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Suquamish Clearwater Casino



Having joined Port Madison Enterprises in early 2001, Russell Steele successfully opened a casino resort destination on the Kitsap Peninsula. It includes six restaurants, a main casino gaming instillation, a 10,000-square-foot event center, full service spa, Vegas-style lounge, built an 85-room deluxe hotel in 2006 and added a 98-room hotel in 2015.

Steele has worked to diversify PME business operations by acquiring the popular event facility Kiana Lodge, expanding retail operations to three convenience stores, expanding the Property Management Division, acquiring White Horse Golf Club and the recent successful opening of Agate Dreams, a cannabis retail outlet.

What: Suquamish Clearwater Casino Tour/Lunch
Date: Dec. 14
Time: 10:30 a.m., tour; 11:45 a.m., lunch; 12:15 p.m., presentation
Where: 15347 Suquamish Way NE, Suquamish
Cost: \$16; mail check to reserve your spot to LWV/K, P.O. Box 1524, Poulsbo, WA 98370 by Dec. 5 (earlier is better)

Join us December 14 for a Suquamish Clearwater CasinoTour, lunch and presentation by Russell Steele, CEO of Port Madison Enterprises.

Steele's presentation will address the various tribal businesses and other tribal outreach.

Invite your spouse or a friend to this fun and informative social event.

The cost is \$16 per person. Please mail your check to reserve your spot to P.O. Box 1524, Poulsbo, WA 98370 by Dec. 5 at the latest - sooner is better.

Directions: On entering the casino grounds, turn right to the west parking garage. Park on the second level. Looking south toward the water, at the left corner is the walkway to the entrance of the New Hotel Tower Addition. We will gather at 10:30 a.m. in the hotel lobby for the tour. Those wanting to skip the tour still can go there and be directed to our meeting room next to the buffet, or go to it by way of the casino.

Mark Your Calendar

DECEMBER

Dec. 3: Board meeting, 9:30 a.m., Bremerton Bar & Grill, 190 Pacific Ave.

Dec. 7, South Kitsap Unit Meeting, 9 a.m., Coffee Oasis (upstairs), 807 Bay St., Port Orchard; contact Adrienne Davis for information.

Dec. 9, Central Kitsap Unit Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Coffee Oasis on Naval Avenue, Bremerton; contact Phyllis Mann for information.

Dec. 14: General meeting with tour and lunch at Suquamish Clearwater Casino, 15347 Suquamish Way NE, Suquamish. Tour begins at 10:30 a.m., lunch at 11:45 a.m., followed by presentation by Russell Steele, Port Madison Enterprises. Cost, \$16. Reservations due by Dec. 5, payable by check mailed to P.O. Box 1524, Poulsbo, WA, 98370. Contact Lydia Olsen for information.

PLEASE NOTE

A reminder that at the National Convention in June, delegates made a change to the LWV/US Bylaws to permit non-citizens and anyone 16 years or older to become League members. This change was in Article III, and Articles I through III of our Bylaws must agree with LWV/US Bylaws. We received instructions from LWV/US that our members did not need to vote on this change since convention delegates already had done so. We made the appropriate change to our Bylaws that can be seen on the Members Only section of our website.

President's Corner

We will gather Dec. 14 at the Suquamish Clearwater Casino to have lunch and learn about the various tribal businesses from Russell Steele, CEO of Port Madison Enterprises. There will be a tour before lunch and our speaker. The cost for lunch will be \$16 and your check for your reservation needs to be mailed to P.O. Box 1524, Poulsbo, WA 98370 by Dec. 5. Hope to see you there!

Our Program Planning meeting (AKA burning issues for state convention and our annual meeting) will be in January. At the board meeting, we heard that unit meetings are having some discussion about topics for both local and state. Keep up the brainstorming and we will see you all in January. As you discuss possible topics, keep in mind the following thoughts:

- Consider which issues hold such vital concern to our members, our communities and our state that they demand attention now.

- Consider issues where the League's special

expertise or perspective would be valuable.

- Consider issues that can more likely result in positive changes when informed citizens work on them.

- Consider issues where the League has opportunities to collaborate with other individuals and groups.

- Consider that League members are motivated to work on an issue that has a measurable impact on our communities and/or our state; issues where there is a way to evaluate the results.

Many thanks again to everyone who participated in Voter service efforts this past summer and fall. Everyone gets very involved during Presidential election cycles, but it is important to remember that off year elections are equally important. Local government levels are where most of us see immediate impact. We hope to use the energy generated this year to continue our efforts to make sure that Kitsap County residents have the information they need to register to vote and to make informed decisions when they vote.

Myra Howrey

LWV/K President

Voter Forums 2016 – Appreciated and Well-Attended

The League of Women Voters/Kitsap had a great response from candidates and audiences in our work this election season. A huge thank you to all of those who helped with making each of our candidate forums work so well, from finding spaces, to welcoming attendees, handing out cards for questions, sorting questions, timing and our moderators!

We partnered with new groups this year and used Facebook to “invite” our friends to the forums. We had great turnout and at one primary event had 91 folks in attendance.

During the primary we hosted three forums, covering five seats with 19 candidates in attendance. During the general election, between Sept. 29 and Oct. 24, we hosted five

forums that covered 10 different races with 26 candidates and panelists sharing their positions.

Our stalwart partners, the Kitsap Historical Society, the NAACP and the Kitsap Regional Library supported us.

We are so fortunate to also partner with the Bremerton Kitsap Access Television. It is able to record our forums and replay on their station while also providing access by internet link. This increases our reach to the community and to our members.

In this time of loud, rancorous elections, the League can be proud that we continue to receive great feedback about our process that allows all to be heard fairly and on the issues important to the folks in our community.

— Kim Abel

Board Snippets — 11/5/16

1. Sharon Shrader and Ann Smith will join Pam Hamon, chair, Bev Goodman and Eloise Andrus on the Nominating Committee.
2. Gail Sackman reported on her first MLD call with our coach, Lynn Busacca.
3. We anticipate publication of the updated Member Directory in November.
4. Members were encouraged to send in their reservations for the December 14 meeting at the Suquamish Casino and to invite a friend.
5. Topics for the Program Planning meeting in January are being discussed in unit meetings.
6. The Policy Review committee will be starting their work.
7. Members of the Voter Service committee met right after the

board meeting to discuss our work this year and do some brainstorming for next year.

8. Voter deadline is November 12.

Unit Meetings

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

Bainbridge Island: 4th Wednesday of the month from 2 to 4 p.m. at different members' homes; contact Maurie Louis.

North Kitsap: 4th Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. at Poulsbo Library, upstairs meeting room; contact Pam Hamon.

Central Kitsap: 3rd Friday of the month at 9:30 a.m. at Coffee Oasis on Naval Avenue in Bremerton; contact Phyllis Mann.

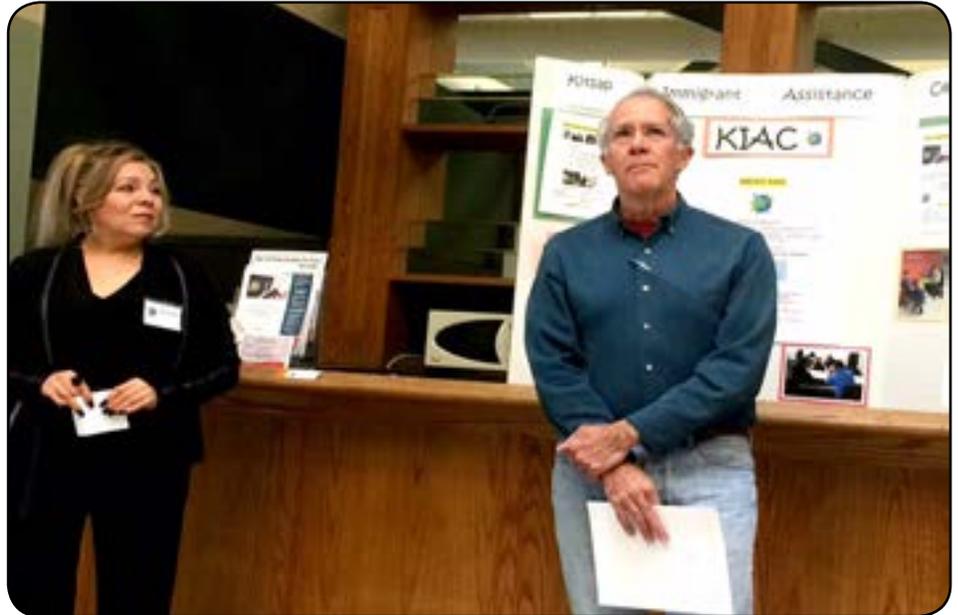
South Kitsap: 2nd Wednesday of the month at 9 a.m. at Coffee Oasis (upstairs) in Port Orchard; contact Adrienne Davis.

Immigration: a National Issue Comes Home

Immigration remains an important hot topic as the U.S. president-elect readies his first 100-day agenda. Our league is interested in learning more about immigration in Kitsap County and the issues immigrants face as they try to become members of our community.

At our Nov. 16 meeting at the Eagles Nest, Martitha May, executive director of the Kitsap Immigration Assistance Center, and Ray Garrido of the Legal Assistance Center shared information about the many ways they provide help to the 380 plus immigrants living here. A few of these services include providing dental and medical clinics, providing citizenship test preparation, English language classes, college enrollment assistance and legal assistance and representation when needed. The center's goals are to help keep families united, protect the vulnerable and encourage civic participation.

One of the major concerns among our immigrants, especially children and college students, is the possibility of the family being torn apart if there is active deportation. Many arrived here escaping violence in their homelands. The Immigration



Photos by Annie Strosnider
Martitha May and Ray Garrido, above, of the Kitsap Immigration Assistance Center spoke at a League meeting Nov. 16 at the Eagles Nest.



Left, the immigration meeting drew a crowd of about 30 people.

Legal Services provided by the center is working with these families to develop readiness plans and representation in immigration court. President Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival program now is in question.

The center is a 501(c)3 nonprofit and almost completely financed through donations. It receives no government funding. Volunteers last year donated more than 5,500 hours of service to KIAC. The center welcomes volunteers and donations. For information, visit KITSAPIAC.org.

Meet Our Newest Member

■ **Karen Watson** joined the League to register voters, which she did this summer and fall at the Bainbridge Library, and to participate in League meetings, attending the fall BI Unit meeting as well as our October General meeting, "The Initiatives Debate." She is particularly interested in encouraging young people to become involved in the political process, by informing themselves on an issue and then actively supporting it.

Karen is a retired Seattle teacher who currently volunteers at Wilkes Elementary. She is an artist, specializing in botanical watercolor, and president of the Pacific NW Botanical Association. Also, Karen is a pastry chef.

Karen and her husband Doug have lived on Bainbridge Island for 16 years and summered on BI for the prior 30 years. Doug is a master carpenter, and their son has followed in his dad's footsteps. Karen assists with their granddaughters' childcare and is spending more time with her mom as her mom faces the challenges of aging.

Calendar

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Dec. 28, North Kitsap Unit Meeting, 10 a.m., Poulsbo Library; contact Pam Hamon for information

JANUARY

Jan. 7, Board meeting, location TBD

January, Program Planning meeting; date and location TBD

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.

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Membership Levels

<p>_____ \$60 Basic Membership</p> <p>_____ \$90 Household Membership (2 or more members at the same address)</p> <p>_____ \$110 Carrie Chapman Catt Member (founder of League of Women Voters)</p> <p>_____ \$160 Jo Huey Member (first president of LWV/K)</p> <p>_____ Donation to Education Fund (only donations to the Education fund are tax-deductible)</p> <p>_____ \$30 Student Membership (includes State and National Membership)</p> <p>_____ Additional donation to support your local Kitsap League (Full or partial scholarships are available upon request.)</p>	<p>NAME _____</p> <p>ADDRESS _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>EMAIL _____</p> <p>PHONE _____</p>
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by _____ email or _____ regular mail.

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Mail to: League of Women Voters/Kitsap
P.O. Box 1524
Poulsbo, WA 98370

**NOTE: Dues are payable in July. Members
are notified well in advance.**