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## FIX IT – Health Care at the Tipping Point

*By Susan Eidenschink*

During the month of December, the Pierce County Council failed to move forward with a mental health tax. To better understand the need for this tax, the Pierce County Council had requested a Behavioral Health System Study. This Behavioral Health System Study was designed to help Council Members to better understand the behavioral health-related needs in Pierce County, to examine available behavioral health resources, to determine behavioral health prevention and treatment gaps, and to make recommendations for a comprehensive, cost-effective, recovery-oriented system that meets the unique needs of Pierce County. A report of the study was presented to council members and the public in October and November 2016. Even with the information presented in the report, which showed a great need of money to help those in need of behavioral health services, three council members voted against the mental health tax, causing it to fail.

If we had true health care reform, this failure of the county to provide services to the most vulnerable would have less impact. At our January Unit meetings, we will view a video about fixing our broken health care system and discuss ways that reform can take place. The video is entitled FIX IT – Health Care at the Tipping Point. The information in the video explains how to provide health care coverage for all medically necessary services to all Americans at a savings of about \$504 billion per year. Patients would regain the choice of doctor and hospital,

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## President's Message



I hope all of you enjoyed your holidays and are ready to begin the New Year with fresh energy. We have much to do. As we did our program planning at our December general meeting, the Board heard what is important to members for the coming year. As a grass-roots organization, member input is all important to determine advocacy and education. Please contact a Board member any time you have an idea on how we can serve our communities better.

A huge thank you to all who generously made end-of-year gifts. Your support makes our work possible. In addition to financial support, member engagement in our initiatives is essential. I encourage you to watch for opportunities to be involved this year as we continue to do important work.

Happy New Year!!! Looking forward to what's next.

*Ruth Ann Hatchett*

### Please Welcome New Members

**Nancy Dahl**  
**Nancy Howe**  
**Shan Vipond**



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## FIX IT – Health Care at the Tipping Point , *cont'd*

and doctors would regain autonomy over patient care. In the current system, intermediaries – insurance companies – limit a patient's choices of a doctor and hospital and limit doctors' ability to treat patients in the way that is thought to be most effective. A public agency would organize all health care financing. Delivery of care would remain private. One policy, rather than hundreds of policies, would reduce the need for sorting through what is covered and what is not covered.

The average annual per capita health care expense of countries in the industrial world, excluding the United States, is \$3,484. Each person in the United States, which does not have a publicly financed health care policy, spends over twice that much or about \$8,745. Approximately 50% of United States health care is publicly financed – Medicare, Medicaid, and the Veterans Administration. In a one payment system, there is much more negotiating control, so drug prices could be reduced. The Veterans Administration receives a 40% discount on drugs because of its buying power.

In addition to individuals, municipalities and school districts would see the cost of health care drop substantially, because employees would have their own one-payer health care coverage. For-profit employers would have their health care expenses reduced too. As in other industrialized countries, they would contribute to the health care financing agency, which would be less than their current health care expenses.

The League of Women Voters has a position supporting single-payer, universal health care.

***Come to the January Unit meetings with questions and suggestions for discussion on this topic.***

**Check out our web site:  
[www.tacomapiercelwv.org](http://www.tacomapiercelwv.org)**

## Board Highlights—November 2016

*By Julie Offner*

LWVT-PC gained two new members in November. One member renewed. Our membership is now 115. Treasurer Susan Eidenschink reported that responses to the Finance Drive had begun to come in including, a \$1,000 donation to the Education Fund.

Ann Williams updated the Board on the Youth Voter Registration Project. The venture is beginning its second year. Voter registration programs were held in four high schools and three technical colleges registering 400 plus voters. Getting into schools, although challenging, was aided by personal contacts, and Ann proposed renewing those contacts. It is recommended that we return to the original schools and expand to other schools including Franklin Pierce and Bethel School Districts. The program is in need of League members to serve as speakers covering the rules on voting in Pierce County, eligibility, and ways to maintain voter participation.

The Board is examining the need to change how it works with the committees and how they report to the Board of Directors. The intent is to improve the functionality of the organization. Do we have the correct committees and are their functions and lines of communication clear? President Ruth Ann Hatchett will convene the Executive Committee, composed of the President, Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, to review the committee structure and their roles and responsibilities.

Ruth Ann expressed her appreciation to all who contributed to the success of the Action Workshop with special recognition to Ginny Peterson, who organized the food. Over 60 people attended. Kathy Sakahara, State Vice President, sent an email to Ruth Ann expressing her thanks. It was observed that a number of young women attended who had learned of the event on social media. Ruth Ann commented that it was exciting to see younger faces that were motivated and could become members of the League.

### Education Fund Board Meeting

The Board discussed the full application to the IRS for non-profit status, (501(c)(3), which would allow donations to be tax-deductible. Suggestions to strengthen the application were made. Pursuant to the application, the Board adopted a Conflict of Interest Policy which will be reviewed annually. It will take 9-12 months for the IRS to review the application.

Judy Payne provided the Treasurers Report for the Education Fund. Anticipated expenses include the TRY and PMPs. From the Cameron Endowment, only the earnings can be spent each year, and only for special voter education projects. Roxanne Miles reported on several grant applications to local foundations.



## In Memoriam—Alice Whitley

*By Paula Eismann*

Alice Whitley of Lake Tapps passed away December 8 at the age of 97. Alice will be remembered by the people in her life as one who consistently stood up for others less fortunate. She graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in Nursing and worked briefly as a public health nurse. She worked part-time with the King County Community Accountability Board in Auburn which provides diversions for alleged juvenile offenders for over thirty years, retiring when she was 95. Alice joined the League of Women Voters of King County in the 1960's attending Unit meetings in Enumclaw where she raised her family. She joined our Tacoma-Pierce County League in 1996 after she moved to Lake Tapps. She helped at the polls on Election Day for years. She loved League, attending as long as she was able, and provided many thought-provoking contributions. Among her favorite things to do were bridge, keeping up with current events, landscaping, church involvement, and all things Swedish. She is preceded in death by her husband, Pharis, and survived by five daughters, eleven grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren, all of whom came from near and far to visit her frequently and share in her life. She traveled widely with her husband for years, and always was excited to learn new things, kept up with the news and encouraged others to participate for the betterment of society.

## Program Planning for 2017

*By Lyz Kurnitz-Thurlow*

Many thanks to all who attended the annual Program Planning brunch. Yummy food. Yummy congenial company. LOTS of interesting discussion.

Our task this year was to talk about what we hope to study or where we want to focus both locally and statewide. I always prepare the basic background information and line up people to help. Some years, we have a good idea what will come up; others not. The Program Planning Meeting is Step 1. Step 2 is deciding where we want to go with what we want to do – where are our strengths? Who will work on this? What can we accomplish? Are we the right group? Is this the right time?

**LOCAL:** This year, several people had major ideas – and they almost all related to housing and homelessness. Certainly not someplace I had expected we would go. Certainly, of course, anything we can do to help everybody have a place to go.....

Our Affordable Housing position (p. 17 in the Handbook) says that we recognize “the need for more affordable housing.” Under the section Fair Housing Laws, we state “Pierce County and its municipalities should add those who participate in a Section 8 program, and receive vouchers for subsidized rent payments, to their Fair Housing Laws as a protected class.”

One of the main things brought up by our members is that some receiving such vouchers are discriminated against. We don’t need a study, therefore, but ACTION on this position.

We completed our study of the Pierce County Mental Health System in 2016. The committee did a great job, and we now have a strong position. It will allow us to lobby for the 0.1% tax for mental health and chemical dependency services (which Pierce County just failed to adopt), and the 0.1% tax for affordable housing. Both of these came up in our meeting as ACTION items. As a League member, you may comment publicly on any issue you want – BUT YOU MAY NOT DO SO IN THE NAME OF THE LEAGUE. If you wish to write to the County Council on the Mental Health tax, for instance, you may write expressing your support; or you may write and identify yourself as a League member and quote our position, but make clear that you are writing as yourself. If you want the League to write to an agency or a newspaper supporting or opposing a position, contact our president, Ruth Ann Hatchett (ruthann6257@msn.com) suggesting it.

In both our Affordable Housing and Mental Health studies, we recognized the strong connection with homelessness, but found the issues too big and too numerous to deal adequately with studying homelessness at the same time. IS this the time? We also know that drug dependency is strongly connected to mental health and homelessness issues, but couldn’t really take that on? IS THIS the time? Do we work with other

groups to study this? Do we do our best to get information and update our members on the size and scope of the problems?

Do we do a study on homelessness, mental health, and chemical dependency? (Some questions: What resources are available? Who is providing services? How many shelter beds are available? How is the Dept. of Veterans Affairs involved? Does this continue to be too big to deal with? Is there another piece of it on which we should focus? ) (Other questions: Do we have the resources? Are we the best ones to do this?)

A way members can take ACTION on homelessness would be to volunteer for the Pierce County Point-in-Time Count of people who are homeless on January 27, 2017. See page X for additional information and how to sign up .

So, the suggestions that were made will be sort of organized and presented to the Board. Input from our members as to how you think we should deal with this is needed and welcomed. You may e-mail me (lyzkurnitz@harbornet.com), write your opinion for The Voter, contact the Board (see Board e-mail addresses in this Voter). The Board will go from YOUR suggestions, and help decide where we want to go with this. It will come back to you and then be voted on at the Annual Meeting in June.

IMMIGRATION was also brought up as a big issue, locally connected with our Detention Center. We have discussed this in the past, but not lately. We have members who are very active and could update us. There are organizations devoted to this. (Tacoma Community House is a resource) We could talk with them, work with them, educate ourselves, get active and try to help those in the detention center. We have members very passionate about this – but where should we put this passion. What CAN we do? What do we WANT to do? Please get your comments and knowledge in on this issue also.

The State League adopted a privatization (anti) position a couple of years ago. The question of continued privatization of the detention center was brought up. Despite some local attempts to stop the renewal of the contract with those who run it, it was renewed.

National League also has Immigration positions. Should we be monitoring laws, the backlog of cases, language barriers, etc.? Tacoma is not a sanctuary city (related issue.) Should we have Unit meetings or a General Meeting and update ourselves and the community on the situation?

We also discussed voter registration and participation. The County will be implementing a new voting system and we will be helping them with voter education.

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## Changes Coming to Pierce County Ballots and Vote Tabulation

by John Thurlow

The Pierce County Elections office has been evaluating a new vote tabulation system and will have a decision by January. The two finalist vendors each demonstrated their approach and systems to Elections' staff and the Pierce County Auditor on November 30th and December 1st. Pierce and King County election officials have collaborated on the evaluation process but will make their own decisions on a final choice. The eventual new system for Pierce County, covered by existing budgeted funding, will replace the current system implemented in 1992.

Voters will see two changes when a new system is implemented, likely in time for the April 25th special election (if there is one – if not, a mock election may be held to test the new system):

Instead of connecting arrows, voters will fill in an oval bubble next to the candidate's name. This simplification should reduce the number of voter marking errors that require manual adjudication to determine the voter's intent. To ensure transparency, the adjudication process with the current equipment is cumbersome and time-consuming, slowing down the eventual tallying.

Noticeably speeded-up tallying of final or near-final results, due to much more automation of basic vote tallying and advanced aids for transparent adjudication.



These modern systems, well-tested in action in various jurisdictions, have flexible tools covering most aspects of ballot preparation and processing. The benefits for voters and the public include processing ballots to the point of tallying as they come in, ahead of the polls closing (state law forbids counting before the polls close). Ballots submitted near closing and arriving by postal mail after the close will be processed much more quickly than currently possible, providing for definitive results much earlier. Disabled voters will have better tools available to cast their votes at voting centers.

The system will be standalone, not connected to agency networks or the internet, so highly hacker-resistant. It will still be paper-based, maintaining an auditable record of the original ballot. The need for recounts should be reduced considerably in tight contests.

The League will partner with Pierce County Elections to get the word out on the changes coming, and this will be discussed at the February unit meetings.

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## Program Planning for 2017, *cont'd*

By the way, our team which worked with high schools and community colleges this year registered about 340 new voters! We hope to continue and expand this. Contact Marianne Seifert to volunteer (mspottery22@gmail.com). The State League is developing a Voter Toolkit. We will have to see how we can use this and what other ways we can be involved in voting.

**STATE:** Any suggestions we made for state program will be submitted to State League, and they will put them together with the suggestions they get from other Leagues. State Program will then be voted on by attendees at this year's State League Convention. (Start thinking about if you want to be a delegate...)

We used up most of our energy discussing local issues this year (all of which are also, of course, state and national issues!) We want the State League to take action

on Government Accountability, and advocate limitations on lobbying and the revolving door which allows officials to go straight from government to lobbying government. Of course, we want action on McCleary – and a consideration of other means of taxation. We feel that redistricting should be based on equality for voters rather than politics, and the system we use should be considered. (Washington is better at this than many states.)

We also talked about Land Use, Campaign Finance, and other issues, but more about the others. If you wish to bring up the others again, please contact me (soon).

This is long, but what we do here is extremely important. Please help us figure it out – and make good things happen!

# SAVE THE DATES

## Civility, Incivility and Civil Disobedience

a Forum Series

addressing the rise in political incivility

including audience discussion

First United Methodist Church

621 Tacoma Ave. S., Tacoma

### Session I: Civility in Public Discourse- Whose Job is it, Anyway?

February 4, 2017, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

*A conversation among elected officials, educators and the media about roles and what the public wants from elected officials and media*

### Session II: Maintaining Civility at Home, at Work and on the Street

March 4, 2017 – 1:00 – 4:00 pm

*A conversation with those who work with conflicts and ways to address them*



### Session III: Political Civility

April 1, 2017, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

*A conversation among elected officials and activist organizations*

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## Get Involved! Attend a Unit Meeting and Bring a Friend (or two)

### Tacoma

#### 2nd Thursday of the Month

1:00—3:00 pm

Tacoma Police Department, North Substation

5140 N. 26th St., Tacoma

Contact: Lyz Kurnitz-Thurlow,  
lyzkurnitz@harbornet.com

### Southwest Pierce

#### 2nd Friday of the Month

10:00 am to noon

Steilacoom Community Center

2301 Worthington St., Steilacoom

Contact: Ann Elliston, 253-564-4102

### East Pierce

#### 2nd Saturday of the Month

10:00 am to Noon

Puyallup Library

324 S. Meridian, Puyallup

Contact: Ellen Zulauf,  
eazul@comcast.net

### Gig Harbor-Key Peninsula

#### 2nd Saturday of the Month

2:00—4:00 pm

Harbor Place at Cottesmore

1016 29th St NW, Gig Harbor

Contact: Sharon Peace-Doane, 253-265-0841

### This Month: January – Health Care Reform

The general meeting on Civility had to be postponed to February because of scheduling conflicts. In place of the general meeting, we will have Unit meetings on Health Care Reform. A video entitled, FIX IT – Health Care at the Tipping Point, will be shown. We will discuss the video along with local, state, and national issues in health care reform. Come to the meeting with questions and suggestions you have.

### Next Month: February – General Meeting on Civility; and Unit Meetings on action and engagement with Legislators and Local Elected Officials

In February, there will be both a general meeting, open to the public, on Civility and Respect toward others, particularly those whose opinions differ from our own. This topic is very important following the recent contentious election. A panel of experts will share their opinions, and attendees will have an opportunity to ask questions. We will also have Unit meetings in February dealing with action and engagement with Legislators and Local Elected Officials. This meeting will also include a discussion of Pierce County's new ballot system.

### Last Month: December – Program Planning and Celebration

The December Unit meetings combined for a general meeting to jointly discuss Program Planning. We have used this format for the past two years, and it has worked well. Each of us heard other members' thoughts and ideas on possible new studies or updates and action recommended on local and state topics. In addition, we had some drawings for baskets and celebrated a meal together.

For more information, see [www.tacomapiercelwv.org](http://www.tacomapiercelwv.org), or call 253-272-1495

### Keeping up with League of Women Voters of Tacoma-Pierce County

For those of you who are not on Facebook, look for LWVT-PC online posts at The Suburban Times, thesubtimes.com, and Patch, patch.com. Both of these news sites have become easy to use. For Patch, select your desired community (Find your Patch) and scroll among the latest Bulletin Board posts.

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LWVT-PC Calendar - January—May 2017

<p><b>Jan 12</b> 1:00 - 3:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Tacoma Unit Meeting</b> <b>Health Care Reform</b> Tacoma Police Substation North 5140 N 26th St, Tacoma</p>	<p><b>Feb 11</b> 2:00—4:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Gig Harbor Unit Meeting</b> <b>Action/Engagement with Legislators and Local Officials</b> Harbor Place at Cottessmore 1016 29th St NW, Gig Harbor</p>
<p><b>Jan 13</b> 10:00 am-Noon</p>	<p><b>Southwest Pierce Unit Meeting</b> <b>Health Care Reform</b> Steilacoom Community Center 2301 Worthington St, Steilacoom</p>	<p><b>Feb 20</b></p>	<p><b>Deadline for March Voter</b></p>
<p><b>Jan 14</b> 10:00 am-Noon</p>	<p><b>East Pierce Unit Meeting</b> <b>Health Care Reform</b> Puyallup Library 324 S Meridian, Puyallup</p>	<p><b>Feb 28</b> 10:00 am—Noon</p>	<p><b>LWVT-PC Board Meeting</b> League Office 621 Tacoma Ave. S., # 202, Tacoma</p>
<p><b>Jan 14</b> 2:00-4:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula Unit Meeting</b> <b>Health Care Reform</b> Harbor Place at Cottessmore 1016 29th St NW, Gig Harbor</p>	<p><b>Mar 4</b> 1:00—4:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Civility, Incivility &amp; Civil Disobedience: A Forum Series—Part II</b> <b>General Membership Meeting and Public Forum</b> First United Methodist Church 621 Tacoma Ave. S., # 202, Tacoma</p>
<p><b>Jan 20</b></p>	<p><b>Deadline for February Voter</b></p>	<p><b>Mar 9</b> 1:00 – 3:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Tacoma Unit Meeting</b> <b>Study of Pierce County Funding &amp; Consensus</b> Tacoma Police Substation North 5140 N 26th St, Tacoma</p>
<p><b>Jan 24</b> 10:00 am—Noon</p>	<p><b>LWVT-PC Board Meeting</b> League Office 621 Tacoma Ave. S., # 202, Tacoma</p>	<p><b>Mar 10</b> 10:00 am – noon</p>	<p><b>Southwest Pierce Unit Meeting</b> <b>Study of Pierce County Funding &amp; Consensus</b> Steilacoom Community Center, 2301 Worthington St, Steilacoom</p>
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## LWVT-PC Calendar - January—May 2017, *Cont'd*

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<p><b>April 1</b> 1:00—4:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Civility, Incivility &amp; Civil Disobedience: A Forum Series—Part II General Membership Meeting and Public Forum</b> First United Methodist Church 621 Tacoma Ave. S., # 202, Tacoma</p>	<p><b>Apr 20</b></p>	<p><b>Deadline for May Voter</b></p>
<p><b>Apr 8</b> 10:00 am—Noon</p>	<p><b>East Pierce Unit Meeting Unit Choice</b> Puyallup Library 324 S Meridian, Puyallup</p>	<p><b>Apr 25</b> 10:00 am—Noon</p>	<p><b>LWVT-PC Board Meeting</b> League Office 621 Tacoma Ave. S., # 202, Tacoma</p>
<p><b>Apr 8</b> 2:00—4:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Gig Harbor Unit Meeting Unit Choice</b> Harbor Place at Cottesmore 1016 29th St NW, Gig Harbor</p>	<p><b>May 11</b> 1:00—3:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Tacoma Unit Meeting Legislative Session Review</b> Tacoma Police Substation North 5140 N 26th St, Tacoma</p>
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## Observer Corps Training

*By Paula Eismann*

One of the many ways League can work to keep the public informed about the “business” of our local governments is Observer Corps. The Observer Corps is made up of trained members who observe at their public Council meetings. They then report the “business” of our local council meetings to the Board and occasionally through an article in the Voter. Observer Corps helps ensure that citizens are aware of the decisions that impact their lives and it promotes government transparency and accountability.

Having done Observer Corps in the past, the League is ready to train interested members early in 2017. Become a part of this opportunity to educate the public. Observers are needed at Pierce County Council meetings where decisions are made such as its recent

vote to deny the county-wide one-tenth of one percent sales tax increase in support of funding behavioral health, homelessness, and chemical dependency services, as well as many other issues that will affect our lives. It’s never too late to get involved. We welcome applicants at any time and THANK YOU to those who have signed up for training. You’ll be hearing from me soon.

Please sign up today by calling me or sending an e-mail my way:

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**Join the Tacoma—Pierce County League of Women Voters !**

**The League of Women Voters of Tacoma – Pierce County invites you to join us!**

Any person, age 16 or older, may become a member.

**Yes, I'd like to become a Member of the League of Women Voters of Tacoma-Pierce County.**

This application also entitles me to full membership in and mailings of the Washington State and National League of Women Voters (LWVWA and LWVUS)

Membership for one year for an individual is \$75 (for two members of a household - \$112.50). Student membership is \$37.50.

There are also special memberships that will help League even more and will be given special recognition: LWV Suffragist, \$500.00; LWV Advocate, \$250.00; and LWV Supporter, \$150.00.

Please indicate the type of membership you desire. We have scholarship memberships available at this time. Membership dues are NOT tax deductible. Contributions to the Education Fund (*by separate check made out to the Education Fund of LWVT-PC, and they are tax deductible*) and/or the General Fund are welcome.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Membership: \_\_\_\_\_ Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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