



The Kitsap

# Voter

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF KITSAP

FEBRUARY 2019

## 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.

## Coming Together to Save Salmon: Removing Fish Passage Barriers — The Culvert Decision

**When:** Feb. 20  
**Time:** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Suquamish Clearwater Casino  
Kitsap Room  
15347 Suquamish Way NE

The Kitsap League of Women Voters presents an opportunity to learn how a legal action on treaty rights and salmon habitat is causing state and local governments to increase funding for improved salmon passage to their spawning habitats.

Thanks our League's Water Committee and the Suquamish Tribe for helping to put this program together.

### Mark Your Calendar

#### JANUARY

**Jan. 30,** Program Planning meeting, 9:30 a.m. to noon, Poulsbo Library lower meeting room

**Feb. 2,** Board meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 700 Callahan Ave., Bremerton

**Feb. 11,** South Kitsap Unit meeting, 9 to 11 a.m., Port Orchard Library; Data Logan will talk about the 1 – 2 – 3 approach to selecting candidates; contact Adrienne Davis

**Feb. 16,** Bremerton/CK Unit meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, Kitsap Regional Library, Sylvan Way

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Leonard Forsman

**Leonard Forsman,** chairman, Suquamish Tribe, or **Melody Allen,** attorney, Office of Tribal Attorney, Suquamish Tribe, will explain basic principles of the 1855 Point No Point Treaty and the treaty rights it conveyed.



Rob Gelder

**Rob Gelder,** commissioner, Kitsap County, will share thoughts on how this court case may affect county infrastructure, including roads and storm water facilities.



Kim Mueller

**Kim Mueller,** fish passage delivery manager, WSDOT, will discuss how Washington State is approaching its role in removing barriers to fish passage.



John Sledd

**John Sledd,** attorney, Kanji & Katzen PLLC, will present how multiple tribes sued Washington State to enforce treaty rights regarding fish passage barriers and what the court concluded (the Culvert Decision).

## *President's Corner (Guest Columnist)*

Our February public education program, in accordance with LWV Kitsap positions on land use and sustainability, will present information on a huge project that is under way in the State of Washington: fish passage barrier removal.

Did you know that our state has more than 40,000 culverts that prevent fish passage to spawning and rearing grounds? That the Legislature created a Fish Barrier Removal Board in 2014 and allocated monies (so far \$3.4B) from the gas tax, capital fund, and grants for the project? Did you know that last summer the U.S. Supreme Court supported a coalition of tribes against the State of Washington, and the Court's ruling established that by 2030, the State must have removed 90 percent of fish barring culverts in a critical 1,200-square-mile area? Obviously, the pressure is on.

## *Housing Committee*

Members of the Housing Committee met with Joe Roszak, executive director of Kitsap Mental Health Services, and his senior staff to determine how the League could assist in promoting KMHS projects that will provide housing to persons who are severely mentally ill/drug addictive and are the chronic homeless. The committee plans to propose a community education forum in 2019-20 at the Jan. 30 program planning meeting to introduce two exciting projects. The committee also will work with KMHS on other project aspects to help facilitate project implementation. The committee remains available to help with tiny cabin villages. The SK village remains viable but has been delayed due to lengthy permitting processes.

## *Housing Tip*

Think about 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!

## *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

To learn more about the Supreme Court injunction and the general environmental and economic significance of fish barrier removal in our state and county, you will want to attend our program from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 20, at the Suquamish Clearwater Casino. The Water Committee has put together a terrific presentation. Bring your questions, observations, and a prospective member or two. See you there!

For background information before our event, you may want to watch part of the WA Senate Transportation Committee work session on the topic that aired Nov. 14 on TVW: <https://www.tvw.org/watch/?eventID=2018111056> (starts at 35:45).

And there's a great Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife video on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X7z5anXzm0k&t=8s>  
 Lydia Olsen, Program Chair

## *Bremerton/CK Unit Reforms*

The Bremerton/CK LWV Unit is reforming. On Saturday, Dec. 15, 14 LWVK members and two guests met at the Sylvan Way Branch of the Kitsap Regional Library for the first unit meeting. Those present were from a variety of backgrounds and represented both highly experienced league members and the newly active. Though from a variety of backgrounds, we all shared a common respect for the work of the LWV and the hope that together in the Bremerton/CK Unit we may advance League goals.

Common themes expressed by those present were a desire, through the League, to support voter registration and increased voter participation and to promote equitable, quality health care. Other areas of interest were League support for the civics curriculum in our local schools and for League programs that assist our most vulnerable citizens, such as our homeless. Our members expressed pride and gratitude for LWV nonpartisan position. They also expressed high praise for the LWVK's excellent 2018 public education programs, such as November's Immigration Today, and for the insightful exchange of ideas at December's Meet and Greet with local mayors and county council members. As we adjourned, we decided that our unit meeting on Jan. 26 would be a time to discuss program recommendations for the League's general meeting on Jan. 30.

As we begin our unit activity, we are seeking a time and place that will enable both working and retired members to attend. By offering a Saturday morning meeting option, we hope to create the opportunity for more members to participate. We still are in the process of locating a regular Saturday meeting place. Our February meeting will be from 10 a.m. to noon Feb. 16, in the conference room of the Kitsap Regional Library's Sylvan Way branch. The library is at 1301 Sylvan Way in East Bremerton. We welcome any LWVK members and friends to attend.

If you have any questions, please contact Maureen Cervinsky.

## Health Committee Works on Opioid Use Disorder Forum

The League's Health Committee has started working with the Planning Committee on our opioid use disorder forum set for March 23. Pam Hamon and Jessica Guidry also attended the January Kitsap Public Health Board meeting where the county's syringe



Jessica Guidry

exchange program was discussed and hard copies of the recently released 2018 core public health indicators report were shared. For information on the Health Committee, please contact Jessica.

Jessica joined the League last summer and is excited to work

with other leaguers to increase awareness of important health issues, such as the opioid use disorder. Jessica works at the Kitsap Public Health District as its emergency preparedness and response program manager. She and her husband, Paul, have two kids (Lindy, 7, and Maxwell, almost 2) and live in North Kitsap.

### Notice to All Members

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

### Board Snippets: 01/05/19

1. Current membership is 160
2. Recap of December Meet and Greet
3. Budget committee appointed
4. Discussed plans for meetings in February through May.

### LWVK Units

#### ■ BI Unit

The Bainbridge Island unit meets from 10am to noon on the fourth Wednesday of the month at a location TBD; contact Rosalind Renouard.

#### ■ 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

#### ■ NK Unit

The North Kitsap Unit meets from 10 a.m. to noon at the Poulsbo Library; contact Pam Hamon

#### ■ 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, reminders and publications on our Facebook or our website, [www.lwv-kitsap.org](http://www.lwv-kitsap.org). Be sure to 'like' us on Facebook.*

## One Call For All

One Call for All (OCFA) supports more than 100 local nonprofit organizations on Bainbridge Island and parts of Kitsap County.

The League of Women Voters of Kitsap benefits from donations to OCFA because all donations go to our LWVWA Education Fund account, which funds all our Voter Service and Public Education programs. To date, the total we received



was \$3,985.50.

Thank you so much to all the generous donors who participated in this year's campaign and helped make it a record breaking effort.

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Branch, 1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton; contact Maureen Cervinsky

**Feb. 20,** Public Meeting: "Coming Together to Save Salmon: Removing Fish Barriers - the Culvert Decision," 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Suquamish Clearwater Casino

**Feb. 27,** North Kitsap Unit meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, Poulsbo Library; contact Pam Hamon

**Feb. 27,** BI Unit meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, Madison House (MARC), 285 Madison Ave. S; contact Rosalind Renouard

**March 23,** "Opioid Use Disorder in Kitsap County," 10 a.m. to noon, Eagle's Nest, 1195 NW Fairgrounds Road, Bremerton; public meeting

**APRIL** — Truth vs. Misinformation; public meeting

**MAY** — Annual meeting

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### *Regularly Scheduled Events/Meetings*

#### *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; February's meeting meets at Madison Avenue Retirement Center; contact Rosalind Renouard

**Bremerton/CK:** meets Feb. 16 from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Sylvan Way Branch of Kitsap Regional Library, 1301 Sylvan Way, Bremerton; contact Maureen Cervinsky

**North Kitsap:** 4th Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon at the Poulsbo Library; contact Pam Hamon

**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.