



LWVUS

Mission Statement:
Empowering voters.
Defending democracy.

Vision Statement:
We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge and the confidence to participate.

The LWV does not support or oppose any candidate or political party.

Truth, Trust and Democracy: Distinguishing Fact from Fiction in the Digital Age

When: Saturday, April 27
Time: 1 to 3 p.m.
Where: William D. Harvey Theater at Olympic College

Ours is the information age. We are bombarded with information every day. It's on our phones, plastered on our social media pages, and blaring over television sets. From our interactions with media to reading local and national newspapers, we need a better understanding of how to sort out the bona fide truth from the subtly skewed and the overtly false. Our speakers will share their research and expertise as we examine "Truth, Trust, and Democracy: Distinguishing fact from fiction in the Digital Age."

Mark Your Calendar

MARCH

March 23, Public Meeting, "Opioid Use Disorder in Kitsap County," 10 a.m. to noon, Eagles Nest Community Center, 1195 NW Fairgrounds Road, Bremerton

March 27, NK Unit meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, Poulsbo Library. Contact Pam Hamon with ideas for discussion topics.

March 27, BI Unit meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, Madison Avenue Retirement Center, 285 Madison Ave. S.; contact Rosalind Renouard

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April 6, Water Committee meeting, contact Betsy Cooper

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David Nelson

Moderator
David Nelson has been editor of the Kitsap Sun since 2009. He's a native of the Skagit Valley and a graduate of Boston University's journalism school. He lives in Bremerton.



Jevin West

Jevin West is an assistant professor in the Information School at the University of Washington and co-founder of the DataLab. He also is an Adjunct Faculty in the Paul G. Allen School of Computer Science & Engineering and Data Science Fellow at the eScience Institute.



Jon Talton

Jon Talton is the economics columnist for the Seattle Times. He also writes the commentary blog Rogue Columnist and is the author of 11 novels. For 30 years, Jon has covered business and finance, specializing in banking, urban economies, energy, real estate and economics and public policy.



Kate Starbird

Kate Starbird is an assistant professor at the Department of Human Centered Design & Engineering at the University of Washington. Kate earned her PhD from the University of Colorado at Boulder in Technology, Media and Society and holds a BS in Computer Science from Stanford University.

President's Corner

Spring is on the horizon and along with that comes our Annual Meeting. This year we are honored to have as our special guest, Kim Wyman, Washington Secretary of State. We will be holding our meeting at the Kitsap Conference Center at Bremerton Harborside, followed by lunch and remarks by Secretary Wyman. Please watch for information about the business items for our Annual Meeting — Program, Budget and Nominating Committee report — and plan to attend this special event.

Raffle to replace Annual Meeting Auction: We have decided

to do something a little different this year instead of our usual Annual Meeting Auction. This time we will be having a raffle for a couple of special experiences. Watch the May Voter and your email inbox for information on raffle items. We haven't given up on the auction though; the board may plan to hold it at a general meeting next year.

Our April Public Meeting is titled: Truth, Trust, and Democracy: Distinguishing Fact From Fiction in the Digital Age. We will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 27, at the William D. Harvey Theater at Olympic College in Bremerton. This is an intriguing and emergent topic so we hope to see you there.
Myra Howrey, LWVK President

Proposal from John Garing, NK Unit

In a democracy, political processes ideally smooth decision-making by governmental institutions in part by the creation and consolidation of areas of common ground held by citizens and their representatives. This is promoted by engaged citizens' increased awareness and understanding of public policy as well as increased understanding of the bases of conflicting viewpoints; without this, the existence of differing viewpoints, some perceived as irreconcilable, can result in serious damage to civil discourse and the political process.

Education must play a crucial role in informing students about the various points of view concerning public policy so that as citizens and voters they can bring understanding of and contribute to the political processes that will facilitate resolution and decision making.

The Proposal:

“Explore classroom approaches that are likely to promote greater understanding of important public policy issues including particularly learning how to use media resources to gather and evaluate information. An important related task is promotion of civil discourse that must be sustained while individuals hold different and often conflicting views.

Political developments of the last 30 years evolved so that there is greater discord and political processes are impaired. Instead, media use results in the breakdown of the political process and confirmation bias is the outcome, that is, for many citizens media is used to confirm individuals' beliefs rather than to test them.”

Garing hopes to find several more people interested in the proposal outlined above. He will arrange a meeting soon to share ideas about how to pursue this. Please email him at jgaring43@gmail.com or call 360-265-4137 to indicate your interest. Hopefully a meeting can occur within the month.

Opportunities Available for Voter Registration Volunteers

Although it is early to set up voter registration sites there are some things volunteers can sign up for now. Contact Pam Hamon if you are interested in one of these areas or are interested in any other voter registration opportunity.

Opportunities include:

1. Volunteer to work with the youth at one or more of the three Coffee Oasis sites.
2. Volunteer to work with the Kitsap Immigration Assistance Center to teach new naturalized citizens how to register and vote.
3. Volunteers to work with their neighborhood farmers markets to set up voter registration opportunities.
4. Work with those interested in making a video on voter registration and getting out the vote.
5. Work with schools to register students.

LWV Kitsap Committees and Current Chairs

Civics Committee — Catherine Ahl, chair
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee — Jeannie Allen and Leni Skarin, co-chairs
Health Care Committee — Jessica Guidry, chair
Housing Committee — Sue Hughes, chair
Materials Committee — Annie Strosnider, chair
Program Committee — Lydia Olsen, chair
Publicity Committee — Annie Strosnider, chair
Voter Service Committee — Pam Hamon and Shelley Kneip, co-chairs (Voter registration, Voter forums and Get Out the Vote)
Water Committee — Betsy Cooper, chair
Website Committee — Maurie Louis, chair

Housing Tip

Consider dropping off fast food or gasoline gift cards at the Salvation Army or the Rescue Mission, both on 6th Street in Bremerton. The need is great and every little bit helps!

Report on February's Public Meeting on the 'Culvert Decision'

Almost 100 people attended the League's Public Meeting on February 20 to learn about Tribal Treaty rights and salmon, particularly the recent "culvert decision." The "culvert decision" is a court case where various Washington Tribes sued the State of Washington claiming the state was moving too slowly to replace road culverts that block the passage of salmon, and the courts agreed. The Tribes claim that blocking salmon from reproducing violate the Tribes' treaty rights to take salmon. The event was at the Suquamish Clearwater Casino, thanks to the Suquamish Tribe subsidizing the room cost. Presenters were Leonard Forsman, Suquamish Tribal Chairman; John Sledd, attorney; Kim Mueller, Fish Passage Delivery Program Manager, State Department of Transportation; and Kitsap County Commissioner Rob Gelder. Betsy Cooper moderated. The presentations were educational and the evaluations were positive.



Photo by Susan Daniel

Our Feb. 20 program at the Suquamish Clearwater Casino featured, from left, moderator Betsy Cooper, Kitsap County Commissioner Rob Gelder, state Fish Passage Delivery Manager Kim Mueller, Attorney John Sledd, and Suquamish Tribal Chairman Leonard Forsman.

LWVK Membership Free for Students

Membership for students age 16 and older is free of charge. If you know of anyone who might want to take advantage of this offer, please contact Carol Larsen.

LWV Is 100 years old!

Next year is the 100th anniversary of the League of Women Voters. Kitsap League is planning a celebration and we are looking for volunteers who would like to work on a committee to help with organizing this event. Please let Myra know if you are interested.

April Is Great Give Month

Be sure to mark your calendar for April 23. That's the date of this year's Kitsap Great Give. It's an online event organized by the Kitsap Community Foundation to grow philanthropy in Kitsap County and surrounding areas. It's a great time to celebrate Kitsap's spirit of generosity and support the work of your local League of Women Voters. To donate, just go online to kitsapgreatgive.org, find the League in the list of organizations under the "community improvement" category, and make your donation. You can donate as early as April 9 or wait until the official 24-hour giving day on April 23.



Board Snippets: 03/02/19

1. We currently have 161 members. That's a 70% increase from May 2016.
2. Copies of 'They Represent You 2019' were available for distribution.
3. Final recommendations on Budget and Program for inclusion in Annual Meeting materials will be made at the April board meeting.
4. The board finalized plans for the March and April public meetings.
5. We will apply to the LWVWA Education Fund for a grant to purchase an audio visual system for use at our public meetings and candidate forums.

Notice to All Members

Please let anyone on the board or your unit leader know if you are not receiving state League publications. — Myra

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April 8, South Kitsap Unit meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, Port Orchard Library; Data Logan of fairvotewa.org will be guest speaker; contact Adrienne Davis

April 20, Bremerton/CK Unit meeting, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Sylvan Way Branch, Kitsap Regional Library, 1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton; contact Maureen Cervinsky

April 24, Joint BI and NK Unit meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, Suquamish Museum; with guest speaker Data Logan of fairvotewa.org; all members welcome; contact Pam Hamon

April 27, Public Meeting, "Truth, Trust, and Democracy," 1 to 3 p.m., William D. Harvey Theater, Olympic College, Bremerton

May 23, Annual meeting, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Kitsap Conference Center at Bremerton Harbor-side; special guest speaker, Kim Wyman, Secretary of State

LWVK Units

■ **BI/NK Joint Unit Meeting**
Meets from 10 a.m. to noon April 24 at Suquamish Museum with guest speaker Data Logan; contact Rosalind Renouard; other unit members are welcome.

■ **Bremerton/CK Unit**
The Bremerton/CK Unit (new) meets the third Saturday of February from 10 a.m. to noon at the Sylvan Way Branch of the Kitsap Regional Library in Bremerton; contact Maureen Cervinsky

■ **SK Unit**
The South Kitsap Unit now meets the second Mondays at 9 a.m. at the Port Orchard Library. Programs are related to interests such as citizenship training and test questions, the Constitution, how bills become laws in Washington, and books, such as "Impeachment: A Citizens Guide" and the like.

ON THE WEB

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

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Tips to Help Those Living With the Issue of Homelessness

Please continue to collect travel size toiletries (especially toothbrushes, toothpaste, and small packages of Kleenex) for Connie Waddington to place in giveaway bags. Items can be brought to the March 23 Program on Opioids or to your unit meetings. Cash donations as well as bus tokens are always welcomed. Thanks for all your help.

— Connie Syapin

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

This summer, our DEI Committee plans to reach out to Kitsap communities of diverse population by participating in fairs and festivals. Would the summer fairs or festivals you visit every year be a venue where we can set up an information booth? Please contact Jeannie Allen at jallen360@gmail.com or Leni Skarin at leniskarin@gmail.com. Anyone interested in Juneteenth Freedom Festival on Saturday, June 15, at Evergreen Rotary Park

in Bremerton, please contact Jeannie Allen.

We also are creating a list of diverse organizations in Kitsap County. It will be used as a community resource for outreach about LWV projects so that marginal and vulnerable communities are included other than communities that we are familiar with. If you would like to recommend an organization, please contact Rhonda Fairgrieve at rhondasf@wavecable.com.

Regular Events/Meetings

Unit Meetings

Be sure to check with your unit leader for any schedule changes.

Bainbridge Island/North Kitsap: Joint meeting of BI and NK Units will be from 10 a.m. to noon April 24 at Suquamish Museum. Guest speaker will be Data Logan of fairvotewa.org on ranked choice voting and election reform. All League members are welcome.

Bremerton/CK: meets March 16 from 10 a.m. to noon, the United Way conference room, Bremerton; contact Maureen Cervinsky

South Kitsap: 2nd Monday of the month, 9 a.m. at Port Orchard Library; Bremerton and CK unit members are welcome; contact Adrienne Davis

Board Meetings

The board meets the first Saturday of each month. All League members are welcome.