain. In 2014 WalMart followed suit.

The author asks us, if people “who started where they started could learn power and transform their lives, can't anyone?”

He suggests that if any of us believe change is needed, “ask yourself: ‘Who runs this place?’” Who has the power? Once you have those answers, ask, “How could this be different?”

How do we find the power to make changes? To do so we need to understand power itself.

Liu defines it as “the capacity to ensure that others do as you would want them to do.” He warns us, “Power is a kind of language.... If you don't learn how to practice power, someone else will do it for you...and often against your interests.” Fortunately, power itself is neutral: “it is no more inherently good or evil than fire or physics. It just is.”

He shows us how to understand it. I learned that “power accumulates and justifies itself.” How could that work? We know lobbying is mostly done by and for the very rich. They and their lobbyists often justify their

power by saying it is “not just deserved but natural.” They then suggest they've worked hard for their just desserts.

Fortunately, we learn that “power is infinite” and can be conjured up, even by those who think they have none at all. This happened in Ferguson, Missouri. It began with the outrage at the police who killed Michael Brown, an unarmed teenager. Then “Progressives turned the hashtag #BlackLivesMatter into a rallying cry and the basis for reform agents.” Reformists are still working on this, but more people are demanding that the justice system treat all citizens with fairness and respect.

Liu takes it further. He says, “We're in a period where people across the political spectrum from right to left are pushing back and recognizing that the only remedy is to convert this feeling of ‘not enough say’ into ‘demanding a say.’”

This book is a call to action for those who want change. The first thing to do is to get together with others to discuss what specifically needs to be altered or transformed. Once there is a clear topic—homelessness for example—then it is time to decide on the first step. There will be many steps thereafter, and probably a number of failures and retries, but a win comes with tenacity and flexibility.

Liu founded Citizen University, a nonprofit citizen participation organization in Seattle. Programs at the University are geared to cultivate “the values, knowledge and skills of effective citizenship.” He knows whereof he speaks, and this is his how-to book for the activists among us.

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

Program: Program Planning

2018 - 2019

Local Program Planning

Choosing issues for study and emphasis
for the coming year

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.*

This year, we will be participating in the program planning process at the local level. Please prepare for the program planning unit meetings by reviewing the local positions for completeness and relevance. Links to our full positions can be found on our website, seattlelwv.org/advocacy. For a print copy call the LWVS-KC office.

Local Program Planning

At the local level, program planning consists of identifying the issues League should be working on in the coming year. The first step is to review the existing positions and determine whether we need new positions in order to be able to act on a current issue; whether any existing positions need to be updated; and whether there are positions that are no longer relevant and should be eliminated.

If members see a need for new local positions, they may want to suggest a study. An appropriate issue for a study must:

- fall within the principles of the LWV;
- be one on which governmental action is needed;
- be within the province of local government;
- be one to which the League can make a significant contribution; and
- be timely.

In addition, options must exist for citizen action, and there must be sufficient energy within League to carry out the work of a study committee.

Please note that studies are adopted by the League at the Annual Meeting in May. By that time, members interested in working on the study should have defined a scope and focus for the study.

The focus is the statement of the main topic for study. It should be clear and direct, but general enough to be flexible as the study proceeds.

This: A study of housing alternatives in Happyville for the elderly.

Not this: A study of housing.

The scope is the statement explaining the extent and limits of the study. It is not a list of planned activities or meetings.

Focus: A study of utilities in Happyville.

Scope: A study of the administration, cost, and availability of utilities in Happyville, in particular the public water system.

There are, however, many current issues on which our positions are up-to-date, but on which League action or citizen education is nevertheless desirable. Such issues are appropriate for “hot topic” forums. Unlike studies, hot topics need not be limited to local issues. The planning form on page 21 lists the most popular topics suggested by our members and committees. We ask units to pick their top three from this list and rank them 1, 2, 3. In addition, we ask members to indicate which topics they might be willing to work on. This does not require a huge commitment of time; it simply means helping to find speakers and background readings for one month’s program. But we do need such help: the topics that appear on the final schedule will be those on which people are willing to work.

REPORTING FORM: 2017-2018 LOCAL PROGRAM PLANNING SUGGESTIONS
1. New study or update proposal

Topic/focus:

Members willing to work on issue (please indicate whether you would be willing to chair a study committee):

2. Hot topic selections

Please make three choices from the topics below and rank according to which ones members would most like to see in next year's program. 1 is the highest rank.

Topic	Rank	Interested Members
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Parks Management

Fake News

Environmental Regulations

Police department issues

Mental health issues

Local taxation & tax policy

Stronger local gun control

College funding & debt load on young adults

3. Other suggestions

If there is a topic (including those listed above) that at least three members of your unit would be willing to work on, please list it below.

Topic

Interested Members

4. Comments on program & the planning process

Program Planning forms must be returned to the League office by January 24th.

Unit Meetings

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

Unit Leader email	Phone	Time	Location
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Monday, January 8			
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SOUTH SEATTLE - Marian Wolfe and Vivian Montoya

hedgwolfe@aol.com	206-763-9430	5:30 p.m.	Third Place Books - downstairs
montoyaviv@gmail.com	206-695-2620		5041 Wilson Ave. S, Seattle

Wednesday, January 10			
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NORTHEAST SEATTLE (formerly View Ridge) – Gail Winberg

winbergeng@Q.com	206-524-7801	12:45 p.m.	Brig Bldg. (6344) in Magnuson Park 7400 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle
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Directions: Go into the Park through North entrance at 74th and drive EAST toward water. At the STOP sign, turn LEFT to park in front of the Brig, or RIGHT, for more parking.

QUEEN ANNE/MAGNOLIA/BALLARD EVENING - Kathy Pugh and Marlis Worthington

ckp1966@comcast.net	503-580-1240	7:30 p.m.	Magnolia Church of Christ
marliswrt@hotmail.com	206-283-7147		3555 W McGraw St, Seattle

Thursday, January 11			
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MERCER ISLAND – Paneen Davidson

paneenie@gmail.com	206-466-2023	9:30 a.m.	Emmanuel Episcopal Church 4400 86th Ave SE, Mercer Island
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ISSAQUAH – Margaret Austin

margaret.austin@comcast.net	425-392-5760	10:00 a.m.	Echo Room, Issaquah City Hall 130 East Sunset Way, Issaquah
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SOUTHEAST KING COUNTY/ENUMCLAW - Cathy Dormaier

clcathy@skynetbb.com	360-802-6799	12:00 p.m.	Location: contact unit leader
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NORTH CENTRAL SEATTLE – Jan Orlando

orlanre@aol.com	206-524-0936	1:00 p.m.	Hostess: contact unit leader
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(Unit times and locations subject to change; please verify with unit leader.)

Unit Leader email Phone Time Location

Monday, January 15

FIRST HILL – Adele Reynolds

adelereynolds@netscape.net 206-621-4867 10:30 a.m. Horizon House, Forum & Social Room
900 University St., Seattle

NORTH KING COUNTY – Judy Deiro/Lea Galanter

judy.deiro@gmail.com 425-774-1492 7:00 p.m. Third Place Commons, Stadler Mtg Room
leagal99@hotmail.com 425-820-9096 17171 Bothell Way NE, Lake Forest Pk.

CAPITOL HILL/MONTLAKE –

206-329-4848 7:15 p.m. Hostess: Linnea Hirst
1602 E McGraw St., Seattle
206-322-3076

Tuesday, January 16

WEST SEATTLE – Ethel Williams/Pat Lane

etheljw@comcast.net 206-932-7887 1:00 p.m. Daystar Retirement Village
pgblain11@gmail.com 206-932-1578 2615 SW Barton, Seattle

Thursday, January 18

DOWNTOWN/PIONEER SQUARE – Carla Chavez

carla.chavez@icloud.com 972-757-4963 5:30 p.m. Cherry Street Public House
210 Occidental Ave S, Seattle

Friday, January 19

UNIVERSITY HOUSE/WALLINGFORD – Janet Kime

kraftyjanet@comcast.net 206-588-0988 2:00 p.m. University House, San Juan Room
4400 Stone Way N, Seattle

Saturday, January 20

BALLARD/MAGNOLIA/QUEEN ANNE DAY – Janet Anderson

janetranderson@msn.com 206-285-2460 10:00 a.m. Hostess: Rosalie McCreary
3837 25th Ave W, Seattle
206-687-7415

BELLEVUE/KIRKLAND/REDMOND – Cathy O’Shea

cathy_oshea@yahoo.com 425-753-4182

*No meeting this month. Members
should try to attend another unit.*

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Term	Executive Committee			
2017-19	<i>President</i>	Stephanie Cirkovich	206-329-4848	president@seattlelwv.org
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Forum: Program Planning

Thursday, January 4

6:30 p.m. — Doors open

7:00 p.m. — Program begins

Seattle First Baptist Church
1111 Harvard Ave (at Seneca)
Seattle, WA 98122

Forums are free and open to the public

PechaKucha style program

An assortment of speakers will present quick powerpoint slideshows to stimulate ideas for what topics the League should be focusing on for the coming year.