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APRIL 2016

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Public Meeting: CLIMATE CHANGE

When: April 21

Time: 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Where: Poulsbo City Hall,
200 NE Moe St.

Speakers: Lara Whitely Binder, Peter
Goldman and Paul McCollum

Topic: The Broad Picture, Impact
on Marine Environment

Info: Lydia Olsen and/or Karen Faye
(contact info. in your directory)

**Please join us
in a discussion
with experts
in the field of
climate change.
This is a free
meeting and
open to the
public.**

Mark Your Calendar

APRIL

April 2: Board Meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, Poulsbo Library upstairs meeting room.

April 8: South Kitsap Unit Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Coffee Oasis on Bay Street, Port Orchard. Contact: Adrienne Davis.

April 9: League 101, 10 a.m., home of Laurel Oliver on Bainbridge Island. Contact: Pam Hamon.

April 21: Public education meeting on climate change issues,

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Lara Whitely
Binder

Lara Whitely Binder is an outreach and adaptation support specialist at the University of Washington Climate Impacts Group. Since joining the CIG in 2000, Binder has worked extensively with communities, organizations, and individuals in the Northwest to address the impacts of climate variability and change. Binder also assists the CIG with its efforts to disseminate information on climate impacts and risks to decision makers, and conducts research designed to support adaptation. Binder earned her master's degree in Public Affairs at the University of Washington's Evans School of Public Affairs in 2002. She has published numerous articles on adaptation to climate change.



Peter
Goldman

A former senior deputy in the King County Prosecutor's Office, Peter Goldman is the Founder and Director of the Washington Forest Law Center, a nonprofit public interest environmental law firm. Goldman is involved in efforts to develop and promote progressive forestry policies and has served on the boards of numerous non-profit organizations, including Rails to Trails Conservancy and Washington Conservation Voters. He and his wife, Martha, are co-founders of the Kongsgaard-Goldman Foundation, which supports nonprofits involved in Puget Sound restoration, forest protection, and climate change.



Paul
McCollum

Paul McCollum has been the Natural Resources Director for the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe since 2007. He is an expert on fisheries and marine environments and issues. He was the owner and senior biologist of Sound Fisheries in Homer, Alaska from 1993-2007, and since the early 1970's, McCollum has provided expert consulting on marine resources to Alaska Tribes and environmental groups, to the National Marine Fisheries Service, and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.



Countdown to Kitsap Great Give on May 3, 2016.
www.kitsapgreatgive.org

President's Corner

April is here already. We have a wonderful program on Climate Change issues on April 21 at Poulsbo City Hall from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Speakers will be: Paul McCollum, Natural Resources Director, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe; Peter Goldman, Director and Managing Attorney, Washington Forest Law Center; and Lara Whitely Binder, Outreach and Adaptation Specialist, Climate Impacts Group, University of Washington. This is shaping up to be a very interesting and informative meeting. Please plan to attend, and bring your friends to this interesting public

education forum.

The transportation committee is asking members to meet at the Kitsap Mall in Silverdale (Buffalo Wild Wings restaurant) at noon April 22 (please note this date has changed). What is unique about this request is that everyone has to figure out how to take a Kitsap Transit bus to get there. You can go to the Kitsap Transit website to do a 'trip finder,' but Ann Strosnider has discovered that information given out there can be convoluted. Once you begin your research on how to plan your trip, you will discover that it will take a lot more time for a bus trip than if you drove your car. As you do this, think about our county residents who

must rely on bus service for their transportation needs. It can be eye-opening.

At the March board meeting, the board voted to add the monthly board meeting minutes to the members-only section of our website, so be sure to watch for that in the near future. Also of interest is the LWV/WA website where you can find out just about anything you ever wanted to know about the League of Women Voters.

Our Annual Meeting is May 25 at Island Lake with a presentation on the LWV/WA Voter Turnout Toolkit. This year's auction will benefit Morrow Manor, which you all read about in the March Voter. We hope to see you all there. Happy spring.

Myra Howrey, LWV/K President

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6:30 to 9 p.m., Poulsbo City Hall. Contact: Lydia Olsen or Karen Faye.

April 22 (note date change): Transportation Committee: The Transportation Study Group would like all members to join them for lunch April 22nd at Buffalo Wild Wings at Kitsap Mall at noon. The only thing is you must ride a bus to the mall. The bus should drop you off in front of Wild Wings. See you all there! Hint: allow about 3 hours to get there and use the Trip Finder on the Kitsap Transit website. RSVP to Phyllis Mann.

April 23: Central Kitsap Unit meeting, 9:30 a.m. home of Phyllis Mann.

April 27: North Kitsap Unit meeting, 10 a.m. to noon; Hostmark Community Room, 703 NE Hostmark St., Poulsbo. All Kitsap league members are welcome. Contact: Pam Hamon.

ON THE WEB

Find all our local League news, meeting notices, reminders and publications on Facebook or our website, www.lwv-kitsap.org. Be sure to 'like' us on Facebook.

NK Unit Meeting

The North Kitsap Unit will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 27, at the Hostmark Apartments Community Center on 6th Street in Poulsbo. Potential topics are selection of a new Supreme Court justice, the LWV/US Position on Money in Politics, registering voters and any other topic of interest to the members. Members in other units are welcome to join us.

Auditor's Office Field Trip

Five Leaguers visited the Auditor's Office on February 3. We were invited to come to watch how votes are counted for the special election on February 2. Kyle Joyce, Elections Division Manager, gave us the grand tour. It was impressive to watch the \$200,000 machine sift through the ballots with amazing speed. The system separates out any questionable ballots and those are examined by a team of people who carefully look at each ballot to determine the intent of the voter. If necessary, they will call the voter to resolve any problem.

We learned how they verify signatures and finally add up the verified votes. This is done in a glass room within the office and visible to everyone. It takes two people to swipe their individual ID cards to get into the glass room. Kyle said that they do everything they can to make sure each ballot counts. We were all impressed with the efforts made to make sure that Kitsap elections are transparent, accurate and secure.

After reviewing the process, Kyle sat down with us for an hour and answered our many questions. He welcomes our help with registering voters.

He plans to set up a single voter registration day at all of the high schools to register eligible

teens. Kitsap League may be assisting in this project so those of you who indicated an interest in working on voter registration may be hearing from us!

The LWV 101 Team will be setting up other field trips to local government offices, so let us know what and where you want to visit to learn more about our local government. Contact Pam Hamon, Carol Larsen or Bev Goodman.

Looking for League Stuff!

Do you have league records or banners or coffee cups or anything connected to league in your basement, your garage or under your bed? Please contact Myra. We want to try to get all our 'stuff' stored in one central location.

Board Splinters

From the March Board meeting

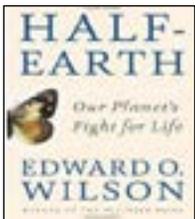
1. The board voted to post the board minutes to the members-only section of the website.
2. The board voted to purchase a microphone for use in meetings.
3. The board voted to designate the proceeds from the annual meeting auction to Morrow Manor.
4. The board agreed to survey league members regarding program planning interests prior to the Program Planning meeting in January 2017. This will allow members who can't attend the meeting to have input.
5. The board agreed to try and locate all league materials and store them in one location.
6. Budget 2016-2017 and Recommended Program will be approved at the April board meeting.
7. Voter Service Committee minutes were reviewed prior to next meeting on March 19.
8. April Voter input was discussed and deadline set.



What We're Reading



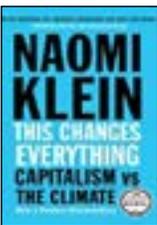
Here's a peek at what books your fellow Leaguers have by their bedsides. Let us know what your suggestions are ... we'd love to share the love of reading to the rest of our group. (Book reviews and excerpts are from Amazon.)



"Half-Earth," by Edward O. Wilson

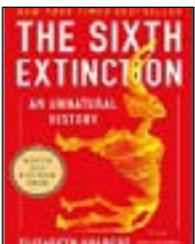
In order to stave off the mass extinction of species, including our own, we must move swiftly to preserve the biodiversity of our planet, says Edward O. Wilson in his most impassioned book to date. "Half-Earth" argues that the situation facing us is too large to be solved piecemeal and proposes a solution commensurate with the magnitude of the problem: dedicate fully half the surface of the Earth to nature.

"Half-Earth" provides an enormously moving and naturalistic portrait of just what is being lost when we clip "twigs and eventually whole branches of life's family tree." In elegiac prose, Wilson documents the many ongoing extinctions that are imminent, paying tribute to creatures great and small, not the least of them the two Sumatran rhinos whom he encounters in captivity. Uniquely, "Half-Earth" considers not only the large animals and star species of plants but also the millions of invertebrate animals and microorganisms that, despite being overlooked, form the foundations of Earth's ecosystems.



"This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Climate" by Naomi Klein

In "This Changes Everything," Naomi Klein argues that climate change isn't just another issue to be neatly filed between taxes and health care. It's an alarm that calls us to fix an economic system that is already failing us in many ways. Klein meticulously builds the case for how massively reducing our greenhouse emissions is our best chance to simultaneously reduce gaping inequalities, re-imagine our broken democracies, and rebuild our gutted local economies. She exposes the ideological desperation of the climate-change deniers, the messianic delusions of the would-be geoengineers, and the tragic defeatism of too many mainstream green initiatives. And she demonstrates precisely why the market has not — and cannot — fix the climate crisis but will instead make things worse, with ever more extreme and ecologically damaging extraction methods, accompanied by rampant disaster capitalism.



"The Sixth Extinction," by Elizabeth Kolbert

Over the last half a billion years, there have been five mass extinctions, when the diversity of life on earth suddenly and dramatically contracted. Scientists around the world are currently monitoring the sixth extinction, predicted to be the most devastating extinction event since the asteroid impact that wiped out the dinosaurs. This time around, the cataclysm is us. In "The Sixth Extinction," two-time winner of the National Magazine Award and New Yorker writer Elizabeth

Kolbert draws on the work of scores of researchers in half a dozen disciplines, accompanying many of them into the field: geologists who study deep ocean cores, botanists who follow the tree line as it climbs up the Andes, marine biologists who dive off the Great Barrier Reef. She introduces us to a dozen species, some already gone, others facing extinction, including the Panamanian golden frog, staghorn coral, the great auk, and the Sumatran rhino.

Through these stories, Kolbert provides a moving account of the disappearances occurring all around us and traces the evolution of extinction as concept, from its first articulation by Georges Cuvier in revolutionary Paris up through the present day. The sixth extinction is likely to be mankind's most lasting legacy; as Kolbert observes, it compels us to rethink the fundamental question of what it means to be human.



"My Life on the Road," by Gloria Steinem

Gloria Steinem — writer, activist, organizer, and inspiring leader — now tells a story she has never told before, a candid account of her life as a traveler, a listener and a catalyst for change.

"When people ask me why I still have hope and energy after all these years, I always say: Because I travel. Taking to the road — by which I mean letting the road take you — changed who I thought I was. The road is messy in the way that real life is messy. It leads us out of denial and into reality, out of theory and into practice, out of caution and into action, out of statistics and into stories — in short, out of our heads and into our hearts."



"Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City," by Matthew Desmond

From Harvard sociologist and MacArthur "Genius" Matthew Desmond, a landmark work of scholarship and reportage that will forever change the way we look at poverty in America.

In this brilliant, heartbreaking book, Matthew Desmond takes us into the poorest neighborhoods of Milwaukee to tell the story of eight families on the edge.

Even in the most desolate areas of American cities, evictions used to be rare. But today, most poor renting families are spending more than half of their income on housing, and eviction has become ordinary, especially for single mothers. In vivid, intimate prose, Desmond provides a ground-level view of one of the most urgent issues facing America today. As we see families forced into shelters, squalid apartments, or more dangerous neighborhoods, we bear witness to the human cost of America's vast inequality — and to people's determination and intelligence in the face of hardship.



"Dark Money," by Jane Mayer

Why is America living in an age of profound economic inequality? Why, despite the desperate need to address climate change, have even modest environmental efforts been defeated again and again? Why have protections for employees been decimated? Why do hedge-fund billionaires pay a far lower tax rate than middle-class workers?

The conventional answer is that a popular uprising against "big government" led to the ascendancy of a broad-based conservative movement. But as Jane Mayer shows in this powerful, meticulously reported history, a network of exceedingly wealthy people with extreme libertarian views bankrolled a systematic, step-by-step plan to fundamentally alter the American political system.

Reminder: Annual Meeting Auction

Our May 25 Annual Meeting is just around the corner and that means it is AUCTION TIME! Please bring your donation of books, indoor and outdoor plants, baked goods or an "event offering" such as a lunch or wine tasting to the meeting. This year the auction proceeds will go to Morrow Manor, the domestic violence residential facility planned for Poulsbo and named in honor of member Ardis Morrow. The Auction Planning Committee (Gail Sackman, Carol Larsen and Sue Hughes) will be happy to assist you with transporting items for the auction. Contact Sue at suhughes111@comcast.net or call her at 360-692-3571. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Island Lake.

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Membership Levels

_____ **\$60 Basic Membership**

_____ **\$90 Household Membership**

(2 or more members at the same address)

_____ **\$110 Carrie Chapman Catt Member**

(founder of League of Women Voters)

_____ **\$160 Jo Huey Member**

(first president of LWV/K)

_____ **Donation to Education Fund**

(only donations to the Education fund
are tax-deductible)

_____ **\$30 Student Membership**

(includes State and National Membership)

_____ Additional donation to support our
local Kitsap League

Please make checks payable to LWV/Kitsap.
Send to:

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NOTE TO MEMBERS

Dues are payable in July.

Members are notified well in advance.

(Full or partial scholarships are available upon request.)