What is next for our local League? You have made your interests known through the program planning process and unit discussions. You can make decisions at the Annual Meeting on May 16. In addition to administrative changes, another driver of our future direction is the reality of local, state, and national events. Hot topics such as gun control will continue to grab our interest. Who knows what issues will be the headliners that command our attention in the future? The closely divided legislature and Congress will cause continued head-butting over issues that should be resolved; some of these will continue to be League priorities.

League continues to be a source of considered information and opinion for the members and for the broader public. Our voter services and our support of issues are valued. The VOTE411 website will be a major voter service effort and our study and advocacy on important issues remains an important asset for voters.

To me, the central issue of our time is climate change. We must address this at all levels of government. Of course, there are other vital issues that League should address such as campaign finance reform, transportation, and education, as well as social justice issues such as housing, health care, and human trafficking. The economy is also a social justice issue that should receive our attention. We will not be at a loss for opportunities to play a meaningful role.

We have been working to attract new, younger members. We are finding that women, whether working and involved in myriad activities, or at an age when they don’t want to be overburdened, are seeking League roles that are less consuming. We are transitioning into a new era.

We are launching a strategic planning process that can help streamline League and prioritize activities. Perhaps we don’t need a monthly forum and all the work that entails. Perhaps we can continue to find less labor-intensive fundraising methods. Perhaps the program planning process can be made easier. Reorganizing the Education Fund and the League Board could bring efficiencies. We are also looking at ways to provide more support for the President, Board members, and volunteers. This can take the form of changing staff job descriptions, adding clerical help, and increasing the technical savvy of CIS desk volunteers. Board members can assemble teams to help them carry out their work. The old “more bang for the buck” cliché applies. Fewer meetings and more expansion of our reach is the goal.

I trust that we can streamline and yet protect the grassroots nature of our work that makes League a unique and effective organization. League is not a passive activity nor is it “run” by a small staff. It gets its street cred and value to members from being an organization of intelligent women who come together to learn about government and government issues, discuss and disseminate information, and use their skills and talents to forward the League’s mission. I believe we need to involve members in a meaningful way, whether on issue committees, voter service, Board members’ portfolio support, or active lobbying and advocacy.

So what is next for League? Lean, mean teams targeting key issues with sufficient support so that their loads are right-sized.
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Connecting with Judy

Rugged Individualists and a Consensus Organization

Many people are drawn to League by a passion for an issue or they develop the passion while working on a League issue. This can be true of an individual or even a committee. We are fortunate to have these people and need more. But herein lies the rub.

League is known for its objectivity and for being a source of dependable information on governmental issues. We have positions on issues that have been developed over the years by members and we have developed protocols to assure that “due diligence” is followed. For instance, for a full-fledged study, there needs to be a committee and review by a reading committee, experts, and the Board.

Too frequently, we run into difficult situations where a rugged individual, or even a committee, and the reviewers have a difference of opinion. The individual may be an expert or not, may be biased or able to move beyond biases, and may be more or less responsive to review.

This can happen when a study or a Voter article is written, when forum speakers are selected, when we go through an endorsement process on ballot issues, or when requests for the League to act on issues are made. The review process may be less rigorous when individuals write signed articles or the material is of the hot topic variety. Nevertheless, we expect reasonable balance, objectivity, readability, and accuracy.

How do we find the balance? To protect the reputation that League has developed over the years, the editors and readers of studies and Voter articles, the Board, and the President may have to be more hard-nosed than they might like to be, particularly on high profile, controversial issues. On the other hand, there is a need to respect the hard work, knowledge and experience of members who poured energy into an issue.

To begin with, members can always try to influence other League members or government entities by speaking for themselves. They can write materials over their own names or testify, making it clear they are not speaking for League. When they want the “time-honored seal of approval” of the League of Women Voters for their product, they must run the gauntlet of League approvals. We need to make this process as painless as possible. Early identification of relevant positions and protocols and clarification of expectations may help. Assembling an able committee to produce a well-crafted scope of work, focusing on critical issues, and negotiating could help. It’s a tricky business, but with patience, respect for different perspectives, teamwork, and goodwill, I believe a balance can be struck.

Judy Bevington
President
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### MAY
- **Board Meeting**
  - Saturday, May 4
  - 9:00 a.m. – noon
  - League Office
- **Econ. & Taxation Committee**
  - Thursday, May 4
  - 9:30 a.m., 909 E Newton, #D9
- **Spring into Action**
  - Sunday, May 5
  - 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
  - Mt. Baker Comm. Club
  - 2811 Mount Rainier Drive S
- **International Relations Committee**
  - Monday, May 6
  - 12:45 – 2:45 p.m.
  - League Office
- **Annual Meeting**
  - Thursday, May 16
  - 5:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
  - Seattle First Baptist Church
- **Transportation Committee**
  - Tuesday, May 21
  - 10:00 a.m. – noon
  - League Office
- **Education Committee**
  - Thursday, May 30
  - 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
  - League Office
- **State Convention**
  - May 31- June 2
  - Shelton, WA

### JUNE
- **International Relations Committee**
  - Monday, June 3
  - 12:45 – 2:45 p.m.
  - League Office
- **Transportation Committee**
  - Tuesday, June 18
  - 10:00 a.m. – noon
  - League Office
- **Education Committee**
  - Thursday, June 27
  - 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
  - League Office
- **Board Meeting**
  - Saturday, June 8
  - 9:00 a.m. – noon
  - League Office
Forum Schedule

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

Most forums are held at the Seattle First Baptist Church, but occasionally they are scheduled at other locations and times.

Board Briefs by Joanna Cullen, Secretary

The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County Board met on Saturday, April 6, 2013. This is a summary of their work.

Much of the work was in preparation for the upcoming Annual Meeting and the details will be found in the Annual Meeting Workbook included with the May Voter.

Program Planning

M/S/C The Board approved the Program Planning Report for 2013-2014. Gun control will likely be the topic for the September 2013 forum.

Organizational Changes to the Relationship of the Seattle-King County League to the Ed Fund

Ed Fund President Boots Winterstein and LWVS-KC President Judy Bevington reported that, in light of the fact that LWV at all levels asks a lot from volunteers, the State League, a 501c4, and the State Ed Fund, a 501c3, have been pursuing ideas about streamlining the relationship between the two organizations. The LWVS-KC and LWVS Ed Fund Boards were also exploring beneficial restructuring of the relationship between the two organizations. Winterstein has been designated to represent the Seattle-King County League on the State League committee that has been exploring the pros and cons of various possibilities. Winterstein and Bevington, along with Cindy Piennett, presented work that had been done during the last Ed Fund Board meeting to better define the working relationship between the League and the Ed Fund, and the following motions were approved in response to the report:

M/S/C The LWVS-KC approved a motion to endorse the concept that members of the LWVS-KC Board of Directors will also serve as the Board of Directors of the Education Fund, with the exception that the Fund treasurer shall in no event serve as treasurer or director of LWVS-KC.

It was noted that the Seattle-King County League employs a strict formula to separate the budgets and funds of the two organizations and that Washington State Law requires that the two organizations do not share the same individual as treasurer. Most members were in favor of streamlining the work of the two organizations.

Budget

Two versions of the 2013-2014 proposed budgets for both organizations were presented.

M/S/C The Board approved a motion to recommend proposed budget 2.

Both budgets moved more fundraising
responsibility to the Ed Fund than in the past. In budget 2, the Leadership Circle funds were moved from the LWVS-KC income into the Ed Fund income. This would allow donors to deduct these donations on their income taxes. Budget 2 also indicated a greater use of the LWVS-KC assets for the coming fiscal year than did the other version, while increasing the cash assets for the Fund. Most agreed that since the League is cash healthy, it can handle the increased disbursements and this would eventually allow for a smoother relationship.

Winterstein reported that the Ed Fund Board would agree to take on more of the fundraising responsibility only if the two Boards shared responsibilities as outlined in the previous motion.

The Finance Committee also recommended further exploring investment options.

**Proposed Changes to the Seattle-King County League Bylaws**

M/S/C The Board approved a motion to recommend Ellen Barton’s proposed changes to the bylaws.

**LWVWA Convention**

President Bevington reported that Seattle-King County League is entitled to 26 delegates to the State Convention and the budget supports payment of expenses for continuing and new Board members. If some cannot attend, there may be some room for others.

**Development**

Chair Ginna Owens reported that the invitations to the May 5th event were ready to mail and that the event is on the League website. She encouraged all to attend.

**Nominating Committee**

Chair Betty Sullivan presented the Nominating Committee Report which can also be found in the Annual Meeting Workbook.

**Voter Services**

Co-Chair Cyndi Woods reported the good news that the League now has a pre-law student intern to help with VOTE 411. This, along with the current committee members, would go a long way toward accomplishing Voter Service goals.

**Staffing Planning**

Action Chair Barton reported that the committee is working on establishing roles and authority and that there is a need for a volunteer coordinator, either paid worker or volunteer. Placing help wanted ads for volunteers in the Voter and on the website were among other suggestions to organize work in the office.

**Strategic Planning**

Mary Jo Vigil presented the outline for updating the LWVS-KC Strategic Plan. The process will evaluate perceived strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats through a set of exercises for Units, Committees, and the Board. The review of the final document will be completed by the end of June 2013 and will be ready for a day of facilitation, similar to a retreat, in July.

**Mission Statement**

The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy.
Note: Listings this month include both the May and June meeting dates. Committees rarely meet in July and August but check the website or call the office for the latest information.

Economics and Taxation Committee
DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 4 AND JUNE ?
TIME: 9:30 A.M.
PLACE: 909 E NEWTON, #D9

Interested in learning about the rising level of income inequality in the U.S.? Please join us as we begin our examination of this important topic with a discussion of the first chapters of Timothy Noah’s “crisply lucid and brilliantly argued” (Barbara Ehrenreich) book, The Great Divergence: America’s Growing Inequality Crisis and What We Can Do About It.

Please contact Jeanette Johnson for the time and place of the June meeting at jeannejohnson10@msn.com.

Education Committee
DATES: THURSDAY, MAY 30 AND JUNE 27
TIME: 10:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
PLACE: LEAGUE OFFICE

International Relations Committee
DATE: MONDAY, MAY 8 AND JUNE 3
TIME: 12:45 - 2:45 P.M.
PLACE: LEAGUE OFFICE

Transportation Committee
DATE: TUESDAY, MAY 21 AND JUNE 18
TIME: 10:00 A.M. - NOON
PLACE: LEAGUE OFFICE

Subject: Continuing FREIGHT 101
Speaker: Christina VanValkenburgh, Seattle Dept. of Transportation

For June, the Transportation Committee will be doing a tour of parks adjacent to the Port of Seattle and lunch with Christine Wolf. Contact Janet Winans, janetwinans@earthlink.net, if you plan to attend in order to coordinate transportation to the meeting location.

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

Diversity Policy

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

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

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

**Voter Services reports some good news!**

We are thrilled to have an intern from the University of Washington working with us this spring quarter. Morgan Anderson, a senior in pre-Law, will be working in the office on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. She’ll be working on VOTE411 and Voter Registration as well as other Voter Services tasks. If you’re in the office, please stop by to say hello to her and welcome Morgan to League.

Cyndi Woods
Voter Services Co-chair

**Update on VOTE411**

VOTE411 is your one-stop shop for nonpartisan election information.

It’s not too late to join our volunteer committee to cover upcoming King County elections in VOTE411. State League will provide training in May. We’ll keep you posted on the plans via Constant Contact. We are already gathering information on the various candidate positions that will appear on the ballot.

If you’d like to be involved, please call the office at 206-329-4848 or email at info@seattlelwv.org.

**YOU’RE INVITED!**

The Ballard/Magnolia/Queen Anne Day unit invites all of LWV to their unit fundraiser on Saturday, June 15. The fundraiser starts at 11:30 a.m. with a lunch at T. S. McHughes, 21 Mercer St., Seattle, featuring a selection of their salads, sandwiches, and pot pies. The party then moves to the nearby Seattle International Film Festival Film Center for a 1:00 p.m. show. We will see the National Theater of London’s filmed production of *This House*, James Graham’s biting and energetic new play, which strips politics down to the practical realities to peek behind the scenes of the Mother of all Parliaments, the 1974 House of Commons, when Harold Wilson had a hung parliament (and Margaret Thatcher was not yet Conservative Party leader).

For information, please contact Kim Peterson at either rkimpeterson@hotmail.com or 206-789-7447. For your reservation (seats are limited) mail your check for $40 (made payable to LWVS-KC) by May 17 to:

Kim Peterson
6537 Dibble Ave NW
Seattle, WA 98117
Volunteer Opportunity: Help Wanted

Database Manager Volunteer Needed
by Susan Jones

LWV-SKC is seeking a volunteer to be the manager of the membership database, a key position filled for the last two years by Gary Bevington (thank you Gary!). Duties and responsibilities include:

- Updating the database with new member details, dues and donation information for all members, and other activity pertinent to both active and inactive members.
- Sending out dues renewal packets and follow-up delinquent notices each month.
- Running reports as needed on membership trends and activity.
- Maintaining good communication with the rest of the membership team and with state and national League as needed.
- Requires presence at League office on average 4-8 hours per week. (Database cannot be accessed remotely.)
- Requires computer competency with Windows operating system. Prior experience with Microsoft Access or other database software useful but not necessary.

Our current membership database uses Microsoft Access database management software. Orientation and training for volunteers will be provided.

If interested, or for further information, please contact Susan Jones at susan@monckjones.com or 206-478-1617.
Certainly, if there is a place in Seattle that epitomizes FREIGHT, it is the Port of Seattle. Christine Wolf, Port of Seattle transportation planner, began her March 19 presentation to our committee with a photo of the SR 99 tunnel project work site (see it and more at www.AlaskanWayViaduct.org). This project further complicates already difficult traffic for container trucks. Skilled and dedicated staff from the city and state departments of transportation work together and with the Port to coordinate construction and hold traffic impacts to a manageable level. Also, the Port is struggling with the city about adding the much wanted arena to win back the Sonics. Port officials are concerned that the increased competition for transportation resources may endanger the Port’s family-wage jobs; just another of the competing interests and coordinating efforts that are central to Ms. Wolf’s job as transportation planner for the seaport.

The Port of Seattle is a special purpose, county-wide, government entity with an elected board of commissioners. It is charged with fostering regional economic vitality; providing transportation facilities for cargo and passengers by air, land, and sea; and serving as a home for the Northwest fishing industry. Over the last 15 years the Port has built $1.2 billion worth of transportation and terminal infrastructure necessary to the for-profit businesses that use the Port. It owns a number of diverse facilities, including Shilshole Bay Marina, Fisherman’s Terminal, the two cruise ship terminals, four container terminals, the grain terminal at Pier 86, SeaTac International Airport, and more than 20 waterfront parks. Ms. Wolf emphasized that, as a public entity, it uses the fees it receives from its tenants for the operating and capital expenses that allow the port to promote regional economic activity and development. It receives funding through its own tax levy, currently $0.23 per $1,000 of assessed valuation or an average of about $65 per year for each King County homeowner. In 2013, the levy will be $73.0 million, representing two cents for every dollar collected by the county. According to Ms. Wolf, some of that money will go to pay the debt service on general obligation bonds, much of it for shared freight infrastructure improvements such as the Spokane Street on-ramp to I-5, grade separations over railroad tracks, the Eastside corridor rail/bike trail, the Aviation School, noise insulation in public schools, and the deep bore tunnel.

Ms. Wolf emphasized that the Port sees itself as an essential public partner. Its efforts help to maintain over 200,000 jobs throughout the region, including 35,000 family-wage jobs related to the seaport. She is very proud of the commitment the port is making to be the “greenest” port in the country. It has built a shore power electrical system for cruise ships at berth. It provides “clean” fuel to ocean ships entering Puget Sound, has phased out the oldest and most polluting of the port trucks, and has reduced emissions from locomotives, cargo-handling equipment, and all buildings.

While the Port competes for state transportation resources, the Port also competes for Port business both locally and internationally. The Port of Tacoma is only 40 miles down the Sound. Pacific coast ports extend from British Columbia to Mexico, and then there is the almost ready new Panama Canal. Every shipper who chooses Seattle does so because this port offers some competitive advantage. That’s one of the reasons that Seattle is working to be the greenest port in the country. And, because trucks need to move swiftly in the least traffic congestion, the Port invests in city and county transportation infrastructure.

I hope that you do check out the photo of the Port/tunnel portal Ms. Wolf showed us. It stands as remarkable evidence of the issues we’ve been discussing throughout our FREIGHT 101. Freight is us. The structures that were built in competition for resources are snarled in congestion that can only be overcome by cooperation.
Getting Connected Membership News

USING LEAGUE ACTION AND ADVOCACY FOR RECRUITMENT AND ENGAGEMENT
By Susan Jones, Membership Chair

When we consider everything that the League has done and continues to do, that work typically can be defined as either action or education. Both offer considerable opportunities for visibility, outreach, and ultimately growth and organizational development. In this particular article, let’s look at the ways we can all use the League’s advocacy and action work to engage (and thus, we shall assume, retain) more of our members as well as recruit new ones.

Advocacy means mobilizing people to create change----in the League’s case, to bring about improvements to our democracy. Effective advocacy depends first on having the right person(s) deliver the right message to the right people, and second on developing and maintaining a strong coalition with a unified goal. Few would dispute the notion that the League has performed admirably on both counts throughout its history. Where we sometimes fall short as an organization (and as individual members) is remembering to promote our own internal messages or benefit statements along with those related to our actions. In other words, we all need to remember to toot our own horn more often!

For example, we can articulate how the League is both a place for learning and for making connections. Whether it is comprehensive studies of specific issues and current hot topics or instruction in the advocacy process, the League is a repository of well-researched information and a place for lifelong learning. In fact, advocacy work is itself a learning opportunity for both members and prospective members to become better informed about current issues, how the government system works, and thus how to accomplish the change we are seeking.

Likewise, advocacy is the perfect vehicle for building relationships with other like-minded people as well as with allied organizations, government officials, and the media. Anything we do that generates visibility for the League and enhances its public profile will payoff with membership growth down the road. Obviously, it is a lot easier to attract new members when more people know about our mission and our positions on issues. They need to see that we are getting things done.

Finally, our action and advocacy efforts offer many opportunities to engage our existing members on either a small, short-term basis or on a deeper, continuing commitment to a specific issue or project. What may begin as encouraging a member to respond to an action alert or to be a greeter at one of our events may grow into a deeper level of engagement later on as that person becomes more familiar with all that the League continues to accomplish.

So once again, taking on the role of cheerleader for the League benefits us all.

Susan Jones, Membership Chair susan@monckjones.com 206-478-1617
NEW MEMBERS

Grant Hildebrand, author and architect, is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Architecture at the University of Washington. He came to Seattle after working for three years on the World Trade Center in New York. He had reservations about the project and sought out a “quiet corner to think things through.” He found he loved teaching and stayed at the University for 40 productive years. In 1975 Professor Hildebrand received the University’s Distinguished Teaching Award.

He has continued writing since his retirement in 2000, most recently Suyama: a Complex Serenity about George Suyama, one of his most famous students, and Gene Zema, Architect, Craftsman. Professor Hildebrand, who now resides at Horizon House, has rejoined the League after busy years away because he believes it is one of the best resources to help in these beleaguered times.

Rita K. Lee retired after serving as a school psychologist for 39 years in the Seattle and Edmonds school districts. She was also program manager for Psychological Services in Edmonds and engaged in a part time private practice. Rita earned a BA in Psychology from the University of Missouri, an MA in Special Education from the University of Kansas, and a PhD in Educational Psychology from the University of Washington.

Rita is a good listener and an able group facilitator who likes doing research – a perfect fit with League. She found her first forum and unit meeting in May to be intellectually exciting and is considering becoming a volunteer at the Citizens Information Service desk in the League office.

She is committed to physical fitness and loves walking the hills of her Northeast Seattle neighborhood. Rita says she is a consumer of the arts: plays, concerts, museums, and reading. When she was in high school, a teacher put her charge of current events and she began reading Time magazine and became a lifelong consumer of politics.

Rita currently enjoys watching her grandchildren in sports and musical events and is working to master ITunes on her computer.

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Ellen Hamblin, a long time member of the League of Women Voters, died on Monday, April 8, 2013. Originally she belonged to the Renton League and remained a member as Renton merged with Highline and Federal Way to become the King County South League. She served on various League Boards several times. After arranging issue forums and candidates nights, she often then served as moderator. Through the years, she worked with several committees writing League studies.

Mary Ellen was a very caring person who was passionate about health care and its delivery. True to her passion, she often challenged the League to take action whether or not it was within League’s purview. Many years ago, she was very upset because League members did not picket Valley General Hospital when she became aware of the executive’s exorbitant salary. This woman was an action person.

That was evident when she went back to school after her three sons were born. She graduated in 1975 from the University of Washington with a degree in Political Science. In tune with her interest in world affairs, Mary Ellen participated in “Great Decisions” discussion groups.
This is the second in Hilary Mantel’s trilogy about Thomas Cromwell, Henry VIII’s chancellor. Mantel’s Cromwell was the king’s right-hand man whenever Henry faced difficulties of a practical nature. The first volume, Wolf Hall, introduced us to Cromwell, the son of a blacksmith, who became important and necessary to Cardinal Woolsey, and thereafter to the king. At that time Henry needed Cromwell’s expertise in the ways of the Catholic Church in Rome to divorce Queen Katherine of Aragon. This led to the beginning of Protestant England and to the beheading of Thomas More. The very title of the sequel seems a bizarre translation of habeas corpus, but Mantel reports that men shouted out the English phrase to call the condemned to the gallows.

Mantel presents a King Henry growing weary of the lively, high-strung and opinionated Anne and showing an interest in her opposite, the “blank-faced” unexciting Jane Seymour. It was just a question of time before Henry expressed his desire to be rid of his second wife. Anne, after all, had only given him another daughter, and Henry felt he badly needed a son.

How was Cromwell to get rid of this second queen? After a vain effort to arrange for an annulment of some sort, he concluded divorce was not possible. Anne must be shown to be guilty of treason. The book then focuses on Anne and the men in the court who might be considered guilty of treasonous behavior with the Queen. We see all this through Cromwell’s eyes, and truth is not what matters. Making it possible for the King to marry the Seymour woman he was courting was all-important.

To my surprise, the chapters describing Cromwell’s carefully organized “meeting” with a flirtatious foreign musician in the Queen’s court, followed by meetings with other men whom the musician mentioned as being “liked” by Anne, read like a murder mystery. We watch as Cromwell tricks each man and then sends them one after another to the Tower of London, where all four would be held until they could be brought before a court of law. We learn that, once the men are found guilty, Anne will necessarily be guilty as well.

I was loath to read about Anne’s actual beheading but was saved by Mantel’s control over her readers. She takes us through the ordeal in such a way that we become fascinated by such things as the efforts of the executioner to “distract” the Queen and to ensure that she will endure less than a “moment” of “discomfort.”

Cromwell is clearly capable of cruelty, but he ensures that all four men as well as the Queen will suffer the least odious of deaths: beheading is far quicker and therefore less painful than the alternatives, which would probably have been hanging or burning.

Cromwell is the King’s man, and this book makes clear that he will do whatever is necessary to achieve Henry’s goal. Perhaps to explain why Cromwell could bring himself to execute men who almost certainly did not “act treasonously” with the Queen who was probably not an adulteress, Mantel shows Cromwell’s private revenge against the men for having mocked his beloved Woolsey years before. “[Cromwell needed] guilty men. So he has found men who are guilty. Though perhaps not guilty as charged.”

This is a tremendously good read with all the emotional impact of a rousing historical film. I look forward to the final book in the Cromwell trilogy!

The opinions in this review are personal and do not represent those of the LWV.
Annual Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2012
Time: 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Place: Seattle First Baptist Church, 1111 Harvard Avenue
       Seattle, WA 98122 (at Harvard and Seneca on First Hill)
Cost: $12.00 at the door (for dinner)
      Only cash and checks will be accepted for payment

***Please RSVP by Thursday, May 9: (206) 329-4848 or info@seattlelwv.org***

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.

Note: The Voter contains an abbreviated version of the workbook that will be distributed at the annual meeting. Items such as the meeting rules and the Year in Review, are not included due to space limitations. If you would like a copy, please contact the office after the annual meeting and we will provide one.
Calling All League Members!

All LWV Seattle-King County members, this is your call to our 2013 annual meeting on May 16.

I hope you will come and participate in moving the League into a new era.

League is now at a crossroads where many of us have less time to pour into the League, while there is yet much to do. We need to figure out how to streamline League without losing the grassroots, volunteer aspect that gives League its special value to many.

At annual meeting we will vote for our new officers, decide what to study, and give direction to the Board. Our new president and board-elect, I believe, are up to the challenge of moving us forward. We have made good progress this year. We have started a process of strategic planning and staffing, and this group will find more ways to streamline and increase League’s effectiveness.

The annual meeting is also a time to discuss your ideas with other Leaguers, break bread together, enjoy Ruthie Dornfeld’s fiddle music and recognize our dedicated volunteers.

I hope you will come to help with the business of the League and have a good time. Please think about how you would like to be involved with League in the coming year.

Judy Bevington,
President
Proposed Agenda

5:00 Registration
5:30 Call to Order
Announcements
  • President’s Remarks
  • Introduction of Parliamentarian
  • Presentation of Agenda
  • Appointment of Committee to Approve the 2012 Meeting Minutes
5:45 Credentials Report
  • Adoption of Agenda
  • Announcement of Approval of 2012 Minutes
  • Adoption of Rules
5:50 Updates to Bylaws and Organizational Charter
6:00 Current Program
  • Current Positions
  • Re-adoption of Current Positions
6:05 New Program
  • Motions to Consider Non-Recommended Program Items
6:30 Dinner
7:05 Carrie Chapman Catt Award
7:15 Musical Performance Ruthie Dornfeld
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 and Volunteer Recognition (including 50-year)
8:20 Financial Reports
  • Presentation of the 2012-2013 Year-to-Date Treasurer’s Report
  • Presentation of the 2012-2013 Proposed Budget
  • Debate and Adoption of Budget
8:35 President-elect Remarks
8:40 Direction to the Board and Discussion
9:00 Adjourn for LWVS Education Fund meeting
Proposed changes to the articles and bylaws have been approved by the board and are set out below. Underlined text is being added; text with strike-through is being deleted. In the interest of saving a few trees, you have only been given those paragraphs that have some change. Full copies will be available at the meeting or you can contact the office if you’d like a set ahead of time.

An amendment to the Articles of Incorporation is necessary to finalize the name change adopted during the King County South League merger with the Seattle League.

**Articles**

**Article 1**

The name of this corporation shall be the League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County.

No other amendments to the articles are proposed. Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation must receive a 2/3 yea vote to be approved.

**Bylaws**

As part of a plan to streamline the board and make operations more efficient, the following changes to the bylaws are proposed:

**Article V. Board of Directors**

Sec. 1. Number, Manner of Selection and Term of Office. The board of directors shall consist of the officers of the League (Article VI), at least eight four elected directors and not more than eight four appointed directors. Four One-half the directors shall be elected by the general membership at the annual meeting in every even numbered year and four one-half the directors shall be elected by the general membership at the annual meeting in every odd-numbered year. [...]
Nominees for the Board of Directors & Nominating Committee

2012 – 2013 Nominating Committee Report
submitted by Betty Sullivan, Chair

Officers
President  Ellen Barton  2013-2015
1st Vice President  Janet Winans  2013-2015
2nd Vice President  Beatrice Crane  2013-2014
Secretary  Amanda Clark  2013-2015
Treasurer  Cindy Pienett  2013-2014

Board of Directors
Joanna Cullen  2013-15
Jayne Freitag  2013-15
Susan K. Jones  2013-14
Marianne Scholl  2013-15

Continuing Board:
Marge Baker  2012-14
Lindsay Cummings  2012-14
Julile Anne Kempf  2012-14
Mary Jo Vigil  2012-14

Nominating Committee 2013-14
Judy Bevington, Chair
Judith Hance
Cymthia Howe
Lisa Peterson

Nominating Committee 2012-13
Betty Sullivan, Chair
Becky Cox
Lindsay Cummings
Carol Goldenberg
Ginna Owens
Laura Weese
Board Nominees

Ellen E. Barton, President

Ellen was elected to the Board in 2011 and was appointed Action Chair and as 2nd Vice President. Ellen has been a league member since 2002. In her role as Action Chair for the past two years, she has assisted the Board with ballot endorsements, communicating with elected officials and forum planning. Ellen has also participated in voter education and moderated at League and non-League forums. 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 President for the Seattle-King County League.

Janet Winans, 1st V.P.

I've always been what I call “A 60's Believer.” I loved the activism of those years, and I liked myself in them. My husband and I extended it into the 70's when we were group home parents to a house full of teenage boys. They were wards of the court and we acted in advocacy for them with schools, the court and their families, eight at a time, day in and week out. My PhD dissertation is titled *The Wasting Of Dangerous Minds: Kids, Schools, Violence and the Community*, sort of in honor of those boys.

Since I discovered the Transportation Committee of the League, I’m amazed to find myself almost as interested in just how complicated and conflicted our attitudes toward our cars are, as they are toward our own and others’ teenagers. I bring my “practicing anthropology” skills to both.

Beatrice Crane, 2nd V.P.

Beatrice Crane is switching positions for the second year of her term on 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.

Amanda Clark, Secretary

Amanda spent her professional career first as a college textbook editor in the Midwest and then, when she moved to Washington, as a technical editor and manager at Microsoft. Since her retirement, she has been active in various community activities. She has served on the Mercer Island Arts Council and volunteered as the editor of the newsletter of the Mercer Island Chamber of Commerce. She chaired Islanders for Common Sense, a community group supporting wise use of school property, and was a member of the School District’s 21st Century Facilities Committee to help plan for future schools. She worked on the committee supporting a recent bond issue, which failed. Currently she is chair of Friends of Luther Burbank Park, a group that works with the Parks Department to promote and support parks on Mercer Island. In the League, she attends meetings on Mercer Island and is on the Transportation Committee.

Cindy Piennett, Treasurer

Cindy joined the King County South league just in time to help it merge with Seattle. She has been a co-leader at the SW King County (Federal Way) unit, served on the State Ed Fund investment committee and most recently has chaired the Finance Review committee for the league. Cindy is retired after 30 years in Financial Management from Weyerhaeuser Company. She is also an Arts Commissioner for the City of Federal Way and the Treasurer for the Federal Way Chorale.
Joanna Cullen, Director
Joanna enjoyed her time as Secretary of the LWVS-KC and looks forward to continuing to serve on the Board.

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, 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, East Precinct Advisory Committee and the Central District Neighborhood Council.

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 working with the speakers bureau.

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.

Jayne Freitag, Director
Jayne was born in Iowa, and as a child through young adulthood traveled with her family, living in many locations, including the East Coast, Mid-Western and Pacific Northwest Regions of United States, England and Canada. These experiences helped her to develop an understanding and sensitivity to regional, social, political and cultural differences.

She moved to the Seattle area in 1980, where she has pursued advanced studies, worked, and raised her two (now adult!) children. During that time period she has been actively involved in social and political advocacy, especially in the areas of Health Care and Social Services, Early Childhood Education, Social Justice & Economic Policy. She joined the Seattle-King County League of Women Voters in about 2006 and has been actively involved as a member serving on the Board, as Action Chair, and as Chair of the Social Justice Committee, in addition to attending/work ing with members of other committees and helping to plan several LWV Forums (including a League Homelessness Forum, the 2009 Economics/Budget Forum and the 2012 Drug Policy Forum).

Jayne has been an RN for over 30 years and has a Master of Nursing/Perinatal CNS from the University of Washington. Most recently she has been working as an RN in the Infant Special Care Units at Group Health and Swedish Medical Center, the PACU at Seattle Surgery Center, and the Procedure Suite at Seattle Cancer Care Alliance where she continues to refine and expand her practical nursing knowledge and experience, in addition to teaching at the School of Nursing at the University of Washington.

Marianne Scholl, Director
Marianne Scholl is a communications and marketing consultant with extensive experience in publishing and freelance journalism. Her current clients include the Washington Lodging Association. She co-founded Seattle Woman Magazine in 2004, and it was her job first as publisher and later as both publisher and editor to engage readers by covering issues, people and events that matter to local women. She closed the magazine in 2012.

Prior to starting Seattle Woman, Marianne worked as a community relations manager for Seattle’s Child and ran the “Tools for Parents” lecture series. Marianne has served on the Whittier Elementary School PTA and the Whitman Middle School PTSA in Seattle and founded the 15th Ave NW Association to advocate for pedestrian improvements on the busy arterial.

She has a BA in German and Political Science from
the University of California, Berkeley and a MA in History from Harvard University. She also has a Certificate in Fundraising Management from the University of Washington. Marianne lived in Japan for six years, first as an English teacher and later as a graduate student and Fulbright Scholar. She was also a high school exchange student to Germany and returned there in college on a junior year abroad program. Marianne lives in Ballard with her husband and daughter, who is a sophomore at Ballard High. Her son is a freshman at UW.

Cynthia has a degree in environmental journalism from the University of Michigan and has worked for the Washington Environmental Council as well as served six years on Mercer Island's Open Space Conservancy Trust. She and her husband have lived on the Island for 35 years and raised three grown children, who have migrated back to Seattle. She spends her spare time in the outdoors XC skiing, hiking, and sailing the British Columbia waters each summer.

Judith Hance
Judith joined the Seattle-King County League in 2011. Judith has had a varied career, including "stay-at-home mom," scout leader, school volunteer program administrator, and civic activist. When her youngest was in high school, she served as Assistant to the Director of her local senior center, then as a Personnel Specialist at the Orange County, CA Department of Education.

She moved to Seattle in 1986 and subsequently volunteered for the WA Commission for the Humanities, took care of a grandchild two days a week, learned to garden in the Pacific NW, and participated in a number of local activities. Currently Judith sings in a women’s choir, is an active member of University Unitarian Church, and thoroughly enjoys her League unit meetings, forums, and other League activities.

Lisa Peterson
Lisa is in the Magnolia/Ballard/Queen Anne Day Unit. In her 20 years in Seattle League she has served as unit leader, on several League committees, the League Board, and has been the Ed Fund Treasurer. Non-League activities include working as a software company manager, which seriously cuts into the reading, volunteer work with animals, and neighborhood walks that she would rather be doing.
Proposed Program 2013-2014

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 2013-2014

July: Primary Election
September: Gun Control
October: Ballot Issues: General Election
November: Climate Change
December/January: Program Planning
February: National Agriculture Update;
March: Women’s Issues
April: TBA
May: TBA

Types of Programs

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 of League Programs. 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 criteria for the selection of local programs previously cited. 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 designed to be a more flexible, streamlined and sustainable model for producing League program. They are hot button issues that everyone in the civic community is talking about. In contrast to studies or updates, these are not limited to local issues. They may be issues on which the League positions are adequate, but on which action is needed. Or they may be national or even international issues which are of interest to League members. Hot topic programs do not have the stringent requirements of studies and updates. Study materials may consist of existing resources. If the League has positions on the issue, forums do not have to represent both sides.
Non-Recommended Studies

The following study or update topics, listed in order of interest, were suggested at our program planning meetings in January. A member, who wishes to propose one of these items, or any other, must present in writing a scope and focus for the study/update and the name of a potential committee chair. Adoption of a non-recommended program item requires approval of 2/3 of the membership.

- Climate change: local issues and response
- Gun control/safety
- Campaign finance reform
- Homelessness

Proposed Hot Topics

The following potential topics for non-study program items, listed in order of interest, were suggested at our program planning meetings in January. Which items actually appear on the program will depend on the willingness of members to work on them.

- Climate change
- Gun control/safety
- Human trafficking
- Charter schools in King County
- Campaign finance reform
- Alternatives to incarceration

Financial Report

The Finance Committee reviewed our procedures and made budget recommendations. We were deemed to be financially healthy. This is due to a combination of your generosity and our frugality. Our income was less than budgeted, but so were our expenses. With funds from the Education Fund, our luncheon event and pledge program as well as reduced expenditures, we were within our budget. TRY publishing costs and event costs were down considerably, and we cut miscellaneous costs. We are proposing a reduced budget for next year, again with savings from event costs and TRY publication. Given the attempt to reduce volunteer work, we have budgeted for some temporary clerical help to reduce the load for volunteers. The finance committee recommended using current assets to cover a larger than usual portion of our expenditures and researching investment alternatives.

In the interest of greater efficiency along with streamlining and sharing work such as fundraising, we are changing the organization of the boards; LWVS-KC (c-4) Board members will automatically become members of the Education Fund (c-3) Board. The new structure will also allow donations to the pledge program to be tax deductible. Each organization will have its own treasurer and funds will be kept separately. The treasurer of the c-3 Board will not be a director or treasurer of the c-4 Board. In part, this decision was based on the observation that a similar model has been working well for LWVWA.
# Proposed Budget 2013-2014

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| 5000 · Affiliations              |                  |                  |                  |                   |                  |              |
| 5010 · LWVUS PMP                 | 16,185           | 16,185.00        | 18,073           | 18,073.00         | *9,690           | *Ed Fund to pay half |
| 5015 · LWVWA PMP                 | 10,258           | 13,359.44        | 11,077           | 8,307.75          | 12,274           |              |
| 5020 · Conventions, National/State | 6,000           | 7,925.20         | 5,500            | 109.50            | 0                | moved to admin exp. |
| 5025 · State/National Council    | 500              | 441.63           | 1,000            | 0                 | 0                | moved to admin exp. |
| **Total 5000 · Affiliations**    | 32,943           | 37,911.27        | 35,650           | 26,490.25         | 21,964           |              |

| 6000 · Voter/Citizens Info. Svcs |                  |                  |                  |                   |                  |              |
| 6001 · They Represent You       | 24,000           | 17,592.43        | 19,000.00        | 13,801.62         | 9,000            | Printing |
| 6005 · TRY Distribution         | 500              | 100.41           | 250              | 118.72            | 250 Postage      |              |
| 6010 · Election Publications    | 400              | 94.50            | 1,000            | 126.00            | 500              |              |
| 6020 · Election Forums           | 500              | 584.13           | 1,000            | 0                 | 500              |              |
| 6030 · Speakers Bureau           | 100              | 7.47             | 300              | 72.57             | 200              |              |
| 6040 · Voter Registration       | 100              | 218.38           | 300              | 39.24             | 200              |              |
| 6050 · Voter Info/Services      | 100              | 30.78            | 300              | 34.34             | 150              |              |
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| **9000 · Operations** |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| 9001 · Rent & Utilities | 30,639 | 30,563.42 | 31,500 | 26,221.51 | 28,800 |
| 9002 · Paypal/Bank Fees | 800 | 355.39 | 500 | 582.64 | 250 |
| 9007 · Computer Network & Website Host | 500 | 186.15 | 250 | 182.80 | 250 |
| 9008 · Technical Consulting Fees | 2,000 | 4,928.73 | 2,500 | 1,367.04 | 2,500 |
| 9010 · Telephone & DSL Line | 2,000 | 3,698.15 | 2,700 | 2,050.58 | 2,750 |
| 9015 · Insurance | 2,800 | 2,727.00 | 3,000 | 2,852.00 | 3,000 |
| 9021 · Equipment Maintenance | 3,000 | 3,003.34 | 3,100 | 1,489.76 | 2,750 |
| 9030 · Computer Hard/Software Upgrades | 200 | 2,857.46 | 2,500 | 54.74 | 1,500 |
| 9045 · Minor Equipment/ Furnishings | 150 | 15.00 | 150 | 0 | 150 |
| Total 9000 · Operations | 42,089 | 48,334.64 | 46,200 | 34,801.07 | 41,950 |

| **9500 · Staff** |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |
| 9501 · Hiring Expense | 100 | 25.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 9550 · Salaries | 36,630 | 28,447.84 | 38,462 | 28,381.97 | 39,425 |
| 9560 · Payroll Service Fees | 1,000 | 1,083.53 | 1,100 | 921.54 | 1,200 |
| 9563 · Clerical Assist. | 7,000 | New Item |
| 9565 · Health Insurance | 3,600 | 3,651.76 | 4,082 | 3,590.58 | 5,200 |
| 9570 · Payroll Taxes | 3,568 | 2,726.91 | 3,381 | 2,656.01 | 3,550 |
| Total 9500 · Staff | 44,898 | 35,910.04 | 47,025 | 35,550.10 | 56,375 |

| Total Expense | 197,280 | 184,195.52 | 208,550 | 130,177.91 | 158,014 |

**INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS**

- **Increase** 9,330 *(3.546)*
- **Decrease** *(46,500)*

**Year End Projection**

| **NET ASSETS, Beginning of Year** | 227,339 | 236,669 | 233,152 |
| **NET ASSETS, End of Year** | 236,669 | *233,153* | 186,652 |

**Year End Projection**
Annual Meeting

2013

9:00  Call to Order
      Adoption of agenda
      Adoption of rules
      Approval of minutes of 2012 annual meeting.
9:03  Treasurer’s Report
9:08  President’s Report
9:10  Presentation of Proposed Articles of Incorporation change. Vote.
9:13  Presentation of Proposed Bylaws changes. Vote.
9:20  Presentation of Slate of Education Fund Board Nominees. Vote.
9:25  Presentation of Proposed Budget. Vote.
9:35  Direction to the Board
9:40  Adjournment
Great appreciation (applause, please!) for The Board of Directors of the Education Fund of the League of Women Voters of Seattle, a 501 (c) (3) organization, which has in this past year met monthly in addition to meeting in several special sessions in order to focus on three areas:

1. Fund Development. Guided by board member Ginna Owens, Education Fund board members actively shared responsibility with LWVS-KC volunteers for the successful fall fundraiser. Proceeds of that fundraiser were designated for the Seattle-King County League.

The Education Fund conducted an end-of-the-year mail appeal in support of the educational and voter service activities of the League, with a special emphasis on financial support of the 2013 TRY.

Board members are looking forward to the May, 2013 celebration and fundraiser at the Mt. Baker Community Club, under the leadership of Education Fund board member Lisa Unsoeld-Chang, proceeds from which will be designated to the Education Fund.

2. They Represent You: a Guide to Elected Officials (TRY). Thanks to Monica Leigh, volunteer editor Marianne Scholl, Office Manager Allison Fecher, and a host of volunteers, the Fund published an expanded, completely revised edition of this printed and on-line aid to voters across the state, with the goal of improved readability and accessibility to key information. The over-riding objective was to provide Washington state residents with tools to increase their involvement in government at all levels.

3. Strategies for capacity-building. As the role of the Education Fund has gradually increased over the last few years, evolving from an organization primarily concerned with the stewardship of tax-deductible contributions given in support of the education and voter service activities of the LWVS-KC to an organization with increased, perhaps even primary, responsibility for the raising of those funds, The Education Fund Board is considering methods of organizing which will maximize its efficiency and enhance the over-all capacity and effectiveness of the League in King County.

The first step, put in place this past year, has been to revise The Fund’s financial record-keeping and budgeting processes. Great appreciation to treasurer Laraine Volkman and to LWVS-KC member Cindy Piennett who conducted a financial review of the Fund and made thoughtful recommendations.

The Education Fund is YOUR fund. To all of its donors and volunteers, the Board expresses its deep appreciation for our shared partnership in promoting an active and informed citizenry. Thank you!

Boots Winterstein
President
Proposed changes to the articles and bylaws have been approved by the board and are set out below. Underlined text is being added; text with strike-through is being deleted. In the interest of saving a few trees, you have only been given those paragraphs that have some change. Full copies will be available at the meeting or you can contact the office if you’d like a set ahead of time.

Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and to the Bylaws must receive at least a 2/3 yea vote to be approved.

An amendment to the Articles of Incorporation is necessary to amend the corporate name. The name is being amended to match the name of the C4 organization.

Articles

Article 1

The name of the corporation shall be the League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County Education Fund.

Bylaws

Two years ago at Annual Meeting, the membership of the Seattle League approved changing the name in the bylaws to the League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County, reflecting the merger with King County South. In order to bring the Education fund into conformity with that change, it is necessary to change its bylaws as well. Three changes are proposed.

Change #1: Wherever the name “League of Women Voters of Seattle” appears in the document, it is replaced by “League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County.”

Change #2: Wherever the name “League of Women Voters of Seattle Education Fund” appears in the document, it is replaced by “League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County Education Fund.”

Change #3: For clarity, Article 1 has been reorganized and expanded. A new section 1 establishes the name and its shortened form before either form is used elsewhere. The previous introductory paragraph has been moved into section 2. The language that comprised the original article 1 is now section 3. These changes are shown below; additions are underlined, and deletions identified by a strikethrough. Note that the language that was moved appears with a strikethrough in its original location, and is underlined in its new location.

The League of Women Voters of Seattle Education Fund is organized and shall be operated exclusively for educational purposes, and for other charitable, scientific and literary purposes. No part of the net earnings of the Fund shall inure to the benefit of any individual and no substantial part of the activities of the Fund shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. Nor shall the Fund participate or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office or be partisan in its approach to political campaigns. (Adopted May 18, 1988)

ARTICLE I. OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT ORGANIZATION

Sec. 1. Name. The name of this organization shall be the League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County Education Fund, hereinafter referred to in these bylaws as “the Fund.”

Sec. 2. Purposes. The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County Education Fund is organized and shall be operated exclusively for educational purposes, and for other charitable, scientific and literary purposes. No part of the net earnings of the Fund shall inure to the benefit of any individual and no substantial part of the activities of the Fund shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. Nor shall the Fund participate or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office or be partisan in its approach to political campaigns. (Adopted May 18, 1988)

Sec. 3. Office and Registered Agent. The registered office of the Fund shall be located in the State of Washington at such place as may be fixed from time to time by the board of directors upon filing of such notices as required by law. The registered agent shall have a business office identical with such registered office.
Nominees for the Board of Directors
Education Fund

Current Board
Boots Winterstein, President 2012-13
Judy Bevington 2011-13
Carol Burton, Secretary 2012-14
Beatrice Crane 2012-13
Julie Anne Kempf 2012-13
Ginna Owens 2011-13
Ellyn Swanson 2011-13
Lisa Unsoeld-Chang 2012-14
Laraine Volkman, Treasurer 2011-13

Nominees
Pat McCann
Ginna Owens

All New and Continuing Board Members of LWVS-KC except the Treasurer, Cindy Piennett
see page 18

Pat McCann
Pat discovered the League of Women Voters while living in Michigan in the ‘60’s and was delighted to find an organization that so well accorded with her hopes for the City, State, Country and World and that had the energy, intelligence and integrity to carry them out. She has served variously in the Highline League and then South King County. She also served a year on the new Seattle-King County League Board. She has helped in the attempt to stimulate the Observer Corps and hopes it may still serve the S-KC League.

Ginna Owens
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.
## LWVS EDUCATION FUND
### ANNUAL MEETING 2013

#### Support & Revenues

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#### Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets

| Item                                      | 400              | 22,812           | 42               | 31,569         | 49,210          |

#### Net Assets (cash), Beginning of year

| Item                                      | 5,941            | 5,941            | 28,753           | 28,795         | 8,344           |

#### Net Assets (cash), End of year

| Item                                      | 6,341            | 28,753           | 28,795           | 60,364         | 57,554          |
LWVS-Education Fund
Statement of Financial Position

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Unit Meetings

**NOTE:** The names listed after the unit name are the unit leader(s).

**MAY UNIT MEETINGS**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8**
QUEEN ANNE/MAGNOLIA/BALLARD EVE.
Teddy Geokezas
tgeokezas@msn.com, 206-782-5036
**6:30 P.M.**
HOSTESS: MARY BURKI - 206-935-2276
8706 40TH AVE. SW, SEATTLE
“Fun-Raiser,” including supper with a Greek accent.

**THURSDAY, MAY 9**
ISSAQUAH DAY
Margaret Austin
margaret.austin@comcast.net, 425-392-5760
**10:00 A.M.**
HOSTESS: MARGARET AUSTIN
25230 SE MIRRORMONT DRIVE, ISSAQUAH
To carpool, please meet at Susan Cotterell’s home at 9:45 a.m., 580 E. Sunset Way, Issaquah, 425-392-1868.
Luncheon will follow the discussion.

UNIVERSITY HOUSE/WALLINGFORD
**10:00 A.M.**
UNIVERSITY HOUSE AUDITORIUM
4400 STONE WAY N, SEATTLE

**FRIDAY, MAY 10**
BELLEVUE/KIRKLAND/REDMOND
Bonnie Rimawi
bonnierim@aol.com, 425-820-7127
**12:00 P.M. – 2:00 P.M.**
LAKE HILLS LIBRARY, 15590 LAKE HILLS BLVD., BELLEVUE

**MONDAY, MAY 13**
FIRST HILL
Joan Lawson
joanvlawson@gmail.com 206-382-3147
**10:00 A.M.**
HORIZON HOUSE, FORUM AND SOCIAL ROOM
900 UNIVERSITY ST., SEATTLE

CAPITOL HILL/MONTLAKE
Vicky Downs and Zita Cook
Downsvdowns@aol.com 206-328-3926
zzitamcook@comcast.net 206-374-0369
**7:15 P.M.**
HOSTESS: LINNEA HIRST - 206-322-3076
1602 E. MCGRAW ST., SEATTLE

SOUTHEND
Marian Wolfe and Vivian Montoya
hedgwolfe@aol.com 206-763-9430
montoyaviv@yahoo.com 206-695-2620
**7:30 P.M.**
HOSTESS: MARIAN WOLFE
4155 13TH AVE. S., SEATTLE

**TUESDAY, MAY 14**
WEST SEATTLE
Amanda Berry, Ethel Williams
amandamberry@earthlink.net 206-724-7518
etheljw1@q.com 206-932-7887
**1:00 P.M.**
The Kenney
7125 FAUNTLEROY WAY SW, SEATTLE

**THURSDAY, MAY 16**
SOUTHEAST KING COUNTY/ENUMCLAW
Cathy Dormaier
clcathy@skynetbb.com 360-802-6799
**10:00 A.M.**
HOSTESS: SANDE NELSON - 360-825-6771
38922 212TH AVE. SE, ENUMCLAW
We will be watching a DVD on water conservation. Contact Cathy for directions.
**Saturday, May 18**

**Ballard/Magnolia/Queen Anne Day**

Joan Peterson  
joanmepeterson@gmail.com 206-789-7447

**10:00 A.M.**

**Hostess: Janet Anderson - 206-285-2460**

4560 West Cramer, Seattle

Potluck luncheon after the meeting. Call Janet for driving directions.

**North Central**

Jan Orlando  
orlanre@aol.com 206-524-0936

**2:00 P.M.**

**Hostess: Carol Long - 206-932-1547**

3059 38th Ave SW, Seattle

**June Meetings**

**Sunday, June 9**

**Capitol Hill/Montlake**

Vicky Downs and Zita Cook  
DownsVdowns@aol.com 206-328-3926  
zzitamcook@comcast.net 206-374-0369

**3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.**

**Hostess: Vicky Downs**

909 E. Newton St., #D9, Seattle

Liz Taylor talk. RSVP at 206-328-3926 if you'd like to attend, as seating will be limited.

**Monday, June 10**

**First Hill**

Joan Lawson  
joanvlawson@gmail.com 206-382-3147

**10:00 A.M.**

**Horizon House, Forum and Social Room**

900 University St., Seattle

Discussion with Matthew Mega, AICP, Seattle Audubon Conservation Director.

**Saturday, June 15**

**Ballard/Magnolia/Queen Anne Day**

Joan Peterson  
joanmepeterson@gmail.com 206-789-7447

**11:30 A.M.**

**T.S. McHughes, 21 Mercer St., Seattle**

Unit fundraiser lunch followed by a performance of This House at the Seattle International Film Festival Film Center. Cost $40. Call Kim Peterson 206-789-7447 or email rkimpeterson@hotmail.com for more information. See page 8 for additional details.

**These Units Are Not Meeting in May or June**

**North King County**

Toni Potter  
antoniapotter@comcast.net  
206-365-8949

**Shoreline**

Juliet Beard  
juliet@windermere.com 206-715-5531

**Southwest King County**

Mary Ehlers and Kathy Jorgensen  
maryehlers@comcast.net 253-941-1930  
kjorgensen@juno.com 253-859-8349
## Board & Committee Contacts

**Executive Committee**

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<td>Joanna Cullen</td>
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May Events:

**Spring Into Action**
Membership Celebration

**Mount Baker Community Club**
2811 Mt. Rainier Drive S, Seattle WA

**Sunday, May 5**
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Please RSVP online or to the League office.

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**Annual Meeting**

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

**Thursday, May 16**
5:00 p.m. - Registration
5:30 p.m. - Meeting Begins

Please RSVP to the League office.