



The Kitsap

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF KITSAP

JANUARY 2018

LWV Kitsap Program Planning Meeting

Come help us shape League's work for 2018. See the President's Corner on Page 2 for complete information and links to our existing positions.

When: Wednesday, January 17
Time: 9:30 a.m. to noon
Where: Sheridan Park Community Center Lounge
680 Lebo Blvd., Bremerton

Directions to the Sheridan Park Community Center:

- From South Kitsap: Take the Clare Avenue exit from the Warren Ave. Bridge, follow Clare Ave. down the hill almost to Lebo, then turn right into the parking lot behind the red brick building.
- From North Kitsap: Take Warren Avenue, through the

Sheridan Ave stoplight and turn right on the Callahan Avenue exit off the Warren Ave Bridge, keeping right follow the road to the bottom of the hill, turn left on Lebo and follow under the bridge to Clare, turn left and then left again into the parking lot behind the red brick Sheridan Community Center. We are in the Lounge.

Meeting to Present the LWVWA Redistricting Report

All members are invited to participate in a presentation of the State League's Redistricting Committee Report, "A Review of Redistricting in Washington State."

Two sessions are planned for Saturday, January 27: The first session at the Suquamish Museum will begin at 10 a.m. and the second session begins at 2 p.m. at the First Lutheran Community Church in Port Orchard.

Presenters include Committee Chair Linnea Hirst, (LWV Seattle/King County) Julie Anne Kempf (LWV Seattle/King County) Alison McCaffree (LWV Tacoma/Pierce County) and Sue Hughes (LWV Kitsap).

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Kitsap League Board

President Myra Howrey	Treasurer Adrienne Davis
1st Vice President Lydia Olsen	Secretary Karen Faye
2nd Vice President Carol Larsen	Voter Editor Barb Willock

Mark Your Calendar

JANUARY

Jan. 6, Board meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, community room of Haselwood YMCA in Silverdale

Jan. 10, South Kitsap Unit meeting from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Port Orchard

Library. CK Unit Members welcome; contact Adrienne Davis

Jan. 17, Program Planning Meeting, 9:30 a.m. to noon, Sheridan Park Community Center, 680 Lebo Blvd.,

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President's Corner

It's January, and the beginning of the year 2018. I was just thinking about how long I have been a member of the League of Women Voters — I joined the League in Colorado in 1976. That means I'll be a Life Member in 8 years! It seems like both a long time ago and also like just yesterday. League work is ongoing and important and one of the most valuable efforts we make every year is to participate in Program Planning meetings. This is the time when we get together to assess our positions, evaluate our past year, and brainstorm new ideas.

League program not only consists of studies, but also education and action. Over the almost 100 years of LWV history, numerous positions at all levels of League have been developed. This year we will be looking at our local positions (newly printed in your Member Directory for easy access) and our national positions in advance of the LWVUS Convention this summer. Please take time to review all of these positions before our meeting on January 17.

LWVUS current positions in full: http://forum.lwv.org/sites/default/files/impact_on_issues_2016-2018_full.pdf or in brief: http://forum.lwv.org/sites/default/files/impact_on_issues_2016-2018_positions_in_brief.pdf

LWV Kitsap current positions: www.lwv-kitsap.org/Members.html

Civic Education and Local Elections

Voter turnout in the last Kitsap election was 38.5%. Why are people not voting? North Kitsap League member Catherine Ahl will present and facilitate a one hour conversation about the importance of civic education and being involved in local and state level elections after elections along with an update on the McCleary decision.

We welcome members to join us for a conversation with Catherine on Wednesday, January 17.



Catherine Ahl

room of Haselwood YMCA in Silverdale; contact Audrey Wolf

Observer Team

Pam Hamon has attended the Kitsap Public Health Board meetings since April. Sue Hughes introduced the LWVK as observers at their July meeting. They meet from 1:45 to 3 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at the Dicks Center in Bremerton. The membership includes the three county commissioners and the mayors of Bremerton, Poulsbo and Port Orchard plus a representative from Bainbridge Island. The Director of the Health District, Dr. Susan

When you come to the Program Planning meeting with your ideas and energy, please ask yourself the following questions:

- 1) Are you proposing:
 - a. A new study?
 - b. An update, Action, or Citizen education based on an existing position (see above)?
 - c. Perhaps you are proposing Concurrence with another League's position?
- 2) How much time will this project take?
- 3) What possible sources of information are available?
- 4) Do you have members eager and willing to work on this project?
- 5) Is this a subject of vital importance to our community now?
- 6) Is this a subject where League's special expertise or perspective would be valuable?
- 7) Is this an issue that can more likely result in positive changes when informed citizens work on them? Is there a way to evaluate results?
- 8) Are there other groups in the community that we can collaborate with?
- 9) Is there a topic that you feel would be of educational interest to our community? Look at the topics we have heard about this year. Are there others?

Please bring yourselves and all your ideas on January 17.
Myra Howrey, LWVK President

When: Wednesday, January 17

Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Where: Haselwood YMCA, Upstairs Conference Room*

Host: LWV Kitsap Evening Unit

Refreshments: Light Snacks Provided

Please RSVP to Audrey Wolf at awolf@adler.edu, or through the event page on Facebook. All attendees must check in at the front desk and show identification. You will want to arrive early to check in so the meeting can start on time. Childcare is available for a small fee at the YMCA's Child Watch**.

*Elevator available **Contact Haselwood YMCA Child Watch to preregister children

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

Turner, gives a report on the activities and updates of the Health District.

The meetings she has attended included the status of the opioid crisis, cigarette/marijuana usage among pregnant women, homelessness, the annual Core Public Health Indicator Report for Kitsap County reflecting the overall health of the county, the new electronic system monitoring restaurants and other places where food is sold or provided, environmental issues, data on infectious diseases, mental health/suicide indicators, the passage of recommended fee increases and the budget indicating the need to prioritize due to

funding shortages. There is a place on the agenda for public comment and the agenda/report is available to anyone attending the meetings.

Action Workshop

The workshop is from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 6 at Seattle First Baptist Church, 1111 Harvard Ave. The registration fee of \$25 includes lunch, coffee and all workshop materials. Use the link below to register for this workshop. For information, please go to the LWVWA website, leagueofwomensvotersofwashington.wildapricot.org/event-2675387

LWVK Housing and Homelessness Forum a Hit



Photos by Annie Strosnider

Left, LWV Kitsap's forum, *Where are You Sleeping Tonight?*, attracted a full house of people of all ages eager to learn about efforts to reduce homelessness in Kitsap County. Right, County Commissioner Charlotte Garrido (South Kitsap) explained the tiny house initiative and other programs under way through Homes for All.

The LWVK Housing Committee thanks all League members who helped produce a very successful community education forum on the face of homelessness and the achievements to date to provide temporary and permanent affordable housing to our neighbors. The November 18th event at the County's Eagles Nest drew a nice crowd and high marks were reported on the attendees' evaluation forms. The LWVK Housing Committee will continue to actively participate in the county's leadership committee Homes For ALL chaired by Commissioner Garrido and periodically submit progress reports for inclusion in the Voter. — Sue Hughes

Democracy Day in Olympia Is Jan. 26

Please join the League of Women Voters of Washington and Fix Democracy First for Democracy Day in Olympia on January 26. 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.

To help plan the event, or get more involved in advocating for legislation that Makes Democracy Work, please contact ksakahara@lwwa.org.

Member Interest Survey

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.

Carpool Registry

Do you need to find a carpool to League meetings? Are you available to provide rides to

League meetings?

There is a call for carpool drivers on the Members Only page at 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.

Fundraising for Kitsap League

At a recent 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 am signing 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 up to our imaginations! Just email me at jallen360@gmail.com if you would like to join the Committee with me. — Jeanne Allen

Meet a New Member

As **Diane Manning** believes in civic responsibility, when the end of one community commitment neared, she decided she had time to devote to a new commitment, the League. For now she is interested in efforts promoting civic discourse and investigating other issues LWVK is examining.

Diane was born in Bremerton and calls herself a "Bremerton lifer." She is certainly involved in that community. She retired in 2016 from the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility where she was a division manager in the executive department. She is a current community member of the 2017 Kitsap Sun Editorial Board and, since 2012, a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain.

She has a daughter and a grandson.

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Board Snippets

— 12/02/17

1. Current membership stands at 129. Updated Member Directory is being distributed.
2. Bylaws and Budget Committees have been appointed.
3. TRYs will be updated in January — we will print 4,000.
4. There are plans to meet with Mason County Leaguers in January or February for lunch, possibly in Belfair.
5. Plans are set for January meetings. February property tax meeting will be February 15.
6. Myra to write a letter to LWVUS regarding issue of copying/scanning voter registration documents for the purpose of providing follow up voter information.

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Nonpartisan redistricting is essential to Making Our Democracy Work and is currently the focus of several court challenges in many states. Come and learn about redistricting in general, how Washington state's current system is working, how other states determine congressional and legislative districts and the LWVWA Committee's findings and suggestions for improving our state's process. The Report can be found on the LWV-Kitsap website at www.lwv-kitsap.org. I hope to see all of you.

— Sue Hughes

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Bremerton; contact Myra Howrey

Jan. 17, Evening Unit meeting, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Subject: Civic Education and Local Elections; community room, Haselwood YMCA in Silverdale; contact Audrey Wolf

Jan. 24, BI Unit meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, Bainbridge Library; contact Maurie Louis (maurie.louis@comcast.net) to let her know if you are coming so she

North Kitsap Unit Report

The North Kitsap Unit will meet from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, January 24, at the Poulsbo Library. We will discuss redistricting in preparation for our joint meeting with the Bainbridge Island Unit from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, January 27, at the Suquamish Museum.

Because we have so many new members everyone will make their own name tags so we can get to know each other better. Bremerton and CK members are welcome to attend.

can make sure there are enough chairs. Also let her know if you need a ride to the library.

Jan. 24, NK Unit meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, upstairs meeting room, Poulsbo Library; CK Unit Members welcome; contact Pam Hamon

Jan. 27, Redistricting Report Presentation meetings: BI/NK Units from 10 a.m. to noon at the Suquamish Museum; CK/SK Units from 2 to 4 p.m. at the First Lutheran Church in Port Orchard; contact Sue Hughes