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Back to the Future

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By the time many of you in King County read this, you already will have voted in the 2018 midterm election. Regardless of what district you live in, what party you belong to, or what values you voted with, this election will shape your community for years to come and for better or for worse. If you haven't voted yet and it's not yet past November 6, please drop this and go vote. But come back when you're done, because we want you to go back in time with us.

It seems pertinent today to reflect on all of the changes and challenges we've faced since the 2016 election—on a national, state, local, and personal level. Have you, like so many of us, borne witness to the downfall of many long-held truths about our nation? Do you have a keener sense of right and wrong? Has your activism awakened after years of complacency? Or are you brand new to the scene of civic engagement? Let us be among those to welcome you. We need you now more than ever.

For members of the League of Women Voters, the past two years have demanded us to walk what we talk as we continued to work to empower voters and defend democracy. This year the ballot also demanded that we act. How do we, as a state, want to act on police accountability, gun violence, tax policy, and climate change? Who do we want to send to Olympia and Washington DC to act on our behalf? How do we want municipal agencies to act with our tax and levy dollars? We can't tell you how to vote, or what policy positions to support, or which candidates really do mean what they say. We can, however, tell you the

answer to all of these questions is not apathy.

Our democracy will not crumble because of the acts of bad men. Our democracy will crumble because of apathy.

What did you do the evening of November 8, 2016? Did you cry? Did you celebrate? Did you feel like your voice was heard?

What did you do on November 9, 2016? Did you donate to the League, or to the ACLU, or to Planned Parenthood? Did you volunteer your time? Did you gloat to your Facebook followers about your candidate winning? Did you mourn with your Facebook followers about your candidate losing?

What did you do between November 10, 2016 and November 6, 2018? Did you register voters? Run for office? Meet with your legislators? March with your fellow sisters? Email, call, or text lawmakers in DC? Did you vote in every election no matter how small or seemingly insignificant? Did you vote on down ballot candidates for the sewer district and "boring" levy lifts? Did you defeat your apathy?

We're not going to ask you what you plan to do between November 7, 2018, and November 3, 2020. We're going to ask you what you plan to do tomorrow, and the next day, and the next day, and the next day. We're asking you to commit to showing up. We're asking you to resist the call of apathy and the temptation to check out. We're asking you to act. Because now that we all know where we were, it's time to talk about where

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Connecting with the Leadership

It's a midterm year, which isn't always the most riveting type of election year. This year feels different for a lot of reasons—there's a lot going on within the state, with some big initiatives relating to several hot-button topics. But you already know about them and I doubt you need me to remind you.

One of the things I keep thinking about this year is how the League, approaching 100 years of existence, is still on the front lines of making sure that democracy works for everyone. Right now, the news looks grim. The Supreme Court has made some decisions that are not particularly in line with the idea of inclusive democracy with rights for all that so many of us heartily believe in. Confirmation of Supreme Court justices has also been rough—it seems as though we have learned nothing from Anita Hill nearly 30 years ago. Personally, this makes me really question the confirmation process, but it's also been a time where the League has had the chance to get back to its roots as a suffrage organization unafraid to protest. It's exciting to see that as we get nearer to a century of the suffrage of female citizens.

All this is to say that we as the League need to continue to keep an eye on the world around us. Observer Corps is a good place to start. Encouraging voting is another fantastic place to start. Continuing to research issues and publish reports on them is something we need to do ad infinitum. As the world changes, we need to ensure that our policies continue to work for the communities we serve.

Another thing we can do is continue to encourage people to vote. Even if registering to vote is easier than ever, it's so easy to become complacent and forget that

your vote does count. While presidential elections may require the Electoral College, local elections do not, so remind people that their votes really count for these elections, particularly since so many people complain that their vote will have no impact. I have high hopes that this midterm election will see much higher turnout than other midterm elections, but I also hope that going forward, all midterm elections see high turnout.

Removing barriers to voting is also integral to our democracy. While some states are seeing what looks like voter suppression at the polls, Washington State has been seeing increased access. Since the cost of postage has been one of the barriers to voters across the state, adding more ballot boxes and providing free postage makes vote by mail more and more accessible the longer that we do it.

As I write this, we haven't yet held Ballots and Baristas, but it's coming up, and I'm personally excited to see the turnout. Not only do I look forward to discussing the various measures and initiatives on the ballot, I look forward to learning more with attendees, since I think they will bring a lot to the table as well. Hopefully, in next month's Voter, we will have data to share with readers regarding the success of this year's Ballots & Baristas event.

I have so much faith in you, League. All of the women and men who do work on the League's behalf deserve a shout out. You're amazing. Keep it up.

Katie Dudley

Katie Dudley
Secretary

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				November 1 International Relations Meeting 7 p.m.	2	3 Board Meeting 10 a.m.
4	5	6 ELECTION DAY	7 Post Election Party!	8	9 Voter Deadline	10
11	12	13	14	15 Education Committee Meeting 11 a.m.	16	17 LWVWA Action Workshop 9:30 a.m.
18	19	20	21	22 Happy Thanksgiving!	23 <i>Office Closed</i>	24 Econ & Tax Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m.
25	26	27	28	29	30	December 1 Board Meeting 10 a.m.
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Units meet during shaded period; see pages 17-18 for details.

November

Internat'l Relations Committee
Thursday, November 1
7:00 p.m.
909 E. Newton #D-9, Seattle

Board Meeting
Saturday, November 3
10:00 a.m.
League Office

Post Election Party
Wednesday, November 7
7:00 p.m.
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The Voter Deadline

Friday, November 9

Education Committee
Thursday, November 15
11:00 a.m.
League Office

LWVWA Action Workshop
Saturday, November 17
9:30 a.m.
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Econ. & Tax. Committee
Saturday, November 24
9:30 a.m.
909 E. Newton #D-9, Seattle

December

Board Meeting
Saturday, December 1
10:00 a.m.
League Office

The Voter Deadline
Friday, December 7

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

November 1 - No Forum
December 6 - No Forum
January 3 - 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. 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.

Board Briefs by Katie Dudley, Secretary

The League of Women Voters of Seattle-King County and Education Fund Boards met on October 6, 2018. This is a summary of their work.

The Board met on Saturday, October 6th for another lively discussion. While the meeting was not an endorsement meeting, there was still plenty to bring to the table.

One matter for discussion was the need for a Membership Chair on the Board. A job description should be available soon, if you are interested. I can guarantee that conversation at Board meetings is nearly always interesting with all the smart people on the Board.

One item that is to be on the agenda going forward is discussion regarding who is responsible for certain Voter articles—everyone is generally enthusiastic to write, but it also puts the pedal to the metal in terms of Board member responsibility.

One of the items of discussion was the Elaine Weiss event, which celebrates her

recent book regarding suffrage. Members of the Board were excited to attend and hoped that League members would be similarly excited.

On the C3 side of things, early discussion regarding the spring Voices of Democracy awards dinner is continuing. It's never too early to plan for these events, and we always hope for their success, but hoping isn't the same as working for it, so getting to work as soon as possible is worth it.

Making sure that the Board is always well-informed regarding all League-sponsored and sanctioned events was one of the matters at the forefront of discussion. Sometimes we get so busy that we forget to share everything that we need to, so the Board is working on ensuring that all members are on the same page.

Committees

Economics and Taxation Committee

DATE: Saturday, November 24
 TIME: 9:30 a.m.
 PLACE: 909 E. Newton #D-9, Seattle

Education Committee

DATE: Thursday, November 15
 TIME: 11:00 a.m.
 PLACE: League Office

One week earlier than usual due to the holidays.

International Relations Committee

DATE: Thursday, November 1
 TIME: 7:00 p.m.
 PLACE: 909 E. Newton #D-9, Seattle

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.

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

International Committee Report

The International Relations Committee met October 4 at 7:00 PM and set its goals for the coming year. We discussed *The Perfect Weapon* by David Sanger. Generally, the International Relations Committee investigates important issues in international relations and educates our chapter on them, primarily through articles in *The Voter*. For issues that need a new League position, we work at the appropriate level to bring about a study. Specifically, for this year, we will be investigating cyber warfare, a topic that has no League position and precious little public discussion about our nation's role in it.

The International Relations meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM at 909 E Newton St, Seattle. Our November meeting (on Election night) will touch on our electric grid and other nations' concerns about cyber warfare. Please come and be informed. All are welcome.

King County Connects — Announcements

Great Decisions Groups Will Meet Next Year

The International Relations Committee will once again sponsor a Great Decisions discussion group, and the West Seattle unit another.

Great Decisions is the largest group of people discussing the same foreign policy issues at one time in the world, the Foreign Policy Association claims. The Foreign Policy Association was formed after World War I at the time the League of Nations was formed and discussion groups started in the 1950s, but today's topics are the "here and now." The Foreign Policy Association briefing book will be available in January 2019 but can be ordered at any time at fpa.org (or Google Great Decisions).

The topics for 2019 are:

- Refugees and Global Migration
- The Middle East: Regional Disorder
- Nuclear Regulations: Back to the Future:
- The Rise of Populism in Europe
- Decoding US – China Trade
- India and its Neighbors
- Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics
- The United States and Mexico: Partnership Tested
- State of the State Department and Diplomacy

For more information about the International Relations Committee group call Rosalie McCreary, 206-687-7415. For information about the West Seattle group, call or email Adele Reynolds after January 1 for schedule and locations: 206-621-4867, adelereynolds@netscape.net.

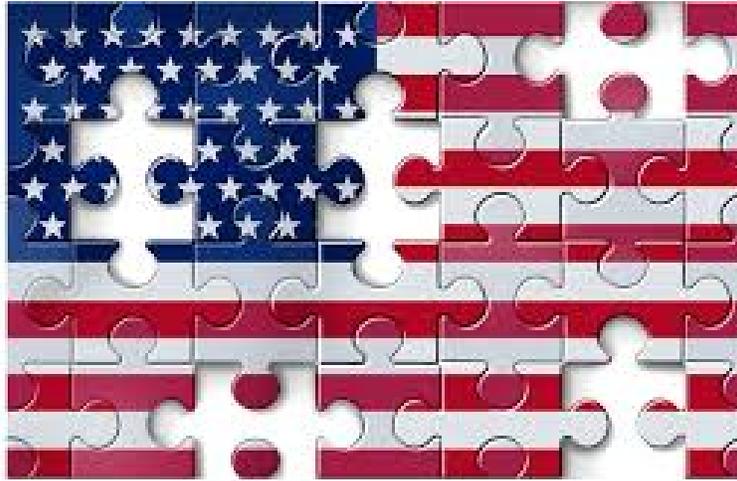
Diversity Policy

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.

REDISTRICTING: Why It's Critical



A nonpartisan discussion with Alison McCaffree of the process and the controversy around drawing maps for voting districts

Come learn and discuss:

- Who decides the lines?
- What is gerrymandering and is it legal?
- How will the 2020 Census affect redistricting?
- What does technology have to do with redistricting?
- How can we influence the process in Washington State?



Alison McCaffree is the director of Politics of the Possible in Action, an organization promoting increased civics education and local citizen engagement. She is currently producing "Many Maps, One Voice," a one-woman play about her grandmother's 1965 battle to redistrict Washington State. She is a member of the League of Women Voters of Tacoma-Pierce Co.

Thursday, November 15, 2018 7:00-9:00 PM
Church of the Redeemer,
6211 NE 182nd Street, Kenmore WA

LWVWA Action Workshop in Seattle: Saturday, November 17

Calling you to action! LWVWA wants to create change on critical issues affecting our state, focusing on the 2019 Legislative Session. We need your voice to make it happen!

Join us for an in-depth look at the upcoming legislative session, a chance to hear from local lawmakers and keynote speakers, learn more about key issues in Washington State such as voting rights, social justice, education, gun safety, and climate change. Learn how you can advocate and gain the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed to defend our democracy.

Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018
9:30 AM - 2:30 PM
415 Westlake
Seattle, Washington 98101



Focus at this workshop is Defending Our Democracy. Secretary of State Kim Wyman will be our keynote speaker. Other confirmed speakers at this workshop include Representative Zack Hudgins (D-11), Chair of the House State Government, Elections & Information Technology Committee; Representative Mike Pellicciotti (D-30), a leader in campaign finance and ethics reform; Senator Patty Kuderer (D-48), Vice-Chair of the State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections Committee and sponsor of the successful election day registration bill. Others are invited.

Registration is \$25 and includes lunch and all materials. This year LWVWA is offering discounted youth tickets at \$10 for individuals ages 24 and younger, so please reach out to friends, family, and students and invite them to attend as well. A limited number of scholarships are available if the registration fee would be a barrier to participation.

All registration information is available at www.lwvwa.org.

There will be another workshop at Shoreline Community College, Jan. 12, 2019, where the focus will be the Environment.

If you have any questions, please contact LWVWA Lobby Team Chair Maddy Vonhoff at mvonhoff@lwvwa.org or 360-713-1997.

Join the League!

Take part in informed discussions of the issues facing our communities. Members automatically receive the VOTER, either in print or electronically, for the latest updates on current studies and action, monthly forums, committee activities, voter registration, and other volunteer opportunities. In addition, members receive action alerts about legislation in Olympia and Washington, D.C., as well as publications from the state League.

League membership is open to everyone.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Dues and contributions:

- \$75 one year individual membership
- \$115 one year household membership
- \$40 low or fixed income
- 10 student
- Enclosed is a contribution of \$ _____

Please make your check payable to LWVS-KC and return with this form or go online to www.seattlelww.org/membership.

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

Thank you for supporting the work of the LWV!

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**Celebrating 98 years of
empowering voters and
defending democracy!**

GOTV in Action in North King County

By Sarah Phillips

The North King County Unit collaborated with the South Snohomish Unit and members of Forward Together to send out over 600 postcards to new registrants and reluctant voters. Our reluctant voters are registered voters who vote infrequently.

Imagine 35 or so women and one man sitting around tables writing postcards, pasting on addresses and stamps, eating cookies, and generally having a fun time. One group brought stickers and magic markers to highlight and decorate the postcards.

There was only one problem—we ran out of addresses. This mighty group of Leaguers and friends could have sent out even more. Next year we will be better prepared. This is what empowering voters and defending democracy looks like.

This was a natural follow up to last year's decision to take on voter registration.

The effort began with Voter Registration Training. To a core group of trained people, we added OJT (On the Job Training) for anyone who wanted to register voters.

We learned that setting up a table and waiting for potential voters is not enough. One of our members had great success with putting a "Voter Registration" sign on the back of her clipboard and walking around at events. We adopted that strategy with great success.

We went to parades, the Hemp Fest, high schools and community colleges, book stores and the Storm games, senior housing, auto shows. We tried to say yes to every request in our area.

The result is that we registered close to 400 people and made important connections with potential allies. We have increased our membership and provided real and meaningful ways to participate.

Ballots & Baristas

From a high of 25 participants to more intimate groups of a half dozen at 11 locations, this year's Ballots & Baristas was a success. In addition to our usual ballot measure information, we also had voting games for our future voters who attended. Thank you to Cupcake Royale and all our volunteer facilitators for making it a success; the national League is now adopting our model around the country. Said one volunteer: "People were really into it — they said they felt so much more informed and wanted to know when we were doing it again!"



Features

Washington Supreme Court Issues Two Landmark Rulings in Criminal Justice

By Heather Kelly, Action Chair

October was a historic month for advocates of criminal justice reform in Washington State. On October 11, 2018, the Supreme Court struck down the death penalty in the case of *Washington v. Gregory*.¹ Writing for the majority, Chief Justice Mary E. Fairhurst began, “Washington’s death penalty laws have been declared unconstitutional not once, not twice, but three times.”

Explaining why the court was doing so again, Justice Fairhurst concluded, “The death penalty is invalid because it is imposed in an arbitrary and racially biased manner.”

Allen Eugene Gregory, who is black, was convicted in 1996 for the rape and murder of Geneine Harshfield, who was white. Among the factors the court considered was a report showing that black defendants in Washington State were between 3.5 and 4.6 times more likely to receive a death sentence than similarly situated non-black defendants. Dozens of former judges in Washington urged this outcome in Gregory’s case.

The last execution in Washington took place in 2010. Although Governor Inslee declared a moratorium on capital punishment in 2014, Gregory and seven others remained on death row. Consistent with the court’s decision, Attorney General Bob Ferguson plans to introduce legislation in 2019 repealing the statute authorizing capital punishment. The League of Washington State has long supported abolishing the death penalty and is pleased that we are now the 20th state to prohibit it.

Six days after issuing the decision in *Gregory*, the justices ruled 5-4 to abolish life in prison without parole for juvenile

offenders on the grounds that it constitutes “cruel and unusual punishment.”² *State v. Bassett* concerned the 1996 crime of 16-year-old Brian Bassett, who was convicted of killing his parents and brother and sentenced to prison for life. The crime occurred after Bassett’s parents evicted him and refused to take him back. A psychologist noted that Bassett did not understand the finality of his actions to the extent that he was initially worried about how his parents would react to his arrest.

The ruling in *Bassett* expands upon the 2016 United States Supreme Court opinion in *Miller v. Alabama*, which held that the Eighth Amendment prohibited mandatory life sentences without parole for juveniles. In response to *Miller*, Washington State passed a law requiring courts to examine certain criteria before sentencing juvenile offenders to life without parole. *Bassett* invalidates that law on the grounds that our State Constitution authorizes special protections for children in sentencing. The court also cited the growing trend nationwide of doing away with such sentences.

In prison, Bassett received a full scholarship to college, made the Edmonds Community College honor roll and got married. He will now be resentenced by the trial court.

¹*State v. Gregory* (2018) No. 88086-7 (Full opinion online at: <http://www.courts.wa.gov/opinions/pdf/880867.pdf>).

²*State v. Bassett* (2018) No. 94556-0 (Full opinion online at: <https://cases.justia.com/washington/supreme-court/2018-94556-0.pdf?ts=1539875427>).

Can Seattle Finally Deliver Our Promised New Waterfront for All?

By Nancy and Charles Bagley



Since 2004 our League has participated in the planning for a renewed Seattle waterfront. Marshall Foster, Director of the City Office of the Waterfront recently briefed the Waterfront Committee on progress to date and what lies ahead. The tunnel is almost complete, and the viaduct, built in 1952, will begin demolition early next year, to be replaced by a four-lane surface roadway funded by State dollars.

Designs for the new waterfront were drawn up years ago, with an expansive Overlook Walk descending from the Market to the waterfront, an enhanced Waterfront Park, walkways, bike lanes, benches, planters with trees to catch and filter rain water, and open views of the Sound and Olympics. A new waterfront promenade will extend from the stadiums and along the present route of Alaskan Way northward to Pier 62-63, at Pine Street.

Much work has already been done, with expected completion in 2023. The central waterfront seawall has been completed. Underground utility work is going to be wrapped up this month, and rebuilding of public Pier 62 is underway. Nothing stands in the way of achieving our beautiful new waterfront—except funding.

The Waterfront Project funding plan was

approved by the City Council August 13, 2012. It calls for \$250 million from the City, \$150 million from the State, \$100 million in philanthropic donations (pledges have been received) and \$200 million from property owners in a new Local Improvement District (LID). The LID area is from Denny and Wall Streets on the north to the stadiums on the south and from the water to I-5.

The assessment rate will be highest for properties close to the waterfront, and lower for properties farther east. This \$200M is less than $\frac{1}{4}$ of one percent of the property values within the LID area. Condo owners will contribute 12.5% of the \$200M; the rest is from commercial properties. As the newly redeveloped waterfront will be an enhanced amenity and attraction for downtown residents and businesses, the property owners will see an increase in property value; their LID assessments will amount to about 40% of this increased property value. These LID assessments amounts were calculated by a nationally known consulting firm which specializes in this work.

The Seattle City Council will enact a LID Formation Ordinance this month. According to state law, if owners of 60% of the property value in the LID do not approve the assessment, the LID will be defeated. If the LID is enacted, individual owners can appeal the amount of their assessment and request an adjustment. Some nonprofit-owned properties will be able to donate their development rights to the City in lieu of paying the LID assessment.

The \$100 million from philanthropy is contingent on passage of the LID. As there is no fallback option, the long-anticipated completion of the Waterfront Project will not occur.

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As we wrote in the June 2018 *Voter*, the Aquarium plans to build an on-land Ocean Pavilion focusing on tropical Pacific waters, and located east of the Pier 60 seals and sea otters area. The League played a key role in helping the Aquarium choose this site. While this Aquarium expansion is not funded by LID dollars, the LID is needed to fund the Overlook Walk from the Market over Alaskan Way and then down to the Waterfront Promenade. En route it

crosses a new public space atop the Ocean Pavilion, 50 feet above sea-level, creating a 360-degree view of City, Sound and Olympics! But if the LID fails, funds will be insufficient to build the Overlook Walk.

On October 29, the League sent a letter to Mayor Durkan and the Seattle City Council, thanking them for their work on the waterfront redevelopment and offering the League's support in support of the LID.

BOOK REVIEW by Vicky Downs

Our Towns: A 100,000-Mile Journey into The Heart of America

By James and Deborah Fallows

For five years James and Deborah Fallows traveled to dozens of towns, talking with editors of local newspapers, civic leaders, ordinary workers, educators, business people, students, and entrepreneurs to find out what's going on in "flyover country." What they found was Americans who "work together on practical local possibilities, rather than allowing bitter disagreements about national politics to keep them apart."

Fresno, California, suffered from "high unemployment rates and public health collapses." In addition, the famed Fulton Street shopping mall that was once known "as an example of progressive urban design" was now "full of pawnshops and used clothing bodegas."

Returning from time to time, the Fallows watched the city work to solve its problems. Entrepreneur Jake Soberal sensed a "determination to respond to difficult circumstances so as to shape rather than just accept a city's fate." Civic leaders discussed local traits and strengths, and then considered what might be done.

The problem was city sprawl, and the solution was to make the downtown vibrant. Fresno citizens did this by "bulldozing the expensive pedestrian model and reopening

the streets to cars." Then they looked to entrepreneurs who could open up the old historic buildings to new projects.

Those projects included a school that specialized in connecting students to the local community, renovating Fulton Mall and the Lowell Community Garden with its urban agriculture, creating a tech development program and a place for performances, among others.

In one return visit the Fallows arranged to take in Fresno's Rogue Festival, a locally developed fringe festival started in 2002. That festival, along with other local arts activities, "had revitalized the [downtown] and brought in a lot of business." It brought creative people to live there, and became a reason "for those already there to reach for their own dreams." Locals now call the city "Fres-yes!"

The Fallows introduce us to other towns that have also begun to thrive. Each is different, but there are a few things they seem to have in common. For example, we learn that it was local citizens who focused on local possibilities that made the difference. These people were not especially interested in national issues.

The Fallows had been skeptical of public-private partnerships, thinking they were “probably a euphemism for sweetheart deals between big government and big business.” However they learned that when “people can point to something specific” it is what “partnership” means locally. In Greenville, South Carolina, local industries including “GE, BMW, and Michelin, send engineers to teach and supervise science fairs [at a local high school] at the companies’ expense.” Students later can be found working at those companies.

It is typical of newly thriving towns that everyone knows about and is proud of whatever makes their hometown special. They tend to have a vibrant downtown that brings in people from the suburbs and other towns. Their schools and community colleges tend to be both distinctive and innovative. “East Mississippi Community

College has taken people from welfare and prepared them for jobs in nearby factories that pay twice as much as the local median household income.” Fresno City College works with other institutions “to train the children of farmworker families [for] higher-tech agribusiness jobs.”

Virtually all these towns are pro-immigrant and assimilate foreigners. They also have big plans for a park, or downtown residences, or perhaps a new museum.

I was especially interested to learn of townspeople who worked internationally on computers, yet enjoyed the comfort of living in a community surrounded by people they knew.

This was an uplifting read.

Opinions in this review are personal and do not necessarily represent those of the League.

Cover article continued:

we’re going.

In lieu of a November Forum, we’re hosting a Post-Election Party on Wednesday, November 7. Why? Because part of activism and civic engagement is self-care. You’re allowed to care deeply and passionately about the state of our communities and the future of our country and have a beer. You’re allowed to fight injustices and voter suppression and hang out with your friends.

At the event, we’ll be hearing from our Action Chair Heather Kelly, our Program Chair Alyssa Weed, the Seattle Times’ Melissa Santos, and more special guests on what you should be paying attention to this legislative season and how the League plans to work on keeping you engaged and empowered. We’re going to come together as a group to celebrate all of the voters we registered, signatures we gathered, and candidate and issues forums we organized. We’re celebrating our rise over apathy and our

decision to keep fighting to empower voters and defend democracy. We’re celebrating you.

And whatever you do, don’t forget to mark your calendars for the upcoming Action Workshop on November 17. This event is perfect for those just beginning to explore political advocacy, new League members interested in how we work, and longtime League members looking for an update on legislation. Participants will learn about League successes during the 2018 legislative session and what we might expect to see in the new year. State League Issue Chairs will touch on a wide range of issues including shoreline preservation, social justice, homelessness, and fair elections. Workshop participants can also explore specific advocacy opportunities that match their skills and interests.

No matter what you’re looking for, you’ll find it here.

UNIT MEETING AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- Announcements/Volunteer Sign Ups
- Discussion Questions

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Did you participate in any of the League's election season events (e.g., Ballots & Baristas, registering voters, candidate or issues forums, etc.)? Which event was your favorite?

How do you feel about the outcome of the 2018 Midterm Elections?

How has your participation in activism changed over the past two years? Has it changed at all?

What issues do you care about today that you did not think about two years ago?

What ways can be a more engaged voter?

Do you have any tactics you use when you start to feel overwhelmed or burnt out with the civic process?

What's your activism goal for the upcoming legislative season? For example, will you meet with an elected official, call a member of Congress, attend a public hearing, register people to vote, educate voters in your community about an issue, learn more about running for office, or?

Unit Meetings

We invite you to check out neighborhood discussion groups, called unit meetings, to meet people passionate about League and our community. Units meetings are a great way for new members to learn about League. Discussion usually focuses on the topic which is discussed at the monthly forum. In addition, background materials are generally included in our newsletter, *The Voter*.

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

Meetings are open to all.

Unit Leader email	Phone	Time	Location
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Wednesday, November 14			
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NORTHEAST SEATTLE (formerly View Ridge) – Cynthia Butler

cjbutler@gmail.com	206-359-0340	12:45 p.m.	Brig Bldg. (6344) in Magnuson Park 7400 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle
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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 15			
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MERCER ISLAND – Paneen Davidson and Toni Okada

paneenie@gmail.com	206-466-2023	9:30 a.m.	Emmanuel Episcopal Church
td.okada@yahoo.com			4400 86th Ave SE, Mercer Island

ISSAQUAH – Judy Love

judystevel@gmail.com	425-417-8600	10:00 a.m.	Issaquah City Hall, Coho Rm. 2 nd Flr. 130 E Sunset Way, Issaquah
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SOUTHEAST KING COUNTY/ENUMCLAW - Cathy Dormaier

clcathy@skynetbb.com	360-802-6799	12:00 p.m.	Location: <i>contact unit leader</i>
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NORTH KING COUNTY – Lea Galanter

leagal99@hotmail.com	425-820-9096	7:00 p.m.	Church of the Redeemer 6210 181 st St, Kenmore
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Friday, November 16			
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UNIVERSITY HOUSE/WALLINGFORD – Janet Kime

kraftyjanet@comcast.net	206-588-0988	2:00 p.m.	University House, San Juan Room 4400 Stone Way N, Seattle
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Saturday, November 17			
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BALLARD/MAGNOLIA/QUEEN ANNE DAY – Janet Anderson

janetranderson@msn.com	206-285-2460	10:00 a.m.	Location: <i>contact unit leader</i>
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Monday, November 19			
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FIRST HILL – Adele Reynolds

adelereynolds@netscape.net	206-621-4867	10:30 a.m.	Horizon House, Forum & Social Room 900 University St, Seattle
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SOUTH SEATTLE - Marian Wolfe and Vivian Montoya

hedgwolfe@aol.com	206-763-9430	5:30 p.m.	Raconteur at Third Place Books
montoyaviv@gmail.com	206-695-2620		5041 Wilson Ave S, Seattle

CAPITOL HILL/MONTLAKE –

	206-329-4848	7:15 p.m.	Hostess: Linnea Hirst 1602 E McGraw St, Seattle 206-322-3076
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Tuesday, November 20			
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BELLEVUE/KIRKLAND/REDMOND – Cathy O'Shea

coshea120@gmail.com	425-753-4182	12:00 p.m.	Kirkland Public Library 308 Kirkland Ave, Kirkland
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WEST SEATTLE – Ethel Williams/Pat Lane

etheljw@comcast.net	206-932-7887	1:00 p.m.	Daystar Retirement Village
pgblain11@gmail.com	206-932-1578		2615 SW Barton, Seattle

Board & Committee Contacts

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2017-19	<i>President</i>	Stephanie Cirkovich	206-329-4848	president@seattlelwv.org
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Note: All board members listed above are also members of the Education Fund Board

Education Fund Officers - same as above except Treasurer

2018-19	<i>Treasurer</i>	Jessica Forsythe	206-329-4848	eftreasurer@seattlelwv.org
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2018-19	<i>Chair</i>	Amanda Clark	206-236-0517	amandac5@comcast.net
2018-19		Julie Sarkissian	206-329-4848	juliesarkissian@hotmail.com

Vacant seat

Two boardmembers will be appointed to the committee later in the year.

Off Board Positions

	<i>Voter Editor</i>	Amanda Clark	206-236-0517	votereditor@seattlelwv.org
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	<i>Economics & Taxation</i>	Nora Leech		nleech2002@yahoo.com
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	<i>International Relations</i>	Kim Peterson	206-789-7447	
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Post-Election Celebration

Wednesday, November 7

7:00 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Optimism Brewing
1158 Broadway
Seattle, WA 98122

Free drink tickets available to
the first 40 guests; children are
welcome!

Celebrate all of your hard work registering
and educating voters this election season
with your fellow Leaguers! We'll talk
about what to expect in the upcoming
legislative year, hear from special guests
like Melissa Santos of The Seattle Times,
and knock back a few beers all in the name
of democracy.