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Internet Privacy: Why It Matters

by Pat Griffith

Have you experienced browsing on your computer about a health issue or maybe a vacation destination or a political issue, then were immediately “followed” (or tracked) by personalized advertising?

Algorithms now guide what news we receive based on our clicks and the information

we (or our children) disclose to websites. A member of our Internet Privacy study team noted that as soon as she changed her Facebook profile after marriage, her ad feeds changed abruptly to in vitro fertilization. According to the Electronic Freedom

Foundation, the most popular websites often have 25 or more trackers that users are not aware of.

As technology races ahead of our traditional concept of personal privacy, we can lose sight of how technology affects employment opportunities, voting participation, health care decisions, and matters that are not meant to be public.

Our state is one of the few that recognizes privacy in our state constitution. Article

1, Section 7 states: No person shall be disturbed in his private affairs, or his home invaded, without authority of law.

So how did this discussion emerge? In October 2016 the Federal Communications Commission, after a long period of public comment, issued regulations treating

broadband and ISPs (internet service providers) as common carriers such as your phone company. It also required net neutrality (see box for explanation of neutrality and privacy) and privacy restrictions to protect consumers. However, these measures were

repealed by Congress in March 2017.

Response to the repeal was swift, with more than twenty states and cities, including Washington and Seattle, reinstating FCC rules through legislation and executive orders. In the state legislature, House Bill 2200 passed the House 79-22 with support from across the political spectrum. Action on the bill will continue in the 2018 legislative session. The bill requires broadband internet providers to obtain

- Net neutrality is the principle that everyone’s internet traffic (e.g., browsing websites, watching videos, or listening to music) should happen at the same speed, no matter what the traffic is.
- Internet privacy is the right to control information about oneself online, regardless of whether or not the information contains personal identifying information (PII).
- Metadata is “data that provides information about other data” (Merriam-Webster). Examples are what websites you visit or topics you browse.

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Connecting with the Leadership

I recently had an interesting conversation with a candidate who is running for office. The candidate was frustrated because a popular local news source had published an inaccurate account of the candidate's position on a key campaign issue. While the news organization later clarified its report, the candidate felt that the damage had already been done—once the inaccuracy escaped from the bottle, there could be no putting it back in.

We went on to talk about media coverage of elections more generally, and whether we thought our local media is doing a good job of covering this election. (As a former journalism major and media relations professional, this is a topic that interests me greatly.) We both agreed that overall, media has reflected the shift in our society away from the substantive and toward a more superficial emphasis on style, personality, and identity.

Don't get me wrong: Some identity politics have great value, bringing traditionally oppressed groups together to advance an agenda that might otherwise go unheard.¹ The candidate and I were more specifically referring to the media's proclivity for covering the "easy" story, the story that doesn't require a lot of thought or effort. For example, an analysis of the 2016 election found that Donald Trump received significantly more news coverage than his primary and general election opponents—not because of any partisan bias on the part of the media, but because he made for more interesting news.² Covering Trump is easy: Just turn the camera on and let him do his thing.

But what about our local media? Are King County voters getting a complete enough picture of the electoral landscape? Are our

news outlets skewing our perspectives by taking the easy road? Local news plays an important role in our civic dialogue, and it is worth some of our scrutiny. My candidate friend and I concluded that while we are fortunate to have several outstanding, thought-provoking local news sources and journalists in King County, the reality is that even our media is not immune to the effects of scarce resources, increasing competition from more nimble internet competitors, and pressure to keep revenue coming in the door.

Take the *Seattle Weekly*, which recently underwent a dramatic change in format and a significant reduction in staff. The new *Weekly* is a broadsheet-style paper—much like a neighborhood or community newspaper—that went from publishing one in-depth 3,000 to 4,000 word feature and two to three news stories, to five or six shorter news stories.³ In its heyday, the *Weekly* had an Eastside edition and typically exceeded 70 pages.⁴ The format of the new *Weekly* just doesn't lend itself to the same in-depth coverage as before, especially now that it will focus more broadly on King County.

To be fair, the *Weekly* plans to work in tandem with local reporters at 16 other King County papers to provide a more localized perspective on the news, but I can't help but feel we're getting shortchanged. The challenges facing King County are complicated and nuanced—homelessness, growth, transportation, police reform—and can't be adequately covered in 500 words or less.

Toward the end of our conversation, my candidate friend asked, "Can the League of Women Voters do anything about this?"

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Forum: Internet Privacy 7:00 p.m.	3	4 Board Meeting 10:00 a.m.
5	6 Voter Deadline	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Transportation Comm. 10:00 a.m. Internat'l Rela- tions 7:00 p.m.	15	16	17	18
19 Social Justice Comm. 3:00 p.m.	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Holiday	24 Office Closed	25
26	27	28	29	30	December 1	2 Board Meeting 10:00 a.m.
3	4	5	6	7 Special Event	8	9

Units meet during shaded period. See pages 17-18 for detailed unit meeting listings.

NOVEMBER

Forum: Seattle Mayor & Council
Thursday, November 2
7:00 p.m.
Seattle First Baptist Church

Board Meeting
Saturday, November 4
10:00 a.m.
League Office

The Voter Deadline
Monday, November 9

Transportation Committee
Tuesday, November 14
10:00 a.m.
League Office

Internat'l Relations Committee
Tuesday, November 14
7:00 p.m.
909 E. Newton #D-9, Seattle

Social Justice Committee
Sunday, November 19
3:00 p.m.
League Office

DECEMBER

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

The Voter Deadline
Monday, December 4

Save the Date
December 7
Special Event!

Winter Weather Reminder!

If Seattle Schools are delayed or closed, then the office will delay opening or be closed.

Call the office or check the website for the status of forums or other events.

Check with committee chairs and unit leaders to verify if those meetings will be cancelled.

Please stay safe!

Forum Schedule

Sept 6 — Port and Sheriff Races

Sept 18 — 45th and 48th LD Senate Races

Oct 4 — Seattle School Board Races

Oct 5 — Seattle City Mayor & Council Races

Nov 2 — Internet Privacy

Dec 7 — No forum. There will be a special event in December.

Jan 4 — Program Planning

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 7:00 p.m. Most forums are held at the Seattle First Baptist Church, but occasionally they are scheduled at other locations and times. Because of the current election season, there will be more forums than usual in September and October, focusing on ballot issues and candidate forums. The schedule through January is listed here. Check the Voter each month or the LWVS-KC website, seattlelwv.org, for up-to-date information. Past forums are frequently televised and can be accessed from the resources page of the website.

For the January Planning Forum, the Program Chairs are looking for League members who are passionate about an issue and would like to give a “Pecha Kucha” Style Presentation to inspire content for the year’s upcoming program. Pecha Kucha 20x20 is a simple presentation format where you show 20 images, each for 20 seconds. The images advance automatically and you talk along to the images. Contact the Program Chairs at abigail.doerr@gmail.com or afweed1@gmail.com if you are interested in presenting!

Board Briefs by Katie Dudley, Secretary

The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County and Education Fund Boards met on October 7, 2017. This is a summary of their work.

On October 7, the board met for another productive meeting. Linda Snider provided her Treasurer’s Report and Liz Bander gave an insightful report of the League’s technological updates. Website and database security are of utmost importance and are being researched thoroughly.

Pat Griffith provided an action update and insight regarding the Action Workshop that will be coming up in the winter. She also gave the Board an overview about upcoming ballot measures, including those on the February ballot. The Board also

agreed to form a committee to provide a recommendation on the safe consumption initiative, also known as safe injection sites.

The Veterans and Human Services levy was then discussed at length by all of the board members present, who voted unanimously to endorse the levy.

When the C3 meeting convened, the Board then had a lively discussion about how to ease new members into volunteering and what the best way to track forum and event attendance might be. Ballots and Baristas

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Leadership continued:

The answer to that is we can, and we are. We have a social justice committee that meets monthly to take a deep dive into issues like the Veterans and Human Services Levy and increased training for law enforcement. Our monthly forums provide in-depth information about topics such as internet privacy. This publication that you're reading right now contains some of the most comprehensive articles, book reviews, and general reporting that you can find in King County.

Our credibility as an organization rests on our thorough, thoughtful, and in-depth analysis of important issues—and we take this responsibility very seriously. Please don't hesitate to give us feedback on our content, and please help keep us accurate and relevant. Reach us at info@seattlelwv.org, votereditor@seattlelwv.org, or president@seattlelwv.org.

Stephanie Cirkovich
President

¹ For a great article on this topic, see Kimberlé Crenshaw, "Mapping the Margins: Intersectionality, Identity Politics, and Violence Against Women of Color," 43 (6) *Stanford Law Review*, pages 1241-99.

² Thomas E. Patterson, "New Coverage of the 2016 General Election: How the Press Failed the Voters" (Dec. 7, 2016), available at <https://shorensteincenter.org/news-coverage-2016-general-election/>.

³ David Kroman, "Seattle Weekly Braces for Dramatic Changes," *Crosscut* (Oct. 19, 2017), available at <http://crosscut.com/2017/10/seattle-weekly-changes-sound-publishing-transformation-king-county/>.

⁴ *Ibid.*

Board Briefs continued:

is also a go, at various Seattle and Eastside Starbucks locations. This year's events are being spread over the course of a week rather than simultaneously on a single night.

Kiku Hayashi provided an update in regard to a December event, which may be held at the Baptist Church. Details are still TBD, but will be divulged soon. Alyssa Weed also provided an update on potential future League recreation activities. Again, details will be forthcoming at a later date, but should be very interesting and will hopefully stimulate lively discussion among members.

Cover article continued:

opt-in consent to sell or transfer certain customer information. It requires providers to obtain opt-in consent to send or display an ad to a customer based on certain customer information. However, it does not make any requirements affecting content or Edge providers such as Google and Facebook.

The November 2nd Internet Privacy forum will include a few panelists to give an overview of privacy concerns and to spotlight issues affecting our daily lives. Speakers confirmed include Jim Loter, the City of Seattle Director of Digital Engagement; Sue Peters, a Seattle School District Director and an education writer; and Julie Wise, Elections Director of King County. These speakers will discuss city measures regarding body cameras and smart meters, education issues concerning student data, and voting systems and information, civil liberties and "cyberhygiene" (how you can protect your private information).

Committees

Economics and Taxation Committee

DATE: Saturday, December 9

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

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

No meeting in November; early meeting date for December.

Education Committee

DATE: Thursday, December 7

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: League Office

No meeting in November; early meeting date for December.

International Relations Committee

DATE: Tuesday, November 14

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

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

Social Justice Committee

DATE: Sunday, November 19

TIME: 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

PLACE: League Office

Transportation Committee

DATE: Tuesday, November 14

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: League Office

Read more about what's happening at the committee meetings on pages 12-15.

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

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

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

Diversity Policy

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

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

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

King County Connects — Announcements

EASTSIDE HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

All Eastside LWV members (and guests interested in the League) are asked to save the date for a holiday luncheon sponsored by the Issaquah unit.

Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2017

Time: 11:30 AM

Location: St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church (large room in the basement), 325 SE Darst Street, Issaquah. Darst Street is near Issaquah High School and off of 2nd Avenue.

PLEASE RSVP to Dorris Martin at Dorrismrtn@aol.com. \$8.00 Donation accepted at the door, except for those donating food.

SAVE THE DATE!

Plan to attend a special event on December 7, featuring Jevin West, UW Assistant Professor in the Information School and developer of the popular course, "Calling Bull****."

Professor West will discuss how to deal with fake news, which he says threatens our democracy by elevating emotional content over facts.

More information coming soon!

Sign Up for the Winter Action Workshop

The Seattle King County League holds its Action Workshop on Saturday, January 6, at Seattle First Baptist Church, 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Cost is \$25 and includes lunch. Sign up on the LWVWA website.

The packed schedule is being programmed but is not yet confirmed, but it will include a keynote speaker. (Rep. Pramila Jayapal will be there if the House schedule permits.) Our state Lobby Team will present issues that will be on the agenda of the 2018 Washington State Legislature, which begins two days after the Action Workshop. Our crack lobbyists, Nancy Sapiro and Pam Crohn, will be on hand as will some legislators to give their perspectives on the 60-day session.

Volunteers are needed for registration, food and coffee, and assembling materials. Please call the League office or Pat Griffith (pgseattle@q.com; 206-285-2452) if you are willing to help.

Not available on January 6? You can also sign up for the Tacoma Action Workshop on December 2 or the Olympia Action Workshop on November 18.

Getting Connected Membership News

By Cathy O'Shea, Membership Chair

Volunteering Lengthens Life—And Improves the Quality of Life

This fall I joined a Toastmasters club at work. I'm learning a lot from League events and members, but I have trouble articulating to others what I've learned. And in today's work environment, communication is often getting faster at the expense of being clear and complete. I sometimes wonder, is "fake news" really false facts, or just a poorly written article?

While Toastmasters focuses on public speaking, I thought it might help. (And the woman who's in charge is a friend.) My first speech was the Icebreaker speech, and four- to six-minute speech on myself. I wrote it several times. How can I describe myself without sounding like a total bore? Married, kids, work at AT&T, love to travel, blah blah blah. So I talked to the club leader, and she said, tell a story. People remember stories. I told about my journey to becoming a volunteer that doesn't involve my kids. Finding the right volunteer job is not easy. It can be really hard to find your spot. Sometimes it's the logistics of schedules, sometimes it's what your talents are and are not, and sometimes it's feeling connected with the other volunteers. It's taken me five years with three organizations to find the League. Here I feel that my contributions are valuable, and I enjoy the company of the other members.

There are so many members who contribute to making our League strong. While some are giving a lot of time and talent, others step in periodically on special projects or attend forums and unit meetings. Many simply support us through dues and contributions, enjoying the monthly Voter. All are key contributors to the work we do. If you're looking for new ways to develop

your talents and connect with other members, here are some great ones coming up:

Team up with someone for our Speaker's Bureau. We have gotten several requests recently.

Attend a unit or committee meeting to see what's happening.

Join the Internet Privacy study committee. Many hands make light work.

To better know our members and their journey with the League, we plan to highlight members who have found their spot here in the League. Our first Member Spotlight is Nora Leech. Thanks to Carol Goldenberg for writing the article as well as for welcoming all our new members.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: NORA LEECH

By Carol Goldenberg

Note: Periodically the Voter will publish articles about members who have made a difference. If you would like to suggest someone or write a profile, please let the editor know.

One Small Voice Can Make a Difference

Nora Leech, a much-admired member, joined the League in 1999 when her only daughter headed off to college. Between her work adventures abroad with the Peace Corps and teaching positions in China, Slovakia, Colombia, and France, Nora served the League in a variety of roles: two terms on the Board of Directors as Program Chair and *Voter* editor and participation on the International Relations Committee and the Health Committee.

By 2008 Nora was reading a lot about the trend in the U.S. of transferring public assets and programs to the private sector, which

had mixed results. Efforts included tolling highways and privatizing prisons, parks, and schools. She proposed a League study at Seattle's annual meeting with a scope outlining the parameters of the topic and a list of members willing to commit one to two years to research and write the study. A study has to be a thoughtful, unbiased work presenting multiple sides of the issue. Upon completion (which entails multiple reviews by a committee checking for bias and quality), the study, including consensus questions, is then presented to the entire membership for discussion at unit meetings. The goal is to inform and determine if there is a consensus regarding possible guidelines that could create a League position for political action. It was a lot of work and a complex topic. The study was presented in 2010, a consensus was determined and entered into the League booklet. Aware that the same dynamics were occurring statewide, the Seattle study was successfully presented to the Washington State League convention for concurrence.

Then, on to the National Convention in Atlanta, GA.

As a delegate from Seattle to the 2010 national convention, Nora felt that the topic was relevant across the U.S., so she proposed a non-recommended national study, "Privatization: The Transfer of Local Assets and Programs to the Private Sector." The national board traditionally presents one or two board-approved studies to the delegates for approval but allows non-recommended studies to be suggested from the floor. To be considered, the suggested study from a local League must have been submitted well in advance. However, never had a non-recommended study been approved.

When Nora read her short paragraph to the more than 700 convention delegates, the president proceeded to ask for a voice vote. From the delegates came a resounding Yea.

Shocked, the president asked delegates to stand for a head count. Same result. She then asked for a written ballot. It won approval. A great majority of delegates wanted answers regarding the little understood disturbing trend impacting them all. Right topic, right time. The president selected a committee to do the two-year study, of which Nora was a member. The final study was completed in 2012 and sent to Leagues across the U.S. for discussion and seeking consensus that could form a National position. The consensus reached allows Leagues at all levels—local, state and national—to lobby on the topic of privatization.

The adopted position reads in part:

The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that when governmental entities consider the transfer of governmental services, assets and/or functions to the private sector, the community impact and goals of such transfers must be identified and considered. Further, the LWV believes that transparency, accountability, and preservation of the common good must be ensured.

The League believes that some government provided services could be delivered more efficiently by private entities; however, privatization is not appropriate in all circumstances. Privatization is not appropriate when the provision of services by the government is necessary to preserve the common good, to protect national or local security or to meet the needs of the most vulnerable members of society. While the League recognizes that the definition of core government services will vary by level of government and community values, services fundamental to the governance of a democratic society should not be privatized in their

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Features

Great Decisions Discussion Group to Meet Next Year

By Rosalie McCreary

What Is Great Decisions?

The Foreign Policy Association was founded in 1918 as The League of Nations Association, formed by distinguished Americans to support President Woodrow Wilson's efforts to achieve a just peace. It reconstituted in 1923 as the Foreign Policy Association with a commitment to the careful study of all sides of international questions affecting the United States. John Foster Dulles and Eleanor Roosevelt were among the incorporators. The Great Decisions program was launched in 1954, and based on the annual briefing book prepared by FPA's editors, Great Decisions has become the largest nonpartisan public education program on international affairs in the world.

League of Women Voters International Position

"The League of Women Voters USA promotes peace in an interdependent world by working cooperatively with other nations and strengthening international organizations." The Foreign Policy Association shares the goals of the League of Women Voters of informed citizen participation in our democracy through an understanding of the daily news and influencing the foreign policy debate. The Seattle League has been sponsoring one or more Great Decisions groups since 1993. For more information on the Foreign Policy Association go to fpa.org or google Great Decisions.

Great Decisions Now

The 2018 GREAT DECISIONS briefing book can be ordered at fpa.org or Google Great Decisions. The cost is \$30. The books will be shipped in January. Meetings will begin Tuesday, February 13, and continue every other Tuesday ending on May 22. The location will be 909 E. Newton Street, Unit D, Seattle. The #49 bus stop is half a block away on 10th Avenue E. Coffee and cookies at 7:15 PM, discussion based on the briefing book at 7:30 to 9 pm. If you want more information or are interested in starting a discussion group in King County North, East or South, call Rosalie McCreary 206-687-7415.

Great Decisions 2018 topics are:

- The Waning of Pax Americana: February 13
- Russia's Foreign Policy: February 27
- China and America: The New Geopolitical Equation: March 13
- Media and Foreign Policy: March 27
- Turkey: A Partner in Crisis: April 10
- U.S. Global Engagement and the Military: April 24
- South Africa's Fragile Democracy: May 8
- Global Health: Progress and Challenges: May 22

Economics and Taxation Committee

By Jo Evans

Eight members of the Economics and Taxation Committee were in attendance at its September 30th meeting. They decided that it would be helpful to the committee to have point persons to track on an ongoing basis legislation and other developments on several tax topics, such as property tax, Washington State taxes, King County taxes, Seattle city taxes, and Federal taxes (as they impact us locally). They would report back to the committee at the monthly meetings. Four people volunteered to each cover a topic, with Seattle city taxes not yet having a point person.

Looking forward, a committee is forming to develop toolkit materials for the Washington State Taxes Education Program, with four members volunteering to work on its development. This was approved at the

LWV State convention. In addition, some members are beginning to plan for the April 2018 forum on taxes. We agreed to read *The Permanent Tax Revolt: How the Property Tax Transformed American Politics*, by Isaac William Martin. We will discuss chapters 1 and 2 at our next meeting. Finally, a member reported that she recently attended an informative public program at Seattle's Folio (a fee membership 501(c)3 organization with an extensive library) at which the Municipal League's 2017 report on the Seattle city budget was discussed.

Anyone interested in economic issues and taxation is welcome to come to the committee meetings, usually the last Saturday of the month at 9:30. Check the calendar for exact information.

Education Committee Wrap-Up

By Joanna Cullen

Seattle School Board Candidate Forum Organizers—Thank You!

Thank you to the following for their work organizing the forum, which was held on October 21: LWVS-KC Voter Service Chair Barbra Chevalier and LWVS-KC President Stephanie Cirkovich; LWVS-KC Education Committee members Joanna Cullen, Pat Griffith, and Anastasia Samuelsen; SCPTSA President Sebrena Burr and SCPTSA Legislative co-Chair Hillary Shaw and King County NAACP Education Chair Rita Green. Thank you to SCPTSA volunteers Kim Love, Sharon Rodgers, and Flora Ybarra and to LWVS-KC volunteer Jim Fox. Please know that Hillary Shaw created that nice poster for the event.

Thank you, Ellen Barton, moderator and past President of LWVS-KC. You brightened a rainy morning.

Last and very important, thank you to the six candidates for Seattle School Board for participating: Candidates for Seattle School Board District 4, Eden Mack and Herbert J. Camet, Jr. For District 5, Zachary DeWolf and Omar Vasquez. For District 7, Betty Patu and Chelsea Byers.

You can find the video of the live stream on the LWVS-KC Facebook page.

Please note that the next LWVS-KC education committee will meet on Thursday, December 7, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the League office.

We will not meet in November and will resume our regular meeting schedule on the fourth Thursdays of the month beginning in January 2018. All those interested in education policy and action at all levels of government are encouraged to join us.

Reduce Global Warming—Tax Carbon

By Nancy Bagley, Waterfront Committee and Member, CCL

League members concerned about the changing climate will be interested to know that a movement, Citizens' Climate Lobby, is underway to build support for carbon fee and dividend legislation at the national level.

Volunteers with the nonpartisan Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) are working at the grassroots level across the country to generate bipartisan support for a national carbon fee and dividend. They call for a gradually increasing carbon tax collected by the government, with all the revenue returned to households. The fee would be placed on carbon-based fuels, oil, coal and natural gas, at the first point of sale, such as a well, mine or port of entry into the U.S. The goal is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 52 percent below 1990 levels within 20 years, thus saving lives and helping the economy to grow.

Citizens' Climate Lobby volunteers engage in training to help them raise public awareness of the need for national action to reduce global warming and allow creation of a clean energy economy. They also work to build constructive, working relationships with Members of Congress so as to gather support for action to reduce global warming.

CCL promotes carbon fee and dividend as a climate change solution that Republicans, Democrats, and Independents can support.

Even in the extremely partisan environment in Congress today, many members of Congress are truly concerned about global warming. In 2016 two south-Florida representatives, Carlos Curbelo (R) and Ted Deutch (D), formed the Climate Solutions Caucus, a bipartisan group in the U.S. House of Representatives, to explore policy options to address "the impacts, causes, and challenges of our changing climate." Membership is kept even between Republicans and Democrats. There are currently 60 members of the caucus, including Rep. Dave Reichert and Rep. Derek Kilmer from Washington State.

Currently there are 441 Citizens' Climate Lobby chapters in the U.S., including 20 in our state of Washington. CCL welcomes new volunteers and members of other organizations at monthly meetings held around the state. For more information on CCL and the carbon fee and dividend proposal, check out the website, <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/>

Member Spotlight continued:

entirety. These services include the electoral process, justice system, military, public safety, public health, education, transportation, environmental protection and programs that protect and provide basic human needs.

Nora reminds us that one small voice can make a difference. She currently chairs the Economics and Taxation Committee and is the lead on the lobby team on Fair Revenue and Taxes in the state legislature. We are fortunate that Nora chose League to invest her enthusiasm and talents.

BOOK REVIEW by Vicky Downs

The Devil's Bargain: Steve Bannon, Donald Trump, and the Storming of The Presidency

By Joshua Green

Former League president Judy Bevington suggested this book by investigative reporter Joshua Green, a former senior editor of the Atlantic and now a correspondent for Bloomberg BusinessWeek. Green first met Bannon in 2011 and “quickly sized him up as a colorful version of a recognizable Washington character type: the political grifter seeking to profit from the latest trend.”

This book tells us about the people and events leading to “the greatest political upset in American history.” A critical part of that upset is Steve Bannon, a “brilliant ideologue,” an “opportunistic businessman,” who, after seven years in the Navy, became “intoxicated by the go-go Reagan eighties.”

Bannon graduated from Harvard Law School and was hired by Goldman Sachs before moving on to become a minor movie-mogul in Hollywood, followed by a stint in a Hong Kong game company. There he learned that “intense young men” would “disappear for days or even weeks at a time in alternative realities.” In effect, these men were turned digitally into soldiers waging war against imaginary enemies. Bannon seems to have thought about recreating that world for political purposes.

Growing up in a working-class family, Bannon graduated from a “right-wing military Catholic high school.” There he was “taught that Western civilization was saved five hundred years ago in Spain when Ferdinand and Isabella defeated the Moors.” The lesson, according to Bannon’s childhood friend, was that the “Muslims could have taken over the world.” The friend says Steve’s takeaway was “you’ve got to be willing to identify the threat.” Today, Bannon

sees the Muslims as “trying to blow us up.”

When Trump’s campaign began to tank, someone introduced him to Steven Bannon. These men had much in common. Both have transgressive instincts, both seem to know the value of showmanship and rage and don’t hesitate to ignore common rules of morality or decorum. They seem to have figured out that such norms were “not inviolable rules that carried a harsh penalty but [were] rather sentiments of a nobler, bygone era, gossamer-thin and needlessly adhered to by politicians who lacked [Trump’s] willingness to defy them.” Bannon seemed not only willing to defy such rules, but was downright inspired by chaos itself.

For years Bannon had planned ways to stop Hillary Clinton’s ambitions. Money to do so came from the Robert Mercer family that was attracted to Andrew Breitbart, who later became Bannon’s guru. When Breitbart died suddenly, Bannon took over Breitbart News, and the “Mercers agreed to invest \$10 million to help finance the company including “the effort to discredit . . . Hillary Clinton” resulting in a “stream of outrageously critical stories about [her].”

The Mercer family “was not Trump’s largest donor, but they were without a doubt the most important in helping Trump to win the presidency.” They contributed to the nonprofit conservative Government Accountability Institute, whose Peter Schweizer wrote Clinton Cash, an unflattering take on the Clintons. It was published in 2015 just as Hillary prepared her candidacy. A movie version of the book debuted at the Cannes Film Festival in April 2016.

More important, the Mercers funded the “US offshoot of a British analytics company” that provided advice “influencing elections and public opinion using the tools of psychological warfare.” This provided the Mercers, Trump and Bannon with a “state-of-the-art technology . . . for sophisticated messaging and strategy” which Bannon masterfully fed into Trump’s ear.

“By the time Clinton launched her presidential campaign [these] groups were

up and running.” Her campaign didn’t realize until too late “just how profound [the] Brietbart effect was on cultivating a standalone ecosystem in conservative media that very aggressively and successfully promoted certain stories and narratives,” where the Democrats had a blind spot.

This book shows how money, new technology, and extreme personalities can affect the course of history, at least temporarily.

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Meetings are open to all.

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Monday, November 6			
SOUTH SEATTLE - Marian Wolfe and Vivian Montoya			
hedgwolfe@aol.com	206-763-9430	5:30 p.m.	Third Place Books - downstairs
montoyaviv@gmail.com	206-695-2620		5041 Wilson Ave. S, Seattle

Monday, November 13			
CAPITOL HILL/MONTLAKE -			
	206-329-4848	7:15 p.m.	Hostess: Linnea Hirst 1602 E McGraw St., Seattle 206-322-3076

Tuesday, November 14			
SOUTHWEST KING COUNTY - Mary Ehlers/Cindy Piennett			
maryehlers@comcast.net	253-941-1930	2:00 p.m.	Contact unit leader for details
cindypiennett@gmail.com	253-777-9864		

Wednesday, November 15			
NORTHEAST SEATTLE (formerly View Ridge) - Gail Winberg			
winbergeng@Q.com	206-524-7801	12:45 p.m.	Brig Bldg. (6344) in Magnuson Park 7400 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle

Directions: Go into the Park through North entrance at 74th and drive EAST toward water. At the STOP sign, turn LEFT to park in front of the Brig, or RIGHT, for more parking.

QUEEN ANNE/MAGNOLIA/BALLARD EVENING - Kathy Pugh and Marlis Worthington			
ckp1966@comcast.net	503-580-1240	7:30 p.m.	Magnolia Church of Christ
marliswrt@hotmail.com	206-283-7147		3555 W McGraw St, Seattle

Thursday, November 16			
MERCER ISLAND - Paneen Davidson			
paneenie@gmail.com	206-466-2023	9:30 a.m.	Emmanuel Episcopal Church 4400 86th Ave SE, Mercer Island
ISSAQUAH - Margaret Austin			
margaret.austin@comcast.net	425-392-5760	10:00 a.m.	Echo Room, Issaquah City Hall 130 East Sunset Way, Issaquah

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DOWNTOWN/PIONEER SQUARE – Carla Chavez

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Saturday, November 18			
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Monday, November 20			
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NORTH KING COUNTY – Judy Deiro/Thessalonika “T” Benny

judy.deiro@gmail.com	425-774-1492	7:00 p.m.	Third Place Commons, Stadler Mtg Room
thessalonika.benny@gmail.com	206-353-7070		17171 Bothell Way NE, Lake Forest Pk.

Tuesday, November 21			
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BELLEVUE/KIRKLAND/REDMOND – Cathy O’Shea

cathy_oshea@yahoo.com	425-753-4182	12:00 p.m.	Bellevue Library, Room 6 1111 110th Ave NE, Bellevue
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