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Our Next Public Meeting *Law Enforcement in the 21st Century: A Kitsap Perspective*

Guest Speakers:

The Kitsap County Sheriff and Local Police Chiefs



Kitsap County Sheriff
Gary Simpson



Bainbridge Police Chief
Matthew Hamner



Port Orchard Police Chief
Geoffrey Marti



Poulsbo Police Chief
Dan Schoonmaker



Bremerton Police Chief
Steve Strachan

Mark Your Calendar

MARCH

March 4, Board Meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, Silverdale branch Kitsap Regional Library, 3450 NW Carlton St.

March 8, SK Unit Meeting, 9 to 11 a.m., loft of the Coffee Oasis, Bay Street, Port Orchard; Adrienne Davis for information

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

March 22, BI Unit Meeting, 2 to 4 p.m., home of Jeannette Franks; Maurie Louis for information

March 22, NK Unit Meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, upstairs meeting room Poulsbo Library; CK unit members welcome; Pam Hamon for information

March 26 (Sunday), Advocacy Training, 1 to 3 p.m., Central Kitsap Fire Station, 6470 Seabeck Highway NW, Bremerton (just one mile to the

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When: March 9, 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Where: Poulsbo City Hall, 200 Moe St. NE

**Please join us March 9 for a discussion of modern policing.
Bring your friends and your questions.**

- * Sanctuary cities
- * Cell phone videos
- * Police body camera
- * An opioid epidemic
- * Untreated mental illness
- * Distracted drivers
- * Human trafficking
- * Cyber-bullying

The above are just a few of the 21st century issues facing today's law enforcement officers. How are police agencies in Kitsap County responding to these challenges?

What kinds of training and equipment do they provide?

And how do they find the right people for the job?

Our special guest speakers will be Kitsap County Sheriff Gary Simpson, Bremerton Police Chief Steve Strachan, Bainbridge Police Chief Matthew Hamner, Poulsbo Police Chief Dan Schoonmaker, Port Orchard Police Chief Geoffrey Marti and Suquamish Tribal Police Chief Mike Lasnier.

For information, contact Ann Strosnider.

www.lwv-kitsap.org

President's Corner

We have a lot of fun and educational events coming up — along with newly developing efforts for advocacy training. Some of our plans are still in the organizational phase; you will be hearing more via email, so watch for updates.

The public meeting on Law Enforcement will be from 6:30 to 9 p.m. March 9 at Poulsbo City Hall. We will have speakers from six county law enforcement agencies; check out the front page of the Voter for a list and bios (didn't have room for bios with so many) of our speakers and information on some of the topics we will ask them to discuss. This looks to be lively and informational public meeting.

We are planning an Advocacy Training meeting from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 26, at the Central Kitsap Fire Station,

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left at the west end of Newberry Hill Road off of Highway 3); Kim Abel for information

APRIL

April 1, Board Meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, Silverdale branch Kitsap Regional Library, 3450 NW Carlton St.

LWV/WA Legislative Newsletter

Watch for the current issue of the Legislative Newsletter, which you will find in your email inboxes weekly. 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.) You also can access the Legislative Newsletter at www.lwvwa.org/publications.html.

Program Planning Meeting Outcomes

Nearly a quarter of the membership turned out for a fabulous potluck brunch on January 28. Folks worked in small groups to identify issues important to work on at the statewide level over the next biennium and sent the Kitsap League Board a list of 11 proposals for their consideration. The proposals were ranked by votes by attendees, but the Board could only send three issues to the State for consideration.

After discussion, the Board voted to send the following three program ideas forward for the State Board's review:

■ How is Washington State's Congressional Delegation Responding to the Passage of Initiative 735 (reducing money and influence in politics through a constitutional amendment)?

■ Initiative and Referendum — How is it faring in Washington State?

■ Water in Washington State — Adequacy, Sustainability and Quality

The Board determined that one of the top four issues, "Encouraging Multigenerational Growth in League Membership," should move to a local League program planning list as membership growth is a local responsibility. The Board will consider the local program planning list at its meeting on March 4.

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, contact the National League at: database@lwv.org.

6470 Seabeck Highway. The working title for the training session is "Effective Advocacy." The board saw very clearly at our Program Planning meeting that our members want to act now and want to know the most effective ways to give their opinions to their elected officials. Watch for email reminders.

The 2017 Annual Meeting will be from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, at Island Center Community Hall and we hope to have a speaker from Planned Parenthood. Sharon Shrader, Gail Sackman and Carol Larsen are spearheading the Silent Auction. We had such a good time with our Program Planning potluck that we decided to do another potluck for the Annual Meeting — start looking for some great recipes!

See you all very soon.

Myra Howrey

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 January's board meeting, LWV/K board members also decided to forward any Action Alerts to our entire membership.)

Board Snippets — 02/7/17

1. The Budget Committee will meet Saturday, February 18.
2. We now have 112 members; this is an increase of about 22 just since August. We have reprinted the Member Directory for new members and current members will be emailed/mailed an addendum, which is current as of February 2.
3. The board approved the state program planning report — details elsewhere in this Voter.
4. The board approved the purchase of a classroom set of 30 copies of *The State We're in Washington* from the LWV/WA for distribution to county high schools. Funds for this purchase will come out of our Education Fund account. This is part of the work of the Civics Committee.
5. The update of the TRYs should be complete by next week and we will print 3,000 copies.
6. The board approved the planning of an advocacy training session for some time in March.
7. The board decided to have a potluck lunch for the Annual Meeting.
8. Policy reviews for some of the policies are complete — the board will review those for approval at the March board meeting. The other policies will be reviewed for approval at a later date.
9. Voter deadline is February 11.

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; Central Kitsap unit members welcome; contact Pam Hamon.

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

Let's Get Our Message Out

So many issues, so little time. How can we be most effective in letting our electeds know what we are thinking? Please attend a two-hour hands-on training on how to be an effective advocate. If you missed the state League Action Workshops, or just want more information, join us from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 26, at the Central Kitsap Fire Station, 6470 Seabeck Highway NW, Bremerton (just one mile to the left at the west end of Newberry Hill Road off of Highway 3). We'll provide materials, coffee and snacks to get us all ready to share our thoughts with our government.

Meet Our Newest Members

■ **Betsy Cooper**, her husband Ken and their cats have lived in Kitsap County for almost 20 years (although perhaps not the cats).

Betsy retired in September from King County Wastewater Treatment Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks. She was in charge of implementing environmental laws (particularly environmental impact assessments), permitting, and compliance for wastewater treatment plants. She previously held a similar position at New York City's Department of Environmental Protection.

Now that she has retired Betsy rejoined the League because she will be able to attend meetings and to actively participate; years ago, her work schedule had prevented her participation. Betsy stated another reason for joining: "Also the election result reinforces in my mind the importance of educated voters and fair, accurate information on which votes should be made," and the League is dedicated toward meeting this goal.

Betsy is involved in other community organizations, volunteering for several environmental groups and the Kitsap Severe Weather Shelter group.

■ **Diane McCann** has lived in Kitsap County for 12 years. She was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ethiopia where she taught community nurses in a Public Health College. She spent an additional two and a half years in Ethiopia teaching English. Upon returning to Seattle in 1966, Diane completed her master's degree in Public Health Education at the University of Washington. She was a research associate for three years at the VA Hospital in Seattle. Diane was an adjunct professor from 1979 to 1990 in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of CA, San Francisco School of Medicine in Fresno. While there she developed, implemented and evaluated a Patient Education Program for physicians and completed a doctorate in Counseling and Educational Psychology at San Francisco University. In 1991, Diane became an academic coordinator for the School of Medicine in Davis, CA where she functioned

as an educational consultant to medical school faculty.

Diane is retired and, with her husband John, lives on Bainbridge Island. They have enjoyed many opportunities to travel over the years. Diane recently returned from a trip to Ethiopia and revisited the schools she had taught. While at home, her current activities include visiting with their children and grandchildren, participating in two book clubs, Great Decisions meetings, and gardening.

Her reasons for rejoining the LWV (she was a member when they lived in Seattle and again when they lived in Sacramento) are the same as when she joined originally: "I want to do what I can to make our form of government work for all our citizens, not just a few. It is so easy to take our form of government for granted, but it is really up to us to make it work ... it is not easy ... but it is easier, and better, when we try to do it with others."

■ **Jami Bledsoe** and her husband John have lived in Port Orchard since 2005. They have two children, a daughter and a son, and two college-age granddaughters. She is a former secretary to the principal of Marshall Pomeroy Elementary School in Milpitas, CA. She now is involved with church activities and the church outreach program. Jami enjoys sewing, reading, travel, and swimming but "loves" dancing.

Jami is returning to the LWV having followed the League for years. Following the election and the current upheaval in American politics, she decided it was time for her to again become active. She is concerned about many issues, particularly about the dangers facing the Affordable Care Act and the funding of Planned Parenthood. She is familiar with and willing to register voters and help at candidate forums but wants to work on issues, too.

■ **Shirlee Clark** recently was widowed after caring for her husband for the past two years and now looks to reconnect with the community: "doing something meaningful during these troubled times," meeting new people in the

Volunteers Needed:

Kitsap's 23rd Annual Water Festival

The festival, which hosts 1,200 Kitsap County 3rd- and 4th-graders, is from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds. Students learn about protecting our water resources and ways of implementing water quality measures in their homes. Volunteers help with games, activities and setup and breakdown of the festival.

Info: spf.kitsapgov.com/pw/pages/edwaterfest.aspx

Volunteer: www.kpud.org/waterfestival/volunteer.php

Questions: Kimberly Jones, 360-728-2222 or kimberly.jones@kitsapublichealth.org

county, and using her experience and education.

She has lived in Manchester since 1999 and retired from Kitsap Regional Library in 2010. Before attending library school at UC Berkeley, she lived in Alaska where she had an interesting and varied career: office manager for Sohio Construction on the North Slope; administrative officer for Alaska Human Rights Commission; and employee for the Alaska State Legislature, in the Anchorage Legislative Information Office, on the Budget and Audit/Finance committees, and as Assistant Chief Clerk of the House.

Shirlee thinks her skills are best suited for research but is willing to help LWV/K and the community in any way she is needed.

■ **Marianne Matson** moved to Washington in April to be close to her two grandchildren. She previously lived and worked in Virginia Beach, VA for about 45 years. She retired three years ago from the Virginia Beach school system having served as a School Improvement Specialist for a high school. The job entailed responsibility for the state testing system: implementing the tests, analyzing data, and setting up remediation programs for struggling students. She also was involved in staff development and training.

Since retiring, Marianne spent summers in Port Orchard and made the move permanently this past year, purchasing a home in McCormick Woods with a move-in date of March. She is divorced with two children: a married daughter in Port Orchard, who has two children, and a married son in Norfolk, Va.

Marianne's mother was an active member of the League for her entire life, and when Marianne was invited to a League meeting, she decided to join. Once settled, she looks forward to becoming an active member of LWV/K. Already she has enjoyed meeting the women in the South Kitsap Unit. She is very interested in politics, so joining the League has been a good first step for her in becoming a contributing member of the Port Orchard community.

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