



The Kitsap

# Voter

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF KITSAP

MARCH 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.

## Opioid Use Disorder in Kitsap County

**When:** March 23

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. to Noon

**Where:** Eagles Nest Community Center  
1195 NW Fairgrounds Road  
Bremerton

The Kitsap League of Women Voters presents an opportunity to learn about opioid use disorder, how Kitsap County is affected, how local agencies are addressing it, and the kinds of services that are available locally for individuals with the disorder.

Thanks to our League’s Health Committee for helping to put this program together. A Q&A period will follow their presentations, so bring your questions, and a friend or two. We hope to see you on the 23rd!

### Mark Your Calendar

#### FEBRUARY

**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

#### MARCH

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

**March 11,** SK Unit meeting, 9 to 11 a.m., Port Orchard Library; enter door adjacent to employee parking lot. We are considering a study of the Constitution and are open to suggestions about other

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Caleb  
Banta-Green



Lisa Rey Thomas



Susan Turner

■ **Caleb Banta-Green,** PhD, MPH, MSW, principal research scientist at the University of Washington’s Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute, will provide an overview of opioid use disorder and effective interventions that communities can adopt to address the opioid crisis.

■ **Lisa Rey Thomas,** PhD, director of Community and Tribal Partnership at the Olympic Communities of Health, will share the opioid response work being done through the multi-sector Three County (Kitsap, Clallam and Jefferson) Co-ordinated Opioid Response Project, 3CCORP.

■ **Susan Turner,** MD, MPH, MS, Kitsap County Health Officer, will share some local statistics, describe the role of the Kitsap Public Health District, and the progress we’ve seen in Kitsap County pertaining to opioid use disorder.

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## President's Corner

I recently attended the memorial service for long-time member Elisabeth Bondy. Elisabeth turned 101 on December 19 and died on January 4. She was 18-years-old living in East Prussia (now Poland), when Hitler came to power. Her family spoke eloquently about her experiences during that time and how she came to meet and marry Roger Bondy who was a GI stationed in Bavaria. One thing that stood out from everything her friends and family had to say about her was her love of political and religious freedom and her passion for social responsibility. Elisabeth was one of the very first members of LWV Kitsap and those of us who knew her heard her speak many times about the responsibility we all have to make sure we value our rights and freedoms. We will miss you, Elisabeth.

### Save the date: May 23

## LWV Kitsap Annual Meeting

You'll want to be sure to attend our Annual Meeting on May 23. Kim Wyman, Washington's Secretary of State, will join us for lunch and will be our guest speaker.

Instead of our usual meeting place at Island Lake, we will gather at the Kitsap Conference Center at Bremerton Harbor-side. We'll start off with our meeting at 9 a.m. followed by lunch and our speaker in the afternoon. Wyman was the keynote speaker for a packed Action Workshop in Seattle on Nov. 17.

Keep watching the Voter, our Facebook page and our website for information.



Kim Wyman

## Visit to Auditor's Office

A group of Leaguers visited the Kitsap County Auditor on Jan 24 to gather information and ask questions. We were greeted by Paul Andrews, Auditor and three other staff members. The auditors call themselves the "Guardians of Democracy." Topics of interest include registering individuals without a specific mailing address; placement

of drop boxes, at a cost of \$17,000 each; outreach to local school districts; the need for legislative action on fully funding elections; the impact of the upcoming census on redistricting and availability of tours for anyone interested in the process. They welcome visitors at any time. For visit details, let Pam Hamon know and she will send out her minutes.

## Housing Tip

Consider 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!

Please plan on attending our March 23 public meeting; Opioid Use Disorder in Kitsap County. This is an opportunity to learn about opioid use disorder, how Kitsap County is affected, how local agencies are addressing it, and the kinds of services that are available locally for individuals with the disorder.

Did you know that right now students age 16 and older can join the LWV Kitsap free of charge? Please spread the word to any and all students who you think might be interested in taking advantage of this opportunity.

We are in the process of updating our Website — all members were emailed a survey on January 26 to get your input on content. Please respond to that survey.

Happy Snow Days!  
Myra Howrey, LWVK President

## First Call for LWVWA Biennial Convention

The League of Women Voters of Washington will convene its biennial Convention on Friday, June 7 (plenary business sessions begin at 9 a.m.) and close at noon on Sunday, June 9.

A Preconvention Reception and Historical Event will be on Thursday evening, June 6. All activities and business will be

in Tacoma, and hosted by the League of Women Voters of Tacoma Pierce County.

The business of Convention will set the stage for the 2019-21 biennium and will include adoption of Program of Work, election of officers and board of directors, budget approval

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## Free Student Membership

Membership for students ages 16 and older is free of charge. If you know of anyone who might want to take advantage of this offer, contact Carol Larsen.

## Notice

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

## 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

## Meet Our New Members

**Candy Rankin** hails from the Midwest, and as of 1979, has lived with her husband Robert and their two sons in Bremerton. Over the years, she has enjoyed participating in volunteer activities with her church, school and community. The League's focus on education and civic engagement is vitally necessary for our nation and citizenry, and she looks forward to learning and participating with this committed group of women.

**Charleen (Char) Burnette** grew up in Chicago, lived for a couple years in San Diego and moved to Kitsap in 1979. She and her husband Mark have two grown sons and two grandchildren. She retired in 2017, after a 37-year-career with the City of Bremerton. The last 17 years of her career she managed BKAT, Kitsap's public access television channel. BKAT and its partnership with LWV-Kitsap enabled the airing of forums and other LWV-K events to Kitsap residents. The business relationship spurred her membership in League. She looks forward to helping with forums.

## Website Survey Reminder

In an effort to redesign our League's website, we are looking for members' input. A survey was emailed to you on January 26. We initially are focusing solely on content, not the design (look and feel).

Please take a look at our current website at [www.lwvkitsap.org](http://www.lwvkitsap.org) and then complete the survey. We appreciate your input. Contact Maurie Louis with questions/comments.

## Nominating Committee Seeks Leadership

The Nominating Committee asks every member what she or he can do to support all the activities and programs of our local League. Please think about your skills, your interests in League activities and your willingness to give time to a volunteer position for a two-year term.

The open positions are for three directors of the board; the offices of president, first vice president and secretary; three members of the 2020 nominating committee (a one-year term).

In addition, we would like to refer names of interested members to the chairs of the various committees listed elsewhere in the Voter. It takes a lot of people to keep this organization running, and everyone has something to offer. Please contact one of us soon. What can you do to help out?

Nominating committee members are Leni Skarin (chair), Madelyn Fox, Carol Larsen, Gail Sackman and Ann Smith

## Tips to Help Those Living With Homelessness

Scarlet Road is a local organization helping women who are or have been victims of sexual abuse or violence. It helps survivors of sex trafficking on their road to recovery. You can help this cause by volunteering or donating to the group at [scarletroad.org](http://scarletroad.org).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our LWV-Kitsap members who so generously donated to our socks and toiletry

collections. I am a volunteer at the Port Orchard Severe Weather Shelter. The individuals who are using the shelter have been so appreciative of these items and have asked me to thank you all for your kindness. We will continue to collect sample-sized toiletries so that we can continue putting together the kits. Thank you all for helping this vulnerable population.

— Connie Syapin

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studies. Contact Adrienne Davis.

**March 16**, Bremerton/CK Unit meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, United Way conference room, 645 4th St., Suite 100, Bremerton; parking: next to building is first-come-first-served; street parking for 2 hours only; Kitsap Bank at corner of 6th and Pacific is free with no time limit; and the Municipal Parking Garage at the corner of 4th and Washington is two blocks away and costs \$5 for all day on Saturdays; contact Maureen Cervinsky

**March 23**, Public Meeting, "Opioid Use Disorder in Kitsap County," 9:30 a.m. to noon, Eagles Nest Community Center, 1195 NW Fairgrounds Road, Bremerton

**March 27**, NK Unit meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, Poulsbo Library. Contact Pam Hamon with ideas for topics for discussion.

**March 27**, BI Unit meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, Madison Avenue Retirement Center,

285 Madison Ave. So.; contact Rosalind Renouard

**April 27**, Public Meeting, "Truth, Trust, and Democracy," 1 to 3 p.m., Olympic College; more details next month.

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■ **Ann Bruce**, MD, with Peninsula Community Health Services' Port Orchard Behavioral Health program, will explain the services, such as medication assisted therapy, available at PCHS, and will share her



Ann Bruce

**May 23**, League of Women Voters-Kitsap's Annual meeting, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Kitsap Conference Center at Bremerton Harborside; special guest speaker will be Secretary of State Kim Wyman

experiences treating individuals with opioid use disorder.

■ **Bergen Starke**, MA, Clinical Manager, Kitsap Recovery Center, will talk about the Center and describe local services available for individuals with opioid use disorder.



Bergen Starke

## Board Snippets: 02/02/19

1. Current membership is 161.
2. The 2019 version of our TRY, They Represent You, is being printed.
3. The board approved items to be forwarded to the State Board for Program Planning.
4. Members who were not at the Program Planning meeting will be polled for their input.
5. Kitsap League was asked to provide a member to participate in the Community and Tribal Advisory Committee.
6. Program Committee provided updates on upcoming public meetings.

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**Report to LWVWA regarding Program of Work Planning**

At the February 2 board meeting, after reviewing input from members attending the Program of Work Planning Meeting, the following items were approved to be forwarded to the LWVWA for consideration by the state board:

■ LWVUS is emphasizing Diversity Equity and Inclusion as its focus for the foreseeable future. Because of the strong interest in this topic at the Program of Work Planning meeting on January 30, the board voted to ask Ann Murphy, LWVWA President, to write a letter to the LW-

VUS expressing our League’s request to include indigenous people in all their outreach efforts.

■ Change the title of State Gun Control position to Gun Safety

■ Study current levels of media literacy, digital citizenship and internet safety.

Local Program of Work Planning topics, which were brought forward and discussed on January 30, were emailed to the membership for their input. There will be a report on local items in the April Voter.

**CONVENTION from Page 2** and approval of by-law amendments. There will be workshops on League history, current and new League programming and league management.

Information on Convention registration and hotel reser-

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vations: ([www.lwvwa.org/Convention-2019](http://www.lwvwa.org/Convention-2019)) — and additional Convention details will be continually added. The final business for Convention will be posted by April 26 (as per by-law requirement).

Plan now to attend. Each local League may send its

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president and additional delegates as determined by your membership count that was finalized with LWVUS on Jan. 31. Anyone may attend as an observer. All are welcome.

Join us in Tacoma as we will be “Looking Back / Moving Forward.”

**LWV 101**

The next LWV 101 session will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 30. The location will

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be determined by how many respond with interest to Pam Hamon. She will try to make the location that is the most convenient for the most people.

[www.lwv-kitsap.org](http://www.lwv-kitsap.org)

**Regularly 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; March’s meeting at Madison Avenue Retirement Center; contact Rosalind Renouard

**Bremerton/CK:** meets March 16 from 10 a.m. to noon, the United Way conference room, 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.