



The Kitsap

Voter

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF KITSAP

FEBRUARY 2018

“The Impact of the State Levy to Fund Education”

When: Thursday, February 15
Time: 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Where: Bainbridge Island Public Library
1270 Madison Ave. N

As a result of the Legislature’s passage last year of EHB 2242 permitting a statewide property tax increase to fund basic education, many Puget Sound homeowners will see a larger property tax bill in 2018. This increase is intended to replace local school maintenance and operations levies.



Kitsap County Treasurer
Meredith Green

On February 15, the public will have a chance to learn more about the provisions and ramifications of EHB 2242. Co-sponsoring with the Kitsap Regional Libraries, the League of Women Voters of Kitsap has invited Kitsap County Treasurer Meredith

Green and Kitsap County assessor Phil Cook to present information and their analyses about the tax changes. The program title is “The Impact of the State Levy to Fund Education.” Join us for this important discussion, and help us publicize this event.



Kitsap County Assessor
Phil Cook

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Mark Your Calendar

FEBRUARY

Feb. 3, Board meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, community room of Haselwood YMCA in Silverdale

Feb. 14, South Kitsap Unit Meeting, 9 to 11 a.m. at the Port Orchard

Library; contact Adrienne Davis

Feb. 15, Public Meeting on Property Taxes, 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Bainbridge Public Library Presenters: Phil Cook, Kitsap County Assessor and

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President's Corner

Happy New Year everyone! February looks to be a good month, with various unit meeting opportunities for everyone along with a public meeting on The Impact of the State Levy to Fund Education that is from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on February 15 at the Bainbridge Public Library. Upcoming meeting topics are: an update of the results of the ½ of 1% county tax for mental health, and county water issues. State Senator Christine Rolfes will be our speaker at the Annual Meeting in May.

Everyone should be receiving, by email, a weekly edition of the LWVWA Legislative Newsletter. This is a valuable publication because it keeps us updated on activity at the

state legislature along with ways for members to make their opinion known to their elected officials about current legislation. Please be sure to read it every week and act!

I hope many of you were able to attend the Program Planning meeting on January 17. This is the meeting where members can brainstorm ideas for study, consensus, action and education for the upcoming League year. The board will review the report from this meeting and recommend topics for consideration at the Annual Meeting. We always are interested in hearing suggestions for meeting topics — so please let me know if you have a ‘burning desire’ to have Leaguers learn about a topic, along with your willingness to participate in planning the meeting.

See you all in February!

Myra Howrey, LWVK President

Shelley Kniep Joins Kitsap Sun Editorial Board

Congratulations to League member Shelley Kniep for being named a member of the Kitsap Sun Editorial Board for 2018.

This group meets regularly with newsmakers, elected officials and proponents of spending measures that go for a public vote. It debates issues

until a consensus opinion is reached to be shared with readers. All editorial columns are written by the editor after consultation with this board.

Shelley lives in South Kitsap. She is an attorney who recently retired from the Kitsap County Prosecutor's Office where her expertise was in land use

and municipal law. Her experience in the community includes volunteering with the United Way, Leadership Kitsap, Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Kitsap Humane Society.

Leaguer Sue Hughes has also served on the Sun's Editorial Board. It's a great way for citizens to inform themselves about local issues and to help shape public opinion.

Unit Meetings

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

Bainbridge Island: 4th Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon, BI Library; contact Maurie Louis.

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

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

Evening Unit: Jan. 17 and Feb. 21 (Wednesdays), 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., community room of Haselwood YMCA in Silverdale; contact Audrey Wolf

Redistricting Sessions Postponed

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the January 27th training sessions on the League Redistricting Committee

Report were cancelled and are rescheduled for Saturday, April 21.

The first session will be from 10 a.m. to noon at the Suquamish Community Congregational United Church of Christ, 18732 Division Ave. NE in Suquamish.

The second session is from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Sylvan Way Library, 1301 Sylvan Way in Bremerton. — Sue Hughes

LWV 101

The next two LWV 101 sessions will be on Saturdays, February 24 and March 24.

The February session will be at 10 a.m. at Monica's Waterfront Cafe in Silverdale.

The March 24th session will be on Bainbridge Island, but as yet the location has not been decided upon.

LWV 101 is an introduction

to the League and how it works. It's a good time for newer members to ask questions and meet other members. Anyone is welcome to attend. We encourage you to bring a non-member friend. An RSVP to Pam Hamon or Carol Larsen is appreciated.

How Can I Help The Homeless

The Housing Committee will offer a TIP in each VOTER beginning with this edition on how all of us can help people living homeless. Please do what you can.

TIP – Purchase toothpaste and male/female deodorant for residents at Max Hale Center, 285 Fifth St., Bremerton. For information, call (360) 792-2117. Your Unit may want to organize delivery of these items.

North Kitsap Unit

North Kitsap Unit will meet on Wednesday, February 28 at the Poulsbo Library, 10 a.m. to noon. The Bremerton/Central Unit members are more than welcome to join us. Please let Pam know of the topics you would like to discuss. Members are reminded to make and wear their own name tags.

Want to Carpool?

Need to find a carpool to League meetings? Available to provide rides to League meetings?

There is a call for carpool drivers on the Members Only page (www.lwv-kitsap.org) with a link to the Carpool Registry. The information will be sent to Maurie Louis and she will forward it to the appropriate unit leader.

Firearm Safety Event Set for March 3

The Kitsap League will be one of the community co-sponsors for Seattle Children's Hospital's Safe Firearm Storage Giveaway Event from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at the Silverdale Sportsman's Warehouse.

According to the Children's Defense Fund in Washington state, a child or a teen is killed by a firearm every 8 days. The State Department of Health estimates that 40 percent of Washington households have firearms present. One in six homes have firearms stored loaded and unlocked and 35 percent of those have children living in them. Seattle Children's Hospital has hosted 13 events around the state, distrib-

uting 4,000 lock boxes and trigger locks since December 2014.

Fortunately for us the hospital has decided to have its next training and lock box giveaway in Kitsap County. As a co-sponsor we need to provide at least 3 to 5 volunteers to help. Volunteer training will be provided at 9 a.m. on the day of the event. Your participation would be particularly welcome if you have bi-lingual skills.

Please contact Pam Hamon if you would like to help with this important opportunity to help prevent fire arms related incidents in Kitsap County.

Voter Registration

This is a very important election year and we will be registering voters again starting in the spring. We always have had great support from our members in registering voters which has been much appreciated. If you are interested in helping to develop this year's plans, please contact Pam Hamon who will be setting up a meeting in February or early March.

Democracy Day in Olympia Is January 26

Please join the League of Women Voters of Washington and Fix Democracy First for Democracy Day on January 26 in Olympia. We will lobby in support of legislation that impacts elections, voting rights and campaign finance. These issues are at the core of the work that LWV does.

If you would like to help plan the event, or get more involved in advocating for legislation that Makes Democracy Work, please contact ksakahara@lwvwa.org.

Interested in Fundraising for Kitsap League?

Recently at a Board meeting, we discussed having to look at slowing down outreach and education events because of a lack of funds. Expenses for producing pamphlets about water in Kitsap County, materials for high school civic teachers, etc., are adding up. So I volunteered, with Carol Larsen's help, to start a Fundraising Committee.

For example, I signed up for a Holiday Wine Tasting and Auction event initiated by a neighbor in Manchester to donate to the Manchester Library. We can sponsor any event such as bowling, karaoke, poker, wine and paint ... it's up to

our imaginations!

Just email me at jallen360@gmail.com if you would like to join the committee with me or have any fundraising ideas.

— Jeannie Allen

Member Interest Survey

Notice for all members: Please go our website and click on the Members Only tab. Once there, enter the member password, and complete the *Interest Survey*. Your input will be helpful in matching interests/skills with the appropriate needs of our local league. Thank you.

ON THE WEB

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

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Board Snippets — 1/06/18

1. Current membership stands at 129.
2. Bylaws and Budget Committees have been appointed and are working.
3. We were asked to participate in a Gun Safety Event being put on by Seattle Children's Hospital. The board voted in favor of cosponsorship after Maurie and Pam gathered more information about the event, which will be March 3.
4. Annie to register us for the Kitsap Great Give and update with current information.
5. January 17 Program Planning meeting is all set. Gail to provide coffee/snacks.
6. February 15 public meeting on property taxes is all set.
7. Program Committee meets January 8 to finalize plans for the March public meeting.

Observer Team

All members who are interested in the Observer Team, please check the LWV Kitsap website and Facebook page for

date and time of informational meeting on Observer Team. The meeting will be held at Annette Maxson's house on Bainbridge Island. Date and time will be published on FB and website. All those members already attending our county government meetings are encouraged to come and share your experiences.

— Annette Maxson

Find Us on Social Media

Your League has been working hard to expand its outreach on social media. Please take a minute to like us on Facebook and follow us on the medium of your choice.

Here is where you will find us:

- Website: www.lwv-kitsap.org
- Facebook: League of Women Voters of Kitsap
- Twitter: @lwvkitsap

- Instagram: [lwvkitsap](https://www.instagram.com/lwvkitsap)

If you are interested in helping with publicity on social media, please contact Ann Strosnider.

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Meredith Green CPA, Kitsap County Treasurer

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Feb. 28, North Kitsap Unit Meeting, 10 a.m. to noon at the Poulsbo Library; contact Pam Hamon

Feb. 28, Bainbridge Island Unit Meeting, 10 a.m. to noon at The Marketplace, 4738 Lynwood Center Road; contact Maurie Louis