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and LWV/Kitsap!**

(to learn just HOW you can help, see story on Page 2)

Mark Your Calendar

Jan. 7, Board meeting, 9:30 a.m., Central Kitsap Fire Station, 7600 Old Military Road, Silverdale

Jan. 11, South Kitsap unit meeting, 9 to 11 a.m., Coffee Oasis, Bay Street, Port Orchard; Adrienne Davis for information

Jan. 25, North Kitsap/Central Kitsap joint unit meeting, 10 a.m., Poulsbo Library; Pam Hamon or Phyllis Mann for information

Jan. 25, Bainbridge unit meeting, 2 to 4 p.m., home of Madelyn Fox; Maurie Louis for information

Jan. 28, Program Planning meeting and brunch potluck, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sheridan Park Community Center, 680 Lebo Blvd., Bremerton; Myra Howrey for information

FEBRUARY

Feb. 4, Board meeting, 9:30 a.m., Central Kitsap Fire Station, 7600 Old Military Road, Silverdale

Feb. 9, Law Enforcement in the 21st Century, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Poulsbo City Hall; Phyllis Mann for information

**Brunch Potluck
Sheridan Park Community Center
680 Lebo Blvd., Bremerton
Saturday January 28, 2017
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Bring a dish to share
(Plates, napkins, cups, utensils
and coffee/tea supplied)**

Directions to the Sheridan Park Community Center:

From South Kitsap, take the Clare Avenue exit from the Warren Avenue Bridge; follow Clare Avenue 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 Avenue stoplight and turn right on the Callahan Avenue Exit off the Warren Avenue Bridge; keeping right, follow the road to the bottom of the hill, turn left on Lebo and continue 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.

President's Corner

Our Program Planning meeting (AKA burning issues for state convention and our annual meeting) will be Saturday, January 28, 2017, at the Sheridan Park Community Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This year we are having this meeting on a Saturday and doing a brunch potluck. Unit meetings are having discussions about program topics for both local and state and some ideas already have been mentioned. Keep up the brainstorming and we will see you all in January. And ... please try to carpool with other League members in your area. Bring a friend! This is a good way for new and prospective League members to learn about the process we

use for developing emerging topics.

On February 9, we will host a panel discussion on Law Enforcement in the 21st Century from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Poulsbo City Hall. Detailed information will be forthcoming. This should be an interesting meeting on a subject of community interest and impact.

Update on CK member Victoria Hilt — we learned all about Victoria and her myriad activities in the September Voter, and now have been informed that Victoria was named to the Board of Commissioners of the Bremerton Housing Authority. Congratulations, Victoria!

Hope to see you all on January 28.

Myra Howrey
LWV/K President

Program Planning Potluck Brunch — Saturday, January 28

Do you have any thoughts or ideas for our annual Program Planning meeting? Please plan to attend on January 28, but if you are not able to be there, email your input to Myra. mhowrey@hotmail.com.

We will be doing both local program planning in advance of our May 17 Annual Meeting as well as state program planning in advance of the State Convention in June. We hope that many of you will attend this meeting — your League needs your energy and knowledge.

Ask yourself the following questions: Do you envision a study? An update? Action? Citizen Education? Concurrency? How much time will this project take? What are possible sources of information available? Are there members willing to work on the project?

And as you think about and 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.

To access current LWV/Kitsap positions, review your copy of the 2016 Annual Meeting Workbook or go to the LWV Kitsap website, www.lwv-kitsap.org/Members.html.

To access current LWV/WA positions, go to: www.lwvwa.org/positions.html.

Board Snippets — 12/3/16

1. Sharon Shrader, Ann Smith and Carol Larsen will help facilitate the March meeting on homelessness.
2. It was suggested that each unit look to set up an observer corps for the governmental meetings in their areas.
3. We have 30 reservations as of now for the December 14 meeting at the Casino.
4. We set the date for the Annual Meeting for May 17 and plan to have a speaker from Planned Parenthood.
5. The policy review committee, headed by Ann Smith, has divided up into smaller areas of specific topics. The plan is to have this work

done before the Annual Meeting.

6. Kim Abel went through the LWV/US survey on Voter Service and the board did some brainstorming on thoughts, ideas and suggestions.
7. Members from each unit reported on their meetings.
8. Voter deadline is December 10.

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.

League 101

League 101 will be scheduled in January and/or February but dates and times are not yet set. Newer members will be notified by email.

Kitsap Leaguers Learn About Port Madison Enterprises

By Lydia Olsen

In sparkling sunshine, thirty-six League members and spouses attended the tour and luncheon at Clearwater Casino and Resort on December 14. The event matched the weather.

Firstly, it clearly was a pleasure for members of the different Kitsap League units to become acquainted or renew friendships during this informal gathering. Secondly, the excellent tour of the grounds and facilities at the resort gave us an informed appreciation of its history and scope, and of the vision and determination of the Suquamish Nation.

There also were many appreciative comments about the wonderful Native-themed art throughout the resort.

Following the tour, we met in a private dining room for lunch and an engaging presentation by Russell Steele, the CEO of Port Madison Enterprises. With more than 1,000 employees, PME is one of the largest employers in Kitsap County, and it includes multiple businesses besides the casino and resort. Included are Kiana Lodge, three gas stations, the Masi Shop, and White Horse Golf Club.

Steele explained how the proceeds of the enterprises benefit Suquamish tribal members and how PME coordinates with County and State entities.

League members, of course, had many thoughtful questions for Steele at the end of his talk, and he concluded by thanking LWV/K for our service to voters.

PME did a great job of coordinating the event, and LWV/K members agreed that they'd had fun and learned a great deal.



Russell Steele



Photos by Annie Strosnider

The water side of the resort offers a peaceful alternative to the action at the gaming tables.



Left, about 39 Leaguers and friends attended the casino "field trip," suggested by Lydia Olsen. It included lunch at the buffet restaurant as well as the tour and talk.

Chief Sealth, who gave Seattle its name, was a prominent Suquamish chief. His portrait and many Edward Curtis photos can be seen in the hallways of the resort.



Meet Our Newest Member

■ **Rhonda Fairgrieve** states that given today's political environment she joined the League as a positive action to become more involved in her community and government. She is interested in voter registration and education because she thinks voting is a citizen's important right and is concerned so many citizens choose not to exercise their right to vote.

She recently retired from Joint Base Lewis-McChord where she worked since 1987. She was an Early Childhood Education trainer and Child Care Center director. Occasionally, she is called upon to substitute as director and to assist ECE teachers who are completing their Childhood Development Associate credential.

Besides her family and work life, she enjoys spending time in her fruit and vegetable garden with plans to somehow find even more time so she can return to her weaving and sewing projects.

Rhonda and her husband Bill have lived in Manchester since 1986. They have two daughters, one working in Seattle and the other, newly married, living in Yakima.

League's Position: Electoral College

Statement of Position on Selection of the President, as Announced by National Board, January 1970, Revised March 1982, Updated June 2004 and Revised by the 2010 Convention:

The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that the direct-popular-vote method for electing the President and Vice-President is essential to representative government. The League of Women Voters believes, therefore, that the Electoral College should be abolished. We support the use of the National Popular Vote Compact as one acceptable way to achieve the goal of the direct popular vote for election of the president until the abolition of the Electoral College is accomplished. The League also supports uniform voting qualifications and procedures for presidential elections. The League supports changes in the presidential election system — from the candidate selection process to the general election. We support efforts to provide voters with sufficient information about candidates and their positions, public policy issues and the selection process itself. The League supports action to ensure that the media, political parties, candidates, and all levels of government achieve these goals and provide that information.

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