



The Voter

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The League of Women Voters of Tacoma—Pierce County

Making Democracy Work by Growing, Mobilizing, Educating and Protecting the Vote

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The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to enhancing the connections between citizens and their government. We welcome all members of our community - both men and women - to join us as we work to create a more perfect democracy.

November Unit Meetings continue our Focus on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

October Unit meetings focused on the new national League initiative: DEI – Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Jacki Skaught and Alison McCaffree shared their learnings from the July national League convention, most particularly its objective: *For League membership to be more like the US population as a whole.* Unit groups discussed their self-observations about implicit bias, one factor that, if not recognized, could restrain progress toward DEI goals.

In November the Units will continue the DEI conversation. We'll start with a video, *Mirrors of Privilege*, and move into more discussion. It promises to be a very interesting and intense set of conversations. Don't miss your Unit meeting!

Wondering what happened to the original November Unit agenda? The meeting was to be a preview of the upcoming Legislative Session. To keep everyone abreast of the Legislative Session, we will report on the latest developments at Unit Meetings as the Session unfolds. The Legislative Session starts on January 14, 2019.

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In the Units

November Unit Program:

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion: After our October introduction to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, we'll look at DEI transformation from a different perspective this month. We'll see a film, *Mirrors of Privilege*, and discuss the new insights that emerge from it.

Please Note that this month's Virtual Unit Meeting has been moved to Wed., Nov. 7th at 6:30.

December: All-Member Program Planning Mtg: Saturday, Dec 1 (no unit meetings)

This is your opportunity to have a say about the actions our League will take and the things we will study together throughout 2019. Please be sure to join us. The meeting will be held in the downstairs Hall at the First United Methodist Church building. As always, it will be a **Pot Luck lunch/brunch**. The Program Planning meeting replaces the December Unit Meetings. They will return to their regular times and places in January, 2019. See more complete information about the meeting on Page 11.

News from the Units: In January, 2019 we will try a new 2-part Unit Meeting format. Part 1 is a Public Forum on *Immigration*, Saturday January 5th at the First United Methodist Church, in Tacoma Part 2 will be a more in-depth discussion of immigration issues at our regularly scheduled Unit meetings. Same times - same places, starting with the Virtual Meeting broadcast, Wednesday, January 9 and the Tacoma meeting on Thursday, January 10th

When and Where do our Units Meet?

2nd Wednesday

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Virtual Meeting

NOTE November

Date Change

<https://zoom.us>
Click on "Join Mtg"
Meeting code:
306-690-395

Contact:

Alison McCaffree
alison.mccaffree@stanfordalumni.org

2nd Thursday

1:00 - 3:00

Tacoma Meeting

N. Tacoma Police
Substation
5140 N. 26th St

Contact:

Wendes Jones
wendesj@yahoo.com

2nd Friday

10:00 - Noon

Southwest Pierce

Steilacoom
Community Ctr.
2301 Worthington

Contact:

Christie Perkins
edadvocate@me.com

2nd Saturday

10:00 - Noon

East Pierce

Puyallup Library
324 S. Meridian

Contact:

Paula Eismann
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3rd Saturday

10:30 - 12:30

Gig Harbor-
Key Peninsula

Hérons Key
4340 Borgen Blvd.
Gig Harbor North

Contact:

Julie Offner
offner.julie@gmail.com

Message from our President

Cynthia Stewart



The wonderful thing about the League of Women Voters is that we have something for everyone! As the election draws to a close, those of you who've worked on voter registration, candidate forums and election observation can take a breather. But the people planning program for the new year are continuing to work. We will start off the new year with a public forum in January on Immigration, followed by unit meeting discussions of what we heard. In addition, our faithful Observer Corps will continue to attend City and County Council meetings and file reports on what is happening.

So whether you are an activist and want to get voters out, or a researcher who wants to learn more information, or a person wanting to do something about an issue of great importance, there is a place for you in the League of Women Voters.

Our unit meetings in November will continue our conversation about how to become more inclusive, diverse and equitable as an organization and better reflect the population at large. The December 1 Program Planning meeting is where you can weigh in on what we do collectively in the year or year-and-a-half ahead, as well as on what our League should ask the State League of Women Voters to work on.

Please turn out for this critical all-member planning session. It will be fun as well as work; we will have time to mingle, a great potluck lunch and raffle of baskets provided by each unit. Come to the meeting and speak up for what YOU want League to do. Put it on your calendars now.



Many thanks to our Observer Corps Volunteers and to all the wonderful folks who helped at the October Election Forums:

Pierce County League Observer Corps Members

- **Paula Eismann, Chair**
- **Ann Williams and Carol Rikard: Tacoma City Council and Committees**
- **Lydia Zepeda and Joanne Mansfield-Gales: Pierce County Council and Committees**
- **Nancy Dahl: Puyallup City Council**
- **Joanne Mansfield-Gales: Puyallup School District**

October Election Forum Volunteers

Terri Baker	Holly Biliu	Beverly Bowen-Bennett
Lynette Chandler	Nancy Dahl	Susan Eidenschink
Charlene Franz	Noel Hagens	Diane Kerlin
Lyz Kurnitz-Thurlow	Roxanne Miles	Nancy Pearson
Christie Perkins	Julie Offner	Sharon Peace-Doane
Carol Rikerd	Jacki Skaught	Shan Vipond

Apologies if we missed your name here. We deeply appreciate your help but our memories sometimes fail us....

League Calendar - November 2018

Date	Time	Event	Location
Thu 11/1	2:30 pm	Book Club: <i>Climate of Hope</i>	Wheelock (Proctor) Library, Tacoma
Tues 11/6	Election Day	<i>YOUR Ballot must be into Drop Boxes or Postmarked by 8:00pm to be counted</i>	
Wed 11/7**	6:30 pm	Virtual Unit Meeting	OnLine (See In the Units, page 2)
Thu 11/8	1:00-3:00	Tacoma Unit Meeting	N. Tacoma Police Substation
Fri 11/9	10:00-12:00	South West Pierce Unit Meeting	Steilacoom Community Center
Sat 11/10	10:00-12:00	East Pierce Unit Meeting	Puyallup Library
Thu 11/15	10:00 - 1:00	LVWT-PC Board of Directors Meeting	League Office
Sat 11/17	10:30-12:30	Gig Harbor Unit Meeting	Herons Key - Anchor Room
Sat 11/17	9:30-2:30	State LWV Action Workshop: <i>Gear Up for 2019 Legislative Session</i> \$25/\$10 age 24 & under	415 Westlake Seattle www.lwvwa.org/events
DECEMBER			
Sat 12/1	9:30 - 2:00	2019-20 Program Planning Meeting With Pot Luck Brunch/Lunch	Church Hall First United Methodist Church 621 Tacoma Ave. South ***
** Note Date change		*** See parking information on last page	
SAVE the DATE			
Sat Jan 5 2019		Public Forum on Immigration	First United Methodist Church 621 Tacoma Ave. South -Tacoma
June 6-9th, 2019		Washington League of Women Voters State Convention	Hotel Murano Tacoma



In Memoriam - Linda Olson

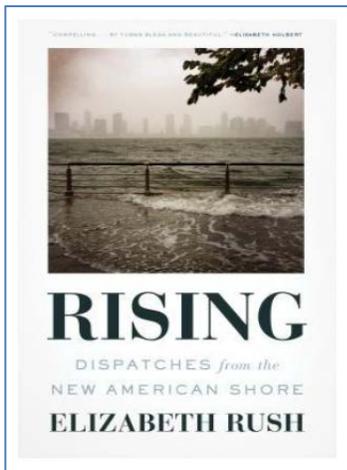
By Susan Eidenschink

Linda Olson, 81, a long time National League member and donor, who joined our local League this spring, died on August 24th while recovering from surgery.

Linda was an avid hiker and world traveler. She visited 84 countries and summited Mt. Rainier, Mt. Adams, and Mt. St. Helens. For her 70th birthday, she drove the Alcan Highway. For her 80th, she rappelled off the Murano Hotel. She was certified in SCUBA, did a tandem skydive, and was an avid day hiker who introduced many to the beauty and joy of being on the trail. Linda was looking forward to increased activity following her heart surgery; unfortunately that didn't happen.

Linda earned BA, MA and PhD degrees from UW as a single mother. She taught psychiatric nursing at Pacific Lutheran University for 34 years, mentoring thousands over her career. She established undergraduate nursing scholarships at both UW and PLU and remained active in the Association of Advanced Practice Psychiatric Nurses through her retirement. She loved classical music, opera, community theater, a nice cup of tea, her cat Genie, and her family and friends. Linda was passionate about end of life choices, speaking on behalf of *Compassion & Choices* in its successful state campaign for the death with dignity initiative. Her philanthropy was diverse and heartfelt.

A celebration of Linda's life was held on October 7. Many of her friends attended, including several local League members. Donations in Linda's name may be made to the Washington Trails Association, World Wildlife Federation, or the Southern Poverty Law Center.



November Book Shelf:

Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore

author: Elizabeth Rush

Book Review by Mike Webb

Rising is much more than a narrative from someone who has studied and reported for nearly a decade on the effects of climate change and accelerated sea level rise. This book is alive with personal stories from the author's travels around the changing shores of the United States. Her "testimonies" are by the people whose way of life is challenged by devastating storms and progressive intrusion of saltwater into once-productive agricultural land, wetlands, and estuaries.

Many of Rush's stories are her own as she observes sea-level rise directly with the scientists studying it. She writes like an on-scene journalist fully in touch with the people and ecosystems whose stories she tells. Because of Rush's personal and engaging way of researching and writing, this book is also a very good read.

The author's stories are often from climate refugees themselves, living the trauma of displacement from their homes and home-lands. Often they are descendents of immigrant groups and indigenous cultures who originally settled in less-desirable lands or were isolated near the water. Today their land has become more valuable for resorts, high-end housing, industry, or oil and gas extraction. The underserved residents fend for themselves, displaced by commercial development while man-made seawalls are built and pumps installed to protect the more recent commercial enterprise.

Many of Rush's stories are difficult to absorb without inner turmoil. There were times I had to put the book down and return to it later. However, she finds encouragement in the resiliency of those who have banded together and demanded governmental support. As she returns again and again to the families facing displacement, she finds broad support for wetland restoration as a protective barrier. Even in the midst of all the human distress she exposes, she also finds hope.

Democracy in Action

Where to see Pierce County Ballots being Processed this Election Season

Our Pierce County Election Center was specially designed so that everyone in our community could see how their ballots are processed and where they are counted. The Election Center has a central viewing corridor filled with windows peering into the work areas where all parts of the process are done. Everyone is welcome to come and watch. The best time to view every stage in the process is right before, during, and after Election Day. For the November 6th mid-term Election, that would be November 5 thru 8. The Election Center is located at 2501 South 35thSt. in Tacoma, and is open weekdays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. There is a ballot drop box conveniently located in the lobby.

Welcome!

Welcome to New
League Member

Marie
Franklin-Osborn

Meet Your Fellow Members

this month

Sharon Peace-Doane & Haven Doane



Haven Doane attended the University of Michigan and its Dental School. After his Army service, he practiced Dentistry in California until his retirement in 2006. He loves photography and travel so he and Sharon traveled frequently - often to Seattle and the rest of Puget Sound. After many trips they decided this was the place they needed to live, and picked Gig Harbor for their retirement.

Sharon closed her California gallery and frame shop, retired from the world of small business and they moved to Gig Harbor where, like so many retirees, they looked for things to do in their new home. They traveled all over the state getting to know Washington, but it was at a Greater Gig Harbor Foundation fundraiser that they shared a table with Don and Dorothy Bremner. And the rest, as they say, is history. Dorothy told Sharon about the LWVT-PC and suggested Sharon come to one of our Unit meetings at the home of Lucinda Wingard. It was love at first meeting.

She went home and told Haven about the fabulous conversations and that there was a household membership, so they joined together. It turns out that Haven's mother had been part of the Detroit League for many years. As Sharon says "It just runs in the family." Haven and Sharon enjoy doing voter registration and attending forums. Sharon is our League Treasurer and member of our Board. She especially appreciates the League for putting her on a fast track for understanding how Washington's government works.

Highlights of the October 18th Board Meeting

Julie Offner, Secretary

Finances: Treasurer Sharon Peace-Doane presented her report. Actual income and expenses are on track relative to Budget. We added 1 member; 5 renewals; Total membership 189. Received more donations honoring John Thurlow.

Election Forums: President Cynthia Stewart reported that the Forums got off to a slow start. It was challenging to get candidates to commit to participation. Two forums were especially affected, the County Prosecutor's race and the 8th Congressional District race. Finding cost effective forum locations has also been challenging. Cynthia recommended that next year we recruit local partners and ask them to help with publicity.

Ballots and Baristas: Ann Williams and Ginny Peterson did a single "pilot" for this program of neighborhood-based "mini-forums," typically held in Coffee Shops. Our pilot was held at the Antique Sandwich shop with 6 participants. The Board agreed to continue to consider these events next year under the aegis of the Voter Services Committee. Additional speakers will be needed.

Voter Registration: Nancy Howe provided an overview. We have had generally had good results from registration events at Pierce College and other post-secondary institutions. Getting into high schools has been challenging, but a new memorandum of understanding with Tacoma Public Schools should help. It was suggested that we approach Girl Scouts about getting involved with voter registration. Feedback from the volunteers at the State Fair booth indicated that the Naturalization questions were a good ice breaker with the public.

November Unit Meetings: The Education Fund Board ratified an email vote to purchase the film, "Mirrors of Privilege." to be shown at November Unit meetings. The meetings will be a deepening of the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI) discussions begun in October.

Annual Program Planning Meeting, Dec. 1, under Lyz Kurnitz-Thurlow, Program Chair. Sharon Peace-Doane and Judy Payne will organize the pot luck and raffle. Board members offered several issues for consideration (capital gains tax, 60% approval threshold for school bond approval and Puget Sound Water Quality) and suggested we look at both long-term and short-term issues.

Fundraising: In the absence of Roxanne Miles, Christie Perkins presented the 2018-2019 Funding Plan. Goal for general operations \$11,350; Ed Fund Goal \$15,000. Proposed fundraising strategies included seeking sponsorships for the TRY, applying for Grants, expanding member giving plus holding a Fall membership and raffle drive.

Replacement & New Equipment: The 2018-19 budget provides for equipment purchases. It was recommended that we replace our office computer. Nancy Dahl agreed to research the best options for us and report back at the November meeting. The Ed Fund Board approved the purchase of a second wireless microphone for the sound system.

Help Wanted!! for Up-Coming Events

Help at the League Office

Our downtown office is now staffed from 1 to 3 each weekday Volunteering in the Office is a great way to learn more about the League and to meet other members. The tasks are easy and can be tailored to your skills. Or you can use this opportunity to learn new skills. We especially are seeking individuals with skills in the graphic arts, but we welcome everyone to our Office Team. To find out more, contact Susan Eidschink at susaneiden@harbornet.com

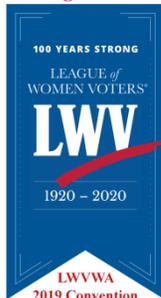
For the 12/1 Program Planning meeting

Get ready to file our flight plan for our 2019 Program Year. We'll need help with meal set-up and to help with the Basket Raffle and Ticket sales. We'll need several Scribes to capture our ideas and others to be "runners" with the microphone and pick up questionnaires, etc. from the tables. And, of course we'll need help with room set up and clean up. To volunteer, touch base with Sharon Peace-Doane or Judy Payne. hrdoanes@comcast.net or judyann.payne@gmail.com

Help with the January 5th Public Forum on Immigration

As we move into 2019, we'll start with a public Forum on Immigration. We will need volunteers for on-site Registration, table set-up, Scribes, microphone runners, and volunteers for jobs not-yet-defined. This forum is Part 1 of our January Unit Meeting. It would be great if you could help out while you are there. Contact Ruth Ann Hatchett ruthann6257@msn.com

Looking Back,
Moving Forward



And Watch for our *Convention Help Wanted Page* in the January Voter when we'll start signing up Volunteers for the State Convention in June. You can help with our Pink Tea, Room decorations, and other fun activities. Sign-ups are first come, first served.

The League's Observer Corps -

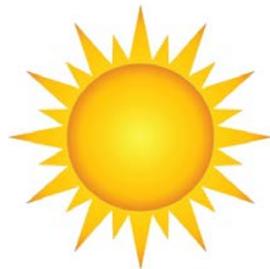
Keeping Current with our Local Government Activities



by **Paula Eismann**, Observer Corps Chair

The League of Women Voters has a strong commitment to open government and civil engagement, so it's no surprise that we also have a long history of attending government meetings and sharing what happens in them.

That right was established for federal government processes in 1966 when the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) was adopted, creating a formal definition of what government information and government processes the public has a right to see. The Freedom of Information Act was followed by Federal Advisory Committee Act (1972). In 1976, the Sunshine Act was adopted, focusing on public access to government meetings.



As a group, these laws are known as public access, transparency, or "Sunshine" laws, shining light into some of the darker corners of government. Our efforts in this area reinforce the League's reputation of fairness, nonpartisanship and trust.

In Washington State, our own "Sunshine Laws" began with the Open Public Meetings Act passed in 1971. This law requires most government business to be conducted in public with notice but also provides for certain exemptions and specifies the rules for use of those exemptions.

In 1972, the Washington State Public Disclosure Act was established by initiative. The League of Women Voters was an active partner in the coalition that promoted it. This law established the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission, providing public information about campaign fundraising and expenditures. That law was superseded today's Public Records Act, which sets forth the conditions under which records must be accessible to the public and what is exempt from public disclosure.

Simply stated, Sunshine laws say that members of the public must be allowed to attend virtually all "public" meetings so they can understand and assess what is happening in their government. The laws protect our Right to Know.

In everyday life, the challenge of transparency laws is that, though individuals have the right to attend meetings and seek out documents under the law, individual citizens often lack the opportunity or resources to attend them. Meetings can run to the wee hours of the morning or be held in challenging-to-get-to locations. And local newspaper coverage of government meetings seems to be shrinking by the week. This is where the League's Observer Corps comes in. While an individual citizen may not be able to follow what happens at all City or County government meetings, a team can. Corps members act as nonpartisan representatives of all citizens, attending meetings, reporting on government activities and making their reports publicly available on our League website. Observer Corps programs in all levels of the League of Women Voters are one of the ways we ensure that citizens know in advance about potential government

actions and decisions that may impact their communities and their lives. They help ensure that government transparency regulations are being followed.

How does our Pierce County Observer Corps Work?

The Observer Corps has existed in Pierce County for about 40 years according to our long-time members. In The last 10 years it has been particularly active. The Corps is made up of trained League members who attend public meetings in different jurisdictions and at different levels of government. They usually observe in the area where they live and attend meetings about once a month. Our Pierce County members might observe local City and County councils, school boards, park district boards, public forums, Port of Tacoma proceedings or meetings of their different committees.

Observers sit in on these meetings simply to observe. They do not address the meeting, speak or participate in any other way. After every meeting the Observer writes a brief report for our League website. If some point arises in a public meeting that the Observer believes our League needs to know about - say because it pertains to an existing League Position or to a subject currently under study - the Observer brings it to the Corps Coordinator or directly to our Board. Starting with this issue, each monthly Voter will publish a list of the most recent reports including the highlights of each and a link to the Observer Corps area of our website. Currently about five years of reports are archived on web. Find them at [www.tacomapiercelwv.org/observers.html].

If some point arises in a public meeting that the Observer believes our League needs to know about, she or he brings that information to the Corps Coordinator or directly to the local Board.

How does National League help?

The national League (LWVUS) has long encouraged City and County Leagues to be a presence at their local government meetings. This encouragement has evolved into the formal Observer Corps program, assuring the public's right to know what's happening in government from the highest to the most local levels. By way of practical guidance, LWVUS published two guides, available to everyone on our national website (www.lwv.org)

- **Observing your Government in Action**
- **Looking for Sunshine**

Would you like to be a part of our Pierce County Observer Corps?

Our Observer Corps welcomes new members at any time. Chair Paula Eismann offers Observer training several times each year. While our Pierce County League currently has a dedicated group of trained observers who cover some cities and county jurisdictions (see below), we welcome additional watchful eyes and ears especially for Gig Harbor, Edgewood, Lakewood, Fife, Milton, our many school boards plus other, more local, groups. And while we have some observers for the Pierce County Council, we would welcome others to observe at the committee meetings, Council study sessions and special issue meetings that often pertain to League's positions and other issues affecting citizens' lives.

We encourage all League members to become a presence at meetings of your local governing bodies. And we invite you to become a part of our Observer Corps. It is a wonderful way to educate the public about your community and make the League's work known to others. New Members are always welcome but it's never too late for veteran League members to get involved. Please e-mail me if you are interested. peismann60@comast.net.

Observer Report Highlights August-October 2018

Click on Title to Read the Full Report on our Website

- [Pierce County Council Study Session, August 28](#) by Lydia Zepeda
2018 Budget Supplemental Capital Facilities Plan, including 16 Bed behavioral health crisis stabilization facility in Parkland, supported by LWV and other advocates.
 - [Pierce County Council, September 18](#) by Lydia Zepeda
2019 County Budget released. Will be discussed and components approved over next several months. Priorities include business, affordable housing, and more. Full Article includes link to budget.
 - [Pierce County Council, September 25](#) by Joanne Mansfield-Gales
Challenges and successes at Mt. Rainer National Park-the effects of tourists, parking and wait time issues. Park is funded by US govt., not Pierce County. ATV permissibility expansion
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- [Tacoma City Council, August 28](#) by Carol Rikerd
Joint meeting between Council and Public Utilities re: **Click! Broadband Public Option Information Study** to determine which option to seek: *1. public operated; 2. public-private operated; or 3. private operated.* Details and presentations available on website..
 - [Tacoma City Council Ethics Board, September 6](#) by Ann Williams
Ethics complaint against a city council member accused of using public position for personal gain
No action taken.
 - [Tacoma City Council, September 11](#) by Carol Rikerd
Addressed problems relating to temporary tenant protections. Amended Ordinance #28508 from 9/30-10/31/18. Ordinance responds to abrupt tenant removal following sale of Tiki Apartments.
 - [Tacoma City Council, September 18](#) by Carol Rikerd
City Council plus Neighborhood & Community Services Committee. Review of Stability Site at 1423 Puyallup as temporary housing solution for homeless on Tacoma streets. Results. and what happened. Link available for more info.
 - [Tacoma City Council, October 2](#) by Ann Williams and Carol Rikerd
Three actions: 1. Resolution 40122- to improve relationships between the City of Tacoma and Puyallup Tribe thru various recognition actions. 2. Resolution 40124 directing City to prepare a draft re hiring local residents, especially those from distressed neighborhoods, for some public work projects; 3. Public hearing pertaining to Tenants' Rights when an owner demolishes a residential building.
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- [Puyallup City Council, September 11](#) by Nancy Dahl
First reading of an ordinance codifying current Council's response to earlier debate on how the Puyallup Council has handled the city's homelessness issues. The New Hope Center, providing homeless services, was once welcomed by the city. Some Council members and residents believe it has become a problem. The full report describes limitations of the proposed zoning.

Look for new reports every month



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You've read the newspapers....
You've watched the news....

**Now it's time for us to decide what
challenges to work on in 2019**

**Come on down to our once-a-year member Think-Tank
the annual Program Planning meeting on Saturday, Dec.1**

PROGRAM PLANNING for 2019

Be there! It won't be the same without your input & evaluation

Local Leagues use Program Planning meetings to develop ideas for the program year ahead. They also develop recommendations for state and national programs that the local League passes along. For the last few years our League has used this all-member meeting method to get input for ourselves and the recommendations we send on. The meeting on December 1st is your chance to voice your thoughts and share your ideas for 2019. We'll focus on local program ideas plus ideas for the state League.

Planning - a Multi- Level Process

Step 1: Start now, right in the comfort of your own home. Think about (and jot down) the problems and challenges your family, your friends or your community have encountered recently.
What concerns you? What scares you? What could the League do about it?

Step 2: Email your thoughts to the Program Planning Committee (Lyz Kurnitz-Thurlow, Jacki Skaught, Nancy Dahl) **AND** mark your calendar for our Program Planning Meeting on December 1st.

Step 3: Join us on Saturday, December 1st at FUMC. Bring your ideas. Listen to the ideas other members bring to the table. Engage with the group to create a short-list of possibilities.

Step 4: Send the Short-List ideas to the Board of Directors for more specific research. They will go deeper, analyze our choices and report to our members through the Voter.

**Program Planning Meeting
Saturday, December 1**

Coffee at 9:30 a.m

Meeting: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Tacoma First United Methodist Church
Downstairs Fellowship Hall**

What to Bring ?

Your List of Program Ideas
Your League Handbook
Food to share at Brunch/Lunch
Most Recent Issue of the Voter
\$\$\$ for Raffle Tickets
Raffle Basket if you or your
Unit made one



What are the criteria to adopt an Issue?

Is this a question, problem or issue that the state or local government can resolve?

Does the League already have a Position on this issue?

(Look at the State League Program in Action 2017-19 and our local League Positions at the Links below.)

- Is the Position still useful?
- Is it sufficiently broad?
- Are there significant new developments in the issue area not yet taken into consideration by the existing Position?

Is there a deadline for Action? Would a Committee have time to do a study (or adapt an existing one) and then act to influence how the issue is resolved ?

Does League have the resources (volunteers/\$/partners) to carry through on this project?

State Positions:

<https://lwvwa.org/resources/Documents/Program%20In%20Action%2017-19%20for%20pdf%20to%20print.pdf>

Local Positions:

http://tacomapiercelwv.org/about_action.html#s02

Please do your best to attend and be a part of this vital League activity. You'll learn more about League and what we stand for. And we'll all have a chance to socialize and enjoy food and discussion with friends, both old and new.

Our Community Partners' November Events

Our League works cooperatively throughout the year with other non-partisan organizations who share our goals and action to benefit the Community. We are pleased to bring our members information about their events.

Date	Time	Event/Sponsor	Location
Thru 1/20/19		Jacob Lawrence: "George Bush" Pioneer Paintings Exhibit : Paid Admission; Free on 3rd Thursday each month or with passes available at Tacoma, Pierce County and King County Library Branches.	Washington State History Museum 1911 Pacific Ave. Tacoma
Fri 11/9	6:30	Meaningful Movies: The Brainwashing of my Dad Free - Snacks start at 6 pm <i>(This will be repeated in Tacoma on Dec. 21 at the Grand Theater)</i>	Agnus Dei Church 11051 Peacock Hill Rd Gig Harbor
Wed 11/13	6-7:30	Libraries Transform Tacoma - Free Discussion* Info: www.tacomalibrary.org 253-292-2001	Wheelock Library 3722 N. 26th St - Proctor
Thur 11/29	6:30	Meaningful Movies : Trans List Free Info: mdtilstra@aol.com	Grand Cinema 606 Fawcett St.- Tacoma

* Please see the full information on " LibrariesTransform Tacoma" in your July-August Voter

What Does the League of Women Voters Do for Our Community?

- ◆ **League Observers follow City & County Government meetings year-round**
- ◆ We hold Ask-the-Candidate and Initiative Forums before each election
- ◆ Year Round Voter Registration, Outreach and Community Education
- ◆ Vote411.org - our Election Information and Candidate Interview website
- ◆ Non-partisan Ballot Processing Observers for Primary and General Elections
- ◆ The TRY - our Annual Directory of Pierce County elected officials

Our Observer Corps is only one of the ways our League serves the Pierce County community. If you were asked "What does the League do?" could you name the others?

Parking for Program Planning Meeting – December 1

There is no dedicated parking for the First United Methodist Church, but you can use the parking lot south of the corner of South 7th Street and South G Street, which is adjacent to the school administration building. This is normally occupied during weekdays but is available on weekends. On Tacoma Avenue there is free 90 minute parking and unlimited parking for those who have a handicapped permit.