“LEAN” ELECTIONS

By Pat McCann, Chair - Observer Corps

Time and motion studies and efficiency experts have been around for a long time. A system developed by Toyota after World War II that focused on eliminating waste proved so useful that it was adopted and adapted by business people in many countries. It has come to be called LEAN production. This term relates to trying to do more with less on a continuing basis.

In March, an event designed to help King County Elections employ LEAN methods took place at their Renton office. League was invited to send an observer. The goal was to have experienced staff members reduce waste in the process of signature verification. Since our voting is now all by mail and the only way to have a ballot count is to provide a valid signature on the outside of the return envelope, verifying that signature is critical to having that vote count. A ballot envelope is not opened until the signature is verified. Only then is it sent for recording.

Those invited were asked to drop in as their schedule allowed. On the first morning I was astonished to hear that the intention was to reduce waste (of time, motion, material, and aggravation to those whose signatures are challenged) by 30% or more. Participants voiced their hopes and concerns, possible means of addressing them, and then proceeded to create more lists.

I returned the second morning early to see post-it notes, 141 of them, yellow, blue, and pink, stuck on a wall in a row 48 feet long. They represented all the possible steps to get verification of all signatures. The group had divided into three working groups. I had time to observe all three interacting. They were eager, informative, and courteous. They listened and responded to each other’s ideas. Like real people, actual grownups, conscientious public servants! Participants held a “report-out” in the last quarter hour of each day’s work, when ideas, actions, and progress were shared.

When I arrived the fourth day, the facilitator welcomed me as their most frequent visitor. I said, “But I wasn’t even here yesterday.” The answer was, “That’s OK—we had a cardboard cutout of you propped on the chair there.” (See —people do notice Leaguers at meetings!)

I learned that the previous day the groups had taken turns going upstairs for a “try-storm”—the action that follows brainstorming. They had walked through their ideas, shifted furniture, and cut down walk time for moving groups of ballots from one location or process to another. For example, one step required an actual walk of 60 feet to carry ballots to a location for additional checking. This was reduced to ten feet.

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Connecting with Judy

Notice of Cancellation of Summer!

With the primary election moved up to August 7, how can we, the League of Women VOTERS of Seattle-King County, have a meaningful role in elections and still not miss out on Summer?

Cyndi Woods and Julie Anne Kempf are already up and at 'em, providing an array of voter services. Cindy and her team register voters at events in the region. The Juneteenth celebration, farmers’ markets, hobby shows, schools, and Bumbershoot are just a few examples. Her Speakers’ Bureau is already getting requests for speakers for the November election. Her volunteers provide information about the League and campaign issues. She coordinated with Pat McCann to attend King County Elections’ LEAN event; the goal of the event was to reduce the time the elections office staff spend in validating voters’ ballot signatures. (See Pat’s front-page article.)

Cyndi and Julie Anne will be arranging moderators for many local candidate and ballot issues forums. They did this last year for groups from Lake Forest Park up north, across Lake Washington to Kirkland and Issaquah, and south to Burien and Federal Way. This is an especially good use of our non-partisan resources. A group, such as a League unit or local organization, provides the event logistics and we supply a moderator who will help assure that the forum is conducted in a fair and civil manner, especially important in contentious races. They also provide lighter assistance in the form of advice and guidance to community groups on how to sponsor balanced and informative candidate forums in their local communities.

Besides being a popular member of the Speakers Bureau, Julie Anne has an array of tasks that come rushing at her at a hectic pace in a busy election year such as this. Once candidate-filing week concludes on May 14, and ballot measures are set for the fall election, she begins to coordinate the writing of ballot issue summaries and to arrange forums. Our local Seattle-King County League also provides a service for the state’s voters in the form of state ballot issue summaries that are used by all of the Washington League chapters and units.

We intend to sponsor a primary candidate forum in July. Now’s a good time to remind you that we don’t endorse candidates, but we do provide forums that give you and other voters a front row seat to make your own evaluations. Julie will also plan a ballot issues forum for the general election. In addition, she is serving on two LWVWA Voter Services committees: one to oversee and implement the state League’s VOTE 411 website project, which will provide election information on the web, and the other a committee to coordinate the state candidate forums to be held in various locations for the major statewide races on the ballot this year.

Some lively issues are likely to be on the ballot, including, at the state level, a referendum on the current law legalizing gay marriage in our state as well as an initiative to legalize marijuana. Locally, we may see a Seattle libraries funding measure on the Primary ballot and there may be other funding measures from both King County and local smaller jurisdictions on the November ballot.

We will decide which issues to evaluate for possible endorsement with a revised and simplified endorsement process. Given the early timing of

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**MAY**

- No Forum this month
- Board Meeting
  - Saturday, May 5
  - 9:00 a.m. - noon
  - League Office
- International Relations Committee
  - Monday, May 7
  - 12:45 – 2:45 p.m.
  - League Office

**JUNE**

- Transportation Committee
  - Tuesday, May 15
  - 10:00 a.m. - noon
  - League Office
- Social Justice Committee
  - Saturday, May 19
  - 10:00 a.m.
  - League Office
- Annual Meeting
  - Thursday, May 24
  - 5:00 - 9:30 p.m.
  - Seattle First Baptist Church
- Economics and Taxation Committee
  - Saturday, May 29
  - 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
  - 909 E. Newton, #D

- International Relations Committee
  - Monday, June 4
  - 12:45 – 2:45 p.m.
  - League Office
- Transportation Committee
  - Tuesday, June 12
  - 10:00 a.m. - noon
  - League Office
- Board Meeting
  - Saturday, June 16
  - 9:00 a.m. - noon
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Forum Schedule

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Please take note: There will be no forum in May because the All Mail Voting study has been postponed to next spring. The hot topic forum on Iran, scheduled for June, has been postponed also. Unit meetings in May and June are optional; check the unit listings for your unit.

Be sure to regularly check the website, your e-mail, and the Summer Voter for announcements of the schedule for 2012-13, as well as special primary election events during July and August.

Board Briefs

*The Board of the League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County met on Saturday, April 7, 2012. This is a summary of their work.*

**Spring Event**

Ginna Owens reported that online reservations were going well for the Immigration at the Crossroads event featuring Jorge L. Barón, Executive Director, Northwest Immigrant Rights Project.

**Committees and Related Work**

International Relations Committee Chair Rebecca Castilleja attended the meeting and reported that the committee has been working on presentations to explore current events and Iran. The committee has gathered a lot of information, but it has proven more difficult than anticipated to schedule speakers for a forum. Smaller presentations or programs to explore the complex issues are also being considered.

Past LWVS-KC President and current LWVS-KC Office Administrator Allison Feher has been named to the LWVUS Campaign Finance Taskforce. Jean Carlson and Janet Winans will continue to represent LWVS-KC on the LWVWA task force working on the same issues.

The Board approved compilations for both the national study on Privatization and the local study on Fostering Teacher Effectiveness. The Privatization results will be transmitted to LWVUS. The compilations of unit discussions on Fostering Teacher Effectiveness will be transmitted to the LWV Education Committee where it will be determined if there are new positions to be gleaned from the study.

Pat McCann will be representing LWVS-KC on the King County Elections LEAN committee. This committee is part of the efforts of King County Executive Constantine to make all areas of King County government more efficient.

Cindy Piennett, Laraine Volkman, and Kati Ortiz were confirmed as members of the Finance Committee.

The Board approved the changes to the bylaws to be presented for a vote at the Annual Meeting. These changes related to the merger of the Seattle and South County leagues. The Board expressed their appreciation for Cindy Piennett's work on this project.

**LWVUS Convention**

The delegates to the LWVUS Convention will meet to consider strategies and our role there so as to ensure that Seattle-King County League is well-represented on the issues that are likely to be addressed.
Other Work

The Board agreed that any recommended studies will appear either in the Annual Meeting Workbook or in the supplement presented at the meeting. Such studies must have a well-defined scope and a study chair. They also approved a six-month trial membership in Meetup for the Hot Topics group at $12.00 per month. Meetup is an online social network that facilitates offline group meetings.

President’s Message (cont’d from p. 3)

the Primary, we will be very selective in choosing issues to consider. (Volunteers do want some summer vacation!)

We have an array of resources available to voters. You will find ballot issues summaries as well as articles to inform your decisions in our newsletter, the Voter. If you go to our website (www.seattlelwv.org), you will find the online Voter as well as links to other information, including the Washington State and national League websites. And then there is the TRY (They Represent You), our popular directory of elected officials. We have already published and distributed thousands of TRYs this year, but we have additional copies for your use and distribution. I am delighted with the positive feedback we get from voters who find these highly useful for contacting government officials.

You can always call our CIS desk (Citizen Information Service) to request information. Our helpful volunteers will do their best to connect you with the information you need. We trust this information will help expedite your voting decisions and that you will have plenty of time left to enjoy SUMMER!

Judy Bevington, President
League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County

LEAN Elections (cont’d from cover)

On each day, members of the group took time during a break, or after the session, to explain to me what they were discussing and how it would affect their outcome. Their enthusiasm for the work and their expertise and thoughtfulness were reassuring. I was proud of them.

The final report-out on the fifth day was heavily attended. Each participant presented the findings and plans, explained or justified every one, and cited the reduction in waste and increase in service to the voter in particular and the citizenry in general. Director Sherril Huff, who was a participant in the process, was lavish—and accurate—in her praise for the staff members who had taken part.

According to my subsequent reading, the wish to continue working on improvements is expected and built into this method. That was certainly the case here. At the end of the fourth day, participants were expressing enthusiasm for the process and great willingness to work at carrying it forward.

I wonder how to lean up my household. Hmmm.
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COMMITEES

Committees

**ECONOMICS AND TAXATION COMMITTEE**
**DATE:** SATURDAY, MAY 26
**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.
**PLACE:** 909 E. NEWTON, #D
**RSVP:** LWVSEATTLENORA@YAHOO.COM

**INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**
**DATE:** MONDAY, MAY 7 & JUNE 4
**TIME:** 12:45-2:45 P.M.
**PLACE:** LEAGUE OFFICE

**LAND USE/WATERFRONT COMMITTEE**
The chair will be in touch with committee members once the unit discussion materials are ready for analysis. No meeting is scheduled at this time.

**ALL-MAIL BALLOT STUDY COMMITTEE**
Still time to join the study team! To include the presidential year data, we will be reporting in April 2013. If you have questions or would like to join the team, leave a message at the Seattle League office 206-329-4848, or please contact chair Julie Anne Kempf via e-mail at: julie@kempf.com.

**PRIVATIZATION ACTION TEAM**
After the excellent discussions League members held in their units, we need to identify people who want to be on the action team for this issue. Please contact Nora Leech (206-328-0445) if you are interested in attending an information meeting (time and date to be announced). We will be exploring possible actions on this important topic.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE**
**DATE:** SATURDAY, MAY 19
**TIME:** 10:00 A.M.
**PLACE:** LEAGUE OFFICE

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**
**DATE:** TUESDAY, MAY 15 & JUNE 12
**TIME:** 10:00 A.M. - NOON
**PLACE:** LEAGUE OFFICE
The May speaker will be Kerry Pihlstrom, the 520 West End coordinator who is dealing with all of the issues about actually landing the bridge in the Montlake area.

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

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**Diversity Policy**

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

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

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

On April 10, 2012, North Seattle Community College held its first annual “Day of Action” event at the college. The students invited political action groups from all over the area to set up tables and to speak on their issues. It was well publicized on campus and the fact that they had free food and coffee brought in a good number of people to see what was happening.

Our League was ably represented by Candis Litsey, who was nattily attired in her red hat, and by Cyndi Woods. They both wore League tattoos (which proved to be popular give-aways, along with our TRY pamphlets) and helped register several new voters.

We were the only non-partisan organization there. It was nice to let the students know there is a knowledgeable, experienced organization that can help them make sound voting decisions. We also let them know that volunteering with the League is a great way to develop into a politician.

Rumor has it that next year the Secretary of State will be at this event. We’re planning to be there as well.

CITIZENS UNITED AND NATIONAL TASK FORCE

We are fortunate that Allison Feher has been selected to be on a task force that the national League convened to look at responses to Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission. That Supreme Court decision has allowed unlimited corporate money to be funneled into elections. Many local Leaguers are eager for action to reverse this decision but we need to coordinate our efforts with national and make sure that any action we take will be well thought-out and effective. The national task force is preparing a report for the national convention in the second week of June and we will share that with you as soon as it’s available. In addition, we have a group of Leaguers from several of the local Leagues in Washington meeting to research this issue and report at State Council the first week in June. Several of our members, including Jean Carlson, Toni Potter, and Janet Winans are a part of this group.

In the meantime, please follow up on the national calls for action to support the DISCLOSE Act which, if passed, could help us at least track the huge sums that are currently being spent.
IMMIGRATION at the CROSSROADS
A special thank you to all those who have given support to both this important hot topic discussion and the work of the League of Women Voters.

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Join the League!

Members automatically receive the VOTER, either in print or electronically, which keeps you up-to-date on our monthly forums, neighborhood discussion groups, committee activities, voter registration, and other volunteer opportunities. In addition, members receive action alerts about legislation in Olympia and Washington, D.C., as well as publications from the state League. League membership is open to men and women.

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☐ $90 one year household membership
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Please make your check payable to LWVS-KC and return with this form.

Membership dues and contributions are not tax deductible; however, eligible tax deductible contributions may be made to the LWVS Education Fund.

Thank you for joining and supporting the work of the League of Women Voters!

Please return this form to:
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Seattle, WA  98122-7007
Redmond Public Forum on Open Government
Wednesday, May 30, 2012  6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

The LWVS-KC is cosponsoring this forum with the Washington Coalition for Open Government. A panel of experts will fuel a discussion focusing on Washington’s Public Records and Open Meetings laws. Panelists will include WCOG president and Kirkland City Councilmember Toby Nixon; State Archivist Jerry Handfield; Ed Clark, C.P.A., Clark, Raymond & Co.; and Assistant State Attorney General Tim Ford. Greg Overstreet of Overstreet Law Firm will moderate the forum. This forum is free and open to all, and questions and comments from the audience are encouraged.

Cascade Club – Crystal Room
23225 NE Greens Crossing Rd
Redmond, WA 98053

WATERFRONT ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Last month’s program article, “Waterfront for All,” was written by Jan O’Connor. She was an observer at the Viaduct Stakeholders’ Committee in 2008 and 2009. She is currently an appointed member of the Central Waterfront Committee and serves on the Public Outreach sub-committee. Sources used for the background material included the materials produced for the Central Waterfront Committee; the Opinion of the Attorney General, Slade Gorton, in regard to harbor lines; information on current work on the Shoreline Master Plan from Margaret Glowacki; Forward Thrust from Wikipedia and the Center for the Study of the Pacific Northwest, Document 35, May 1967; NOAA’s Northwest Regional Office on the Salmon Recovery Planning Strategy; Gale Force Ferry Service Warnings from Crosscut, February 8, 2012; The Central Waterfront, Thomas History Services, which was prepared for the Historic Preservation Program of the Department of Neighborhoods, City of Seattle; Center City Public Realm Guide, City of Seattle, December, 2009; and Roger Sale’s book, Seattle Past to Present (University of Washington Press, 1987).

Speakers who shared their insights with us at the Land Use/Waterfront Committee meetings included Nathan Torgelson of the Seattle Parks Department and Steve Pearce from Seattle Department of Transportation, part of the civic team on the Central Waterfront Committee (CWC); Cary Moon of the People’s Waterfront Coalition and a member of the CWC; Jennifer Wieland of the Seawall Project; Peter Hahn of the Seattle Department of Transportation; Bob Davidson of the Seattle Aquarium and a CWC member; Ben Franz-Knight of the Pike Place Market; Peter Steinbrueck, a long time supporter of the market; a representative from the port, Mike Merritt; and Thatcher Bailey from the Park Foundation.
FEATURES

BOOK REVIEW by Vicky Downs

Digging to America by Anne Tyler

In 2006, when I learned that Anne Tyler’s latest book was about two families who adopted baby girls from Korea, I rushed to buy a copy. My youngest grandchild, recently adopted in China, made me feel connected to Tyler’s characters before I turned to the first page.

True to form, Tyler’s sense of humor had me in thrall from the short first chapter. The scene opens on August 15, 1997 in an almost empty Baltimore airport. In one area there appears to be a baby shower, with “silvery balloons” printed with “IT’S A GIRL!” and buttons on shirts reading “MOM,” “DAD,” “GRANDMA,” and two saying “GRANDPA.” There is also a “stroller so chrome-trimmed and bristling with gears that it seemed capable of entering the Indy 500.” This group is friendly, expectant, video-camera ready, and has trouble keeping its excitement under control.

Among others awaiting the same flight from San Francisco, three people no one seemed to notice were standing to the side. They were “a youngish couple, foreign-looking, olive skin and attractive, [and] a slim older woman with a chignon of slick black hair knotted low on her neck.” They carry no balloons, but they too await a baby girl from Korea.

Tyler’s story is about these two families who would never have come together except for their adopted children. Brad and Bitsy Donaldson are utterly American, and Sami and Ziba Yazdan are Iranian-Americans, well assimilated but with close connections to the Iranian community in Baltimore and Washington, D.C. Maryam, Sami’s mother, was born in Iran and, after almost forty years, is thoroughly acclimated, though she will never speak with an American accent as her son does.

When the Donaldsons impulsively invite the Yazdans to their “Arrival Party,” it starts a friendship that develops over time. At first they are more aware of their differences than similarities. Bitsy and Brad decide their daughter should keep her Korean name, Jin Ho, while Sami and Ziba choose to change their daughter’s name from the Korean Sooki to Susan, which sounds similar to their ears and is more comfortable for Iranians to pronounce.

Maryam is intrigued by the Donaldsons, but after Bitsy’s mother dies, the kindly and suddenly lonely widower begins to court her. Maryam soon feels that all her boundaries are being invaded: her sense of space, her privacy, the sounds and smells of her own home. In truth, she feels as though she is in danger of losing the Iranian side of herself.

This is a book about all sorts of immigrations: Maryam had had an arranged marriage, but once she and her new husband had emigrated to America they had loved each other in ways that even her strongest aunts could never have arranged. Like Maryam, Sami and Ziba are at home in America, yet they know they will always be seen as outsiders. If they were to migrate back to their ancestors in Iran, they would be outsiders there as well.

The girls grow up feeling at home with their families, but they too are constantly crossing boundaries: a gentle smile is appropriate in one home but a more vigorous expression is expected in another.

This is a story filled with the collision of cultures. Because we are all growing older and dealing with changes of all sorts, the daily dramas of the Donaldsons and Yazdans provide a touching and humorous story that feels familiar. Like Maryam, you might well find that your own heart has room in it for the wonderful characters in this lovely story.

The opinions in this review are personal and do not represent those of the LWV.
BEYOND THE WELFARE STATE

A Summary by Vicky Downs

On December 22, 2011, David Brooks, the newspaper columnist and familiar conservative commentator on the PBS NewsHour, published a column in The New York Times entitled “The Sidney Awards, Part II.” In it he named some of the “best public-policy essays of the year.” These essays, he said, “tackled the interconnected subjects of inequality, wage stagnation and the loss of economic dynamism.” In order to help us better understand our economic situation prior to the November elections, particularly the issue of growing inequality, Vicky Downs, of the Economics and Taxation committee, has undertaken to review four of the articles Brooks cited. Here is her fourth summary, this time of “Beyond the Welfare State” by Yuval Levin, National Affairs, Spring 2011.

In this, the final article that Brooks refers to, the author is concerned that the U.S. is moving too close to being a welfare state. Though he admits there are some people who truly need help, he says that our government is too big and inefficient and that that condition interferes with wealth accumulation. The government should help people make money so they can take care of themselves.

Levin writes that he is a strong believer in the benefits of family, church, and civil society, but he believes government should play a smaller role in our lives. For example, benefits such as Medicare and Social Security should be means-tested so that those who don't need it are not encouraged to lean on government rather than take responsibility for their own well being.

Many of the views in this article are at variance with those of the League of Women Voters. However, they do represent the views of some--perhaps many--Americans.

It is important for Leaguers to be aware of these views; they could be the basis for a lively discussion!

READ ECONOMICS

Book Recommendations from Jan O'Connor, Member, Economics and Taxation Committee

If you want to read a book for some background on the language of economics, a good choice might be Economics Explained by Robert Heilbroner and Lester Thurow (New York: Touchstone, 1998) or How Markets Fail by John Cassidy (New York: Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 2009). If you are interested in the real estate crash through which we are now living, you might read Irrational Exuberance by Robert J. Shiller, 2nd ed. (Princeton University Press, 2005) or After Shock by Robert Reich (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2010). And if you really want some background information on the endless political/ economic charges we are now hearing as part of the ongoing political campaigns read Winner Take All Politics by Paul Pierson and Jacob Hacker (New York: Simon and Schuster, 2010). [Reviewed by Vicky Downs in the September 2011 Voter.] This book reviews the changes that have gone on within the Republican Party within the last generation, puzzling many independent voters or voters looking for a bi-partisan approach. In another vein, if you are interested in the influence of money on political and business decisions read The Age of Greed by Jeff Madrick (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2011). [See Vicky’s review in the February 2012 Voter.] Well-paid American workers have made American industry non-competitive? No way. The management probably had more lucrative things to do with profits than invest them in better products. And through the years, we see U.S. presidents trying to maintain an economic system that will get them re-elected in the face of often baffling and contradictory advice. The Economics and Taxation Committee hopes to review some of their favorite readings for you during the coming months.
Plan to attend the annual meeting of the membership of the League of Women Voters of Seattle. It is here that members decide on the issues that set the direction for the coming year, elect and meet new officers and directors; approve the budget; vote on bylaw changes, and decide on the adoption new studies and positions. While five percent of the membership makes up the required quorum for all votes, a strong grassroots voice requires all members to be engaged.

The Carrie Chapman Catt award will be presented to a member who has contributed significantly to the League over the years; 50-year members will be honored; and our leaders and volunteers will be recognized for their dedication to making democracy work.

The annual meeting provides an opportunity for all of us to regroup and to renew our commitment. It is a time to reaffirm the mission and principles of the League and to set goals. It is only with the continued support and participation of the members and units that the LWVS can realize its mission.

This year the dinner will be catered. Please watch for a call for volunteers to help set up and tear down.
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Calling All League Members!

Calling All LWV Seattle-King County Leaguers!

It’s time to reconvene to make decisions that will take us forward.

The nominating committee has presented a fine slate of officers for your consideration. I look forward to working with each of them.

How much can we take on? You will be asked to decide whether and which studies to support. Our goal is to simplify and emphasize ‘hot topics’ and updates over major studies; however, we may have some members eager to do a study. The tentative program for next year is listed in this workbook. This can change depending on factors such as person power and opportunities. Action related to the Citizens United court decision is important to us so we need to educate ourselves about effective responses. Allison Feher is a member of the national task force on this issue. We will await their results to decide how we will act. In the meantime we can support the national Disclose Act and other open government issues.

The size of next year’s budget will be decided. During this discussion there are a few items to keep in mind. While we have and can save money with publication of fewer TRY’s (our directory of public officials), it is important to add line items for equipment replacement and civics education and to provide additional support for our fall event. This year we will have a full time employee and will have no savings there. National will be asking for a $1 increase in PMP; if approved that leaves us only $10 of our $60 dues after we pay state and national. This means it is as vital as ever that we find volunteers, donors and sponsors to help with fundraising to support our mission.

Is something “eating” you? Do you have an idea you want to have considered? You will have an opportunity to give direction to the Board.

Other reasons for gathering are to get together, chat and share ideas with other Leaguers over dinner and to recognize our dedicated volunteers.

We have lost Joan Thomas, but let’s keep some of her approaches in mind as we go forward. She knew it was necessary to prioritize and to “bring people along”; to provide education and mentoring and respect in order to accomplish our work.

Please come, vote and have a good time.

Judy Bevington,
President
Proposed Agenda

5:00 Registration

5:30 Call to Order
   • Announcements
   • Introduction of Parliamentarian
   • Presentation of Agenda
   • Appointment of Committee to Approve the 2012 Meeting Minutes

5:35 Credentials Report
   • Adoption of Agenda
   • Announcement of Approval of 2011 Minutes
   • Adoption of Rules

5:40 Updates to Bylaws

5:50 Current Program
   • Current Positions
   • Motions for Amendment of Positions
   • Re-adooption of Current Positions as Amended

6:00 New Program
   • Motions to Consider Non-Recommended Program Items

6:30 Dinner

7:15 Carrie Chapman Catt Award

7:25 Reconvene
   Credentials Report

7:30 Adoption of Non-Recommended Program Items

7:50 Report of the Nominating Committee
   • Nominations from the Floor
   • Election of Officers, Directors and Nominating Committee

8:00 Introductions
   • 50-Year Member Recognition
   • Introduction of Unit Leaders
   • Introduction of 11-12 Board Members
   • Introduction of 12-13 Board Members
   • Introduction of National Delegates
   • Introduction of Off-Board Committee Chairs
   • Introduction of Event Volunteers
   • Introduction of Finance Committee
   • Introduction of CIS Desk Volunteers
   • Introduction of Committee Members
   • Introduction of Local Unit Members

8:20 Financial Reports
   • Presentation of the 2010-2011 Year-to-Date Treasurer’s Report
   • Presentation of the 2011-2012 Proposed Budget
   • Debate and Adoption of Budget

8:35 Direction to the Board and Discussion

8:55 Adjourn for LWVS Education Fund meeting
Completion of the King County South League merger with the Seattle League requires the positions and bylaws of each organization be considered and merged together. The Board has approved these changes to the bylaws and the positions. The final step is for the membership to consider and approve the changes.

Thank you to Jane Schaffer, Pat McCann, Nora Leech, Beatrice Crane, Mary Ehlers and Allison Feher for their collaborative efforts in creating this document.

In the interest of saving a few trees, you are only being given those paragraphs that have some change. Full copies will be available at the meeting or you can call the office if you’d like a set ahead of time.

Please be prepared with suggested wording at the annual meeting if you want something changed. It is our goal to complete the merger at this annual meeting.

Bylaws

There are two proposed changes to the bylaws. The first consists of substituting the name “League of Women Voters of Seattle” or “LWVS” with “League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County” or “LWVS-KC” wherever they occur in the document and adding the following to the end of the preamble:

After the merger with the King County South local league in 2011, the name was changed to add King County.

The second proposes adding two sections to Article X, Program. The proposed additions are underlined below.

The governmental principles adopted by the national convention and supported by the League as a whole, constitute the authorization for the adoption of program.

Sec. 2. Member Action: Members may act in the name of the League of Women Voters only when authorized to do so by the president or the board of directors.

Sec. 3. Action: LWVS-KC may act only in conformity with, or not contrary to the position taken by the LWVUS, LWVWA and interleague organizations.

Positions

The proposed changes to positions consist of the underlined text in the following paragraphs. Headers are included to provide context; where there is an ellipsis, some intervening text has been omitted. There are no proposed deletions.

CITY GOVERNMENT

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Land Use Planning and Zoning


C. The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County supports cooperation among King County government, the Port of Seattle and the cities of King County surrounding SeaTac Airport in solving and preventing land use problems in the vicinity of SeaTac Airport through comprehensive and innovative planning. Citizens should be involved in the planning process.
SCHOOLS

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

NATURAL RESOURCES

Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Greenbelts

- Support comprehensive planning, acquisition, development, preservation and use of parks, open spaces, unique areas, habitats, and green-belts, both public and private, to provide a wide variety of facilities for all age groups. LWE 2004

A. Increased coordination among departments and units of government involved is essential for economy, efficiency and effective implementation of open space programs and effectively informing the public of park needs, proposals, and programs.

B. Citizen information, education and participation in city, county and regional park and open space programs are necessary in order to meet present and future needs.

C. Priorities for open space should be based upon the character and needs of the population. Land should be acquired now in developed areas and reserved in undeveloped areas.

D. Natural topography should be utilized whenever possible in as buffer zones and between developments, i.e. river valleys, flood plains, slide and steep slopes.

E. Financing should be by any feasible method, including fees, gifts, advanced land acquisition funds and special recreation districts.

KING COUNTY

Transportation and Growth Management

- Support coordination among all levels of government and industry in order to (1) share equipment, money and expertise and (2) form regulations to control transportation of hazardous material. The response procedure should be simplified, allowing for a distinct chain of command and easy access to resource information. The importance of adequate training, for both the personnel responsible for transporting the hazardous material and the personnel handling the incidents, should be stressed. The funding for enforcement of regulations and training of personnel should be provided by the private sector and government. The state must provide adequate inspection and enforcement regulations.
Proposed Program 2012–2013

Overview

Program Planning is an important League tool for identifying issues for study and is a core component of a three-part process composed of program planning, study and consensus, and advocacy. It may include further education or action on matters contained within our already adopted positions or intensive study that may lead to new positions and action. League principles provide the authorization for adoption of the program.

Criteria for Selection of New League Programs

- The issue must be one on which government action is needed.
- The issue must fall within the principles of the League of Women Voters.
- League members must be willing to spend time and effort on the issue.
- League involvement must be expected to make a difference.
- It should be a crucial time for the issue.
- The issue should be a current topic of discussion in the community or able to generate interest from the community.

Tentative Program Schedule for 2012-2013 Forums

August: Primary Election
September: Legalization of Marijuana
October: Ballot Issues: General Election
November: Economic Issues
December: Conservation Districts (state) TBD
January: Action/Program Planning
February: State Study: Energy
March: Women’s Issues
April: Campaign Finance Reform
May: All-Mail Voting

A Few Words About Studies

Studies: Members of the League propose new studies when they believe existing positions are not adequate to support action in an area that falls within the criteria for selection League programs listed previously. In addition to meeting all those criteria, successful proposals will have a core study group in place, with a chair on board to set up the study committee and get the study going. The proposals will set out the scope of work to be undertaken, as well as its focus. Studies generally take one or two years from plan to production. A study is just what it sounds like: a careful investigation of a subject. The study committee will read available materials, interview experts, determine what the key questions are and figure out where to dig up the answers. Committee members take on the project because they are interested and consider it necessary, but they approach it with an open mind, not a predetermined outcome.

Updates: An update is a mini-study or report that provides new or additional information of current interest to League members on an issue or topic that has been previously studied. Like studies, updates need to fall within the seven criteria for the selection of local programs previously cited. Updates are often conducted by one of League’s core interest groups (such as, the Education Committee, the Transportation Committee, the Economics and Taxation Committee, the Land Use/Waterfront Committee, the International Relations Committee, and the Social Justice Committee.) In contrast to full studies, updates are meant to be brief and concise reports targeted at bringing new or additional information to light regarding a previously studied topic. They typically take about four to nine months to complete from the initial planning stage to final production.

Hot Topics: Hot topics are something new to our program planning kit. They are designed to be a more flexible, streamlined and sustainable model for producing League program. Over the years, the Board has become conscious of the need to increase the visibility and awareness of League in the community as well as the need to attract an expanding membership.
Hot topics are seen as one way of doing this without exhausting the energies of our hard-working resource committees.

Hot topics are exactly what the name implies: They are hot button issues that everyone in the civic community is talking about. In contrast to League studies and updates, they don’t have to meet all seven criteria for a local study item. For example, under the umbrella of a hot topic, we can have a discussion on campaign finance reform (a national issue) at the local level to inform our members and the general community of the various aspects of campaign finance reform.

What can a hot topic look like? If the hot topic committee decides to do a forum and unit discussion, a hot topic approach would include a short, succinct, and focused report – perhaps a series of Voter articles – using existing resources as nearly as possible. The hot topic materials would still exhibit League balance, but could be produced in a fraction of the time required by the typical study or update. Alternatively, the hot topic committee could decide that a hot topic would take the form of a dinner or brown-bag lunch, perhaps open to the community-at-large. The various forms that a hot topic could take are only limited by the cost to the League and the imagination of the committee members.

A number of hot topic items have been proposed for next year’s program. Can you spot them?

NOTE: A recommended new study may be submitted by the Board in the supplement to the Annual Meeting kit. (See the Non-Recommended Study section below.)

Non-Recommended Studies

Five study topics floated to the top from the January and March program planning meetings. These are listed below in order of interest.

- Alternatives to incarceration
- Climate change and land use, including tree ordinance for Seattle
- Education, including civics education
- New revenues for state and local (city/county) governments
- Worker’s rights – collective bargaining, job safety

Note: Two additional topics that may be moving forward are Iran and Food Safety.

Budget 2012–2013

The Proposed budget and financial statements will be distributed at the annual meeting in the supplement. Members who wish to review the information prior to the annual meeting should contact the office after the May board meeting and we will send it to you.
Nominees for the Board of Directors & Nominating Committee

2011 – 2012 Nominating Committee

Report of the Nominating Committee
Karen Adair, Chair

Officers

2nd Vice President   Ellen Barton              2012-2013
3rd Vice President    Beatrice Crane           2012-2014
4th Vice President    Ginna Owens            2012-2013
Secretary                   Joanna Cullen           2012-2013

Board of Directors

Marge Baker   2012-14
Lindsay Cummings    2012-14
Susan K. Jones   2012-13
Julile Anne Kempf    2012-14
Mary Jo Vigil  2012-14

Continuing Board:
President Judy Bevington
1st Vice President, Cyndi Woods
Treasurer, Kati Ortiz
Director, Janet Winans

Nominating Committee 2012-13

Betty Sullitvan, Chair
Becky Cox
Carol Goldenberg
Kelly Powers
Laura Weese

Nominating Committee 2011-12

Karen Adair, Chair
Astrid Berg
Jean Carlson
Miriam Helgeland
Jeanette Kahlenberg
Boots Winterstein
Board Nominees

Ellen E. Barton, 2nd V.P.
Ellen was elected to the Board in 2011 and has been appointed Action Chair. Ellen has been a league member for the past 11 years. She has assisted in voter registration and served on the Port Committee. Ellen has also worked on several local and national campaigns, including signature gathering for initiatives. Previously, Ellen served as a board member for a local chapter of the Washington Federation of State Employees (WFSE) when she worked for the state. In that role, she attended local, state and national meetings. Ellen graduated from Western Washington University with a bachelor’s degree in psychology and from Seattle University School of Law. She has practiced law for more than 20 years and is currently working in the field of elder law. Ellen lives in Ballard, is an avid gardener and enjoys skiing and bicycling. Ellen looks forward to serving as 2nd VP and board member for the League.

Beatrice Crane, 3rd V.P.
Beatrice Crane is returning to the Board after a year away; she served as Voter editor from 2007 – 2011. Beatrice was born in Seattle and grew up mainly in Fairbanks, Alaska, where her mother, Mary Slotnick, was the first president of the local League. She spent many years on the East Coast, but returned to Seattle with her family in 2000. By this time, her parents were back in Seattle also, and her mother was an active LWVS member. Beatrice joined the League in 2004. An English major in college, Beatrice worked professionally as a computer programmer until the birth of her first child in 1984. Since that time her experience has included teaching English as a second language, assisting her husband, Peter, with translations and editing for a book which was published in Germany in 2005, and various volunteer activities. Beatrice and Peter have two adult children, a daughter in Fairbanks and a son in Seattle.

Ginna Owens, 4th V.P.
For fifty years, Ginna says, the LWV has been the basic catalyst for her understanding, debating, and acting upon issues affecting our democracy’s quality of life. Dramatic changes in recent years confront the League with new challenges as it seeks to remain relevant and build constituencies that share its passion for good government. She is delighted to be on hand for that discussion. The primary focus of Ginna’s 45+ year professional career has been nonprofit management and development. Her baccalaureate degree is in social work and communications with an emphasis on community organization, while her graduate work is in institutional advancement. Five of her six children and their families live in the Puget Sound area, so even though she’s a life-long vagabond, she now feels happily settled in Seattle.

Joanna Cullen, Secretary
Prior to serving as Secretary of the LWVS, Joanna had several careers, including writing and editing, working in the field and as a manager for political campaigns, and coordinating non-profit efforts in the community. She served on the Boards of local Unit PTSAs and as President of the Seattle Council PTSA and was active in the Democratic party at all levels. She is currently on the Boards of Squire Park Community Council and the East Precinct Advisory Committee. Her BA in Communications reflects Joanna’s life-long interest in the role of meaningful communications in public discourse and in the meaning of propaganda. Joanna and her husband enjoy reading, hiking and other outdoor activities, and support the performing arts. Joanna has enjoyed her work with the league and highly recommends joining a committee and work with the speakers bureau.

Marge Baker, Director
I relocated to Seattle about three years ago, after retiring from my Federal government staff attorney position. I have been volunteering at a local preschool reading aloud to the children through the King County United Way. I also volunteered with ArtsWest as an usher and gallery assistant. I rejoined the League, after being away for many years, as a way to familiarize myself with local government issues. I have a particular interest in education and voting issues and look forward to being involved with the production of the Voter. Before attending law school, I was a stay-at-home mother and before that a middle school teacher.
Lindsay Cummings, Director

Lindsay moved to Seattle in 2008 in order to take on the role of LWVS staff, a position she held for three wonderful years. Lindsay has worked with various environmental and social service nonprofits for ten years. A Montana native, she holds a BA in Environmental Studies and Geography from the University of Montana. At long last, she feels she has found her professional niche as a home funeral guide and funeral director intern at A Sacred Moment, a unique funeral service dedicated to empowering families to make sustainable, meaningful end-of-life choices. Lindsay is currently finishing her master’s degree in the Ecopsychology concentration of the Integrative Studies in Psychology program at Antioch University. She lives in the south Seattle neighborhood of Columbia City, and in her occasional moments of spare time, loves reading, writing, hiking, traveling, and torturing her friends with culinary experiments.

Susan K. Jones, Director

Susan moved to Seattle from the east coast in 1986 and joined the League soon thereafter. However, because of the travel demands of her job at the time, she did not become an active member until the last decade. Most of her career she was a planning and marketing executive for a number of healthcare management companies and later worked with her husband in their own small business. She and her husband have recently retired and are enjoying having more time free of constant deadlines to spend traveling, gardening, volunteering and walking their new 80 lb. puppy. Susan has been active in her local community of Seward Park, most notably as a board member of the Rainier Valley Chamber of Commerce. She also was a member of the League’s auction committee for several years, one of them as Auction Chair.

Julie Anne Kempf, Director

Julie Anne is a lifetime perfect voter who, years ago, drove six hours from Pullman, Washington to register to vote in King County a month before her eighteenth birthday, and who celebrated the same birthday by driving six hours each way again on election day to cast her vote. She has been active with the League since 2006, on the Board of Directors (2010-2012), the Civic Education Committee, assisted with events, and filled in on the Speaker’s Bureau. Julie Anne has a unique set of experiences in the election and voting cycle, and is to the best of anyone’s knowledge, the only person currently in King County to have (at different times, of course) served as Superintendent of Elections, sat on the Canvass Board, been a polling place Captain, been a campaign manager for a major legislative race, run as a candidate for countywide office, served on a steering committee for a statewide race, been an elected delegate to a national party political convention where a Presidential candidate was nominated, been several times elected a Precinct Committee Officer, served as a volunteer Deputy Registrar of Voters, been a community activist, and volunteered with several nonpartisan good government organizations. Over the course of her voting life, she has voted a ballot at the polls, true absentee, vote-by-mail, a special/provisional ballot, a submarine ballot; she even delayed emergency surgery stemming from a car accident on election eve in 1993 until a hospital ballot could be delivered and she voted. She figures all she needs is to serve as a Presidential Elector to have experienced every possible citizen role available in our election process. Julie Anne holds a degree in Speech from Washington State University and attended Seattle University School of Law.

Mary Jo Vigil, Director

Inspired by the League mission and the passion of its members, Mary Jo joined to help influence public policy and make a difference in our community. Her professional background is in business, human resources and legal services. She is currently the Director, Legal Operations & Business Strategy at Starbucks Coffee Company, here in the SoDo District. Both professionally and personally Mary Jo has a rich history of sponsorship and volunteer service. She is married to a science teacher for Seattle Public Schools and they live in the Seahurst neighborhood of Burien. Action movies, sea kayaking, and learning to play golf are just a sample of her interests. Just ask her about her “Coffee Master” status; she will be glad to share her love and detailed knowledge of coffee.
Nominating Committee
2013

Betty Sullivan, Chair
Betty has been a LWV member for about 20 years. During that time she has held many positions on the Board of Directors, including membership chair, unit coordinator, and voter service chair. She served a term (2001/2002) as co-president of the Seattle LWV. She is a recipient of the Carrie Chapman Catt award. Betty has also been the President of the Education Fund Board. Betty has enjoyed giving ballot issue presentations, monitoring Seattle Housing Authority resident council elections, and working on voter registration drives. She has served twice on the Nominating Committee. For the last few years, she has taken the Monday morning shift at the CIS (Citizens’ Information Service) desk.

Becky Cox
My association with the Seattle League began when I was a new mom and was steered toward the League as a place for some intellectual stimulation. This past year I marked 50 years of continuous membership. (I like to tell people that I joined in utero) My League journey took me to south King County and three terms there as president plus many other Board positions. There are not many local League jobs I have not tried. On the state level, I have served on the state (c) 4 board, lobby team, and currently, the state (c) 3 Ed Fund Board. My other interest is gardening. I grow chrysanthemums that theoretically are for competition. I use the “survival of the fittest” system of growing.

Carol Goldenberg
Carol Goldenberg joined the Lake Washington East League more that 50 years ago. She served on the board of directors there as well as Seattle LWV (vice president for program) and the League of Women Voters of Washington carrying the international relations portfolio. A national League committee on national security provided another satisfying opportunity. Carol was honored with the Carrie Chapman Catt Award in 2004. Having chaired the nominating committee several years ago she understands the importance of the task. She is now very happily staffing the CIS desk on Friday mornings.

Kelly Powers
After graduating from The Evergreen State College, Ms. Powers worked on the WA State House Ways & Means Committee and learned a great deal about the legislative process. In 1987, she moved to Seattle and went to work at a small, little known software company, Microsoft, focusing on User Education, Usability, and Program Management. As a Curriculum Development Manager for Science Companion she led nationwide teams to develop K-5 science curriculum. She and her husband Ben have 2 daughters, 12 and 8. Ms. Powers served as 2nd Vice-President, Membership & Outreach Chair on the LWVS-KC Board of Directors and was a contributor to the Education Committee’s Fostering Effective Teaching study. Currently she attends the Schools First! Coalition as the League representative and serves on a national LWV committee to create a clearinghouse for sharing League studies and positions. She recently joined the North Central unit. She thoroughly enjoys learning, participating on projects, and changing things for the better with inspirational leaguers.

Laura Weese
I joined League in 1960, shortly after moving to Seattle. League participation has included: Seattle Board member and chair of the Schools Committee, 1969-71; State Board member and Human Resources Chair (status of women, welfare and housing), 1973-76; Seattle Board member and Voter editor, 1996 - 1998; Seattle Education Fund Co-President, 2009 - 2011. I am a proud member of the the Southend Unit and also of the Economics Committee. I grew up in Washington, D.C., majored in history at Cornell University, earned a Master’s degree at the University of Rochester while teaching high school. In Seattle I taught part-time at various private schools, earned an MPA at the U.W. and worked at the Graduate School of Public Affairs (now the Evans School) for 15 years. I have lived in the Mt. Baker neighborhood of Seattle since 1966. My three children, now grown, attended public schools in Southeast Seattle - John Muir, Asa Mercer and Franklin. My older son works for the UN in New York, my younger son is a microbiologist at Pacific Northwest National Lab in Richland, WA and my daughter works for Seattle Public Utilities on drainage and wastewater projects. I have three grandchildren in Hastings-on-Hudson, New York, but the newest one, born last August, is in Richland--within driving distance!
Year in Review
2011 – 2012

There is a rhythm to the League year, but no real beginning, and no real end. For many Leaguers, the May Annual Meeting feels like the end of the League year because it follows the last of the forums before summer break. Some Board members will be finishing their terms, as will some Unit Leaders. We’ll thank those folks as well as the committee chairs and others who’ve worked hard throughout the year, and we’ll congratulate some Leaguers who’ve reached their fifty-year member mark.

But, for some, the annual meeting feels like League New Year’s Eve when we are conscious of gearing up for the new League year. Besides the obvious—new budget, new Board members, etc.—this is the time when members can call for new Programs. They may propose one or more new studies. Studies are generally completed following one or two years of thorough research and careful writing, results are published in the Voter, and a forum with informed speakers addressing the topic is then presented. Following the forum, unit members discuss the study and seek to reach consensus in order to determine new League positions.

“Program” involves other forums as well. Some serve to update or elaborate on our positions and provide background or information to help us understand how those positions may apply in particular cases or on hot topics. And of course, the election-time forums offer a fair and non-partisan venue in which candidates and supporters of ballot measures may present their cases. These forums stimulate and inform us; they also serve the wider community. For decades, people in Seattle have come to rely on the expertise developed by devoted League members and on League’s commitment to civil and non-partisan voter education.

Forums and Study Topics

August: Primary Election Forum
Seattle City Council Candidates, Viaduct Initiative, and Veterans & Human Services Levy

September: Census Update - Our Changing Population

October: General Election Forum
Seattle Transportation Proposition 1, Seattle Families and Education Levy, State Initiatives 1125, 1163, and 1183; SJR 8205 & 8206.

November: The Role of the Federal Government in Public Education

January: Program Planning

February: Privatization

March: Fostering Effective Teaching - No Easy Answers

April: Making Plans for the Seattle Central Waterfront
Administration
Judy Bevington, President

PROGRAM
We had an array of interesting programs this year that provided information for forums and unit discussions. Our issue committees brought experts to their meetings and have gone on field trips to inform their work and provide information to members. As a result of unit meeting discussions on education and privatization we will have some new positions on which League can act. Developing program early in the year helped units plan. Besides ballot issues, topics ranged from the census and privatization to federal and local education, and the central waterfront. Program planning showed us the priorities of the membership for the coming year. Given people’s interests and limited time we decided on a new approach that encourages hot topics and updates. Members have provided information on current hot topics such as the economy for VOTER articles.

OUTREACH & COMMUNICATIONS
We are especially pleased that we have a new group that meets after hours for political chat on hot topics. We hope for this to incubate a new generation of League leaders.

Our units and committees remain places for people to become involved. We expand our reach with our newsletter, the VOTER, with our website with links to our forums, on-line copies of the VOTER and other relevant materials. We send out, almost weekly, Constant Contact emails to members and others about our upcoming activities.

OFFICE & LOGISTICS
Early in the year, we spent time getting ourselves into working condition. Telephone and computer breakdowns (the phone problems may have been related to nearby construction) plagued the office for a time. Restoring some dying equipment to life or replacing it became an immediate goal. More importantly, we went through a process to replace our staff person who had gone to half time work before she went on to pursue her career goals. Fortunately, we were able to bring Allison Feher on board as Office Administrator, and with her relevant expertise, talents and can-do approach, the office is going full steam ahead. We completed the merger with KCS and welcomed 26 new members from South King County, who reconfigured themselves into two new units. The two members who joined the Board have been very helpful with the transition. Now we need to work to assure that our activities are relevant to all members, including those outside the Seattle area.

Our treasury team keeps our bills paid and provides financial reports to the Board. Tracking our budget is a job we take seriously. A subcommittee reviewed the books of the last two years when I was treasurer. (I passed!) A finance committee has been established to provide advice on matters such as budget, reserves and accounting.

Gary Bevington keeps our membership data base up to date. He sends out the letters that keep the dues rolling in and provides us with relevant numbers. Joanna Cullen, board secretary, keeps records of our meetings.

We will be exploring ways to get the most advantage from our C3 (Education Fund) and C4 relationship. We will also be looking at options for office space when our 5-year lease ends in August, 2013.

DEVELOPMENT/FUND RAISING
Development is essential to maintain and expand our membership and to raise the necessary funds to support our work. (Remember we only get to keep $11 of our dues after we pay dues (PMP’s) to the state and national Leagues.) We aimed to provide value that draws new members. (Our membership numbers seem to indicate that we are succeeding). We’ve had a successful year of fund-raising. Our fall political party Beyond Spin with Stephanie Coontz met its goals. We launched a very successful Leadership Circle pledge drive that features three year pledges to put us on firmer ground and to be less demanding of volunteer time. Members have responded generously. We have given awards to young citizens from WA Bus and the John Stanford program at Garfield as well scholarships to students with immigrant roots. We have developed interesting new sponsor relations. The development team worked with the Education Fund for the spring fund raiser, featuring Jorge Baron speaking on Immigration at the Crossroads.
BUDGET
2011-12
Our income met our budget, in large part due to the very successful events and pledge drive. Members were very generous in paying extra when they paid their dues, thus defraying the cost of membership for those who find the amount difficult to pay and helping with other costs. We may receive less from the Education Fund than budgeted. Our expenses were well below budget despite the unanticipated equipment replacement costs. Considerable savings were realized by publishing fewer TRY’s (our directory of elected officials) and having staff reduced to ½ time, along with reducing some administrative costs.

2012-13
Our proposed budget for next year represents an increase of about $10,000 from last year’s. This is less than the budget passed for 2009-2010, which was about $34,000 more than the budget for 2011-2112. This is an optimistic budget that assumes we will again be effective in our fund-raising. Increases are for items such as a line item for equipment, increased PMP’s, event costs, wages, rent, and civics education.

Voter Service
Julie Anne Kempf & Cyndi Woods

Voter Service includes most everything we do as a League outside of advocacy:

Voter Registration
Fair, balanced and unemotional
Ballot Issues Summaries
Electoral Forums
Election Monitoring
Citizen Information Services (CIS) Desk
Speakers’ Bureau
Moderator Services
Citizen Education

Our voter services team has provided information to over 1,000 people. They have provided speakers on ballots issues and elections to more than a couple of dozen organizations. They have produced ballot issues and candidate forums and have provided moderators for the forums of community groups across the city and county. They have made ballot issues more accessible, complete and balanced by providing and distributing summaries of them. They developed a process to determine the League’s stand on ballot issues. Most of the 50,000 TRY’s, our directory of elected officials, flew out the door in time for the legislative session.

This year two Board members shared the Voter Services portfolio. Cyndi Woods focused on Voter Services and Speakers’ Bureau. Julie Anne Kempf coordinated development of and edited the Ballot Issue Summaries. She also managed our Electoral Forums. The two work together and share duties as needed to cover this portfolio. They couldn’t accomplish all we do in this League without many, many volunteers whose support is greatly valued and appreciated.

A special note of thanks to Pat McCann. She covered many Speakers’ Bureau engagements in the south county area, both voter education events and ballot measure presentations. In addition she’s resurrecting our Observer Corps—let her know if you’re interested in being a member of the Corps. It’s easy and you’ll learn more about our local government in the process.

VOTER REGISTRATION—Cyndi Woods

The LWVS-KC Voter Registration season opened with the annual Juneteenth celebration which recognizes the anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation—a fitting locale for our organization to help citizens exercise their rights and freedom by voting. We again staffed the Voter Registration table at the Fourth of July naturalization ceremony at Seattle Center where over 500 people became citizens and many registered to vote with us. We went to small festivals, such as the Bothell Riverfest, and large festivals, including Bumbershoot. We helped people with disabilities register in assisted living facilities and went to an alternative high school where we combined Voter Registration with voter education.

We couldn’t accomplish this vital service without the help of our fabulous volunteers. I hope you all know how much I appreciate your help and willingness to jump in when called—Brigitte Ashley, Ellen Barton, Andrea Carey, Joanna Cullen, Allison Feher, Candis Litsey, Shierley Mondiani, Jan Orlando, Kati Ortiz, Dana Twight, and Michelle Valentine (from Snohomish County League), and Tom & JoAnne Way.

SPEAKERS’ BUREAU—Cyndi Woods

Speakers’ Bureau is a combined effort that includes (1) providing moderators for candidate and election
forums, (2) speakers to local organizations that invite us to explain and discuss ballot measures, and (3) knowledgeable speakers to expand voter education.

In the fall 2011 election season, we provided moderators all over the county to ensure voters could listen to candidates present their positions in civil discussions. Our records show that over 650 voters attended these forums; we know they appreciate the way our League moderators keep these forums on topic and professional.

We also sent Speakers’ Bureau volunteers to sixteen venues all over the county to present all sides of pending ballot measures without trying to sway voters. Some 800 voters attended these events; from a group of 10 at the North Haven Retirement Home to well over 100 at Horizon House. It’s refreshing to hear the questions these voters ask; they really want to understand all sides so they can make informed decisions as to how to vote.

Thanks to these incredible volunteers, LWVS-KC was able to put on 28 Speakers’ Bureau events during the last year ... and it wasn’t even a presidential election year. Hats off to Ellen Barton, Juliet Beard, Linda Brown, Lee Carpenter, Becky Cox, Joanna Cullen, Allison Feher, Lucy Gaskill-Gaddis, Barbara Grunewald, Julie Anne Kempf, Pat McCann, Denise Smith, and Dana Twight.

BALLOT ISSUE SUMMARIES – Julie Anne Kempf

League volunteers first break down the ballot measures, and write up the crux of the measure – the plain letter change in law if passed, the costs to the public and to individuals if any and where possible, and the actual net public effect of the law change if enacted. We also research the pros and cons of the ballot issues and publish both side by side, point for point. The goal is clarity and maximum voter information, while leaving the voter to make value judgments for themselves.

Each year, we undertake creating these summaries for each primary and general election. The League also will take on ballot measures appearing on special election dates, when those measures are of widespread interest and/or impact.

A note Seattle-King County members may find interesting – we create the summaries for statewide issues as well, that are used by the LWVWA for the state website.

FREE BALLOT ISSUE FORA – Julie Anne Kempf

The Ed Fund sponsored non-partisan public for a ballot issues forum with representatives from each campaign representing the advocates for and against each measure. These fora were held on the first and second Thursdays of October, and on an appropriate Thursday before the primary election in the summer. These are always open to the public, and admission is free. We strive to also have them taped for local broadcast on the public service channel(s) TVW, SeattleTV or KingCountyTV, whichever is most appropriate for the measure.

VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS WELCOME

If any of the areas of Voter Service appeal to you, we would love to have you join us as a volunteer. We provide training and support so you needn't worry that you’ll be out there on your own. Call the office at (206) 329-4848 or email Allison Feher at the office if you’d like to volunteer.

Action

Ellen Barton, Chair

The LWVS-KC has taken the following actions during the past year:

1. We participated in lobbying day in Olympia on February 17, 2012, during which we heard from our elected officials, including Secretary of State Sam Reed. We attended hearings, visited our Legislators and advocate positions on the budget, women’s health and transportation. Action also supported the call to action by the Transportation Committee for the $20 Congestion Reduction Charge (a vehicle registration fee) that was passed by the King County Council and supported the Veteran and Human Services levy that passed. We considered but remained neutral on the Families and Education levy and the tunnel to replace the Alaskan Way viaduct because there was not a consensus among Board members. Stormwater treatment was among other items on the League agenda this year.

2. We have revised the endorsement procedure to allow for more input from members. Once the revised version is adopted by the Board, it will be
provided to our members. The new procedure allows for any member to request that the Board take a position on a ballot issue, for majority voting, for reconsideration of a decision and, if there is no clear majority, the League will “remain neutral” on an issue.

3. We co-promoted events on issues that we support, from education to open government. We have cosponsored events with organizations such as City Club, AAUW and WSCOG and Free Speech for People and supported activities of organizations such as First Place and King County Alliance for Human Services. We also participated in rallies related to fair elections. To discuss action and current events, a new “meet-up” type group, called “League Drinks” is meeting every first Thursday at the Capitol Club from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to join us. Please see the full page ad in the April Voter on page 8.

4. We submitted comments to the Washington State Department of Ecology regarding municipal stormwater permitting requirements.

5. We are conferring with members, reviewing materials and attending meetings in preparation for taking a position on the issue of campaign finance reform and/or a constitutional amendment at the upcoming National Convention in June.

Remember: If you would like to take an action in the name of the LWV-SKC, send your request to Ellen Barton at eeb0825@yahoo.com and cc Judy Bevington at president@seattlelwv.org and Allison Feher at allisonfeher@seattlelwv.org. Please indicate on the subject line that this is an “action request.” Include the following: the action you are proposing; the League positions, policies or priorities that support the action; and the date by which you require a response.

Development
Ginna Owens, Chair

The Development Team began the fiscal year with the inauguration of the LWV Leadership Circle Three Year Pledge Program on July 17, 2011 at the home and garden of Ann Ormsby. A three-year total of $56,600 was pledged by 21 league members who will be fondly remembered as the Leadership Circle Founders on a plaque to be presented at this year’s gathering on July 14, 2012 at the home of Vicky Downs. In addition to the Founders, all league members interested in joining the Leadership Circle are invited to attend this July event.

The second achievement of the Development Team was the annual Political Party, BEYOND SPIN held on October 23, 2011 at the downtown Red Lion. The event included both a silent and live auction and featured an address by well known author Stephanie Coontz. Ably led by Kathy Sakahara, with a energetic supporting cast the event attracted 300 guests and added $39,000 to the league’s bank account.

The Spring fundraising luncheon, IMMIGRATION at the CROSSROADS capped off the year and included a keynote address by Jorge L. Baron, and the presentation of the LWV Extraordinary Scholar Award.

Economics & Taxation Committee
Nora Leech, Chair

The Economics and Taxation Committee started in the fall of 2004. We quickly realized we all joined because we wanted to learn about our topic. Our first book was the basic text “Economics Explained” by Heilbrunner and Thurow. We have since read a score of economics books. Nowadays we find ourselves reading and understanding articles on business and finance in the New York Times, the Seattle Times and other papers and magazines: we find them interesting rather than opaque!

In the recent past, Nora started working with the LWV-US on issues dealing with privatization. This was also the topic of a National Study and a related Forum that we organized this past winter, followed by several of us attending unit meetings to ensure someone from the Economics Comm. was at each one. In Feb of 2011 our committee produced a thought provoking Seattle League forum on revenue, budgets and crisis under the leadership of Laura Weese. Committee member Amanda Berry also encouraged us to host an excellent talk by Senator Hasegawa on plans for a Washington State Investment fund. Jan O’Connor and Sally Mackle represent LWVWA on the ongoing tax committees hosted by the Economic Opportunity Institute. Vicky Downs wrote summaries of articles recommended by David Brooks, which dealt with the
growing gap between the very rich and the rest of Americans.

Our mission is to educate ourselves and the League on economic issues.

**Transportation Committee**

**Janet Winans, Chair**

The Transportation Committee has enjoyed a very active year with a great line up of presenters for our meetings. We also have been pleased to welcome new attendees at many of our meetings and look forward to continuing our outreach and work. Below are some of the highlights of our activities:

- Researched and prepared an analysis of the Deep Bore Tunnel project to replace the Alaskan Way Viaduct for the League endorsement process for Seattle Referendum 1
- Worked with the Waterfront Committees to research and interview multiple experts and interest group leaders regarding the plans for the downtown Seattle Waterfront Park and replacement of the Alaskan Way Viaduct. Jan O'Connor organized the April 2012 Forum: MAKING PLANS FOR THE WATERFRONT.
- Organized to advocate for the call to action to our members to support the $20 Congestion Reduction Charge (a vehicle registration fee) to help Metro maintain the current overall level of bus service and contribute to the reduction of traffic congestion.
- Participated in the State League Lobbying Committee

The following 2011-2012 speakers and presentations provided information at Transportation Committee meetings:

- Tim Harris, REAL CHANGE, and Craig Benjamin, Transportation Choices, spoke on their issues relating to Proposition 1, the transportation funding package on the November ballot.
- Doug MacDonald, former head of Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and Linda Mapes, Seattle Times and author of BREAKING GROUND, discussed the events resulting from discovering a Native American cemetery in the location in Pt. Angeles for WSDOT's planned location to build the pontoons for the 520 bridge.
- Peter Hahn, Director of SDOT, made a presentation on Seattle's transportation transformation, 2011 – 2020
- Sara Nicolic and Grace Cho, Puget Sound Regional Council and the Growing Transit Communities Partnerships, discussed transit oriented development.
- Nicole McIntosh, Washington State Ferries Design Engineering Manager discussed the redesign and reconstruction of Colman Dock
- Charlotte Garrido, Kitsap County Commissioner discussed the passenger-only prototype designed to reduce shoreline erosion.
- Brian Dougherty, SDOT Pedestrian Advisory Board, led a discussion on pedestrian issues.
- Kerry Pihlstrom, WSDOT, 520 Bridge manager of the West/Montlake area bridge to I-5 presented an update on the SR 520 Project.

**Units**

**Linette Bixby, Unit Coordinator**

TO ALL UNIT LEADERS: We are almost at the end of this LWVS-KC year, and we want to thank you for a job well done. The Unit Leaders did an outstanding job of providing venues and discussion leaders for the monthly meetings and of keeping themselves informed on the broad array of topics presented. The Units are the heart of the League, and the Leaders serve as the connection between the Units and other activities of the League. This year units completed reports for two national studies and one local study. Many reported very lively, but amicable, discussions to reach consensus on the national privatization study, national education study and local teacher study questions. The LWVS-KC also welcomed two new units as a result of the merger of the Seattle and South County League with two members serving on the LWVS-KC Board. The LWVS-KC is now strategizing on ways to better serve our new larger area and to deepen our communications with the local units.

The First Hill, Southend, and North King County Units report candidate forums and presentations on ballot issues beyond the ones presented by LWVS-KC. Individually watching and then sharing ideas about documentary feature films so successfully created interest for the South King County units that the Southwest King County Unit has decided
to watch a film for the optional May meeting: likely the “Inside Job”, a film about the pervasive and deep-rooted corruption that led to the global economic meltdown of 2008.

All units appreciate the studies and background information provided in the monthly Voter. The unit agendas in the Voter help guide the meetings, and the discussion and consensus questions allow members to prepare in advance and enrich the discussion.

Our units fill tables at the fundraising events, provide the volunteers and great auction items for our fall event, and continue to be the key source of volunteers for all League events and activities. First Hill Unit continues to be our largest unit providing volunteers for our forums and the Queen Anne/Magnolia/ Ballard Evening Unit reported enjoying using “their quick wits and sharp elbows to close the silent auction at the fall event.”

Thank you to those who were discussion leaders and recorders at the monthly meetings and to all local unit members for the diligent study and effort to take our programs further; to positions and eventually, action.

We also appreciate the fun/fundraising events the local units have sponsored to benefit LWVS-KC.

Thank you again for making our work fun and easier.

Unit Leaders 2011-2012:

BALLARD/MAGNOLIA/QUEEN ANNE DAY – Judy Ostrow

BAYVIEW – Peg Williams

BELLEVUE – Bonnie Rimawi

CAPITOL HILL/MONTLAKE – Vicky Downs/ Zita Cook

FIRST HILL – Jeannette Kahlenberg

ISSAQUAH DAY – Margaret Austin

KIRKLAND/REDMOND – Sheila Hoff

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NORTH END NOON – Jo Dawson

NOTH KING COUNTY – Natalie Pascale/ Samantha Sheffer

QUEEN ANNE/MAGNOLIA/BALLARD EVE. – Karen Adair/Elsie Simon

SHORELINE – Juliet Beard

SOUTHEAST KING COUNTY – Cathy Dormaier

SOUTHEND – Marian Wolfe/Susan Jones

SOUTHWEST KING COUNTY – Cindy Pienett/ Kathy Jorgensen

UNIVERSITY HOUSE/WALLINGFORD – Ellyn Swanson

VIEW RIDGE – Gail Winberg

WEST SEATTLE – Ethel Williams/Amanda Berry
Membership and Outreach 2011-2012
Judy Bevington

State of the Membership
The figures below give clues to what is happening to our membership numbers. These are figures from National based on information we send them to show our numbers. These are a snapshot taken the 1st of February each year. There has been a gradual decline since 2007 which we may be reversing or at least holding. Decline factors may include: changes in how national members were considered, the economic recession, a dues increase in 2010-11 and personal factors such as aging.

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(Source: Lee Carpenter, LWVWA, from LWVUS February 1 Summary Sheets)
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![Graph showing membership numbers from 2006 to 2012](image)

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(Although National stopped showing counts of national members in 2011, Seattle LWV still had 24 in February 2011)
It is noteworthy that in 2003 we gained about 125 members when King County East merged with us. Since that time people who joined only at the national level have been a factor in our numbers. There have been about 129 of these over the years— a few of whom ultimately became local league members. About 40 are still with us while others remained donors at the national level or dropped out. We no longer include them in our counts. This year we welcomed 26 King County South members when they merged with us. We also gained an additional 20 members.

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* Grace Period members are those up to 2 months overdue.

Excluding honorary members, who are mostly lifetime members who do not need to pay dues, we reported 565 members to national last year and 606 this year, with 661 total members. Our figures for March look promising, showing a total of 694.

This year we have added another six names to our list of honorary members who have been loyal to League for 50 years. I think that is quite a testimony to them and to the League for being an organization that can capture the interests, talents and civic engagement of people for such a long time. Our honored members are Ann Bowden, Becky Cox, Betty Krasner, Janet Lynch, Sylvia Seman Fisher and Estelle Wertheimer. We have learned that one of our new, honorary members has been with the League for 64 years. 64 Years! Betty Krasner you are amazing!

We have not had an active membership chair to organize membership activities for much of the year, but we have people who have helped to keep the role functioning. Kelly Powers, Victoria Bennett, Shari Lundberg, Candis Litsey, Amanda Berry, Allison Feher and Gary Bevington have all pitched in.

Ginna Owens and her team have encouraged us to bring new members into our organization—whether to events, forums, units, issue-committee meetings—wherever their interests lie. Our Voter Service team provides speakers and moderators for a range of voter activities and interests and provides an excellent conduit for entry into our organization. Our new after-hours group “League Drinks” promises to attract a new demographic group and members wanting a little less structure than regular units.

Whenever you are heading to a League activity, consider whom you might invite to join you.
Let’s make our work go farther!
Annual Meeting

2012 Workbook

9:05 p.m.   Call to Order

9:06 p.m.   Treasurer’s Report

9:22 p.m.   Presentation of the Slate of Education Fund Board Nominees

9:25 p.m.   Direction to the Board

9:30 p.m.   Adjourn

The proposed budget and financial statements will be available in the supplement at annual meeting.

Members who would like to review the information prior to the meeting should contact the office after the May board meeting and we will send it out to you.

The League of Women Voters of Seattle Education Fund
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info@seattlelwv.org • www.seattlelwv.org
What is it?

The Education Fund, a tax exempt (501c.3) organization that pays for the Voter Service and Education expenses of the LWV Seattle-King County and one third of the overhead and staff expenses that support the work of the volunteers who are dedicated to this work with tax deductible donations.

Where does the money come from?

We appreciate the contributions and support of members and friends considering the difficult economy. The education and voter service work of the League is important in meeting the mission of the League increasing the participation of eligible voters and the public in government. Our democracy depends on active participation in government and nonpartisan information provided by LWV to the public facilitates participation.

If you are not already a donor to the Ed Fund, please consider making a donation to support these important activities. Without reserves the fund is dependent on the yearly contributions of members and friends who support active participation in government.

Not able to contribute in your lifetime?

Consider remembering the LWVEF in your will. Willpower in the past has provided reserves for the education fund to carry it through tough times.

Summary of fiscal 2011-12

In fiscal 2011-12, the Education Fund paid $64,000 billed by LWVS-KC to underwrite the expenses accrued by the League in FY 2010-11. The Education Fund will reimburse the LWVS-KC for expenses after the close of books on June 30, 2012. The Ed Fund currently has no reserves.

In FY 2011-12, more than 200 volunteers donated thousands of hours of their time. Their efforts staffed the Citizen Information Line as well as other Voter Service projects detailed in the budget and summary of the year in the first section of this booklet. The popular monthly forums and educational materials involve the commitment of volunteers providing information on public policy and ballot issues in print form and on the www.seattlelwv.org website available to members and the public.

The major project funded by the Ed Fund is “They Represent You, A Directory of Elected Officials.” This year only 50,000 copies were printed and distributed. This was a financial decision and as well a strategic decision as we anticipate major changes and wider distribution in the 2013 publication. The major fundraising for the year is linked to this publication and major donors are recognized on the cover.

The LWVS Education Fund is supported with tax deductible donations from hundreds of individual members and friends. Friends include several corporations and labor unions.

I appreciate the support of the many volunteers and the Board of Directors who support the Fund. The governing board is: Laraine Volkman, Treasurer, Carol Burton, Secretary, Ellyn Swanson, and Ruth Schroeder, Directors and LWVSKC Board members, Judy Bevington and Ginna Owens.

Nancy Eitreim
President
## Unit Meetings

### MAY/JUNE UNIT INFORMATION

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

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<td><strong>NORTH CENTRAL</strong> – Jan Orlando, Recruit Dinner</td>
<td>206-524-0936</td>
<td>7:30 p.m.</td>
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<td>SOUTHWEST KING COUNTY – Cindy Piennett/Kathy Jorgensen</td>
<td>253-839-2883, 253-859-8349</td>
<td>7:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Foundation House, 32290 1st Avenue South Federal Way</td>
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<td><strong>We will be watching a documentary film at the meeting, then discussing it afterwards. Tentative decision on film we will watch is Inside Job.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Saturday, May 19</strong></td>
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<td>SOUTHEND – Marian Wolfe/Susan Jones</td>
<td>206-763-9430, 206-725-2902</td>
<td>11:00 a.m.</td>
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<td>FIRST HILL – Jeannette Kahlenberg</td>
<td>206-922-2641, 206-382-5453</td>
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<td><a href="mailto:clcathy@foxinternet.com">clcathy@foxinternet.com</a></td>
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## Board & Committee Contacts

### Executive Committee

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LWV SEATTLE-KING COUNTY:

Annual Meeting of LWVS-KC and the LWVS EdFund

Seattle First Baptist Church
1111 Harvard Ave., Seattle WA
(Corner of Harvard and Seneca)

Thursday, May 24

5:00 p.m. - Registration
$12 for dinner

5:30 p.m. - Meeting to 9:30 p.m.

Topics include:

- Adopting the program for the coming year
- Election of Board Members
- Recognition of Volunteers including the Carrie Chapman Catt Award

Please RSVP by May 17th!