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Forget New Year's Resolutions— It's Program Planning Time

by Alyssa Weed, Program Chair

The new year is upon us again, and it's time for our annual Program Planning forum! As you've heard by now, we're changing the way we as a League approach forums and events, and this will be your first opportunity to make your mark on what you think the League should be focusing on in the year ahead. Whether you're a longtime League member with years of experience or a new member still looking for where you fit in, we're so excited to invite you to join us in making decisions about the year to come.

We'll hear from Committee Chairs on what their committee does, what they're focusing on in 2019, and how you can become involved. Then you'll have the chance to pitch your own ideas for events, forums, new committees, and special research projects. You'll get one minute on the mic to make a suggestion; afterwards you'll be sorted into groups based on your interests and given the opportunity to mix and mingle among like-minded Leaguers.

The goal is for you to find "your people" in the League who are committed to the same issues as you and to give you the opportunity to start planning your own League events. All ideas will be carefully reviewed by the Board and appropriate committees to ensure you have the support (and greenlight!) to proceed with your vision. See pages 14-16 for information about planning a program.

One of our greatest assets as a League is our wide range of interests and experiences. We all bring something valuable to the table—whether that's a deep knowledge of inner League workings, a fresh perspective on hot button issues, or keen event planning skills. I'm so honored to serve as your Program Chair and look forward to everything we'll achieve together in 2019 and beyond.

As always, if you have any questions or comments about the January Forum or the new Program format don't hesitate to reach out via email at afweed1@gmail.com. I'd also like to introduce you all to our brand-new Program Committee: Heather Kelly, Zara Kublin, and Rachel Knight. These amazing Leaguers will be joining me in breathing fresh life into our Program arm, so stay tuned — you won't want to miss a thing!

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Mission Statement

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

Connecting with the Leadership

In early December I had the pleasure of meeting with several unit leaders from around King County to talk about the state of the League, our strategic plan, and of course the League's evolving Program structure, which Program Chair and 2nd VP Alyssa Weed wrote about in last month's Voter. Organized by Unit and Committee Liaison Zara Kublin and hosted by the always gracious Adele Reynolds at Horizon House, this "mini-retreat" was the first in what I hope will be a quarterly series of meetings to connect our units to one another and to the work that the larger League of Women Voters is doing.

While we estimate that only about 20 percent of our membership actively participates in a unit, the League members who regularly attend unit meetings tend to be our most active members and are the backbone of our organization. Our LWV chapter defines unit as a neighborhood-based discussion group where members study issues of concern and interest to our members, reach consensus on certain topics, and help the Board develop "positions" on important subjects. (If you're not familiar with our positions, you can find them at <http://bit.ly/LWVSKC-positions>.)

It's important to note that not all local League chapters have units—many of them are just too small to break up into even smaller groups. As one of the largest local chapters in the United States with more than 700 members, geographically based units are a logical way for our League to divide and conquer our work. It's also important to note that not all of our units operate as purely "discussion groups." Every unit is different. Many of them are more action-oriented and focus on voter registration, get out the vote efforts, and other activities that

are core to our mission. League chapters across the country are reporting a similar trend, where members are shifting from study and discussion to more advocacy and action-oriented work.

Along with this shift to more action-oriented efforts has come a corresponding shift in the traditional unit structure. Attendance at unit meetings has dwindled in the past several years, and some longstanding units (especially in South King County) have disbanded. Because the League isn't conducting any studies—more on that in just a bit—there aren't any "consensus questions" for units to discuss and relay back to the study organizers. In their place, the Board has been publishing somewhat lighter "discussion questions" on a topic du jour, but this has vexed some units to such a degree that they refuse to meet because they think the questions don't merit discussion.

So this puts us in a quandary. Without any studies going on, there are no "consensus questions" to ask our members. But we are finding that our members aren't interested in undertaking any studies, either. Furthering this Catch-22 is that the League's solid reputation and credibility are built on these studies; our nonpartisan, 360-degree look at an issue is what sets us apart from other organizations that only dabble in democracy. While our discussion questions may lack the gravitas that a series of questions posed to develop a position on homelessness or early childhood education, for example, they are our attempt at making unit meetings worthwhile for those units that are primarily discussion-based and would rather focus on topical content than advocacy-related work.

Put differently, the Board is doing all it can

January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Happy New Year's Day	2	3	4	5 Board Meeting 10 a.m.
6	7	8 Int'l Relations Comm. Mtg. 7 p.m.	9	10 Forum: Program Plan. 7 p.m.	11 Voter Deadline	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 MLK Jr. Holiday	22	23	24 Education Committee Meeting 11 a.m.	25	26 Econ & Tax Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m.
27	28	29	30	31	February 1	2 Board Meeting 10 a.m.
3	4	5 Int'l Relations Comm. Mtg. 7 p.m.	6	7	8	9

January

Board Meeting
Saturday, January 5
10:00 a.m.
League Office

Forum: Program Planning
Thursday, February 10
7:00 p.m.

Internat'l Relations Committee
Tuesday, January 8
7:15 p.m.
909 E. Newton #D-9, Seattle

The Voter Deadline

Friday, January 11

Education Committee
Thursday, January 24
11:00 a.m.
League Office

Econ. & Tax. Committee
Saturday, January 26
9:30 a.m.
909 E. Newton #D-9, Seattle

February

Board Meeting
Saturday, February 2
10:00 a.m.
League Office

Internat'l Relations Committee
Tuesday, February 5
7:15 p.m.
909 E. Newton #D-9, Seattle

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

January 10: Program Planning

The League frequently presents public forums on issues of public interest. 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

by Katie Dudley, Secretary

The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County and Education Fund Boards met on December 1, 2018. This is a summary of their meeting.

This last Board meeting of the year was not as long as some recent meetings, since the election was already over and as with membership, the Board turns inward for the holidays.

During the meeting, when discussing the treasurer's report, the Board discussed ways to be creatively frugal in order to preserve funds. Meanwhile, membership continued to grow in November, and membership of the Seattle-King County League of Women Voters remains one of the highest counts in the nation.

While discussing communication and outreach, the Board discussed both content for upcoming Voter issues and things that we would like to see, for instance, a regular column regarding issues on the Eastside. As ever, if there is anything you'd love to see in *The Voter*, please reach out to the Board so that we can begin to include it.

The December 8 retreat at Horizon House was on schedule as planned. To that end, the Board would also like to identify new ways to engage individuals and units to ensure that membership is happy and engaged in a variety of ways.

For Program Planning, the annual January Planning Forum is in the works with a job fair format. We want to encourage members of the League to find their niches. If you want to see a topic receive coverage, let us know and attend the planning forum!

In old business, the Board discussed ongoing concerns and activities as identified by level of urgency and assessed their completeness during this time. One thing the Board discussed was the possibility of a field trip to King County Elections headquarters.

The Education Fund Board then met and discussed development. The Voices of Democracy celebration is scheduled for March 27th. It should be a lively event, with former Interior Secretary Sally Jewell as special guest. We look forward to seeing you there.

Voter Services again discussed Observer Corps and how best to implement it. Again, if this is something you are interested in, please let us know!

Happy New Year!

Committees

Economics and Taxation Committee

DATE: Saturday, January 26

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

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

Education Committee

DATE: Thursday, January 24

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: League Office

International Relations Committee

DATE: Tuesday, January 8

TIME: 7:15 p.m.

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

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.

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

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

Voices of Democracy Awards & Dinner

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Special Guest: Sally Jewell



Though born in London, Sally Jewell grew up in King County and graduated from Renton High School in 1973. She received a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Washington and worked in the oil and banking industries before becoming Chief Executive Officer of REI in 2000. A lifelong outdoors enthusiast, Sally helped found the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust and has been recognized for her leadership in conservation and environmental protection efforts by the National Audubon Society and the Woodrow Wilson Center, among others. In 2013, she was nominated by President Barack Obama to serve as United States Secretary of the Interior,

where she expanded access to national parks and acted as steward for 20% of the nation's land. She was the second woman in history to hold the position. Currently Sally has returned to UW, her alma mater, to teach and help shape the future of EarthLab, a new university-wide institute that seeks to connect scholars with community partners to solve our most difficult environmental problems.

Rather than deliver a keynote address, Sally will participate in a question and answer session at the Voices of Democracy dinner. While she will answer audience questions at the event, we are also soliciting questions ahead of time. If you could ask Sally Jewell anything, what would that be? Share your questions at info@seattlelwv.org.

League Joins Forces with Dignity for Divas to Help Women Experiencing Homelessness

The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County is joining forces with Dignity for Divas (www.dignityfordivas.org), a nonprofit that supports women experiencing homelessness, and we'll be kicking off our partnership at the Forum on January 10 with collection boxes for their two areas of focus: the "Diva Survival Kit" and the "Welcome Home Kit." We will be collecting the following new and unused items at all League-wide events:



Welcome Home Wish List

- Dishwashing detergent
- Liquid Dish Soap
- Laundry Soap/Bleach
- 2 Towels 2 Washcloths
- Dish Set (4 count)
- Pot and Pan set
- Glassware
- White shower curtain/liner/shower rings
- Bakeware set (basic)
- Dish Towel
- Oven Mitts
- Household Cleaner
- Tupperware set
- Cookware Utensils

Diva Survival Kit Wish List

- Sanitary Napkins
- Underwear
- Washcloths
- Lip Balm
- Brush
- Comb/Brushes
- Toothpaste (trial size)/Toothbrush
- Trial size lotions
- Socks
- Trial size shampoo/conditioner
- Individual wipes
- Bars of soap
- Trial size deodorant
- Earrings (when available)
- Lipstick/Makeup



Features

International Relations Committee Report

By Kim Peterson, Committee Chair

The International Relations Committee is looking for people to help with our prospective study on the hidden arms race in cyber weapons. LWVUS has positions on conventional, nuclear, biological, and chemical arms and arms races, but there is no current position on cyber weapons and the arms race that is occurring out of public view. The study would depend upon, from most known to least known: actual attacks that have occurred here and abroad, vulnerabilities both private and public, and the destructiveness of

cyber weapons. We are finding out that information technologies that use just bytes and bits have a real impact on us, but we need old-fashioned information (including information about the information that is hidden) to determine policy. Join with us for a study of a new and exciting topic.

The International Relations Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:15 PM at 909 E. Newton St., #D-9, Seattle. All are welcome.

BOOK REVIEW by Vicky Downs

Factfulness: Ten Reasons We're Wrong About the World – And Why Things Are Better Than You Think

By Hans Rosling with Ola Rosling and Anna Rosling Ronnlund

Hans Rosling asks simple questions about things such as “Where does the majority of the world live?” In low-, middle-, or high-income countries? The answer is a surprise to most: it is middle-income countries. When he asks “what percentage of girls in low-income countries finish primary school?” even Nobel Laureates tend to get it wrong, thinking it is 20 percent, though the answer is 60 percent. Most people think the world’s population living in extreme poverty has almost doubled in the last two decades, when the truth is that extreme poverty has almost halved.

The author shows us a number of reasons why we tend to think everything is getting worse. The media wants our attention and they know that violence, disasters, and corruption grab us. They therefore unintentionally provide us with an overly dramatic worldview, which is both misleading and stressful.

The good news is that “the vast majority of the world’s population lives somewhere in the middle of the income scale, where girls go to school, children get vaccinated, and “often go somewhere on holidays.” In fact, “though the world faces huge challenges, we have made tremendous progress.” Unfortunately, improvements tend to come gradually and seldom appear dramatic enough for the media to bring to our attention.

How can we deal with dramatic but misleading media presentations? Rosling says, “We need to learn to control our drama intake.” He shows us a number of ways to see ourselves being misled and how to find a more “factful” view of the world.

One thing we do that does not help is to see the world in terms of gaps such as “haves” and “have-nots,” or “developed” vs “developing” countries. If “the majority

doesn't live in low-income countries, then where does it live?" Surely not in the high-income countries. The author urges us to think in terms of four income levels and by doing so, shows us many ways in which life has improved and is becoming more reliable for most people, even though well educated people are likely to live at a somewhat higher level. Because we live quite well, those who live less well can seem "poor," even though their lifestyle has in fact improved.

Another issue that it is difficult to deal with is the emotional impact itself of dramatic "news." Our ancestors survived in part thanks to their fear instinct. They learned it was worthwhile paying attention to scary things. However, we live in a relatively safe world, so we should check reality. Among other practical ways to control our inner biases, Rosling suggests we make an effort to calm down, because "when you are afraid you see the world differently. 'Dangerous' and 'frightening' are different things. 'Dangerous' poses a real risk, whereas 'frightening' poses only a perceived risk." Much of the daily news shows us what is frightening to contemplate, but is not actually dangerous.

Rosling lists many things that are getting better, such as life expectancy, which is rising worldwide to 72 years, and for Americans even longer. Other global improvements include these: oil spills are down from 636 in 1979 to 6 in 2016, plane crash deaths per 10 billion passenger miles were 2,100 in 1929-35 and were only 1 between 2012 and 2016, and there was one country with equal rights for women and men in 1892 and 193 in 2017.

Rosling provides us with many ways to find "factfulness" rather than allow ourselves to be manipulated by advertisements or by the media that claim our attention to make our hearts race rather than offer facts that we can consider more mindfully. He provides several ways to avoid the drama, and asks us to "fight devastating ignorance with a fact-based worldview."

I agree with Bill Gates who says this book is an "indispensable guide to thinking clearly about the world."

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

Education Committee Report

By Joanna Cullen, Committee Chair

Our two meetings in November included presentations by Puget Sound Educational Service District Deputy Superintendent Frank Ashby on the 15th and Seattle School District Deputy Superintendent Stephen Nielsen and Seattle Public Schools Chief Financial Officer JoLynn Berge on the 19th.

The meeting in December was to discuss our understandings of the information from these sources and other research that we have done. Following the holidays we will resume meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Our discussions in October and November were intended to help lay a foundation for understanding the implications of McCleary funding and its impact on various districts, along with the intent, the needs, and the gaps as some local districts go their voters for levy support.

In October, T.J. Kelly, Director of School Apportionment and Financial Services, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, led us through a discussion regarding the impact of McCleary funding on school districts as a whole.

Leadership continued

to make being a member of the League a worthwhile, meaningful experience. The rest is up to you and what you want to make of it. Do you participate in a unit but feel the discussion is lacking? Maybe suggest a topic of discussion to the Board or see if other members want to delve into an issue you think is important. Don't participate in a unit but you'd like to do more to get voters registered? Email or call one of the unit leaders listed in *The Voter* and see what their unit is about—you don't have to live in that neighborhood to attend meetings, and many of our units are very active outside their own communities. Don't see a unit in your area, or all the unit meetings are at really inconvenient times? Start a new unit and meet up with other like-minded people to have the kind of experience that will really mean something to you!

And if you do participate in a unit, please take a moment at your next meeting to

thank your unit leader(s) for everything they do for the League. We got so many great ideas from our mini-retreat; I could have talked to our group at Horizon House all day long. We'll be slowly implementing some of their suggestions in the coming months, so expect to see more ways for units and members to connect directly with one another and with our League leadership.

Finally, I strongly encourage you all to join us at the January 10 forum on Programming. We need your input on what to talk about, what to study, what information to present to you—you are what makes this organization work, so let your voice be heard! Thank you for everything you do to empower voters and defend democracy.



Stephanie Cirkovich
President



Unit Leader Meeting. Back row, l-r: Cynthia Butler (Northeast Seattle), Toni Okada (Mercer Island), Rita Schulte (Bellevue), Cathy O'Shea (Bellevue), Judy Love (Issaquah), Zara Kublin (LWV Board), Judy Deiro (North King County), Vivian Montoya (South Seattle), Cathy Dormaier (Enumclaw/SE King County), Linnea Hirst (Capitol Hill/Montlake). Front row: Kiku Hayashi (LWV Board), Adele Reynolds (First Hill), and Paneen Davidson (Mercer Island). Not pictured: Janet Anderson (Ballard/Magnolia/Queen Anne).

GREAT DECISIONS 2019

Great Decisions topics for 2019 could not be more timely. The topics are:

Refugees and Global Migration.

Today, no countries have open borders. Every state in today's global system has its own laws and policies about who is permitted to cross its borders, and how they will do so. Who determines whether someone is a refugee or a migrant? How have different countries, including the United States, reacted to migration? How effective are the international laws, policies, and organizations that have evolved to assist and protect refugees and migrants?



The Middle East: Regional Disorder. As the presidency of Donald J. Trump passes the halfway point, the Middle East remains a region in turmoil. The Trump administration has aligned itself with strongmen in Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Egypt, which along with Israel have a common goal of frustrating Iranian expansion. What will be the fallout from policy reversals such as withdrawing from the Iranian nuclear accord and moving the U.S. embassy in Israel to Jerusalem? Does the United States see a path forward in troubled states such as Syria, Yemen, Libya, and Iraq? Is the United States headed toward war with Iran?

Nuclear Negotiations. Back to the future? Nuclear weapons have not gone away, and the Trump administration has brought a new urgency, if not a new approach, to dealing with them. The President has met with Vladimir Putin as the new Start Treaty with Russia comes up for renewal in 2021, the first presidential summit with Kim Jong-Un occurred to discuss denuclearizing the Korean Peninsula, and President Trump has decertified the Obama nuclear deal with Iran. To what degree should past nuclear talks guide future U.S. nuclear arms control negotiations? Can the art of the deal apply to stabilizing our nuclear future?

The Rise of Populism in Europe. Mass migration, and the problems associated with it, have directly abetted the rise of populist parties in Europe. Opposition to immigration was the prime driver of support for Brexit, brought a far-right party to the German Bundestag for the first time since the 1950s, and propelled Marine Le Pen to win a third of the votes in the French presidential election. In addition to calling for stronger borders, however, these parties are invariably illiberal, anti-American, anti-NATO, and pro-Kremlin, making their rise a matter of serious concern for the national security interests of the United States.

Decoding U.S.-China Trade. Though arguably the most advanced economy in the world, the United States still uses centuries-old numbers to measure trade. These antique numbers mangle understanding of the U.S.-China trade relationship, shrinking America's true economic size and competitiveness, while swelling China's. Bad numbers give rise to bad policies that ultimately kill U.S. jobs and cede market share to China. What other tools can the United States employ to counter China's unfair trade practices? There are several available, yet they remain mostly unused.

Cyber Conflict and Geopolitics. Cyber conflict is a new and continually developing threat, which can include foreign interference in elections, industrial sabotage, and attacks on infrastructure. Russia has been accused of interfering in the 2016 presidential elections in the United States, and China is highly committed to using cyberspace as a tool of national policy. Dealing with cyber conflict will require new ways of looking at 21st century warfare. Is the United States prepared to respond to such threats?

The United States and Mexico: Partnership Tested. The United States and Mexico have a long, intertwined history, with both countries prominently featured in each other's politics and agendas. The war on drugs, immigration, and trade issues have taxed the relationship over the years. What impact with new leadership in both countries have on this crucial partnership?

State of the State Department and Diplomacy. During the Trump administration, the usual ways of conducting diplomacy have been upended. Many positions in the State Department have never been filled, and the meetings with foreign leaders such as Kim Jong-un and Vladimir Putin have been undertaken with little advance planning. What effect are these changes having now, and how will they affect ongoing relationships between the United States and its allies and adversaries?



Meetings: The International Relations Committee will again host a Great Decisions discussion group beginning Tuesday, February 12th, and meeting every other Tuesday until the eight topics have finished in May. The League of Women Voters-sponsored group will meet at 909 E. Newton, Seattle, at 7:15pm for coffee, cookies, and discussion based on the Foreign Policy Association Great Decisions briefing book. The briefing book can be ordered on line at fpa.org or Google Great Decisions 2019. Books are sent out in January. For more information call Rosalie McCreary at 206-687-7415. A West Seattle group meets beginning in mid-January on early Friday afternoons and agrees at the first meeting on the location for the following meetings. For more information on this group contact Adele Reynolds at 206-621-4867.

Program: Program Planning

2019 - 2020

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 national and local positions for completeness and relevance. Positions in brief appear in this Voter. Links to our full positions can be found on our website, seattlelwv.org/advocacy. For a print copy call the LWVS-KC office. At unit meetings, discussion time should be divided between national and local program planning.

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 the following page 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: 2019-2020 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.

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Interested Members</u>
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Affordable housing

Police department issues

Homelessness in Seattle-King Cty.

Mental health issues

Local taxation & tax policy

Stronger local gun control

College funding & debt for young adults

3. Other suggestions

If there is a topic that at least three members of your unit would be willing to work on, please list it below and it will be considered.

Topic

Interested Members

4. Comments on program & the planning process

Unit Meetings

We invite you to check out neighborhood discussion groups, called unit meetings, to meet people passionate about League and our community. Units meetings are a great way for new members to learn about League. Discussion usually focuses on the topic which is discussed at the monthly forum. In addition, background materials are generally included in our newsletter, *The Voter*.

(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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Wednesday, January 9			
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NORTHEAST SEATTLE (formerly View Ridge) – Cynthia Butler

cjbutler14@gmail.com	206-359-0340	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 10			
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MERCER ISLAND – Paneen Davidson and Toni Okada

paneenie@gmail.com	206-466-2023	9:30 a.m.	Emmanuel Episcopal Church
td.okada@yahoo.com			4400 86th Ave SE, Mercer Island

ISSAQUAH – Judy Love

judysteveL@gmail.com	425-417-8600	10:00 a.m.	Issaquah City Hall, Coho Rm. 2 nd Flr. 130 E Sunset Way, Issaquah
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SOUTHEAST KING COUNTY/ENUMCLAW - Cathy Dormaier

clcathy@skynetbb.com	360-802-6799	12:00 p.m.	Location: <i>contact unit leader</i>
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NORTH KING COUNTY – Lea Galanter

leagal99@hotmail.com	425-820-9096	7:00 p.m.	Church of the Redeemer 6210 181 st St, Kenmore
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(Unit times and locations subject to change; please verify with unit leader.)

Unit Leader email	Phone	Time	Location
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Tuesday, January 15

BELLEVUE/KIRKLAND/REDMOND – Cathy O’Shea

coshea120@gmail.com	425-753-4182	12:00 p.m.	Kirkland Public Library 308 Kirkland Ave, Kirkland
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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

Friday, January 18

UNIVERSITY HOUSE/WALLINGFORD – Janet Kime

kraftyanet@comcast.net	206-588-0988	2:00 p.m.	University House, San Juan Room 4400 Stone Way N, Seattle
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Saturday, January 19

BALLARD/MAGNOLIA/QUEEN ANNE DAY – Janet Anderson

janetranderson@msn.com	206-285-2460	10:00 a.m.	Location: <i>contact unit leader</i>
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Monday, January 21

FIRST HILL – Adele Reynolds

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

montoyaviv@gmail.com	206-695-2620	5:30 p.m.	Raconteur at Third Place Books 5041 Wilson Ave S, Seattle
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CAPITOL HILL/MONTLAKE –

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

Term Executive Committee

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Program Planning for 2019

Thursday, January 10

6:30 p.m. — Doors open

7:00 p.m. — Program begins

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

Free and open to the public

Come early to meet one-on-one with
Committee Chairs before the event starts.
We'll have informal tabling and mingling
from 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.

If you can, please bring an item for *Dignity
for Divas*; see page 8 for details.