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Help Us Get To Know You Better!

by Susan Jones, Membership Chair

During the course of the past year the membership committee has been working to update and fine tune many of the standard LWV membership materials along with the systems and protocol for using them. We have numerous objectives we hope to achieve with these refinements, most of them related to growing and retaining membership and engaging more members in the important work of the League.

The bulk of the promotional materials we use for the Seattle/King County League are outwardly directed; that is, to recruit and inform potential new members about the League's mission and current priorities. We recently made some significant changes to the survey that is sent to all new members of the League.

Beyond the obvious contact details, we also ask for some basic biographical information as well as any areas of special interest. In the process of revising this form, however, we quickly realized how useful it would be to know some of this same information about our existing members, many of whom may never have had the opportunity to fill it out. Knowing such things as why you joined League and what you expect from your membership will help us be more responsive to your needs.

A big part of the form is designed to help us to connect you to volunteer opportunities. If you're not familiar with all things we do over the course of the year, please be sure to read the article on volunteer opportunities on page 10.

Finally, we'd also like to know how our existing programs are doing. Do you attend a unit? Go to the monthly forum (or watch it on TV or online)? Attend a committee? If not, is there a barrier holding you back that we might be able to fix such as timing or transportation?

We really want your feedback! Please tear out the form on page 11-12, fill it out and either mail it back to us or scan it and email it to the office. We look forward to hearing from you.



With Your Help!

Rise and Shine for
TOAST! to the Candidates
- a *FUN*draising Breakfast

Wednesday, May 28, 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.
at the Seattle Westin

See Team Blue and Team Red
compete in the 1st Election Games!

see page 8 for more details

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Connecting with the Leadership

By Joanna Cullen, Director

On March 22, the League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County and Town Hall presented a successful and informative forum, “The Future of King County Transportation: Why your Vote Matters.” This was part of the Town Hall Civics Series supported by The Boeing Company, the RealNetworks Foundation, and the True-Brown Foundation. Although action forums are rare for us, our positions in a variety of areas, along with the knowledge and community connections of the Transportation Committee and State League lobbying activities on transportation allowed us to organize this forum.

A bit of background: The State League and our transportation committee had been closely following the lack of progress by state lawmakers in passing a transportation package, and became aware of the limited local options available and the possible need for King County to propose local solutions including the creation of a Transportation Benefit District (TBD) and a funding proposition. Community transportation advocates had long been concerned about the fate of Metro service, since the temporary congestion reduction charge is set to expire this year. For several months, the Transportation Committee anticipated that, if state lawmakers did not pass a transportation package, the King County Executive and Council would likely put one forward at the end of March in time for the April ballot. We were also able to glean that this might not be only a temporary solution at the local level, but if passed it likely would provide political clout for King County to push for more progressive alternatives for funding from the state.

Town Hall’s offer to host the forum came

through our community connections and an action forum materialized. Tacoma Mayor Marilyn Strickland was key to the success of the forum. Panelists were King County Council Transportation, Economy and Environment Committee Chair Rod Dembowski, Mayor of SeaTac and State Representative Mia Gregerson, Puget Sound Sage Deputy Director Rebecca Saldaña, and Transit Riders Union General Secretary Katie Wilson. Council Member Dembowski presented the facts of the April ballot measure Proposition 1 and explained how the King County Council arrived at the decision to put this measure on the ballot. Mayor and Representative Gregerson spoke to the challenges that exist in unincorporated King County and cities outside of Seattle. Panelists Saldaña and Wilson represented community constituencies who use and need transit and who are new and important voices in transportation advocacy in King County.



Thank you to Town Hall for hosting the forum, Horizon House for sharing the light refreshments, and the First Hill Improvement Association for sharing the lobby space. Cosponsors Transportation Choices Coalition, Puget Sound Sage, Transit Riders Union, Forterra, Futurewise, and Move King County Now not only provided displays and information for the event but were also important sources of information and connections to our panelists. Our forum also benefited from series media sponsorship provided by The Stranger and KUOW. Thank you and we look forward to working with all in the future.

Thanks also to Transportation Committee Chair Janet Winans and to Joan Lawson, Jean Carlson, Frank Gregory, Carol Burton, Lois Laughlin, and Lou Templeton for planning and helping at

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May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.
4	5 Int'l Relations Committee 12:45 p.m. Voter Deadline	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Annual Meeting 5:30 p.m.	16	17 Econ. & Tax. Committee 11:30 a.m.
18	19	20 Transportation Committee 10:00 a.m.	21	22 Education Committee 10:00 a.m.	23	24
25	26	27	28 Fundraising Breakfast 7:30 a.m.	29	30	31 State Council 9:00 a.m. Lynnwood
1	2 Int'l Relations Committee 12:45 p.m.	3	4	5	6	7

Units meet during shaded period

MAY

Board Meeting
Saturday, May 3
9:00 a.m.
League Office

International Relations
Committee
Monday, May 5
12:45-2:45 p.m.
League Office

The Voter Deadline
Monday, May 5

Annual Meeting
Thursday, May 15
5:30 p.m.
Seattle First Baptist Church

Economics & Taxation
Committee
Saturday, May 17
9:30 a.m.
909 E Newton, #D-9, Seattle

Transportation Committee
Tuesday, May 20
10:00 a.m.
League Office

Education Committee
Thursday, May 22
10:00 a.m.
League Office

State League Council
May 31
Lynnwood

JUNE

Board Meeting
Saturday, June 14
9:00 a.m.
League Office

National Convention - Dallas
June 6 - June 10
12:45-2:45 p.m.
League Office

The Voter Deadline
Monday, June 23

Forum Schedule

February 6 - Gun Safety

March 6 - Nat'l Agriculture Update

April 3 - Living Wage

May 15 - No Forum/Annual Meeting

Sept 4 - Early Childhood Education

Oct 2 - Ballot Measures

Nov 6 - Hospital Mergers

The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County (LWVS-KC) presents a public forum most months between September and May, generally on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Most forums are held at the Seattle First Baptist Church, but occasionally they are scheduled in other locations and times. The tentative schedule of forums for 2014 appears at left; check *The Voter* each month or the LWVS-KC website, seattlelwv.org, for up-to-date information.

Additional forums related to the primary election may also be scheduled. Watch our website and weekly emails for updates. The next edition of *The Voter* will be out in mid to late July.

Board Briefs by Amanda Clark, Secretary

The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County Board met on Saturday, April 12, 2014. This is a summary of their work.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Cindy Piennett distributed the proposed annual budget that will be presented at the annual meeting in May. She pointed out that of our \$60 annual dues, \$50 goes to the national and state Leagues, leaving our local chapter only \$10. Most of the income of the local League comes from donations: for TRY, to the Leadership Circle, and via fundraisers. She also pointed out that the Education Fund (the tax-exempt 501 c3 corporation) is the fundraising arm that supports our voter education activities; the c4 organization is the "action" or lobbying arm.

All in all, income and expenses are on track for the year.

Transportation Forum. Acting President Janet Winans thanked Joanna Cullen for the superb job she did organizing the forum about Prop-

osition 1, held at Town Hall on March 22. The speakers were uniformly excellent, presenting the case to vote for the proposition to fund both roads and public transportation.

Nomination Committee Report. Judy Bevington presented the slate of nominees for the 2014-2015 c4 and c3 Boards, which the Board accepted. You can read the biographies of the nominees in this issue of *The Voter*.

Program Committee. The Board approved a tentative program for 2014-2015, based on program planning responses from committees, units, and members. There are more topics of interest than can be covered in one year. Some of the "hot topics" include early childhood education, hospital mergers, human trafficking, water rights, mental health issues, and climate

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Board Briefs continued:

change.

The Board also accepted the unit responses to the questions regarding the agriculture forum, even though there had been concern about ambiguity in some of the questions. The responses will be sent to the national League.

Fundraisers. The Leadership Circle brunch will be held July 12. The budget for that has been approved, and planning is moving forward.

Planning for the May fundraising breakfast, “Toast! to the Candidates,” at the Westin Hotel is moving forward apace. Both major political parties have agreed to field all-star teams to compete in a political trivia contest; a committee is working on clever questions. This should be a fun event. Be sure to mark your calendars for May 28!

Connecting with Leadership continued:

the event. Of course, all the work is built on the past work of the Transportation Committee and is always dependent on the support of our Office Manager Allison Feher. It is the knowledge and the connections that League members and volunteers build daily that are the source of the League’s strength.

I encourage anyone who was not able to attend to access it through the League website, www.seattlwlwv.org. It presents some of the fresh new voices weighing in on transportation issues today and some important insights into the politics of the local and state situation.

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.

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.

Committees

Meetings can sometimes be subject to last minute changes. Call the LWVS-KC office at 206-329-4848 to confirm.

Economics and Taxation Committee

DATE: Saturday, May 17

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

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

Anyone interested in attending please call Jeanette Johnson, 206-724-3392.

Education Committee

DATE: Thursday, May 22

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: League Office

If you have questions or comments, please leave a message for committee chair Joanna Cullen, at 206-329-4848.

International Relations Committee

DATE: Monday, May 5

TIME: 12:45 – 2:45 p.m.

PLACE: League Office

Topic: China's foreign policy and current crises in U.S. foreign policy.

Transportation Committee

DATE: Tuesday, May 20

TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

PLACE: League Office

Speaker: To be announced.

Visitors are always welcome.

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

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



A new committee is forming on the issue of Climate Change - contact Judy Bevington if you are interested in participating, judybevington@q.com.

King County Connects — Announcements

CIS VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

By Cynthia Howe, CIS Chair

Do you want to be part of the action at the League? Want to know first hand what is going on and get acquainted with the people who are involved? If you are a new member or a current member who wants to give a little time but not do the heavy lifting of a study or a committee, come join the CIS (Citizen Information Service) team.

We provide information over the phone to members and the community, each member serving a three-hour shift in the office once a week throughout most of the year. It's fun and educational and we train you. If you can't commit to a regular shift, we welcome substitutes who are called when needed.

If you are interested, call or email Cynthia Howe at: 206-236-0593; howe.john@comcast.net

VOTER SERVICES REPORT

by Joanna Cullen

The education arm of Voter Services has been relatively quiet for an election season. While there is only one issue on the ballot, we have not had requests for Speaker's Bureau informational presentations. Joanna Cullen enjoyed meeting the women and staff at Mary's Place while registering voters in time for the upcoming election. Joan Lawson and Lou Templeton made sure that voters were registered and had a chance to update their information at the League Transportation Forum at Town Hall. Voter Services also helped research material for ballot summaries that Julie Anne Kempf prepared. Joanna will also be contacting local unit leaders for observations on what we are doing that serves local units well and on how we could improve.

Rise and Shine!

Wednesday, May 28th

7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

At the Westin Seattle Hotel

TOAST! To the Candidates *- a breakfast FUNdraiser*

Invitations went out by mail two weeks ago and we hope you're among those who've already signed up for what promises to be a fun and lively event!

Enjoy a generous buffet breakfast while you chat with candidates. See Team Red and Team Blue (each featuring a hand-picked group of officeholders and pundits) compete in the first ever Election Games, a trivia contest and more. Join us in thanking the winners of the Making Democracy Work Awards:

Government Sunshine Award winners - Rep. Gerry Pollett and Sen. Joe Fain for the passage of legislation requiring all elected officials to receive training in the Open Public Meetings and Open Public Records Acts.

Volunteers are still needed to help out the day of and the week before the event. Please call the office for more details.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Updates from our State and National Leagues

All members of the LWV of Seattle-King County are also automatically members of the LWV of Washington and the LWV of the United States. Their work focuses on issues of state and national concern, respectively. Be sure to sign up for weekly email newsletters and/or visit the websites: www.lwvwa.org and www.lwv.org for the latest information.

Olympia and our Washington

The session may be over but the State League Lobby Team is still at work – discussing outcomes, planning for next year. Transportation and coal/gas trains remain as high priority issues and the summer is when a lot of the ground work for legislation is laid. Think about having an informal meeting with your legislators - you could do it by yourself or with a few of your neighbors. While individual members don't speak for the League, we definitely want you to speak as individuals! Let your representatives know how you feel about what's been happening and what you think their priorities should be next term.

And if you really want to speak for the League, the lobby team is recruiting new members. Contact team leader Pat Dickason for more on how you can help, p.dickason@comcast.net.

LWVWA continues to support I594 and oppose I591 regarding background checks for all gun sales. These measures started as initiatives to the legislature but were not acted upon so both will be appearing on the November ballot this fall. Let us know if you're interested in helping out with the campaign this summer - 206-622-8961 or info@lwvwa.org.

Finally, please take a few minutes each week to read the email from LWVWA; it's our best and most timely way to keep you informed about issues that affect all of us in Washington.

National News

The national League office is busy getting ready for our biennial convention, this year to be held in Dallas, on June 6 -10. A four day lesson in parliamentary procedure, this is where the focus of League activities for the next two years is decided. Attendees also get a chance to take training, hear from some great speakers, and meet Leaguers around the country. Convention delegates from LWVS-KC are still being determined but include Ellen Barton, Amanda Clark, Joanna Cullen, Jayne Freitag, Julie Anne Kempf, and Janet Winans. A report on convention will be in the summer edition of *The Voter*.

Convention prep doesn't override the need to follow our national priorities and so the national team is continuing to push for progress on the Voting Rights Act and on items related to climate change. You have until May 9 to submit a comment to the EPA regarding the proposed federal carbon pollution standards. Add your comments to the record (go to www.lwv.org for details). In addition, national is helping local leagues educate their communities about the recent Supreme Court decision in *McCutcheon v. FEC* that further opens the tap for big money spending in elections.

Visit the national League website for more information about this and other national news as well as ways for you to participate and support League's mission on a national scale!

Getting Connected Membership News

MANY WAYS TO VOLUNTEER

At League we call on members to volunteer their time and talents every day but sometimes we forget that not everyone knows about every aspect of the work we do or the many different types of work that come together in our varied events, projects and activities. So, before you fill out the survey on the next page, here's some information that you may find helpful.

Yes - you can volunteer even without a lot (or any) experience.

A lot of what we do we've been doing for a while – not all 94 years necessarily, but a while. That means there are both written and human resources to draw upon so you can try something new with the confidence that the information and support you need will be available.

No - you don't have to be able to attend daytime (or any) meetings to volunteer.

While we love to meet you face to face, and some of our activities do require you to be there in person (committee meetings, day of events, etc.), thanks to email and the internet there's a lot you can do from home. Whether it's researching and writing a ballot issue summary or designing the next invitation or membership brochure, we can work with you by phone and email to complete these tasks.

Yes - you can volunteer for the League at 2:00 a.m.

Based on some of the emails I get, we've got a few night owls out there! If that's your best time, you can do data entry, write for the website, or follow the excitement of committee hearings via TVW or KCTV online coverage.

No - you don't have to have a regular schedule or make a fixed commitment to volunteer.

We keep a list of who is interested in certain types of volunteer activities and send an email out when something comes up. If you're available, great - if not, you'll get a chance next time.

Certain activities do require a 1 to 3 hours of advance training, but once that's complete, you're good to volunteer as much or as little as you like. New volunteers will be paired with more experienced members until they feel confident to go solo. This includes activities like registering voters at community events; election monitoring where you observe the conduct and count the ballots at tenant council and homeowners elections; and speakers' bureau where you talk with community groups about the current ballot measures, civics and/or the history of League.

Are you a people person? Sign up for:

- Voter registration
- Forum and events welcome/registration
- Speakers' Bureau
- Election monitoring

Are you a policy wonk? Consider:

- Ballot Issue summary drafting
- Working on a study/forum planning
- Committees (see page 7)
- Observer Corps (monitor the activities of a city council or council committee)

Do you love to throw parties? Help us with:

- Special events
- Candidates forums
- Logistics for the monthly forum

Is technology your thing? Try:

- Website development
- Data entry
- Forum support
- Training for other volunteers
- Updating TRY (directory of elected officials)

Every year there are new opportunities too. We are developing more options for members and the community to interact with League and participate online as well as in person.

Please fill out the following survey and feel free to add any additional comments you like. We look forward to getting to know you and serving you better!

You Can Help Us Make a Difference!

Volunteers are the hands that help us to make democracy work and there are many ways to participate. Please let us know your area(s) of interest and indicate the level of commitment you anticipate being able to make initially (such as attending meetings or volunteering at an event.) This information helps our committee chairs, volunteer coordinator, and project leads identify interested and available volunteers.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Civil Liberties/Human Rights
- Climate Change
- Education
- Election & Campaign Finance Reform
- Good Governance
- International Relations
- Education
- Land Use/Zoning
- Natural Resources Management
- Public Health & Safety
- Social Justice
- Transportation
- Women's Issues
- Other _____

VOTER SERVICE/CITIZEN EDUCATION

- Voter Registration
- Speakers' Bureau
- Public Forums/Candidate Meetings
- Ballot Issue Research
- Election Monitoring

OTHER AREAS

- Data Entry/Database Management
- Development/Fundraising
- Graphic Design
- Mailings
- Media Relations/Social Media
- Membership
- Special Events
- Website

LEVEL OF COMMITMENT (Please check all that apply.)

- I am eager to get actively involved in a project, research study, or upcoming event.
- I would first like to volunteer on a smaller scale before I commit to something larger.
- I do not have the time and/or energy to commit at this time but please keep me informed as opportunities come along.
- I am available during ___evenings ___weekends ___weekdays.
- I am available for a weekly/monthly commitment of 2-5 hours.
- My participation is dependent on ___public transportation ___obtaining childcare/eldercare.
- Computer skill level: ___novice ___intermediate ___advanced ___interested in learning more.



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scan and send to:
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ABOUT YOU

This information will be used to introduce you to members and connect you to opportunities to participate. It will only be used for League purposes and will not be shared with outside groups.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Occupation: _____ Birth month & year: _____

Educational/Professional Background: _____

List special skills, talents, hobbies and abilities (eg: art, computers, public speaking, etc.)

List affiliations with other organizations, elected offices held, and your role or position in them:

Reason for becoming a member? _____

Belonged to another League before? _____ Where? _____ When? _____

If so, how were you involved? _____

Do you belong to a unit? _____ Which? _____

As a member, what do you expect from League/what League activities do you enjoy?

Features

PRESCHOOL FOR ALL STUDY MISSION by Lucy Gaskill Gaddis

As a member of Seattle's Families and Education Levy Oversight Committee, I was invited to go on a study mission to the east coast to learn about successful pre-kindergarten programs in Boston and Jersey City. The trip was sponsored by the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce and included over 40 people from business, labor, City of Seattle, Washington State Department of Early Learning, the Gates Foundation, child care providers, YMCA, and Seattle Public Schools. To say the least, it was an impressive group headed by Mayor Ed Murray, King County Executive Dow Constantine, and Seattle City Council members Tim Burgess, Sally Bagshaw and Bruce Harrell. By the time you read this article, the Seattle City Council will have recommended an action plan for universal preschool for 3 and 4 year olds. The plan is due April 18th.

The purpose of the study mission was to look at successful programs to give policymakers and others some insight into the success and problems with starting a pre-K program in Seattle. Both Boston and Jersey City have had programs for over nine years. Boston's program was started by former Mayor Thomas Menino whereas New Jersey was under court order in 1998 to establish a pre-kindergarten program for students in high poverty districts. The program in Boston is part of the school district, and Pre-K teachers are paid the same as K-12 teachers. In 2013, the school district established a 3-year pilot program for community based child care providers. This pilot was done to expand the number of children who could participate in the program since the school district was only able to provide for about one-third to one-half of all eligible children. The program in Jersey City is operated by the school district and community providers. In both cities we were able to visit programs run by both types of providers.

The visits raised some key issues for policymakers. Implementation will take time as in both cities five years passed before the intended quality was reached. Requiring the main teacher (both programs have a teacher and an aide) to have a BA necessitates having a higher education system that can handle the demand for degrees. While school district teachers are paid well, community providers generally are not. How to bring up the salaries of community providers is an important issue. Both programs require coaching and professional development and extensive evaluations to improve the quality of the instruction. Both cities saw high quality pre-K as a key education reform which has substantial impacts on later school success. The one school in Seattle that has a pre-K program is South Shore K-8 and the principal spoke eloquently about the success her students are having in high school.

The last day of the trip was spent in Washington D.C. We met with federal officials from the Departments of Education and Health and Human Services. Education officials were quite interested in the Seattle proposal as universal pre-K is an important policy initiative of President Obama. Grants to help with implementation of such a program will be available later in the spring. HHS is working on improving the Head Start and Early Head Start programs and is part of the President's early learning initiative. Both agencies are hoping for more funds to distribute in the 2015 budget.

The final stop in DC was with our Congressional delegation. We met with Reps. Jim McDermott and Adam Smith and Senators Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray. Senator Murray reminded us that she is the only preschool teacher in the Congress! All were very supportive of Seattle's proposal. So stay tuned. This issue should heat up this spring.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

by Janet Winans, Chair

March was a very busy month for the Transportation Committee. As I write this on April 7, I am looking back and still forward to the King County voters' decision on April 22 to support or reject Proposition 1. This ballot issue confronts the funding issues causing the County's deteriorating transportation infrastructure, including Metro Transit. Joanna Cullen led the effort to prepare for both the LWVS-KC Board of Directors' decision to endorse Proposition 1 and to hold a forum at Town Hall to provide information about how the future of transportation can look, if Proposition 1 passes and if it fails.

Charlie Howard, Director of Integrated Planning, and Robin Mayhew, Program Manager, at the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) were the speakers at our March Committee meeting. They are experts on these conundrums that plague planning for the expected and unexpected demands that are the risks the future brings. The mission of the PSRC is to provide the necessary information to plan for a sustainable transportation system. Their planning document is TRANSPORTATION 2040, a continuing project and process of organizing all available data about population, economics, land use, and transportation. Using terms like "current law revenue" they work to predict available funding. Current law revenue includes the state and federal gasoline tax, property taxes, sales taxes and fees, fares and operating revenue, and federal and tribal contributions. Their planning for 2040 in 2010 that began before the effects of the remarkable recession of 2009, anticipated a steady rise in population, jobs, and the funding necessary to keep the transportation system meeting the needs of the region. The prediction still is for an increase of one million jobs and growth in our population that will reach more than a billion people, half of the increase coming as our own children. However, the loss of \$15 billion in current law revenue during the recession cannot be replaced. Of course, all of

the costs of maintaining systems continued regardless of the recession.

Proposition 1 is just one example of how our community will cope with the ever increasing requirements of an efficient and effective transportation infrastructure. The members of the PSRC, which includes officials from every municipality in the Puget Sound Region, are working to analyze many different options for how to provide for this growing economy and community. Any change in the current law revenue requires legislative action and the state legislature failed to pass even a current law revenue transportation budget for the 2012-2014 biennium.

The PSRC is developing two kinds of cost accounting predictions, a constrained plan that includes revenue only from the current law revenue and an unconstrained plan that incorporates new funding sources such as fuel tax increases, high occupancy toll lanes, facility tolls, highway system tolls, distance fees, carbon tax, no tax on transportation projects, sales taxes on auto sales and parts, sales tax on fuels, and percent of value motor vehicle taxes.

It is interesting to note that transportation expenditures as a percentage of regional personal income from 1989 through 2005 was above 2% in only five of those years. That, of course, does not include the cost of the automobiles themselves. We, as members of the transportation-users population and parents of future users, really have important choices to consider. Do we actually prefer a deteriorating infrastructure to paying for the actual costs that a maximally functioning system will require?

WATERFRONT UPDATE

by Charles and Nancy Bagley

The Tunnel: As we have all read in the papers, Bertha the drill is stuck, with damage to its 10-foot-long main bearing. Elaborate plans call for digging a large shaft in front to remove the cutting head and replace the bearing. This involves pumping the ground water level down to below the drill, so as to prevent the water from seeping into the workspace, but not so much pumping as to cause settlement of nearby buildings. The contractors say that if the problem recurs later when the drill is under a building, the bearing can be replaced through the tunnel behind it, but this process is much slower. Drilling is supposed to resume by September.

Seawall: The seawall is proceeding without delay from the tunnel problems. Currently they are driving “sheet piles,” broad, flat piles to hold back waves, at Waterfront Park. You can still reach the Park via walkways.

Waterfront Amenities: On March 5, James Corner, the Waterfront project’s lead designer, presented an update of the plan, now titled Waterfront 2020. It is more detailed, but seems basically unchanged from the 2012 conceptual design. There will be extensive spaces for walking, biking, plants/trees, and benches. To see the presentation go to <http://waterfrontseattle.org>, click Documents, Library, and choose Waterfront 2020 Design. Artist Ann Hamilton has been commissioned to create an art installation on the public piers.

Pier 57 owners have proposed a gondola line from the Convention Center to Waterfront Park!! This would require a large structure in the middle of the Park, with noise and lines of people. A project of this scale will of course require environmental review and permits. Stay tuned.

Waterfront Park’s views to the south have been saved thanks to public opposition (including from LWVS/KC) to Pier 57’s plan to move its

pier face northward in front of the Park. Pier 57’s plan is now cancelled.

Now there is a more serious threat to Waterfront Park’s views to the north, where the Aquarium plans an “expansion” in front of the Park, blocking 32% of the Park’s view. Corner’s map on page 131 of Waterfront 2020 shows the expansion, but it is not shown in the photo mockup page 132! In 2013 the City appropriated \$1,000,000 for initial designs of the new Aquarium building of 150,000 sq. ft. The 2014 Waterfront Work Plan states that expansion may go south or north of the existing building. The LWVS/KC President wrote (3/5/2014) to the City Council and staff urging the expansion be on the north side, sparing Park views.

League members who value our City park views should get involved. We have more information for those who want to help save the Park. Contact us at 206-282-1578.

BOOK REVIEW by Vicky Downs

THE BULLY PULPIT: THEODORE ROOSEVELT, WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT, AND THE GOLDEN AGE OF JOURNALISM

By Doris Kearns Goodwin

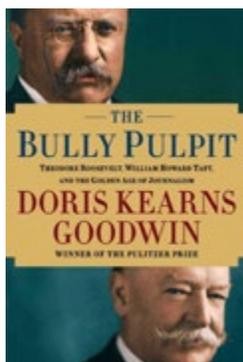
Doris Goodwin's book is as uplifting as any I have ever read. She writes, "There are but a handful of times in the history of our country when there occurs a transformation so remarkable that a molt seems to take place, and an altered country begins to emerge."

A change began in the late 19th Century, which was like our own era in some ways. There was growing income inequality, a sense that the big corporations were calling the shots in government, and a defense of laissez-faire economics among the legislators.

Goodwin shows how two Republicans, an ebullient and energetic Roosevelt and a deliberative, thoughtful Taft, worked to bring about profound changes. They challenged political machines, corruption, and corporate giants, while giving hope to independent businesses and ordinary workers.

In this endeavor a new magazine, *McClure's*, helped enormously. Editor Sam McClure brought together superb writers, "putting names to giant corporations [and] shining a bright light on the sordid maneuvers that were crushing independent businessmen in one sector after another." After Standard Oil forced Ida Tarbell's father out of business, her expertly researched article exposed Rockefeller's sharp and cunning business practices to the world. Lincoln Steffens wrote about the corrupt actions of the boss and politicians who ran Minneapolis, while Ray S. Baker described the turmoil in labor unions. Often, *McClure's* sold every copy the day it appeared on the newsstands, as readers learned whom they could trust and whom they could not.

Goodwin shows how Roosevelt made "authentically cordial" friends of many members of the press. He "understood that the most effective means of circumventing the machines and transforming popular sentiment was to establish good rapport with the press corps." In addition, he sometimes shared with them drafts of his legislative proposals, occasionally debating for hours what powers to give the new Interstate Commerce Commission, for example. Meanwhile the journalists often briefed Roosevelt on subjects they were researching before sending articles in for publication.



This is a lively read, providing fascinating stories about all the major characters of the era. It never occurred to me that I would like Taft, as I had assumed he was in favor of big business. I learned to see him as a kind and thoughtful man, who signed a lot of progressive legislation during his term as president. I had not

known that Edith Roosevelt was a rather scholarly and stable complement to her occasionally rambunctious "Teddy." Nellie Taft was seriously interested in politics and both encouraged and supported her husband when he hesitated to take on a seemingly risky chore. It was thanks to her that he agreed to be Governor General in the Philippines for several years and later agreed to run for President.

This is the kind of book I would have taken with me to our summer cabin when we spent a month or so at the lake. It is both riveting and full of stimulating topics to discuss with family and friends.

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

Annual Meeting



League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County and the Education Fund

Plan to attend the annual meeting of the membership of the League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County. 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-KC can realize its mission.

Agenda Items:

5:00 Registration

5:30 Call to Order

LWVS-KC Annual Meeting

- Update to Bylaws
- Re-adoption of Current Positions
- New Program: Motions to Consider Non-Recommended Program Items

6:30 Dinner

7:05 Carrie Chapman Catt Award

7:15 Musical Performance

7:25 Reconvene

- Adoption of Non-Recommended Program Items
- Election of Officers, Directors and Nominating Committee
- Volunteer Recognition
- Adoption of Budget

8:40 Direction to the Board and Discussion

9:00 LWVS-KC Education Fund Annual Meeting

- Update to Bylaws
- Election of Board of Directors
- Adoption of Budget

The complete annual meeting kit with detailed agenda, rules, the Year in Review, announcements, and more will be available a week before the meeting. Members not planning to attend but desiring a copy should contact the office.

Bylaws Update

A proposed change to the bylaws has been approved by the board and is set out below. Underlined text is being added. Full copies of the bylaws will be available at the meeting or you can contact the office if you'd like a set ahead of time.

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 six elected directors and not more than six appointed directors. One-half directors shall be elected by the general membership at the annual meeting in every even numbered year and one-half the directors shall be elected by the general membership at the annual meeting in every odd-numbered year. The elected directors shall serve for a term of one or two years, to be specified at the time of election, and shall take office July 1st following the annual meeting. The appointed directors shall be appointed by the president with the approval of the board of directors as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The terms of office of the appointed directors shall end the following June 30th.

Proposed Program 2014-2015

Overview

The League program for the year consists of educational and action forums, along with related discussion topics at the unit level. In some cases, the forums represent the culmination of League studies at the National, state, or local level, and the discussions may lead to new positions. Alternatively, forums may present information or lead to action on existing positions.

Because the League year begins in July, planning for the coming year is a process which begins at the unit level in January. The program chairs prepare a proposal based on responses from not only the units, but also the standing committees and individual members. From the suggestions which meet the criteria

listed below, they select those in which there is high interest from the membership. Finally, they choose topics which members have signed up to work on. The last phase of program planning consists of the adoption of the program and approval of any new studies at the annual meeting.

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 2014-2015

July: Primary Election

September: Early Childhood Education

October: Ballot Issues: General Election

November: Hospital Mergers

January: Program Planning

February: Transportation of Fossil Fuels

March: Women's Issues: Human Trafficking

April: Reauthorization of the Columbia River Treaty

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 New 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 were suggested at our program planning meetings in January. They are “non-recommended topics,” which can mean either that a proposal was submitted to the Board but was not accepted or (more commonly) that a complete proposal was not submitted within the time allotted. 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 study or update requires approval of by a 2/3 vote.

- Hospital mergers
- Child Protection Services overview
- Charter schools & our privatization positions
- Diversity of LWV as a whole and in units
- Update of port position to address a regional Puget Sound Port

Proposed Hot Topics

The following alternative topics for non-study program items 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.

- Homelessness
- Mental health issues
- Transportation/mass transit in the county
- Aging issues
- The Affordable Care Act
- The juvenile justice system
- Climate change

Nominees for the Board of Directors & Nominating Committee

2013 – 2014 Nominating Committee Report

submitted by Judy Bevington, Chair

Officers

2 nd Vice President	Mary Jo Vigil	2014-2015
Treasurer	Cindy Piennett	2014-2015

Board of Directors

Paneen Davidson	2014-16
Pat Griffith	2014-16
Julie Anne Kempf	2014-16
Joan Lawson	2014-16
Lisa Peterson	2014-16
Amelia Woolley	2014-16

Continuing Board:

Ellen Barton, President	2013-15
Janet Winans, 1 st VP	2013-15
Amanda Clark, Secretary	2013-15
Joanna Cullen	2013-15
Jayne Freitag	2013-15

Nominating Committee 2014-15

Susan Jones, Co-Chair
 Jeannette Kahlenberg, Co-Chair
 Carol Goldenberg

Nominating Committee 2013-14

Judy Bevington, Chair
 Judith Hance
 Cynthia Howe
 Lisa Peterson
 Julie Anne Kempf
 Mary Jo Vigil

Board Nominees

Mary Jo “MJ” Vigil, 2nd V.P.

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 vice president, strategy, Partner Resources & Community at Starbucks Coffee Company, headquartered in the SoDo district of Seattle. 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. Her love for the league is simple—she loves surrounding herself with smart, high talent and diverse, caring women who lift each other up, teach, learn, and work together in the pursuit of shared goals.

Cindy Piennett, Treasurer

Most recently, Cindy has been the Treasurer of the League for a one-year term. 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 Education Fund investment committee and chaired the Finance Review committee for the League. Cindy is retired after 30 years in financial management from Weyerhaeuser Company. She is also Vice Chair of the Arts Commission for the City of Federal Way and the Treasurer for the Federal Way Chorale. This summer she will be co-chair of the FUSION (Friends United to Shelter the Indigent, Oppressed and Needy) Auction and Art Walk fundraising event.

Paneen Davidson, Director

Paneen grew up in Fairbanks, Alaska, in a League of Women Voters household—her mother was then, and at 91 continues to be, an active member. At an early age Paneen was introduced to the wisdom of studying an issue before forming an opinion and of the League’s consensus process. As a young mother she first joined the League herself in the early 1970s in the Montlake Unit. After moving to Mukilteo/Everett she was an active member of the Snohomish County League, serving in various board positions including Co-President. Since moving to Mercer Island three years ago, after four years in Anchorage, Alaska, she

has coordinated the activities of League members on the Island.

Paneen has a background in finance (not related to a college major of political science!) and for twenty years served as the firm administrator of a large local CPA firm in Everett. As an adult she has been an active volunteer in her community, including her church and within three school districts, for her children and now for her grandchildren. She has served on several not-for-profit boards, most recently a church-based preschool in Anchorage and a Seattle adult continuing education center; chaired several fund-raising auctions; and has served as treasurer for several Mukilteo school board campaigns.

As a member of the Board Paneen looks forward to meeting more members and being more involved with the greater Seattle-King County League.

Pat Griffith, Director

Pat Griffith moved to Seattle forty years ago, but her involvement with the League of Women Voters started in Maryland in the late 60’s when the local league in Columbia, MD, was studying welfare issues. Pat was so impressed by the studies and facts that her opinions changed dramatically. She continued involvement in New Jersey and Seattle.

In Seattle she worked in the employee benefits and insurance field before buying a small business selling promotional products. She was an active PTSA member for twelve years and served as regional and Seattle Council legislative chair. She was a candidate for Seattle School Board in 2001, and though she lost, she continued involvement as a board member with the Puget Sound Educational Service District for five years. She has been an active volunteer with AFS Intercultural Programs, working with high school students coming to the US, host families, and students embarking on a study-abroad program. She is also a Democratic Precinct Committee Officer in the 36th Legislative District and has worked on candidate and issue campaigns. Education and adequate funding are her top priorities. Pat graduated from the University of Illinois.

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 (2010-2014), 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.

Joan Lawson, Director

Joan was born in Savannah and grew up in Spokane where her father was mayor and her mother was very active in the community. After Willamette University she came to Seattle for graduate school in social work, married a man from Iran, had four children, and lived in Clyde Hill for 25 years. She lived in Winston-Salem, North Carolina and several places in Maine before driving back to Seattle in 1991.

Work experience includes administrative positions at Mithun Architects, Capitol Hill Chamber of Commerce, East Shore Unitarian Church, and the United Nations Association of Greater Seattle. She currently works part-time in a law office.

She spent many years as a volunteer for the Unitarian

Universalist Service Committee, heading a network of volunteers west of the Mississippi, and served on the UUSC national board. She spent years after that with the United Nations Association as president of two chapters, serving on a national steering committee of chapters and on the national board. Other organizations, political and non-political, have involved her throughout the years, such as Planned Parenthood.

She ran for state representative in the 48th Legislative District and in Maine (belonging to the minority party) leading to working three years each in the Maine State Legislature and Washington State Legislature.

Travels to 45 countries include Haiti, Cuba, Nicaragua, Ecuador, the former Yugoslavia, Russia, Iceland, Viet Nam, and Iran.

She first joined the League in Winston-Salem where she became president. She is currently First Hill Unit Leader located at Horizon House. She will bring to the board the perspective of a large unit (90+ members), some of whom are 50-year members and many of whom have been League leaders around the country.

Lisa Peterson, Director

In Lisa's 20 years in Seattle League, she has served as unit leader and on several League committees and the League Board, serving as the Education Fund Treasurer. Currently she is in the Magnolia/Ballard/Queen Anne day unit. She works as a software company manager. Leisure activities include volunteering, walking her dog, playing backgammon, and reading.

Amelia Woolley, Director

Amelia graduated from Western Washington University in 2012 with a degree in Political Science. After graduation she contacted the League of Women Voters in hopes of finding areas to get involved with civics and politics at the local level. She began her volunteer work with the League in Voter Services where she participated in voter registration. By doing Voter Services she was introduced to what the League of Women Voters accomplishes and was excited to do volunteer work in a nonpartisan setting where the goal was voter outreach and voter education. From there, she became a volunteer for the CIS desk where she has been working Thursday afternoons for over a year. As a CIS desk volunteer she has learned much more about the League and the day-to-day operations that happen at the League office. While work-

ing at the CIS desk she has helped with the 2013 and 2014 editions of TRY, researching the candidates and changes in positions after the November elections. She also had the opportunity to work and help organize a candidate forum for the City Council race in Lake Forest Park this past November.

Volunteering at the League office has been a great experience and she is looking forward to further helping the League of Women Voters by serving on the Board of Directors.

Nominating Committee 2014–15

Susan K. Jones, Co-Chair

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 dog. 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.

Jeannette Kahlenberg, Co-Chair

Jeannette grew up in a League family. Her mother was an active LWV leader whose experience with the League culminated in seven terms in the Illinois state legislature. When she was a young mother, Jeannette too joined the League. That was 50 years ago. Since then wherever she has lived, her best friends have been Leaguers—interesting, curious, well-informed women. She has served as a local League president in Minnesota and New Jersey, as a state Board member in Minnesota, and more recently as Unit Leader of the First Hill Unit of the Seattle League. She looks forward to serving on the Nominating Com-

mittee, seeking to recruit more women to experience the joy and challenge of serving in leadership capacities with the League.

Carol Goldenberg

Carol Goldenberg joined the Lake Washington East League more than 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 task force on national security provided another satisfying opportunity. Carol was honored with the Carrie Chapman Catt Award in 2004. Currently she is happily staffing the CIS desk on Friday mornings. She welcomes new members, submitting a biographical sketch to *The Voter* to introduce them to the membership. Having served on the nominating committee before she understands the importance of the task.

Proposed Budget 2014-2015

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SEATTLE-KING COUNTY (c4)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
Modified Cash Basis
June 30th 2012, 2013, 2014 Forecast, 2015 Budget

	Actual 6/30/2012	Actual 6/30/2013	Actual 4/7/2014	Forecast 6/30/2014	Budget 6/30/2015
ASSETS					
Cash					
Checking	74,314	159,326	46,681	50,000	50,000
Money Market Savings	38,580	38,607	138,159	104,681	40,515
Bridge Fund MM Savings/CD	69,431	20,054	-	-	-
Total Cash	182,325	217,987	184,840	154,681	90,515
Acct Recv- LWVSKC Ed Fund	52,168	14,673	(43)	53,115 *	97,280
PayPal Funds	300	-	-	-	-
Postage Deposit	58	45	45	45	45
Office Lease Deposit	1,819	1,819	1,819	1,819	1,819
TOTAL ASSETS	236,670	234,524	186,661	209,660	189,660
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS					
Liabilities					
Payroll SUI, L&I Payable	(28)	(36)	-	-	-
Net Assets					
Unrestricted-prior years	236,698	236,698	234,560	234,560	209,660
Unrestricted-current year	-	(2,138)	(47,899)	(24,900)	(20,000)
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	236,698	234,560	186,661	209,660	189,660
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	236,670	234,524	186,661	209,660	189,660

* Estimated Payment to be received at year-end. \$21,079 was paid at mid-year.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SEATTLE-KING COUNTY (c4)
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
 Modified Cash Basis
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2013, 2014 FORECAST, 2015 BUDGET

	2012-2013	2012-2013	2013-2014		2014-2015
	Budget	Actual	Budget	YTD 4/7/14	Budget
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS					
SUPPORT & REVENUE					
Dues	34,500	35,925	34,564	28,000	35,310
Member Contributions	4,500	3,595	3,200	2,080	2,340
NonMember Contributions	500	460	500	1,062	1,062
LWVS-KC Ed Fund	60,000	64,581	69,500	21,079	74,194
Political Party- Gross	65,000	32,709	-	-	-
Leadership Circle/Donor Development	30,000	22,520	-	-	-
Election Monitoring	300	300	300	300	300
Unit Contributions	2,500	2,110	2,500	533	500
Interest	50	27	50	117	190
Miscellaneous Income	200	83	100	63	-
Annual Meeting	1,000	492	800	-	500
Bridge Fund Transfer	10,000	-	-	-	-
Bridge Fund Interest	-	58	-	3	3
Total Support & Revenue	208,550	162,861	111,514	53,237	114,494
EXPENSES					
LWVUS - PMP	18,073	18,073	9,690	8,789	8,800
LWVWA PMP	11,077	8,308	12,274	8,080	10,775
TRY	19,250	14,046	9,250	7,465	14,200
Voter Service	2,950	266	1,600	522	1,325
Program	11,075	7,874	7,675	668	2,117
Action / Advocacy / Lobbying	1,650	1,163	1,600	528	853
Administration	17,700	13,115	17,600	4,913	15,490
Development / Fundraising	33,550	6,573	-	-	-
Rent, Utilities, Office Equip, Insurance	46,200	47,875	41,950	29,836	37,140
Staff	47,025	47,706	56,375	40,336	51,058
Total Expenses	208,550	164,999	158,014	101,136	157,770
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE)	-	(2,138)	(46,500)	(47,899)	(20,000)

Education Fund Materials

Bylaws Update

A proposed change to the bylaws has been approved by the board and is set out below. Underlined text is being added. Full copies of the bylaws will be available at the meeting or you can contact the office if you'd like a set ahead of time.

ARTICLE III. MANAGEMENT

Sec. 2. Terms of Office. The terms of office of the directors shall be one or two years, to be specified at the time of election, commencing with the start of the fiscal year.

Nominees for the Board of Directors Education Fund

Nominees

Paneen Davidson	2014-16
Pat Griffith	2014-16
Julie Anne Kempf	2014-16
Joan Lawson	2014-16
Lisa Peterson	2014-16
Mary Jo Vigil	2014-15
Amelia Woolley	2014-16

Continuing Board Members

Ellen Barton	2013-15
Amanda Clark	2013-15
Joanna Cullen	2013-15
Jayne Freitag	2013-15
Janet Winans	2013-15

Proposed Budget 2014-2015

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SEATTLE-KING COUNTY EDUCATION FUND (c3)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
Modified Cash Basis
June 30th 2012, 2013, 2014 Forecast, 2015 Budget

	Actual 6/30/2012	Actual 6/30/2013	Actual 4/7/2014	Forecast 6/30/2014	Budget 6/30/2015
ASSETS					
Cash					
Checking	3,019	8,001	10,329	7,500	7,500
Savings	77,903	17,766	24,200	81,609	145,775
TOTAL ASSETS	80,921	25,767	34,529	89,109	153,275
LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS					
Liabilities					
LWVS-KC Payment	52,168	14,673	(160)	53,115	97,280
Net Assets					
Unrestricted-prior years	28,711	28,753	11,094	11,094	35,994
Unrestricted-current year	42	(17,659)	23,595	24,900	20,000
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	28,753	11,094	34,689	35,994	55,994
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	80,921	25,767	34,529	89,109	153,275

* Estimated Final Payment at year-end. \$21,079 paid at mid-year.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SEATTLE-KING COUNTY EDUCATION FUND (c3)
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Modified Cash Basis
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2013, 2014 FORECAST, 2015 BUDGET

	2012-2013	2012-2013	2013-2014		2014-2015
	Budget	Actual	Budget	YTD 4/7/14	Forecast
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS SUPPORT & REVENUE					
TRY/Annual Solicitation	31,000	17,941	24,000	23,812	23,312
General Donations NOC	5,000	16,484	8,000	1,962	3,962
In Memorium/Bequests		1,975	2,000	1,375	1,500
Grants		2,000	2,000	-	2,000
Fall Fundraising Event			30,000	21,882	21,882
Spring Fundraising Event	39,000	7,267	30,000		65,000
Fundraising Event #3			15,000		-
	39,000	7,267	75,000	21,882	86,882
Leadership Circle		5,970	35,000	11,000	23,270
Miscellaneous Income					
Interest	75	42,46	50	14	25
Total Support & Revenue	75,075	51,680	146,050	60,045	140,951
EXPENSES					
LWVUS PMP			9,690	8,788	8,788
Payment to c4:					
Voter Svcs/CIS/Program Hard Costs	33,275	22,186	18,525	306	15,291
Allocated Admin Expense	24,833	42,395	50,975	20,773	58,903
	58,108	64,581	69,500	21,079	74,194
General Admin	425	896	550	738	750
TRY / Annual Solicitation			100	1,127	1,127
Fall Fundraising Event			6,000	4,184	4,184
Spring Fundraising Event	16,500	3,861	6,000	-	26,000
Fundraising Event #3			4,000	-	-
	16,500	3,861	16,000	4,184	30,184
Leadership Circle/ Donor Development			1,000	533	1,007
Total Expenses	75,033	69,338	96,840	36,449	116,051
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE)	42	(17,659)	49,210	23,595	24,900

Unit Meetings

(Unit Meeting dates and times are subject to change. If you plan to drop in, please feel free to do so but we highly recommend you contact the unit leader to make sure you have the most current information.)

Unit Leader email	Phone	Time	Location
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Thursday, May 8			
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ISSAQUAH DAY – Margaret Austin

margaret.austin@comcast.net	425-392-5760	10:00 a.m.	Hostess: Susan Cotterell Harbor Steps Apartments 1221 First Ave, #2013, Seattle 425-392-1868
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Monday, May 12			
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FIRST HILL – Joan Lawson

joanvlawson@gmail.com	206-382-3147	10:00 a.m.	Horizon House, Forum & Social Rm 900 University St, Seattle
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Tuesday, May 13			
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WEST SEATTLE – Amanda Berry and Ethel Williams

amandaberry@earthlink.net	206-724-7518	1:00 p.m.	Daystar Retirement Village 2615 SW Barton St, Seattle
etheljw1@q.com	206-932-7887		

Saturday, May 17			
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BALLARD/MAGNOLIA/QUEEN ANNE DAY – Joan Peterson

joanmepeterson@gmail.com	206-789-7447	10:00 a.m.	Hostess: Joan Peterson 6537 Dibble Avenue NW, Seattle
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Wednesday, May 21			
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SOUTHWEST KING COUNTY – Mary Ehlers and Kathy Jorgensen

maryehlers@comcast.net	253-941-1930	7:00 p.m.	Foundation House 32290 1st Ave S, Federal Way
kjorgensen@juno.com	253-859-8349		

The following units will not be meeting this month.

BELLEVUE/KIRKLAND/REDMOND – Bonnie Rimawi
bonnierim@aol.com, 425-820-7127

CAPITOL HILL/MONTLAKE
info@seattlelwv.org, 206-329-4848

NORTH CENTRAL – Jan Orlando
orlanre@aol.com, 206-524-0936

NORTH KING COUNTY – Toni Potter
antoniapotter@comcast.net, 206-365-8949

QUEEN ANNE/MAGNOLIA/BALLARD EVENING - Teddy Geokezas and Elsie Simon
tgeokezas@msn.com, 206-782-5036
elsiesimon@comcast.net, 206-283-6297
The unit will meet again on Wednesday, June 11. Call for details.

SOUTHEAST KING COUNTY/ENUMCLAW - Cathy Dormaier
clcathy@skynetbb.com, 360-802-6799

SOUTHEND - Marian Wolfe and Vivian Montoya
hedgwolfe@aol.com, 206-763-9430
montoyaviv@yahoo.com, 206-695-2620

UNIVERSITY HOUSE/WALLINGFORD – Alice Chew
achoo92@q.com, 206-547-5395

VIEW RIDGE – Gail Winberg
winbergeng@q.com, 206-524-7801

Board & Committee Contacts

Term Executive Committee

2013-15	<i>President</i>	Ellen Barton	206-329-4848	president@seattlelwv.org
2013-15	<i>1st VP-Action</i>	Janet Winans	206-323-4825	janetwinans@earthlink.net
2012-14	<i>2nd VP-Program</i>	Beatrice Crane	206-783-8485	bscrane@comcast.net
2013-15	<i>Secretary</i>	Amanda Clark	206-236-0517	amandac5@comcast.net
2013-14	<i>Treasurer</i>	Cindy Piennett	206-329-4848	cindypiennett@gmail.com

Term Directors

2012-14	<i>Voter Editor</i>	Marge Baker	206-535-7299	votereditor@seattlelwv.org
2012-14	<i>Program</i>	Carol Burton	206-691-1298	ctburton7@gmail.com
2013-15	<i>Voter Services</i>	Joanna Cullen	206-329-8514	jfoxcullen@gmail.com
2013-15	<i>Social Justice</i>	Jayne Freitag	425-223-5827	mjafreitag@comcast.net
2012-14	<i>Membership</i>	Susan K. Jones	206-725-2902	susan@monckjones.com
2012-14	<i>Voter Services</i>	Julie Anne Kempf	206-329-4848	julie@kempf.com
2012-14	<i>Unit Coordinator</i>	Lindsay Soyer	406-546-9314	lindsaysoyer@gmail.com
2012-14	<i>Development</i>	Lisa Unsoeld-Chang	206-329-4848	lisac@seattlelwv.org
2012-14	<i>Outreach</i>	Mary Jo Vigil	206-318-6939	mjvigil@starbucks.com

Note: All board members listed above, with the exception of the Treasurer, are also members of the Education Fund Board

Term Education Fund Officers

2013-14	<i>President</i>	Ellen Barton	206-329-4848	president@seattlelwv.org
2013-14	<i>1st VP</i>	Lisa Unsoeld-Chang	206-329-4848	lisac@seattlelwv.org
2013-15	<i>Secretary</i>	Amanda Clark	206-236-0517	amandac5@comcast.net
2013-15	<i>Treasurer</i>	Ginna Owens	206-215-1408	ginnao@earthlink.net
2013-14	<i>Director</i>	Pat McCann	206-878-2799	thomaspa@centurylink.net

Term Nominating Committee

2013-14	<i>Chair</i>	Judy Bevington	206-329-4848	judybevington@q.com
2013-14		Judith Hance	206-329-4848	judithhance2@gmail.com
2013-14		Cynthia Howe	206-329-4848	howe.john@comcast.net
2013-14		Lisa Peterson	206-329-4848	M_K_productions@yahoo.com

Note: Boardmembers Julie Anne Kempf and MJ Vigil are also serving on the nominating committee.

Off Board Positions

Campaign Finance	Jean Carlson	206-774-6649	carlson.jean@gmail.com
KC South Liaison	Mary Ehlers	253-941-1930	maryehlers@comcast.net
CIS Coordinator	Cynthia Howe	206-236-0593	howe.john@comcast.net

Committees

<i>Economics & Taxation</i>	Jeanette Johnson		jeanettejohnson10@msn.com
<i>Education</i>	Joanna Cullen	206-329-8514	jfoxcullen@gmail.com
<i>International Relations</i>	see page 7		
<i>Social Justice</i>	Jayne Freitag	425-223-5827	mjafreitag@comcast.net
<i>Transportation</i>	Janet Winans	206-323-4825	janetwinans@earthlink.net

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LWV SEATTLE-KING COUNTY:

Annual Meeting

Thursday, May 15

5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m. - Program Begins

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

Accessible entrance on Harvard

\$12 for included dinner.

Toast! to the Candidates
- a fundraising breakfast

Wednesday, May 28

7:15 a.m. - Doors Open

7:45 a.m. - Program Begins

The Westin Seattle
1900 5th Ave, Seattle, WA

\$125 per person - RSVP