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The League of Women Voters of Tacoma-Pierce County is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.



Your Board members at work, L to R: Lyz Kurnitz-Thurlow, Ingrid Curtis, Ann Williams and Susan

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September Unit Meetings: How Can We Help Prevent Human Trafficking?

Human Trafficking exists everywhere, including in the United States, Washington State, and here in Pierce County. **September unit meetings** will focus on this issue, in partnership with Pierce County Coalition Against Trafficking (PCCAT) and Washington Engage (WAengage). Ivy Berger of SMART Programs will present a Power Point presentation of information on human trafficking entitled SMART Freedom. Katie Wyatt and Anne Lester of PCCAT will help answer questions and give first hand experience on human trafficking.

To prepare for these unit meetings, read the material on pages 8-10.

See the calendar for the schedule of unit meetings. For more information contact Susan Eidenschink, susaneiden@harbornet.com or 253-365-4005.

Planning for a New League Year

The Board kicked off the new League year with an all-day retreat on Saturday, August 16. Held in Gig Harbor, the day was full, bright and fun. Routine business included approving the officers' election section of Annual Meeting minutes and Treasurer's report and agreeing that no changes will be made to the web site, pending the update planned by the website host, LWWWA.

Much of the year's work was organized as follows:

- * Lyz Kurnitz-Thurlow and Ann Williams will seek and coordinate volunteers to organize **Ballot Issue Forums** for the November election (to volunteer, contact Ann 253-759-3355 or Lyz 253-924-0288. A forum will be held in Edgewood, to discuss the proposed change in Edgewood city government.
- * **Unit topics** for the year were established (see calendar).

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Co-President's Report

By Ruth Ann Hatchett, Co-President

At the board of directors' day-long retreat on Saturday, August 16, to begin planning for the 2014-2015 year (see article on page 1), we discussed the many opportunities for the League to provide voter service through registering voters, hosting both ballot and candidate forums in the county, and providing valuable information to our community.

In this issue of the Voter, you will find program topics for unit meetings. We need input from everyone in our discussion. The board discussed how we might encourage citizens with diverse opinions to join in our meetings. Even though we are nonpartisan, we have the reputation of favoring one party over the other. If you know people who could add another perspective to our discussion, please invite them to give us a try.

This year, we will continue working to grow our membership; especially considering ways to diversify in all demographics: age, ethnicity, gender and philosophy. The membership committee welcomes your input. Diane Kerlin is the chair of the committee.

See you in September as we prepare to make a difference in our communities this year.

Meet 2nd Vice President Julie Offner



New Board member Julie Offner comes to us from 27 years in Washington DC. She arrived in Gig Harbor in August 2013 after retiring. Julie grew up in Atlanta, Georgia. Following college graduation, she moved to Denver, Colorado, and after 11 years there, headed to the Washington, D.C. area (Maryland).

Julie and her husband were drawn to the beauty and relaxed lifestyle of the Pacific Northwest, having visited family in the Seattle area and Sequim. They feel very lucky to reside now in Gig Harbor, only 35 minutes away from their first grandchild, born in early June. She also enjoys travel, music, and the antics of her three cats.

After a BA in Journalism from Georgia State University, Julie completed a master's degree in Public Administration at the University of Colorado (Denver). Her career was focused on energy, environmental and transportation policy

issues for a variety of entities, including a national legislative organization, energy trade associations, government contractors, and finally the U.S. Department of Energy.

In her professional capacity, Julie was familiar with the work of the League on energy and environmental issues, and a friend of hers was very active in the League in the D.C. area. She decided that if she ever had the time, she would join – and here she is! She attended her first meeting in Gig Harbor last fall.

Julie says, "I believe that the League's independent voice is especially important today in the wake of the Citizens United decision and the rise of outside groups with unlimited funds available to influence elections and politicians." Her areas of interest, in addition to campaign finance reform, are common sense gun regulation, making it easier – not harder - to vote, expanding health care and mental health treatment access, and climate change. The Board looks forward to using Julie's many skills on these vital and complex issues.



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www.facebook.com/pages/League-of-Women-Voters-of-Tacoma-Pierce-County/312747775413

Remember to use—and tell your friends about—Vote411:



Community Conversation: Restoring the American Dream

You are invited to join a group of concerned citizens in starting a community conversation about restoring the American dream. The emphasis will be on getting money's influence out of politics.

Saturday, October 11

10 am—4 pm

Center for Study of Community & Society
Tioga Center
University of Washington - Tacoma
1907 Jefferson Ave, Tacoma WA

This day-long event will include the keynote speaker, Mark Mcdermott, an economist and author of Who Stole the American Dream. Break-out sessions will cover inequality in our society and how it affects the average voter.

For tickets, go to the Oct 11 ticket page: www.brownpapertickets.com/event/823978. For more information, see Facebook: www.facebook.com/RADTeamTacoma;

Come, Do the Puyallup—

Washington STATE FAIR

Help Register Voters!

The League of Women Voters of Tacoma-Pierce County will again have a table at the Washington State Fair for three days. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, September 7-9. We will register voters and provide information about the League. The survey, asking voters to prioritize state spending, was such a success we will give visitors an opportunity to participate again this year.

We need two volunteers for the following shifts each day:

2:00 – 5:00 pm

5:00 – 8:00 pm

8:00 – 10:00 pm

Each volunteer will receive an admission ticket which also allows free parking in the vendor lot. Contact Ruth Ann Hatchett at 253-961-3648 or rhatchett@pierce.ctc.edu if you can work one or more shifts.

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- * Ruth Ann Hatchett, Co-President, will coordinate with other organizations who want to know more about the League.
- * The Board will encourage and recruit League Observers for city and county governments.
- * The Nonpartisan policy in the bylaws was re-adopted, as required annually.
- * A plan to update the TRY was set up.



Judy Payne Did the Puyallup in 2013

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Welcome to our new members:

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Leanne & John Kennedy

Thank you to our Generous Donors: (who gave contributions since our last Voter)

Nancy Davis
Rosa Franklin
Mary Ann Leskie
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Helen Sohlberg

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**Members—New and Old!
You Can Help Us Make a Difference!**

Volunteers are the hands that help us to make democracy work and there are many ways to participate. Please let us know your area(s) of interest and indicate the level of commitment you anticipate being able to make initially (such as attending meetings or volunteering at an event.) This information helps our committee chairs, volunteer coordinator, and project leads identify interested and available volunteers.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Civil Liberties/Human Rights
- Climate Change
- Education
- Election & Campaign Finance Reform
- Good Governance
- International Relations
- Housing
- Land Use/Zoning
- Natural Resources Management
- Public Health & Safety
- Social Justice
- Transportation
- Women's Issues
- Other _____

VOTER SERVICE/CITIZEN EDUCATION

- Voter Registration
- Speakers' Bureau
- Public Forums/Candidate Meetings
- Ballot Issue Research
- Observing Local Government Councils

OTHER AREAS

- Data Entry/Database Management
- Development/Fundraising
- Graphic Design
- Mailings
- Media Relations/Social Media
- Membership
- Special Events
- Website

LEVEL OF COMMITMENT (Please check all that apply.)

- I am eager to get actively involved in a project, research study, or upcoming event.
- I would first like to volunteer on a smaller scale before I commit to something larger.
- I do not have the time and/or energy to commit at this time but please keep me informed as opportunities come along.

I am available during ____ evenings ____ weekends ____ weekdays.

Please return this form and the next page by mail to:

League of Women Voters of Tacoma-Pierce County
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Tacoma, WA 98402

or scan and send to: lwtacomapierce@gmail.com

ABOUT YOU

This information will be used to introduce you to members and connect you to opportunities to participate. It will only be used for League purposes and will not be shared with outside groups.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Occupation: _____ Birth month & year: _____

Educational/Professional Background: _____

List special skills, talents, hobbies and abilities (eg., art, computers, public speaking, etc.)

List affiliations with other organizations, elected offices held, and your role or position in them:

How did you hear of League? _____

Reason for becoming a member? _____

Have you belonged to League before? Where? _____ When? _____

If so, how were you involved? _____

As a member, what do you expect from League? _____

How do you prefer to receive communications from League? _____ (electronic or print)

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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 citizen of voting age, male or female, 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 is \$60 (for two Members of a household - \$90). Student membership is \$30 but we are currently offering it at half-price, and even have scholarships available at this time! Membership dues are NOT tax deductible. Contributions to the Education Fund (by separate check, and they are tax deductible) and/or the General Fund are welcome.

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Comments: _____

Mail to: League of Women Voters of Tacoma-Pierce County
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Consider making a monthly contribution to the League

It's Easy!

Looking for a method to make an affordable but larger contribution to the League? Just set up a monthly "account" in your checking account Bill Pay system. All you need is the League's address and phone number.

- For "account number" , call it "contribution".
- The payee, of course, is "League of Women Voters of Tacoma-Pierce County".
- The address is:
League of Women Voters of Tacoma-Pierce County
702 Broadway, Suite 105
Tacoma, WA 98402
- And the phone number is: 253) 272-1495

No matter how small your contribution, the League always appreciates your generosity!

SEX TRAFFICKING FACTS WORLDWIDE, THE U.S., WASHINGTON STATE, PIERCE COUNTY

What is “sex trafficking”?

- The U.S. federal trafficking law defines victims of **trafficking** as persons trapped in debt bondage, servitude, the sex trade or other situations through fraud, coercion, or the threat of force.
- **Sex trafficking** is forced exploitation in all sectors of the sex industry including prostitution, stripping, exotic dancing and pornography.

Worldwide

- Trafficking is an international problem with an estimated 20.9 million victims, most in the sex trade. 80 percent are women and children.
- Number of children exploited by the global commercial sex trade every year estimated to be one (1) million.
- Human trafficking increasingly committed by organized criminal groups.
- Ranks as the second largest criminal industry in the world today.

United States

- Estimated up to 300,000 children in the U.S. sold for sex every year.
- Average age at which girls begin prostitution is 12 to 14; average age for boys 11-13.
- In October 2000, the U.S. enacted the first federal law to protect victims of human trafficking and to prosecute their victimizers (Traffic Victims Protection Act, Public Law 106-386).
- Between 2003 and 2013 66 FBI and state and local law enforcement Innocence Lost Task Forces have rescued more than 2700 children, convicted more than 1,300 perpetrators.

Washington State

- Washington’s international border with Canada, its many ports, rural areas, and agricultural workers make the state prone to human trafficking.
- Local police and U.S. Department of Justice see a trend of victims and pimps being sourced out of the state along a west coast track from Vancouver, B.C. to Seattle to Los Angeles to Las Vegas.
- An estimate of the child victims involved in the Seattle area is 300-500.
- In 2003 Washington became the first state in the nation to enact legislation making human trafficking a crime. Since that time numerous laws have been enacted to increase penalties for sellers and customers, and to assist victims.
- Washington engage (WAengage) was organized in 2010 to work to combat human trafficking in Washington State by supporting the development and passage of anti-trafficking bills into law.
- New Jersey and Washington have perfect scores, meaning they have laws fulfilling all 10 categories of laws that are critical to a basic legal framework that combats human trafficking, punishes traffickers and supports survivors.

Pierce County

- Washington engage (WAengage) is the umbrella organization for Coalitions Against Trafficking in WA State. In April 2013 the Pierce County Coalition Against Trafficking (PCCAT) was formed. Other Coalitions Against Trafficking (CAT) have formed in Federal Way and Thurston County.
- In 2014 the Puyallup City Council and the University Place City Council voted to endorse a NOT IN MY CITY declaration. The Pierce County Council voted to endorse a Not IN MY COUNTY declaration in 2014.

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Sources: U.S. Justice Department, National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, Polaris Project.

Immigration Reform to Combat Human Trafficking

By Lucinda Wingard

Peggy Herman, representing Tacoma-based Advocates for Immigrants in Detention (AID NW) at all our Unit meetings in May, recommended this short list from the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild describing what “Immigration Reform” should look like.

This strategy is in line with National League’s position and would go a long way to protect large numbers of undocumented immigrants who have been trafficked for sex, gun and drug running, or cheap labor. Undocumented immigrants are in constant fear of incarceration and loss of family, thus falling easy prey to criminal exploitation.

Ending disproportionate double punishment for past convictions

Since 1996, certain criminal convictions, including some minor misdemeanors from many years ago, automatically trigger deportation for life regardless of individual circumstances. Immigrants suffer a disproportionately harsh double punishment because they have already served their criminal sentence prior to deportation proceedings. Some immigrants even face deportation for conduct that was not deportable at the time it was committed or is not considered a “conviction” under state law.

Restoring a fair day in court

Immigrants should not be treated only as the sum of their mistakes in a nation that values second chances. Immigration Judges must be given back the power to grant a second chance and cancel someone’s deportation after looking at other aspects of a person’s life—such as family ties, length of time in the U.S., rehabilitation, and acceptance of personal accountability. Criminal court judges should also be given back the power they once had to recommend against deportation.

Terminating mass deportation programs, like the criminal alien program, secure communities, and 287(g)

The entanglement of these deportation programs with the criminal justice system threatens the rights of U.S. citizens and immigrants alike, encouraging racial profiling and resulting in long periods of detention. This undermines community safety by eroding trust between immigrant communities and local law enforcement. Immigrants hoping to reunite with their families by coming or returning to the U.S. without authorization now also face excessive criminal punishments, compounding the racial and economic injustices of the criminal justice system. Immigration legislation must rein in the constant funneling of immigrants into the deportation system and the unequal treatment of immigrants in the criminal justice system.

Ending fast-track deportations

Current immigration laws allow the government to deport many without letting them see an Immigration Judge. Most also do not have lawyers to help them. For these people, low-level government agents simply decide to order their removal. No one should be banished from the U.S. and torn from their family and community without their day in court.

Ending mandatory detention

Laws that require jailing thousands of immigrants while they fight their deportation cases are inhumane. Even in the criminal justice system, people facing charges can at least request bail. Many immigrants are transferred to for-profit detention centers thousands of miles from their homes, do not have access to lawyers, and are pressured to accept deportation to escape the deplorable conditions.

LWVUS Concurs with LWV of New Jersey position on Human Trafficking

At the League of Women Voters National Convention in June 2014, members in attendance voted to concur with the League of Women Voters of New Jersey’s position on Human Trafficking.

“Human Trafficking: Oppose all forms of domestic and international human trafficking of adults and children, including sex trafficking and labor trafficking.”

“The League of Women Voters of New Jersey opposes all forms of domestic and international human trafficking of adults and children including sex trafficking and labor trafficking. We consider human trafficking to be a form of modern day slavery and believe that every measure should be taken and every effort made – through legislation and changes in public policy – to prevent human trafficking. Prosecution and penalization of traffickers and abusers should be established, and existing laws should be strictly enforced. Extensive essential services for victims should be applied where needed. Education and awareness programs on human trafficking should be established in our communities and in our schools.”

For the study conducted by LWV New Jersey go to http://www.lwvnj.org/issues_womenfamily.html.

**How many kids in Pierce County are sexually exploited?
500? 300? 100?**

Even 1 is too many!

Sexual exploitation of kids is going on right here in Pierce County.

- ⇒ Pierce County sits along a west coast track from Vancouver, B.C. to Seattle to Los Angeles to Las Vegas where teens are being trafficked for commercial sexual exploitation.
- ⇒ For example, In November 2012 two men were charged with illegally trafficking 5 girls between the ages of 13 and 16 in Snohomish, King, and Pierce counties. They were advertising the girls on “Back Page.Com” and were caught with two 14 year old girls in an Everett motel.
- ⇒ The average age of entrapment into the slavery of prostitution is 13 years old.
- ⇒ Pimps search for vulnerable kids wherever kids congregate -- in shopping malls, near schools, bus stations, school bus stops.
- ⇒ Exploited children are often controlled by a pimp who recruits them into sex trafficking by posing as a boyfriend, caretaker, and protector.

Risk factors

- Runaways
 - Are approached within hours of being on the street
 - May begin as survival sex
- History of Abuse
 - Research studies report 90% of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking victims have a history of sexual abuse
- Foster Care
- Low self esteem
- Living in high crime area
- Poverty

But, any child could be vulnerable to other risk factors such as these:

- Walk to school or other places alone
- Own or have access to a computer
- Desire to have consumer goods
- Desire to have a romantic relationship
- Feel misunderstood
- Fight with parents or want more independence

Planning Ahead: November Unit Meetings Environmental Health

By Susan Eidenschink

In November, unit meetings will discuss the Pierce County Environmental Health Indicators Project with Marianne Seifert, Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department Community Liaison and League member. The project involves tracking a variety of indicators to better understand changes in Pierce County's environmental health over time.

Please tell us which Pierce County Environmental Health Indicators listed below you'd like Marianne to focus on in the November discussion. You can tell us **during the September or October Unit Meetings**, by taking the **survey** at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NFDG77C>, by bringing the survey to the September or October meeting, or by contacting Marianne Seifert at mseifert@tpchd.org or 253-798-3823.

Environmental Health Indicators

- ◇ **Land** – What's in our neighborhoods affects our health in a variety of ways, including our levels of physical activity. Fewer Pierce County residents lived near bus stops in 2013 than in 2007, due to Pierce Transit reducing its service area.
- ◇ **Food and Land** – Pierce County land in farms has decreased to less than 1/3 of 1945 land, while population has increased more than 3 times since 1945.
- ◇ **Air** – Annual average fine particulate air pollution levels were below the federal standard in 2010 and 2012 due to good weather, but are still at levels that cause health impacts, especially in winter.
- ◇ **Air** – Greenhouse gas emissions are about at 1990 levels, while our Pierce County population has almost doubled.
- ◇ **Water** –Nitrates in surface water or ground water sources used by large water systems have varied, while our Pierce County population has increased since 1995.
- ◇ **Water** – Toxic algae, bacteria, and biotoxins surface water advisories have increased since 2006 along with monitoring.
- ◇ **Hazardous Waste** – Fewer pounds of toxic chemicals were reported released by 36 large facilities in 2012 than in 1988, especially to air.
- ◇ **Waste** – We are recycling less than 50% of our solid waste – we can do better! Food waste makes up about 30% of our residential and commercial waste.
- ◇ **Waste** - Litter, illegal dumping, abandoned and junk vehicles continue to be a problem. State budgets limit the pounds collected.

Check out additional information at
www.tpchd.org/ehindicators.



From the Health Department web site:

Environmental health is the connection between ecosystems and human health. This includes natural resources that help us thrive, such as clean air, water, food and access to parks. It also includes natural and man-made chemical, biological and physical hazards to our health. Want a more detailed overview of programs? Check out this handout: Environmental Health Division Program and Services Overview, www.tpchd.org/files/library/e40434c1f4020fb1



League Meeting Topics for 2014-2015

Unit Meetings

September	Human Trafficking
October	Ballot Issues
November	Environmental Health in Pierce County
January	Hospital Mergers
February	State of WA Budget: Implications from the McCleary Decision
March	LWVWA Consensus: Study of Citizens United
April	LWV Tacoma-Pierce Mental Health Study Consensus
May	Unit Choice

General Meetings

5:30 – 7:30 pm Tuesday, October 14	Ballot Issues	Wheelock Library 3722 North 26th St, Tacoma
9:30 am – 2:00 pm Saturday, December 6	Program Planning	Merrill Gardens 7290 Rosemount Circle, Tacoma

Location, dates, and times of Unit Meetings

Tacoma	2nd Thursday of the month 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	North Tacoma Police Station 5140 N. 26th St., Tacoma Contact: Lyz Kurnitz-Thurlow, lyzkurnitz@harboret.com
Lakewood and Neighbors	2nd Friday of the month 10:00 am – noon	Steilacoom Community Center 2301 Worthington St, Steilacoom Contact: Ann Elliston, 253-564-4102
East Pierce	2nd Saturday of the month 10:00 am – noon	Puyallup Library 324 S Meridian, Puyallup Contact: Ellen Zulauf, eazul@comcast.net
Gig Harbor- Key Peninsula	2nd Saturday of the month 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Harbor History Museum, 4121 Harborview Dr, Gig Harbor Contact: Sharon Peace-Doane, 253-265-0841

For more information, see www.lwvwa.org/tacoma/

or call 253-272-1495

LWVT-PC Calendar Sept - Dec 2014

September 7, 8, 9 11:00 am – 8:00 pm	Washington State Fair, Puyallup LWVT-PC Booth to staff with volunteers	October 11 2:00 – 4:00 pm	Gig Harbor-Key Peninsula Unit Meeting Ballot Issues
September 10 4:30 – 6:30 pm	LWVT-PC Board Meeting 702 Broadway, Tacoma	October 11 10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Restoring the American Dream Forum Tioga Center, UW-T, 1907 Jefferson Ave
September 11 4:30 – 6:30 pm	Affordable Housing Consortium Candidates Forum New Tacoma Senior Housing, 1709 South G St, Tacoma	October 14 5:30 - 7:30 pm	Ballot Issues Forum Wheelock Library, 3722 North 26th St, Tacoma
September 11 1:00 – 3:00 pm	Tacoma Unit Meeting Human Trafficking	October 15 6:00—8:00 pm	Edgewood Form of Government Forum Milton-Edgewood Library, 900 Meridian Ave. E., Edgewood
September 12 10:00 am – noon	Lakewood & Neighbors Unit Meeting Human Trafficking	October 16 6:30 pm – tentative -	NE Tacoma Neighborhood Council Candidates Forum Meeker Middle School, 4402 Nassau Ave, NE, Tacoma
September 13 10:00 am – noon	East Pierce Unit Meeting Human Trafficking	October 17 8:30 am – 1:00 pm	Travel Options Seminar Pierce Transit Training Center, 3720 96th St SW, Lakewood
September 13 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Gig Harbor-Key Peninsula Unit Meeting Human Trafficking	October 20	Deadline for November Voter articles
September 17 5:50 pm	State School Funding & McCleary, LWV of Kitsap County Bremerton High School Performing Arts Center, 1500 13th St, Bremerton	October 22 5:00 – 7:00 pm	Excellence in Affordable Housing Awards Foss Waterway Seaport
September 17 6:30 – 8:30 pm	Candidates Forum on Mental Health TACID, 6315 S 19th St, Tacoma	November 8 10:00 am – noon	East Pierce Unit Meeting Environmental Health
September 20	Deadline for October Voter articles	November 8 2:00 – 4:00 pm	Gig Harbor-Key Peninsula Unit Meeting Environmental Health
September 23 10:00 am—2:00 pm	National Voter Registration Day - Register voters Pierce College, Steilacoom Campus.	November 12 4:30 – 6:30 pm	LWVT-PC Board Meeting 702 Broadway, Tacoma
October 4 9:30 am – 2:00 pm	LWVWA Action Workshop Bremerton Conference Center, 100 Washington Ave, Bremerton	November 13 1:00 – 3:00 pm	Tacoma Unit Meeting Environmental Health
October 8 4:30 – 6:30 pm	LWVT-PC Board Meeting 702 Broadway, Tacoma	November 13 10:00 am – noon	Lakewood & Neighbors Unit Meeting Environmental Health
October 9 1:00 – 3:00 pm	Tacoma Unit Meeting Ballot Issues	November 20	Deadline for December Voter articles
October 10 10:00 am – noon	Lakewood & Neighbors Unit Meeting Ballot Issues	December 6 9:30 am – 2:00 pm	General Meeting: Program Planning Merrill Gardens, 7290 Rosemount Circle, Tacoma
October 11 10:00 am – noon	East Pierce Unit Meeting Ballot Issues	December 10 4:30 – 6:30 pm	LWVT-PC Board Meeting 702 Broadway, Tacoma
		December 20	Deadline for January Voter articles

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Help Recruit Young Members to League

The Membership Committee is trying to reach a younger demographic. One way to recruit potential members is through Senior High Schools. Many school districts require graduating seniors to put in a certain number of volunteer hours with local organizations.

LWVTPC member, Tamara Saarinen, plans to tap into this in Gig Harbor. If you have an interest in doing this, here is Tamara's approach. Call your local High School office to find out if their seniors do volunteer service, and who is in charge of the program. Contact the person in charge and let them know our League is willing to provide volunteer opportunities. Students can help at the League office, learn about issues and government by attending unit meetings or helping with forums or events. You can also try contacting the civics or American government teachers, to see if they have any students who would be a good fit for the program, or if they are willing to offer extra credit to students who attend local League meetings. There is usually a small amount of paperwork involved, and some schools require an evaluation of how the student did at the end of their volunteer time.