WOMEN IN MEDIA

Each March is the “official” celebration of Women’s History Month. In the League, every month is Women’s History Month, due to the nature of what we do and our collective impact in the world. The Civics Education committee got together to discuss women’s roles in media for the March Forum and decided to present something a little different this month. Women play many roles in the media today. For example, Arianna Huffington just sold her “new media” newspaper for $315 million! Someone else I know who works at The New York Times told me “publishing has become a women’s business.” Yet Arianna Huffington is still the exception, not the rule. Only 3% of the directors of photography for the 2009–2010 TV season were women. The Oscar for Best Director went to a woman for the first time last year. Quick, how many female photojournalists can you name? Annie Leibovitz probably doesn’t count for this category.

This month’s program has an arc that takes us from the 20th century to the present. Our panelists will show us a woman who documented history, young women who are making history now and a woman reporting on history and activism as it happens. Thus, we contrast several roles of “culture and news producers” and also look at what happens with a specific topic when health meets activism.

The panel includes a woman who changed photojournalism during the Depression and World War II; an organization that supports young women as they learn to make their own media and evaluate the work of others; and a journalist who has worked at the national level on women’s health and health policy for more than 20 years.

We will first learn about the work of photojournalist Margaret Bourke-White from retired University of Washington (UW) professor Lynne Iglitzin. Prof. Iglitzin gave a longer version of this talk to a near capacity crowd at the Seattle Public Library auditorium on February 5, 2011.

We will then hear from two panelists from the organization ReelGrrls. The ReelGrrls website defines their mission as follows: “Reel Grrls empowers young women from diverse communities to realize their power, talent and influence through media production.” 93% of the girls say that the program makes them feel more confident about being leaders. Just who we need! Karen Hirsch, the development director, and youth producer Julia Levy will discuss their work and screen The 5th Star, a film created for the 100th anniversary of women’s suffrage in Washington State. Ms. Levy was the director of photography, among other creative roles for this film.

Our fourth panelist will be former National Public Radio (NPR) reporter Joanne Silberner, an Artist in Residence in the UW Department of Communications. Many of you will no doubt recognize her voice. Ms. Silberner will discuss her experiences reporting on health policy and tell us what it was like to report for NPR for 18 years. She will share some of her past stories as a foundation for discussing when activism goes right — and wrong.

In the words of the hit TV show “Glee,” this forum is a “mashup,” not the usual single subject panel. Elsewhere in the Voter you will find some ideas, statistics and web links to use for discussion at the family dinner table, on Facebook, or in your unit meetings. We invite you to also attend in person and bring someone else to this “historic, yet current event.”
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President’s Message

March is coming and with it things are popping! Not just the early bulb flowers which remind me that yes, winter will end, but the new edition of TRY is in bloom too! We printed 75,000 copies of this guide to our elected officials this year and already we’ve distributed about 45,000. That still leaves quite a few to get out there. With the legislative session in full swing, now’s the time to make it happen. We need your help getting this valuable tool out to community groups, churches and other organizations in your neighborhoods. Come by and pick up a bundle or a box or two. If you can’t do it yourself but have suggestions on who might be able to use them, just call the office and we’ll see what we can arrange. If you’re dropping off a stack somewhere, don’t forget to slip in a donation envelope. We don’t charge for TRY, but they do cost about a quarter each to print, and all donations, large and small, help us continue to provide this unique service to our community.

March is also Women’s History Month, and as you saw in our cover article, our theme this month is Women in Media. While we’ll be looking back at some history, we will also be looking forward to the new media, and we’re taking this opportunity to encourage you to try some of it out. No, we’re not going to require you to set up a Facebook page and start sending us messages on Twitter about your local council meetings. But two of our members went to a conference on technology last month, and we will be working to raise the League’s visibility and familiarity with these communication tools.

You will notice there’s not a lot of reading material printed in this month’s edition. Instead, we’re putting the material, which includes videos, up on our website so you can access it online. Even some of the recommended books are available electronically through the library. So give it a whirl — if you need help, call a tech-savvy friend or relative. Or you could drop by your local library where they have computers and librarians who are able to assist you. Finally, the volunteers here at the office are always willing to help you out; don’t hesitate to give us a call.

Sincerely,

Allison Feher

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

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

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Thursday, March 3  
7:30 p.m.  
St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church

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

**The Pacific Northwest Historians Guild Conference**  
Saturday, March 5  
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
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**Voter Deadline**  
Monday, March 7

**International Relations Committee**  
Monday, March 7  
12:45-2:45 p.m.  
League Office

**International Women’s Day**  
Tuesday, March 8

**Social Justice Committee**  
Thursday, March 10  
7:00-8:30 p.m.  
League Office

**Teacher Study Committee**  
Monday, March 14  
3:30 p.m.  
League Office

**Transportation Committee**  
Tuesday, March 15  
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
League Office

### APRIL

**Board Meeting**  
Saturday, April 2  
9:00 a.m.  
League Office

**Voter Deadline**  
Monday, April 4

**Forum**  
Thursday, April 7  
7:30 p.m.
The League of Women Voters of Seattle (LWVS) presents a public forum each month between August and May, generally on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Most forums are held at the Seattle First Baptist Church, but occasionally they are scheduled in other locations, including at least one on the eastside. This month’s forum will be held at St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church in Bellevue. The tentative schedule of upcoming forums for 2010-2011 appears to the left; check your Voter or the LWVS website, seattlelwv.org, each month for up-to-date information.

### DIRECTIONS TO ST. ANDREW’S CHURCH

The League of Women Voters of Seattle will hold its March forum at St. Andrew’s Church in Bellevue. Directions to St. Andrew’s Church follow. If you’d like to carpool, call the office.

**FROM I-405 (NORTH OR SOUTH BOUND) —** Take exit 11 onto I-90 Eastbound (Spokane). Then take exit 11-B, 148th St. (Bellevue Community College). Go North on 148th to stop light at SE 28th. The church is on the NE corner.

**FROM EASTBOUND I-90 —** Take exit 11-B, 148th St. (Bellevue Community College). Go North on 148th to stop light at SE 28th. The church is on the NE corner.

**FROM WESTBOUND I-90 —** Take 156th St. exit. Turn left at light, go to 148th. Turn right (north) onto 148th and go to stop light at SE 28th. The church is on the NE corner.
Board Briefs By Joanna Cullen, Secretary

The League of Women Voters of Seattle (LWVS) Board met on Saturday morning, February 5, 2011.

TRY
In anticipation of the new TRY arriving from the printer, the Board planned an Open House to celebrate its arrival. Board members took responsibility for publicizing the event, planning displays and decorations, and coordinating volunteers and refreshments. Public Relations also planned a press release announcing the arrival and availability of the TRY.

Membership and Forum
Unfortunately, the March Get-to-Know-the-League event could not be planned due to a delay in the confirmation for a site for the forum. Work was continuing to confirm the venue. Otherwise, the Board is very excited about the upcoming Women and the Media forum in honor of Women's History Month.

Membership Chair Kelly Powers reported on the membership at the end of January, which is the basis for the share of League dues sent to the State and National Leagues. There were 565 members in good standing who qualified for per member payments.

Tech Committee, Public Relations, and Outreach Committee work as reported in the January Voter is continuing. The reading committee for upcoming Reclaimed Water forum in February has been meeting and is working on finalizing the work. Reading committees for upcoming forums on Women and the Media, Taxation and Budget, and Transportation were formed.

The Technology Committee reported on its effort to improve the LWVS website and its work with Outreach, Public Relations and Membership to explore more efficient and meaningful strategies for effective uses of electronic and social networking communications.

The committee that is reviewing the ballot issues endorsement process presented a report for Board discussion and further review.

Budget and Office
The board is in the process of considering restructuring the board and office work to reduce the demands on Board members, especially the President. Additional cuts to the budget are being identified.

Other Committee Work
The endorsement procedures document will be ready for approval at the March Board meeting. The Board especially recognized the work of Beatrice Crane in keeping us on track with our communications in her work as Voter editor.

Upcoming Elections
While the League did not take positions on any of the February ballot issues, voters will be encouraged to vote, and the little known Conservation District Election will also be publicized.

League Lobby Day
League of Women Voters of Washington Lobby Day in Olympia is February 24, 2011. All Board members were encouraged to register and explore carpooling options.
Committees

International Relations Committee
Date: Monday, March 7
Time: 12:45–2:45 p.m.
Place: League Office

We will continue to discuss American foreign policy, with an emphasis on competing views of how the country should project itself in the world. Readings are available from Ellen Berg at ellenzberg@msn.com.

Social Justice Committee
Date: Thursday, March 10
Time: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Place: League Office

We are going to be working on a letter for the April Forum and will appreciate all hands on deck for the effort.

Teacher Study Committee
Dates: Monday, March 14
      Monday, March 28
Time: 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Place: League Office

For more information, contact Lucy Gaskill-Gaddis at terrylucy2u@comcast.net.

Transportation Committee
Date: Tuesday, March 15
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Place: League Office
Speaker: To be announced

The Transportation Committee will be presenting the Seattle League Forum on May 5, 2011. Our working title is now SMART TRANSPORTATION CHOICES AND HOW TO FUND THEM.

Civics Education Committee
Date: Wednesday, March 16
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Place: Vios Café, upstairs at Third Place Books, Ravenna

Agenda items for the meeting include the March Forum and the legislative session.
Please email Dana Twight at dctwight@mac.com for other information or with questions.

Economics and Taxation Committee
Date: Saturday, March 26
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: 909 E. Newton St., D-9

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

Immigration Committee
Date: Tuesday, March 22
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Eleanor Laxdall residence, 3525 Seola Lane, West Seattle
(206) 243-3373

It’s movie night again at the Immigration Committee. We will have a potluck supper and then watch and discuss *Which Way Home*, a documentary about migrant children travelling on their own through Mexico and trying to get into the United States. All are welcome.

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

HELP WANTED

THE ED FUND NEEDS YOU!
The League of Women Voters of Seattle Education Fund is looking for a few good women (or men) to serve on its board. The Ed Fund has responsibility for funding and overseeing the voter service projects of the League, such as the TRY, voter education and voter registration. If you are excited about development and fundraising or just want to do what you can to help the League find the resources to fulfill our mission, the Ed Fund is the place for you. In particular, we need someone who likes numbers and order and would like to serve as treasurer. We are looking for members with ideas, enthusiasm and a knack for organizing and leading volunteers. Please consider this opportunity to share your talents, learn new skills or expand your resume. Contact Ed Fund Co-Presidents Denise Smith and Laura Weese at the League office: (206) 329-4848 or info@seattlelwv.org.

LEAGUE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
The Nominating Committee is in the process of putting together a new slate of officers and directors, to be elected at Annual Meeting in May. It is not too late to submit nominations! If you have suggestions, or are interested in serving yourself, please let the committee know. Send the names of candidates, a brief introduction, and contact information to Nominating Committee chair Nancy Eitreim at nancye@speakeasy.net, or call her at (206) 329-4848.

THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST HISTORIANS GUILD CONFERENCE

DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 5
TIME: 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.
PLACE: MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND INDUSTRY

The topic of this year’s conference is Pacific Waterways. The topic is relevant to many League interests, and past conferences have always been excellent sources of information. Visit www.pnwhistorians.org and follow the link to the conference for more information.
*Save the Date*
League of Women Voters of Seattle Education Fund
Spring Luncheon and Chinese Garden Tour
**June 11, 2011**, Brockey Center
South Seattle Community College

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We couldn’t produce this invaluable resource without your contributions - thanks so much for your continued generosity! We would like to acknowledge recent donors to the TRY 2011 campaign:

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League News

TRANSPORTATION REPORT
By Janet Winans, Chair, Transportation Committee

Our January speaker was Mike Cummings, Program Manager in Transportation Planning Department at Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC).

The PSRC is made up of representatives from the four county regions bordering Puget Sound: Snohomish, Pierce, Kitsap and King. The council is responsible for regional transportation, growth management and economic development planning. It disburses millions of dollars of federal and state funds for transportation. The League of Women Voters of Washington, along with many other groups, has a non-voting seat on both the transportation and the growth management boards.

The PSRC is involved with about 1000 projects across all 27 designated areas in the Puget Sound region. Because all federal funding is channeled through PSRC, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) works with them as a team.

TRANSPORTATION 2040 is the planning “template” the PSRC adopted in May, 2010. It has provided a working document that both “sees” into the future and refocuses the present. It was developed between 2007 and 2010 in five hundred meetings that included committee members, board members, the public and organizations. The final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) was issued March 3, 2010.

In spite of the current economic situation, the region is continuing to grow. PSRC’s analysis of their historic economic data has shown that although there has been a recession every decade, growth has continued through all of them. By the current forecast date of 2040, they expect an increase in population of 36% and an increase of 51% in jobs. The Puget Sound region is predicted to have 5 million people and 3 million jobs.

Mr. Cummings began his talk with a Power Point presentation of refinements made in the FEIS since March, 2010.

The 2040 plan has four integrated strategies:

Land Use: support more concentrated development that balances jobs with housing and promotes walking, biking and transit use.

Efficiency: fully maintain and operate a safe and secure system and manage facilities to optimize performance.

Strategic Investment: move the region from single focused investments to integrated projects.

Pricing: begin moving from traditional funding [taxes and bonds] to more sustainable user-based funding [tolls and fees].

In addition to these four strategies, the PSRC must add the demands to reduce greenhouse gases and focus on water quality for both new and existing “facilities.” Mr. Cummings put a new emphasis on the word facilities. He used it to talk about the tolled high occupancy vehicle lane (HOT) equipment on SR 167 that allows single occupant vehicles to pay to use the HOV lanes in that corridor. The Tacoma Narrows Bridge and a stretch of SR 509 near SeaTac airport that needs to be upgraded are called facilities as well. Each of these projects is quite different, of course. But each is organized for particular-to-itself purposes. The HOT lane equipment, for instance, was installed as an experiment in traffic management. The hypothesis was that letting single occupancy vehicles (SOV) use the HOV lanes and charging variable rates as congestion changes would result in improved traffic flow along the corridor at peak times.
The HOT lane equipment is paying for itself. Drivers set up an account for themselves and have a transponder in their car they can turn on when they use the lane. Interestingly, enforcement of the HOT lane restrictions is entirely voluntary and visual. There is no mechanism at this time to “catch” violators. And it has become apparent that buses find it difficult to use the lanes in their current configuration. Because it is the inside lane of the corridor, vehicles must weave across all the traffic lanes from and to exits.

When tolling equipment is installed and operational on the SR 520 bridge, the HOV lanes will be free for vehicles with three or more people and for transit. The three person requirement will become the standard, apparently, as tolling is introduced across the state. The cost will vary with congestion levels. The hope is that people will choose to travel at less expensive times so that congestion will even out across all times. All of the facilities we use can carry more traffic faster when the peak congestion is spread over longer times.

Travel time is a very important measure of successful use of the facilities. There will be a cost-benefit analysis for these projects. Decreased travel time and reliability are important benefits to truckers, for instance — and to anyone who has an appointment. Congestion is very costly when time equals money. That is one of the arguments tolling advocates are using to get the major business stakeholders to “sign on.”

The PSRC visualizes a regional tolling network on all the limited access freeways in the state, with precise consideration to particular facilities. Our transportation system will become pay-as-you-go, and users will make decisions differently as they decide how and when to use it. Costs and benefits of old and new facilities will be equitably distributed across geographic regions and income levels.

Transit is a facility, too. For instance, PSRC plans for tolling on the SR 520 bridge are coupled with plans to increase access to bus service across the area. Since bus riders will pay no toll beyond their regular fares, people are expected to choose to ride the bus rather than drive their cars, resulting in less congestion, greenhouse gases and toxic runoff into the lake.

One of Mr. Cummings’ charts provided data from 1989 through 2005, along with estimates up to 2040, showing the percentage of average regional personal income that the facilities of the transportation system have cost and are expected to cost in the future. Prior to 2002, costs averaged below 2% of personal income. Since then, costs have increased, with 2005 the highest at 2.25%. The forecasting to 2040 uses two contingencies, one labeled “constrained” and the other “full” plan. “Constrained” refers to projects that are fully funded or expected to be, and forecasts costs of about 1.8%. The full plan includes projects that are being considered but are not yet funded, and forecasts costs of 2.15%. These figures apply to how we pay for the design, construction, and maintenance of the facilities themselves. The figures DO NOT include the cost of owning and maintaining a vehicle.

The PSRC estimates that the changes in the facilities between now and 2040 will cost $64 billion. They intend that the facilities and costs will be distributed equitably across the region and across incomes. The HOT lanes and facility network toll revenue will provide 18%; “new” fuel taxes, state fees and fuel tax “replacements” will provide 3%, new transit/ferry specific sources will provide 8%. The remaining 65% will come from “current law revenues.”

The title of the forum the Transportation Committee is organizing for May is SMART TRANSPORTATION CHOICES AND HOW TO FUND THEM. Please join us as we continue to learn about how important the choices we make to get from here to there really are.
TRY Open House
The 2011 edition of They Represent You arrived at the League of Women Voters of Seattle (LWVS) office on Tuesday, February 8. To celebrate its publication and welcome the community members who come to pick up copies for distribution, LWVS held an open house on February 9 and 10.

Issaquah Unit Meeting
The Issaquah unit met on February 10 to discuss the Reclaimed Water Update. In attendance were Connie Reed, Jocelyn Marchisio, Margaret Austin, Judy Love, Dorris Martin, Catherine Moody, Ruth Werntz, Betsy Greene, Gaby Metzger, Betty Culbert, Sylvia Starr, Susan Cotterell, Denise Smith.
What currently running public election...

...is open to registered King County voters (except for residents of Enumclaw, Federal Way, Milton, Pacific and Skykomish)?

...began February 15, 2011 and ends at 9:00 p.m. March 15, 2011?

...and is being conducted online with a one-day, in-person option?

If you guessed the King Conservation District (King CD), you are civics superstar!

What is the King Conservation District?
From the King CD website: “The King Conservation District (King CD) is a natural resources assistance agency authorized by Washington State and guided by the Washington State Conservation Commission. Our mission is to promote the sustainable use of natural resources through responsible stewardship. A five-member Board of Supervisors is responsible for all District programs and activities.” Three of the supervisors are elected; two are appointed. King Conservation District is one of 47 around the state.

In 2010 King CD awarded $4,891,027 for grants in 2010 to local cities, organizations and property owners for over 99 projects. To learn more about King CD, go to www.kingcd.org.

What are we voting on?
Board of Supervisor Position 2, a three year term. Candidates include Bruce Elliott (Kent), Teri Herrara (Redmond), Eric Nelson (Duvall) and Preston Prudente (Sammamish). You can read candidate statements at the King County Conservation District website: http://www.kingcd.org/new_ele_candidates-2011.htm.

New Voting Options
This year, for the first time, the King CD election provides voters with the option of voting online, over a 30 day period. Voters who do not wish to vote online may vote in person at the Renton office on March 15.

Online Option
Those who choose this option must complete a two-step process.

Step 1: Confirm Voter Eligibility: Submit signed affidavit (forms available after Feb 14 at www.kingcd.org) via email, fax or US mail to King CD. King CD suggests that this be postmarked no later than March 11. All registered voters who live within the boundaries of the conservation district — i.e. all of unincorporated King County and all King County cities except Enumclaw, Federal Way, Milton, Pacific and Skykomish — are eligible to vote in the election.

Step 2: Vote Online: Once voter eligibility is confirmed, a personal identification number (PIN) will be issued by email. Voters will receive complete online voting access information with the email delivery of the voting PIN.

If voters have not received their PINs by 5:00 p.m. on March 14, they will need to vote in person at the King CD Renton offices on March 15.

Vote In Person on March 15
The King CD website explains that in addition to the 30-day online voting period, there will be a one-day, in-person voting option at the King CD’s Renton office from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on March 15. The King CD office is located at 1107 SW Grady Way, Suite 130, in Renton.

King CD has retained election supervisor Election Trust LLC (Bellevue) and Scytl Secure Electronic Voting USA (Washington, D.C.) to manage and conduct the election process.
Membership Report by Kelly Powers, Membership Chair

 weren’t the Reclaimed Water Update and forum illuminating? What a fine example of how a committee’s work can move the League and public forward on a local issue that involves all levels of government — federal, state and local. Thank you to the Reclaimed Water Update Committee — Denise Smith (Chair), Maria Brusher, Jan O’Connor, Kerry Peterson, Gail Shurgot and Joan Thomas — for educating the League about the issues associated with reclaiming water. How timely to be up to speed as the planning process moves forward.

Breaking News: Get to Know League Event Rescheduled

We weren’t able to coordinate this event with the March forum. We will keep you posted as plans take shape. Thanks to all the volunteers standing by to help out.

Thank You to Our League Supporters!

Thank you to all members who donated an additional amount with their dues: Lucy Copass, Jeannie Hale, Cynthia Howe, Carol Lumb, Barbara O’Steen, Sue Pocock, Stan Sorscher, Anita Warmflash and JoAnne Way

…and to members who contributed at the $100 Booster Membership Level: Estell Berteig, Marivic Borromeo, Naomie Bulloch, Jean Burch Falls, Nancy Debaste, Hazel Schiffer, Rainer Storb, William Swartout, and Boots Winterstein

…and to Pamela Mitchell and Joan C. Waldo at the $250 Contributing Membership level.

Your generosity helps retain active members who are going through hard times.

We are also grateful for Nancy Alvord’s renewal at the Sustaining Membership level of $1000. The timing couldn’t have been more fortuitous. Our printer that we use to print about 600 copies of the Voter each month wore out. Nancy Alvord’s renewal came just in time to help us replace our printer — so critical to supporting our work.

It’s PMP time!

The League of Women Voters of Seattle (LWVS) pays a Per Member Payments (PMP) to the League of Women Voters of Washington (LWVWA) and the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) in July based on the number of members in good standing the preceding January 31.

As of January 31, 2011, there are 565 members in good standing that qualify for PMP payments (616 members total in good standing.)

We will see the membership number increase in February and March as members that weren’t in good standing on January 31 renew.

The chart on the following page shows the PMP payments we will use for the July PMP payment:
**Tech for Good Conference**

Fellow board member and Tech Committee Chair Kathy Sakahara and I attended the Tech for Good Conference in early February. We were thinking we were the only Leaguers at the conference when we bumped into Becky Cox of the League of Women Voters of South King County and Claudia Downing from LWVWA. We were thrilled to find fellow Leaguers interested in figuring out how to make social media work for the League, particularly as an outreach tool for the next generation. The nonprofit community was well represented and it was incredibly useful to get a sense of the challenges other nonprofits are facing and how they are using email, Facebook, Twitter, blogs, etc. to engage the public in their organizations.

I especially enjoyed the session with Beth Kanter, the guru on using social media for nonprofit work. She used the paradigm of crawling, walking, running and flying and asked each organization to assess where they are with using social media. She said it’s OK to crawl — a relief since that is where we are right now.

We are very grateful to Seattle League for sending us!

**Membership Trivia**

How many 50 year, honorary members are currently in Seattle League?

Answer: 51. Isn’t that amazing?

Looking forward to celebrating the National Women’s History Month with you all.
This is a book filled with metaphorical explosions of many sorts. First, Gordon used papers that only became available in the 1980s to explore the steamy adulterous affair between Emily Dickinson’s brother Austin and Mabel Loomis Todd, an attractive, talented, ambitious and charismatic young faculty wife, and the feuds between the Todds and Dickinsons that continued far into the 20th century.

The affair itself had to be kept under wraps in puritanical 19th century Amherst, but it exploded into Emily’s life. She was happy living with her unmarried sister Lavinia in her family home, while enjoying frequent visits next door where her brother Austin and his wife Sue lived. Even before her marriage, Sue had been a cherished friend and was among the few who understood and thoroughly appreciated Emily’s poetry.

Mabel Todd intruded into the Dickinson family, and in less than two years began a passionate affair with Austin, often conducted in Emily’s dining room where the doors could be locked and the relationship consummated on the couch. Emily always escaped to her room upstairs whenever someone appeared whom she did not wish to meet. She and Mabel never met, nor did they talk together: in fact, Mabel never even saw Emily until years later when she approached the dead poet in her coffin!

Eventually Austin built a house for the Todds on property that had belonged to his parents. Presumably he did so to keep Professor Todd quiet, and to provide a more convenient place to meet Mabel. After Austin’s death, the property became another “loaded gun,” as the two families fought over its ownership.

Emily described herself when she wrote, “My Life had stood - A Loaded Gun…,” and Gordon provides good evidence that the “Gun” might have been Emily’s inherited epileptic symptoms, which appear as “volcanic” activities and violence in her poetry. In many states, it was then illegal for a known epileptic to marry, which would help explain why she never did, though she clearly wanted to, and on one occasion suggested marriage to the focus of her attentions.

Much of the book is taken up with what happened to Emily’s poems after her death in 1886. Mabel was determined to organize and publish them, and for a while she was aided by Lavinia, who loaned her many poems. Eventually Todd edited and introduced the setting for each poem in books published in the 1890s. Though Todd’s name was prominently displayed, it is thanks to her that Emily’s poetry finally came to public attention and was widely admired.

Other explosions continued when Lavinia questioned Mabel’s ownership of the land used to build a home for the Todds. A trial ensued in Amherst and was soon seen as a case not so much about the house as about adultery. Sue Dickinson’s children supported her before, during and after the trial, and kept control of poems and
notes Emily had sent her. In later years, Mabel’s daughter tried hard to promote her mother’s good name as well as her considerable efforts on behalf of Emily’s poetry.

I found both the intrigues and the picture of a quiet yet seething Amherst of the late 19th century fascinating. Emily Dickinson’s life appears a bit like Amherst itself. “On the face of it, her life seems uneventful and largely invisible, but a forceful, even overwhelming character stirred beneath the surface. She called it a ‘still - Volcano - Life’ and that volcano heaves close to the surface, throughout her poetry and a thousand letters. Stillness for her was not a retreat from life but a form of control.”

Every time I dip into this book, it is a long while before I can force myself away. It seems as though Emily Dickinson’s life, friendships and writing had been kept in a neat little box, which has now been opened, with Emily tumbling out and insisting on the truth. She was no delicate doll to be played with or quietly admired, but a flesh and blood, opinionated and forceful human being who is now finally, taking her rightful place in American history.

_The opinions in this review are personal and do not represent those of the LWV._

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**Diversity Policy**

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

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

LWVS affirms its commitment to reflecting the diversity of Americans in its membership, board, staff and programs.
In January 2010, my daughter Constance was diagnosed with stage four metastasized breast cancer. In October 2010 she called to say, “The doctors can’t find any cancer in me!” What seems to have saved her is a drug with the trade name Herceptin. To me it is a miracle drug, and I jumped at the chance to see a short movie about how it came into my daughter’s life. I have since learned of at least one Leaguer who has also survived in large part because of this new drug.

Living Proof is a 90-minute Lifetime Television movie, directed by Dan Ireland, starring Harry Connick, Jr. It tells the true story of Dr. Dennis Slamon, who helped develop Herceptin, which seems to arrest breast cancer cells in some women. Slamon first tried the drug on mouse cells, and then had to overcome many obstacles before each of three trials required by the Food and Drug Administration before they could consider the drug safe for human use. Every obstacle to test the drug on real patients meant death for some women who didn’t fit the profile for each trial. All but one of the women in the movie are actresses, but even so, knowing someone would die because they “weren’t allowed” to use a drug that was still being tested was difficult to bear. In addition, I found it dispiriting to realize the “bottom line” rather than saving lives was what motivated the pharmaceutical company that decided whether or not to pay for the trials. If the company wasn’t confident the drug would work, they had no incentive to offer money to the researchers. If they didn’t provide enough money, Dr. Slamon had to find money elsewhere. When someone in the company just didn’t like Slamon, he ensured that almost no one would be likely to fit the severe restrictions. And how could Slamon find more patients who did fit the narrow parameters of the protocol?

All this makes for a fascinating and emotional movie. I believe it is important for Leaguers to see this, as it provides an insight into the efforts needed to make life-saving drugs available for sick people. For all of us who know someone who has had cancer, especially breast cancer, this could be an important movie. I rented my copy from Netflix.

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March Program: Women in the Media

Suggested resources for League Units

The best way to access these materials is to go to the Seattle League website and click on the link to “March Program: Women in the Media.” From there you can browse through each of the links listed below.

A book for perusal:
When Everything Changed: The Amazing Journey of American Women from 1960 to the Present by Gail Collins

Margaret Bourke-White
Her Life: http://www.distinguishedwomen.com/biographies/bourke-white.html
A Famous Photograph: http://www.life.com/image/92926162

Reel Grrls
A Reel Grrls video that shows one way that the organization works—by turning girls from culture consumers to culture producers. This video, Girls, Sexuality and the Media, shows girls learning about how women are objectified in media and advertising today: http://vimeo.com/4638141

Try this one: You are What You Watch: http://vimeo.com/4638557

For a little humor, try If Men Menstruated: http://vimeo.com/4638455

This video, The 5th Star, will be shown at the Forum. It concerns the history of women gaining the right to vote in Washington State (Washington was the fifth state to enact women’s suffrage.) http://vimeo.com/16443189

Youth Media
Learn more about Youth media and the need for media and news literacy here: http://www.youthmediareporter.org/2010/10/five_trends_in_youth_media.html
Joanne Silberner
Audio Links from Joanne Silberner for preview.

BONE MARROW TRANSPLANTATION
Part of the 7-part series on a woman who had a bone marrow transplant to treat her breast cancer.


MAMMMOGRAPHY OVER 40
Feb. 21, 2002: federal health officials endorse mammograms for women over 40.

Also see links at this site:


HEALTH INSURANCE RESCISSIONS
June 22, 2009 story on the practice of retroactively canceling health insurance. 

Film: Miss Representation
Miss Representation is a film by Jennifer Siebel Newsom that targets how the media treats women. The film was shown at a recent Sundance Festival.
A trailer for the film on Youtube: 
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8__GFHYkdZo

Here are some excellent discussion questions from the movie’s website:
**Discussion Questions**

Encourage dialogue among your friends and coworkers about the issues presented in *Miss Representation* and get them thinking about solutions! You can also add your thoughts to our Facebook Discussions.

1. How much media do you consume in a day?
2. What does the media tell you about what it means to be a girl or woman?
3. What does the media tell you about what it means to be a boy or man?
4. How do the representations of women you see in the media differ from real women you know?
5. What does power “look like” in the media you see?
6. How many advertisements do you see in a day?
7. What are they trying to sell you?
8. What is feminism to you?
9. Where do you think stereotypes about feminism come from?
10. How do stereotypes about feminism discredit women’s advancement?
11. How are you a leader?
12. How are female leaders treated differently from male leaders?
13. How do you support girls & women around you to be leaders?
14. What can we do to decrease sexism & violence towards women?
15. What can you personally do to change the way media portrays women?
This article will give you a snapshot of where women are in various media professions today. If you access this article via the internet you can click on the source at the end of each paragraph to get more information. The videos listed at the end of the article are short one to five minute clips on YouTube that illustrate how women are portrayed in the media.

WOMEN’S PORTRAYAL IN NEWS

Women’s Portrayal in News

Sunday morning public affairs talk shows: American University’s Women and Politics Institute has released a study that confirms with percentages what most of us know in our guts: Newsmakers on Sunday morning are mostly of the testosterone variety. Only 13.5 percent of guests being chatted up by David Gregory, Wolf Blitzer, Candy Crowley and the like are members of what used to be called the fairer sex. (Politico, 2010)

Female-to-male guest ratios on prime-time cable news: Media Matters for America examined four programs on MSNBC, Fox News Channel and CNN, and recorded the gender and diversity of each guest who appeared during May 2008. White males continued to dominate – 67% of guests were male, 84% were white. While there may have been only small differences between networks, there were substantial differences between programs when it came to female guests. At one end of the scale, the highest number of male guests could be found on MSNBC’s Countdown with Keith Olbermann (84%), Fox News’ Special Report with Brit Hume (80%), and CNN’s Lou Dobbs Tonight (75%). All but one program had proportions of male guests in the 60- or 70 percentiles. The lone exception was Fox News’s The O’Reilly Factor, which actually hosted 70 female guests, and 69 men during the months studied. (Media Matters for America, 2008)

National Public Radio: NPR does well when it comes to female hosts—three of five of its major shows are hosted by women; NPR’s CEO and the head of the news department also are women. But its record with paid commentators who appear regularly is poor. There are 12 commentators who appeared at last 20 times in a 15-month period during 2009-2010d, and only one – Cokie Roberts – was female. NPR Ombudsman Alicia Shepard and NPR Librarian Hannah Sommers also looked at the number of people from outside NPR who were interviewed by reporters or whose voices appeared in their stories, using a “constructed week” sampling technique from April 13, 2009 to Jan. 9, 2010. Just 26% were female. (NPR, 2010)

Worldwide sourcing: The fourth Global Media Monitoring Day occurred Nov. 9, 2009, in which observers in 130 countries monitored major media outlets. They found that 24% of the people interviewed, heard, seen or read about in mainstream broadcast and print news were female. This is a significant change from 1995, when only 17% of the people in the news were women. Near parity between women (47%) and men (53%) has been achieved in the category of people providing popular opinion. However, women are persistently underrepresented as experts and authorities: 81% of experts and 82% of spokespersons who appear in the news are male. Only 16% of all stories focus specifically on women. (Global Media Monitoring Project, 2010)

Women Pursuing Journalism Careers

Gender split in broadcast news reporting: Kathleen Ryan of Miami University of Ohio and Joy Chavez Mapaye of the University of Alaska, Anchorage, studied all news programming on ABC,
CBS and NBC during one week in February 2007 and compared it to a similar survey done in 1987. They found that in 1987, men reported 73% of stories; in 2007, men reported 48% and women, 40% (the remaining 12% were team efforts featuring reporters of each gender). Electronic News, Vol. 4, No. 2, 2010

Women at newspapers: Women working full-time in daily newspapers total about 15,200 or 36.62 percent. Minority women accounted for 16.3 percent of female newsroom staffers. Both percentages have declined about one percent point since 2008. Since 2001, American newsrooms have lost more than 25 per cent of their full-time staffers bringing the total of full-time journalists working in daily newsrooms to 41,500, a level not seen since the mid-1970s. (American Society of News Editors, 2010)

Women who cover sports: The second “Racial and Gender Report card of the Associated Press Sports Editors,” covering 378 AP newspapers, has given APSE newspapers and web sites a C for racial hiring practices and an F for gender hiring practices. Sports journalist jobs are overwhelmingly white and male. Women are just 6% of sports editors, 10% of assistant sports editors, 6% of columnists, 9% of reporters and 16% of copy editors/designers. (APSE, 2008)

Female TV news directors: At 28.3 percent, the number of women TV news directors in 2008 set a new record by almost 2 percent. And unlike previous years, women TV news directors were just as likely to be found in the biggest newsrooms and in the largest markets.(Radio Television Digital News Association, 2008)

Female radio news directors: The percentages for women in the radio news work force in 2008 were down a bit from what they’d been. The percentage of women radio news directors retrenched from 2007’s 23.5 percent to 20.0 percent, close to the 20.4 percent of 2006. (Radio Television Digital News Association, 2008)

Talk radio: Talkers Magazine’s “Heavy Hundred” list of the top talk radio hosts includes 12 women with their own programs, plus two women who are co-hosts. (Talkers, 2010)

Prospects for graduates: The percentage of spring journalism and mass communication bachelor’s degree recipients who reported having at least one job offer when they completed their studies dropped in 2009 by nearly 10 percentage points compared to a year earlier. As in the past, female students had more success in the job market than male students. Women disproportionately specialize in advertising and public relations, which have higher levels of full-time employment for their graduates than do other parts of the field. (Cox Center for International Mass Communication Training and Research, Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Georgia, 2010)

**Women Online**
Who’s online: Females slightly outnumber males in 2010, 51.8% to 48.3%. Men visit more sites and stay longer than women do. (eMarketer, February 2009)

What are they doing: Men are more likely to use social networking for business while women use them to build personal relationships. Women prefer video streams of TV programs while men prefer
user-generated content sites such as YouTube. (The Tech Desk, 2009)

**Women in Entertainment Programming**

Television: In the 2009-10 prime-time television season, women accounted for 27% of all creators, executive producers, producers, directors, writers, editors, and directors of photography working on situation comedies, dramas, and reality programs airing on the broadcast networks. By role, women comprised 21% of creators, 22% of executive producers, 39% of producers, 29% of writers, 16% of directors, 19% of editors, and 3% of directors of photography. (Martha Lauzen, Boxed In, Center for the Study of Women in Television and Film, San Diego State University)

Feature films: In 2009, women comprised 16% of all directors, executive producers, producers, writers, cinematographers, and editors working on the top 250 domestic grossing films. This represents a decline of 3 percentage points from 2001 and is even with 2008 figures. By role, women accounted for 7% of directors, 8% of writers, 17% of executive producers, 23% of producers, 18% of editors, and 2% of cinematographers. (Martha Lauzen, Celluloid Ceiling, Center for the Study of Women in Television and Film, San Diego State University)

**Videos**

Girls, Sexuality and Media

Isn’t It Time Women Stood Up?

Beauty Tips?

Slim Hopes: Advertising and Obsession with Thinness

Compiled by Sheila Gibbons, Editor, Media Report To Women Updated August 2010.
# Unit Meetings

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Women in the Media

St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church
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Thursday, March 3
6:30 p.m. - Discussion Leaders Briefing
7:30 p.m. - Forum

**There will be no Get to Know League Event this month.**

All forums are open to the public.

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- Julia Levy, Reel Grrls
- Joanne Silberner, Artist in Residence, UW Communications Dept.

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