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***YOU and YOUR
FRIENDS
are
INVITED
to a
PARTY!***



Please join us Feb. 15

at the Hostmark Community Room in Poulsbo

Mark Your Calendar

FEBRUARY

Feb. 4, Board meeting, 10 a.m., Poulsbo Library

Feb. 8, South Kitsap Unit Meeting, 9 to 11 a.m., Coffee Oasis, Bay Street, Port Orchard; Adrienne Davis for information

Feb. 15, LWV Birthday Celebration, 10 a.m. to noon, Hostmark Community Room, 703 NE Hostmark St., Poulsbo; Carol Larsen for information

Feb. 17, Central Kitsap Unit Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Coffee Oasis on Naval Avenue, Bremerton; Phyllis Mann for information

Feb. 22, North Kitsap Unit Meeting, 10 a.m., Poulsbo Library; Pam Hamon for information

Feb. 22, Bainbridge Island Unit Meeting, 2 to 4 p.m., home of Karen Watson, 11799 Sunset Ave. NE; Maurie Louis for information

MARCH

March 9, Law Enforcement in the 21st Century, 6:30 to 9 p.m., Poulsbo City Hall; Annie Strosnider for information

*Come help us celebrate
the League's 97th Birthday*

**We will Honor the League and its Successes
while Sharing How the League Works
and How You Can Help Now and in the Future**

9:30 a.m.: coffee and cupcakes

10 a.m.: discussion



**We will finish by noon
with a toast to the League's Future**

Directions to Hostmark Community Room:

From Highway 305, turn west on Hostmark Street (CVS Pharmacy is on the NE corner of the Highway and Hostmark), go down to Sixth Avenue, turn left and go about a half block. Hostmark Community Room is on the left.

President's Corner

Winter really is here, with a lot of cold and some snowy weather, and the start of the 2017 session of the Washington State Legislature. Be sure to read the Legislative Newsletter when it starts arriving via email and respond to any Calls for Action. This is how you can get your opinions heard by your elected officials.

We postponed the February 9 meeting on Law Enforcement to March 9; we still will meet from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Poulsbo City Hall. Scheduled speakers to date are: Kitsap County Sheriff Gary Simpson and Bremerton Police Chief Steve Strachan. Look on the meeting report for information on some of the topics we will ask them to discuss. This

looks to be lively and informational public meeting. In its stead in February, we will be having an LWV Birthday Celebration! Join us at the Hostmark Community Room in Poulsbo for coffee and cupcakes to celebrate the 97th Birthday of the League of Women Voters. We also will share how League works and how you can help in the future. Bring a friend!

The 2017 Annual Meeting will be from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Island Center Community Hall on Wednesday, May 17, and hope to have a speaker from Planned Parenthood. We are looking for a committee of two to three members to conduct the Annual Silent Auction. Please let Myra know if you are interested.

See you all very soon.

Myra Howrey, LWV/K President

March Public Meeting:

Law Enforcement in the 21st Century ... a Kitsap Perspective



Kitsap County
Sheriff
Gary Simpson



Bremerton
Police Chief
Steve Strachan



Bainbridge
Chief
Matthew
Hamner

Same Time and Place, New Date for Law Enforcement Meeting

The previously announced public meeting on Law Enforcement in the 21st

Century now is March

9. It still will be at Poulsbo City Hall from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Be sure to mark your calendar and plan to attend as the League welcomes Kitsap County Sheriff Gary Simpson, Bremerton Police Chief Steve Strachan, Bainbridge Island Chief Matthew Hamner and other local police chiefs for a discussion of the many challenges facing law enforcement

DATE: March 9

TIME: 6:30 to 9 p.m.

WHERE: Poulsbo City Hall
200 NE Moe St.

in the modern age.

Among other issues we will ask them to discuss the pros and cons of officer body

cameras, the use of videos on social media, relationships between police and minorities, how officers deal with the mentally ill, officer morale and recruitment, officer training, and trends in types of crimes being committed in Kitsap County.

If you want to help with publicity or planning for this program, contact Ann Strosnider.

LWV/US President Chris Carson Monthly Emails: The League Update

If you would like to be added to the email list and start receiving The League Update, please contact the National League at: database@lww.org. These monthly emails contain information on issues such as The Making Democracy Work Campaign, Membership, DC Voting Rights and The United Nations. You also can find out what other state and local Leagues

are doing as well as how to respond to Action Alerts. (At the January board meeting, LWV/Kitsap board members also decided to forward any Action Alerts to our entire membership.)



A generous group of Bainbridge Island residents has donated \$2,560 to the League's Education Fund as of January 16. Thank you to all who donated!

LWV/WA Legislative Newsletter

Watch for the current issue of the Legislative Newsletter, which will be in your email in-boxes very soon. This is your way to help give your opinion to your elected officials on items of interest and importance to you. (Check your Junk Mail or Spam folders in case these emails are being directed there.)

And, you also can access the Legislative Newsletter by going to: www.lwwwa.org/publications.html.

LWV/K Participates in Womxn's March



Bainbridge Island contingent disembarking the ferry after marching Jan. 20 in the Womxn's March.



One of the more 'colorful' signs seen throughout Saturday's march.



This husband and wife proudly held their signs at Fourth and Columbia, a jumping in point for the march.



Kitsap Leaguers Pam Hamon, left, and Alice Millis were among the throngs that took part in Saturday's historic march in Seattle.



Kimi Kinoshita of Bainbridge rode the ferry to Coleman Dock to take part in the march.

Photos by Annie Strosnider, Pam Hamon and Annette Maxson.

Board Snippets — 01/7/17

1. The Budget Committee will consist of Sharon Shrader, Myra Howrey, Carol Larsen and Adrienne Davis.
2. Board members will all review our Bylaws and bring input for possible changes to the February board meeting.
3. We will put information in the February Voter on how to subscribe to the monthly emails from Chris Carson, LWV/US President.
4. Carol reports that we currently have 103 members with two new ones.
5. The February 9 Law Enforcement meeting was postponed until March.
6. We are planning an LWV 'Birthday' Celebration for the February meeting.
7. The Annual Meeting has booked Island Lake Community Hall for May 17.
8. The policy review subcommittees have met and are working on the process.
9. Voter deadline is January 14.

Unit Meetings

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

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

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

Central Kitsap: 3rd Friday of the month, 9:30 a.m. at Coffee Oasis on

Naval Avenue in Bremerton; contact Phyllis Mann.

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

Meet Our Newest Member

■ **Connie Syapin** has been a resident of Kitsap County for twenty years. She moved to the Seattle area in 1988 to complete graduate studies at the University of Washington. After receiving her PhD. in Audiology in 1993, she worked part-time at the U.W. Department of Speech and Hearing and part-time in Central Kitsap School District. In 1996, she adopted a very large puppy that required a yard larger than her city lot in Fremont. At that point, she decided to move to the Kitsap Peninsula and purchased a home in Port Orchard.

She is retired and has traveled extensively over the last several years but now remains in Port Orchard to help care for her 93-year-old mother. She is single and shares her home with her daughter's family, including two grandchildren who are the light of her life. Her "Grandma taxi" is busy most days going between sport practice and bus schedules. Connie says, "I love every minute of my new life chapter."

Connie's reasons for joining the League are best stated in her own words: "Following the recent election and turmoil apparent in our country, I opted to get more involved in what is happening at a local level to try to help influence the larger scene. I have great respect for the League of Women Voters and would like to offer my help in making some of the needed changes possible."

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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>EMAIL _____</p> <p>PHONE _____</p>
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**NOTE: Dues are payable in July. Members
are notified well in advance.**