



KING COUNTY SOUTH VOTER

January 2010

LWV Mission: The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

WHAT IS YOUR PASSION?

What is your hot button issue locally, nationally?

Give the Board a good list to chew over as they work on next year's program recommendations for our League and the next two years for the National LWV.

To get you started--ideas such as:

National: Internet Security
Non-native plant importation
Local: All kinds of water
Privacy Issues

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MESSAGE

President's Message:

The article below comes from national. I thought it would be interesting to review just how all this program planning came about. Please note that the first program go-around had **60 items!!!**

At Council 2007, LWVUS Board Member Elisabeth MacNamara provided a brief historical overview of the League's Program Planning process and Adoption of Program. Her comments, which are below, detailed how these processes have changed over the years.

The League of Women Voters was initially organized as a national organization consisting of four directors who selected one of their own as president. Convention was an annual event and was attended by delegates from each

state league and each congressional district. This structure mirrored the organizational structure of the National American Woman Suffrage Association. From the beginning, the LWV struggled to determine its mission. Was it to educate newly enfranchised women on the political process and civic responsibility? Was it to educate women on the substantive issues that they would confront as they became politically active? Or was it a combination of the two? From the first, League leaders discovered that the civic involvement is inseparable from knowledge of the issues. At the 1927 convention, the second president of the LWV, Belle Sherwin, likened the League of Women Voters to "a university without walls...whose members enter to learn and remain to shape the curriculum."

At its first convention in 1920, prior the ratification of the 19th amendment, League delegates adopted a program consisting of **60 items** covering everything from social policy legislation to electoral reform and consumer protection. The first president, Maud Wood Parks described it as a "kettle of eels". In the early years, the League struggled with issues of partisanship, membership and money. The nonpartisan policy was adopted early on when it became apparent that the political parties were only giving lip service to involving the new women voters. LWV leaders determined that a nonpartisan, women's organization would be most effective in capitalizing on women's voting strength to effect social change.

Pat McCann

Pro Tem for Dec. and Jan.

ON-LINE CALENDARING FOR THE LEAGUE

A Reminder

KCS now has an electronic calendar accessible by any league member on the internet. If you want to look at the calendar, type in the url:

www.google.com/calendar (to go to the website)

sign in (upper right corner) with: walwvkcs@juno.com

password: consensus

Mary Ehlers has agreed to be the "calendar master" so if you want her to add events or make changes please send her an e-mail (maryehlers@comcast.net) or call her at 253-941-1930.

We have not been overwhelming Mary with data to be entered.

PROGRAM PLANNING FOR LWV-KCS 2010-2011

Below you will find a list of all LWV-KCS positions. Check whether you want a position **kept**, **dropped** or **revised**. If you want a position **revised**, please explain details on a separate sheet. The discussion leader will have the exact wording of our positions. Your annual meeting kit from last May also contains our local positions.

LOCAL POSITIONS

	Keep	Drop	Revise
Comprehensive Land Use Planning	_____		
Zoning Examiner	_____		
Sea-Tac Airport & Its Impact	_____		
Parks for South King County	_____		
Public Schools of South King Co	_____		
Transportation of Hazardous Waste Through Our Communities	_____		

KING COUNTY REGIONAL POSITIONS

These positions we share with Seattle LWV. Decisions to drop, revise or study something new must be coordinated with and agreed to by Seattle LWV. NOTE: Since last year, LWV of Lake Washington East has merged with Seattle.

	Keep	Drop	Revise
King County Governance (1997, 2004)	_____		
Special Districts (Pre 1991)	_____		
Farmland (Pre 1991)	_____		
Solid Waste (1985)	_____		
Transportation & Growth Mgmt (2005)	_____		
Water and Water Rights (1996-99)	_____		
Early Childhood Ed (2006)	_____		
Courts (1999)	_____		
Ethics in Government (2003)	_____		
Public Health (2004)	_____		

If you have other ideas to suggest for local and King County program, complete items below:

Name of Action Item or new study _____

Scope of Work _____

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If you are unable to attend the January units on program planning, please fill out this form and **mail it to the League office, P.O. Box 66037, Seattle, WA, 98166, by January 25th.**

National LWV Program Recommendations

Recommend a Review of an existing League Position

Is there any LWVUS position (see Positions in Brief at LWV.ORG) you propose for review? Leagues may select one LWVUS position for consideration for review each biennium. If adopted, a Review Committee will be appointed to examine the position and, if appropriate, suggest changes and updating.

Choose Position to propose for review:



Brief Summary of Scope: (Limit to approximately 200 words or 1300 characters)

Recommend a New Study or Program Item

If you have a recommendation for a study item, *please write a brief summary of the scope of the study in 200 words or less under the appropriate heading below:*

Position Heading

Brief Summary of Scope: (Limit to approximately 200 words or 1300 characters)



The Environmental Priorities Coalition's 2010's three Environmental Priorities

The 2010 Priorities are:

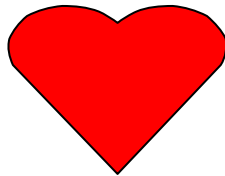
[Safe Baby Bottle Act](#)

[Working for Clean Water](#)

[Sustain Environmental Protections in the Budget](#)

The LWV of Washington is a member of this coalition. League's total list of legislative priorities will be available at Lobby Day.

Happy Birthday to Us



February 14th is the League's 90th birthday. Party time! Our hostess, Mary Ehlers requests FINGER FOODs (that means no plates or forks required) if you are able to bring them.

Mary is also looking for a piano player who would be willing to add further enjoyment at our party. Call the office and volunteer! Guests and potential members are definitely invited.

STATE AND NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

Both state and national Leagues are printing League information on-line on the League websites. If you are using a computer, be sure to check both of the sites for up to date information. The suspension of printing of the Voters is due to an unprecedented lack of funds at both levels. Websites are lwvwa.org and lwv.org.

(Don't type in a .com address-I did that once and wondered where in the heck I was! Ed.)

SINGLE-PAYER VASHON, WEST SEATTLE/BURIEN

Health Care is a League concern and action item. This group is at work and Leaguers are welcome to join them. Call Roger if you need more information.

Hi folks,

This message is going out to members of Single-Payer Vashon, as well as folks in West Seattle / Burien who have expressed interest in participating in single-payer health care advocacy.

There are a number of SP events and meetings happening in the next few weeks. A good summary of most of them can be found at the current HCFA-WA Single-Payer Action Teams Update here: www.healthcareforallwa.org/action-team-updates/ Please use this for reference for the following.

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PLAN AHEAD NOW for 2010!

The Board decided at the November meeting that there **WILL** be unit meetings even if we are having a special event. Here are the proposed unit topics for the rest of the year and our special events.

- Feb: Units. Topic: Transportation
Feb 14: **BIRTHDAY PARTY.** The League is 90! Celebrate the event at Mary Ehlers' home from 2-6.
- March: Units: Topic: Conservation Districts (State Review) Emphasis on King Co.
- April: Units: Topic: Health Care (Congressional action on reform should be done)
The national LWV website, LWV.org, has position papers on health care reform.
- April 8: **THEATER PARTY,** co sponsored with Renton AAUW. Renton Civic Theater. "Rumors" by Neil Simon. Curtain time 7:30 p.m.
- May: Annual Meeting, date TBD. Unit Meetings.

Condolences from the League to past president, Charlotte Sullivan, on the loss of her husband, Charlie, in a dreadful bicycling accident in October.

Lobby Day 2010!!!

Join us for Lobby Day and be among the first to see the second terrific YouTube video by the Civic Engagement Project committee. The first video League did—on I-1033—was the most watched video on YouTube on some days, and had rave reviews from a wide range of people and websites. (If you missed that video, be sure to see it by going to the LWVWA website, and click on Positions to find it.)

League Lobby Day is always a very interesting day. We gather and talk about legislative issues, hear an important speaker or two (last year it was Governor Gregoire), and meet at least some of the State legislators and their staffs who come into our meeting room.

Even more interesting and important, many of us make appointments to go to the offices of our individual legislators to give them our Legislative Priorities cards and to discuss those priorities with them. It's a full day, a day

we come away from with a real feeling of satisfaction.

Please do join us! And don't forget that you'll be in on the special treat of the unveiling of our next two-minute video.

ULTIMATE ACTION

League of Women Voters of Washington

LOBBY DAY

January 19, 2010

Registration 8:30am; Program begins 9:00am

REGISTRATION

Cost: \$25 per person

Lunch Provided

Columbia Room, State Capitol, Olympia

Name _____

Tel/email _____

VISA M/C

Card # _____ exp.
date _____

Check enclosed

Mail to: LWVWA, 4730 University Way N.E., Suite #720, Seattle, WA 98105

Directions:

From I-5 Southbound: Bear right on ramp at sign reading "Exit 105A to State Capitol" and go west for 0.8 miles. Continue on 14th Avenue SE and go west for 0.4 miles to the Visitor Information Center at Capitol Way S at 14th Avenue SW

From I-5 Northbound: Bear right on ramp at sign reading "Exit 105A to State Capitol" and go northeast for 0.3 miles. Bear right on 14th Avenue SE and go west for 0.6 miles to Capitol Way S at 14th Avenue SW.

CALENDAR

- Jan 6: Board Meeting, 9:45-12 noon, 616 SW 152nd, Burien WA.
President Pro Tem, Pat McCann, 206-878-2799
- Jan 7: Seattle 1st Thurs. Forum, 7:30 pm, First Baptist Church, 9th and Harvard.
Topic: Program Planning
- Jan 11: Highline Unit, League office, 616 SW 152nd, Burien, 1:30-3:30pm.
Chair: MaryEllen Hamblin, 425-255-6675. Topic: Program Go-Around
- Jan 12: Enumclaw Unit, 7-9pm, Highpoint Village, Enumclaw
Topic: Program Go-Around. **Chair: Cathy Dormaier, 360-802-6799**
- Jan 19: **Lobby Day** in Olympia. See Page 7 & LWVWA website for more info.
- Jan 20: Federal Way Unit, 7-9pm, Foundation House, 32290 1st Ave So, Federal Way.
Chair: Mary Ehlers, 253-941-1930. Topic: Program Go-Around
- Jan 21: Vashon Unit, 2:00-4:00, Vashon Library. **Contact: Ellen Kritzman, 206-567-4837.** Topic: Program Go-Around
- Feb: **President Pro Tem: Mary Ehlers**
- Feb: Unit Meetings
- Mar: **President Pro Tem: Irene Peyton**
- Mar: Second Civic Education Forum. Date TBD

See "Plan Ahead" for more information for the rest of the year.

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