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The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization, established in 1920, which works to inform the electorate, to increase citizen participation in government, so that many laws - in the public interest - will be enacted. It does not support or oppose candidates or political parties.

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#### LEAGUE PROGRAM

The League works on governmental issues, a few important ones at a time, which arise out of needs of the community, the state, the nation. The program which consists of Current Agenda and Continuing Responsibilities is choosen by the membership.

Current Agenda 1960-61 (subjects for concentrated sudy & concerted action)

- NAT'L: Support of U. S. economic policies which promote world development and maintain a sound U. S. economy.
- STATE: Current Fiscal Issues in State of Washington -a survey of expenditure patterns; continued study and support of measures which would remove inequities in the distribution of the tax burden, obtain adequate revenue, provide for economic growth, improve fiscal management and secure a modern budget and accounting system.
- LOCAL: A Study of Recommended Practices for Juvenile Protection for Pierce County.

Revise and bring up to date a Know Your City and Know Your County Study.

Continuing Responsibilities 1960-61 (positions on issues to which the League has given sustained attention and on which it may continue to take action)

NAT'L: Support of national policies and procedures which promote comprehensive long-range planning for conservation and development of water resources; Modification of federal loyalty security programs; self government for the District of Columbia; Presidential

authority for item veto in appropriation bills; Opposition to constitutional limitation on tax rates; Opposition to constitutional changes limiting existing powers of Executive and Congress over foreign relations; Support of U. N. System.

STATE: Support of measures to achieve representative state legislature; State personnel system based on merit.

LOCAL: Continued support of the Council-Manager form of government; Support of adequate school finance; Support of Comprehensive planning as represented by the "Six Year Plan for Tacoma's Future Development".

#### MEETINGS

The League members study the facts pro and con and discuss the Study Items in small neighborhood, two hour unit meetings twice a month - everyone has an opportunity to express an opinion. General meetings with a guest speaker are held four times a year.

Units meet second and fourth weeks on:

Monday at 10: a.m. and 8: p.m.

Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday at 10: a.m. and 1: p.m.

Thursday at 8: p.m. (2 units)

Friday at 10: a/m.

#### OPEN MEMBERSHIP

All women citizens of voting age who believe in representative government are eligible for membership. The Tacoma League of Women Voters welcomes your membership. Members receive national, state and local publications containing news articles on League work and latest developments on the study items. Dues are \$4.00 a year.

# COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

General Luncheon Meetings - open to the public-Guest speakers on subject of governmental interest.

Publication of pamphlets - results of League studies are distributed free or at cost- recent publications: "Great River of the West", "Tax Facts", "Juvenile Protection Facilities in Pierce County".

Know Your Public Officials brochure - compiled and distributed free to new citizens and general public.

Speakers Bureau - Furnishes speakers on League program items.

TV Programs - presented candidates for city election on 12 programs.

Submitted Questionnaires to candidates for city election - made findings available through local newspaper.

Candidates' meetings - held two open meetings before city election.

Studied and endorsed School millage Proposition and Fire Dept. Proposition on city ballot.

### LOCAL OFFICERS

President Mrs. Violet Graham, Gr2-3839 After 4pm 1st V.Pres. Mrs. William Weiss 2nd V.Pres. Mrs. Jack Sleavin

Secretary Mrs. Edward Bartolat
Treasurer Miss Edna Franklin

Membership Chairman: Mrs. J. S. Bixel, Sk2-1683