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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS/KITSAP

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2016 Annual Meeting: Luncheon & Silent Auction

We will find out all about the LWV/WA Voter Turnout Toolkit Project!

When: May 25
Time: 9:30 a.m., coffee; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., business (starts promptly)
Where: Island Lake Community Center,
Cost: \$20 Includes lunch (see below)

Voter Turnout Toolkit — First Stages

In 2015, the LWV/WA Convention voted to support the effort to put together a toolkit that would help local Leagues identify the best ways to increase voter registration and voter turnout in their communities. The toolkit also will be available to anyone who wants to see the most recent ideas and research about this very important issue.

At our Annual Meeting, LWV/K gets a sneak peak at the toolkit and the information it has gathered so far. Come with questions, go away with ideas about how to encourage citizens to take the most important step... voting. Our own Kim Abel, one of the co-chairs of the toolkit, will present the findings.

Reservations include a luncheon buffet consisting of an assorted sandwich and garden buffet. A variety of Ambrosia Catering's most popular café sandwiches served with a fresh organic greens salad topped by assorted garden vegetables and includes iced tea. Reservations and payment of \$20 must be received by Sunday, May 22. Make checks payable to LWV/K and mail to LWV/Kitsap, P.O. Box 1524, Poulsbo, WA 98370.

(Please bring annual meeting booklet with you.)

Silent Auction proceeds will benefit Morrow Manor and all donations are tax-deductible. All checks written for the auction will be made payable directly to Morrow Manor and tax receipts will be provided.

See Page 2 for auction item suggestions.

Mark Your Calendar APRIL

April 27: North Kitsap Unit meeting, 10 a.m. to noon; Hostmark Community Room, 703 NE Hostmark St., Poulsbo. All Kitsap league members are welcome. Contact: Pam Hamon.

April 29: Transportation Committee meeting, 10 a.m., home of Phyllis Mann.

April 30: Voter Service Committee meeting, 10 a.m., Hostmark Community room, Poulsbo.

MAY

May 7: Board meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, Poulsbo Library upstairs meeting room.

May 15: Central Kitsap Unit meeting, 9:30 a.m., home of Phyllis Mann.

Save This Date — May 3 is Great Give Day



LWV/K again is participating in this community effort to raise money for local nonprofits.

Please consider donating to League on May 3 and pass the word to all friends of League that this is an especially appropriate time to help League's educational and civic engagement efforts.

President's Corner

It already is May (or will be soon by the time you receive this Voter) and time for our Annual Meeting. This year we will be hearing from the state League Voter Turnout Toolkit committee, and this promises to be a great sendoff for our 'Focus on Voting' project. We will be spending a lot of time and energy between now and November 8 on our mission of voter registration and get out the vote efforts, candidate forums and general voter/public education. This will be a great opportunity to do League work

and we will need all of you, so please think about volunteering to help with this important work.

This year the board voted to designate the proceeds from the Annual Meeting Auction to Morrow Manor, and we hope everyone will both bring items for the auction and be generous shoppers as well. All donations will be tax-deductible and you will find suggestions for auction items elsewhere in the Voter.

The Annual Meeting is our most important all-member meeting and where we look back at what we accomplished during the year and also plan on what we will be working on for the upcoming

year. It's a great time to see friends who perhaps you don't see every day, have some good fellowship, a nice lunch, and also do League business — adopt our next year's budget, re-adopt current positions, adopt new studies and action and elect officers and directors for the board for next year.

We also will hear about what the state League is doing, and of course, we have the opportunity to support a good cause with our auction purchases.

Please plan to attend; this is another chance to make your voice heard.

Myra Howrey
LWV/K President

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May 18: South Kitsap Unit meeting, 9:30 a.m., Coffee Oasis, Port Orchard. Contact: Adrienne Davis.

May 25: LWV/K Annual Meeting, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Island Lake Community Center, 1087 NW Island Lake Road, Poulsbo. Program: Report from the LWV/WA Voter Turnout Toolkit Project. Contact: Myra Howrey.

Annual Auction

You still have time to decide on your contribution for the May 25 Annual Meeting Auction. Items this year can include books, plants (both outdoor and indoor), baked goods such as cookies, candy, a cake, and event offerings such as a tea party for four, a wine- and chocolate-tasting, a brunch, a movie for two plus popcorn, etc. All donations are tax deductible and all the money collected will go to Morrow Manor. The Morrow Manor, soon to be built in Poulsbo, will provide a home and support services to victims of domestic violence. This project honors our LWV/K life member Ardis Morrow who lost her 3-year-old grandnephew to domestic violence. Ardis has been a long-standing advocate and force for DV victims. Thanks and see you at Island Lake. (Committee: Sue Hughes, Carol Larsen, Gail Sackman.)

Board Splinters

From the April Board meeting:

1. The board agreed to appoint a committee to review policies and procedures and work on several new ones. Any league member interested in participating can contact Myra.

ON THE WEB
Find all our local League news, meeting notices, reminders and publications on Facebook or our website, www.lwv-kitsap.org. Be sure to 'like' us on Facebook.

2. Sue Hughes provided some input on MLD (Membership, Leadership Development) practices.
3. The board approved the draft budget for 2016-2017 to be presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting.
4. The board approved the proposed program for 2016-2017 to be presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting.
5. The Voter Service Committee will be meeting on an ongoing basis between now and November as part of our emphasis on voter education.
6. Phyllis Mann will be researching specs and costs for the purchase of a microphone system for use at our general meetings.

LWV 101

There were two LWV 101 sessions in April on Bainbridge Island at the home of Laurel Oliver. These will be the last ones for this year. Sessions will start up again in September or October. Thanks to Sue Hughes there was an announcement of our LWV 101 in the State Voter and Clallam County League asked for

our materials. They were very enthusiastic and plan to set up something similar for their members. We had 6 sessions over the year with 11 new members attending. A big Thank You to Carol Larsen and Bev Goodman for all their help in leading these sessions.

2016 Combined Council

This year LWV/WA and LWV/OR will meet together from June 3 to 5 in Vancouver, WA for a combined council meeting. This promises to be a fun and educational event. Board members who attend will report back to our membership in future Voters.

Kitsap League Common Book Club

The members of the Kitsap League Book Club will have a potluck picnic on June 1 at the home of Pam Hamon. The book for discussion is Gloria Steinem's "My Life on the Road." New members are welcome; just contact Pam Hamon for information.

North Kitsap Unit

The North Kitsap Unit has decided to focus on registering voters for the rest of the spring. We will set up a table at the Kitsap Mall and possibly other locations. A request for volunteers was sent out to those who have indicated an interest in helping with registering voters. There also was an announcement on Constant Contact. Our last unit meeting until September will be at 10 a.m. April 27 at the Hostmark Community Room in Poulsbo. Information on voter registration will be the main topic.

Kitsap Community Foundation Spirit of Philanthropy Award

Long-time League member Ardis Morrow will be a recipient of this prestigious award at an event to be from 5:30 to 9 p.m. May 13 at the Kitsap Conference Center in Bremer-ton. Warren Moon, NFL Hall of Famer and former Seahawk will be the keynote speaker.

From the Kitsap Community Foundation website: “Ardis Morrow has long had a personal spirit of philanthropy. A long-standing member of the Poulsbo-North Kitsap Rotary



Photo by Annie Strosnider

Ardis Morrow holds a photo of her great-nephew, whose memory Morrow House honors.

transitional housing unit for the YWCA of Kitsap County, and is currently the force behind Morrow Manor, eight supportive housing units for domestic violence victims

and their families that will be built in Poulsbo. Ardis received a Women of Achievement Award in 2003 from the YWCA and was named the 2005 Person of the Year by the Greater Poulsbo Chamber of Commerce. She donates widely and substantially, supporting the Kitsap Community Foundation, Martha & Mary, the YWCA of Kitsap County, and Relief Nursery among many others.”

Congratulations, Ardis!

Your dues are due!

When you pay your annual dues, you are joining a highly regarded organization. After your mom, League is the most trusted place to get advice!

And not only are you joining the Kitsap League, you get full benefits of being a member of the state and national Leagues. You can access information about League positions and studies at every level, you can find best practices for League activities at every level.

Share your three-level League knowledge with your friends: They Represent You, a pamphlet that covers our Kitsap elected officials, http://www.lwv-kitsap.org/LWV_K_2016_TRY.pdf, the Gun Safety Toolkit, a fact-based resource provided by the LWV of Washington, <http://lwvwa.org/gunsafety/>, and from our LWV/US, Electing the President, <http://lwv.org/content/electing-president-everything-you-need-know>.

Find local and state League information at www.lwv-kitsap.org; www.lwvwa.org; and www.lwv.org for great articles and ideas. Great opportunities to make a difference at every level for just \$60.

What We're Reading

Ann Smith has a one-hour video of Gloria Steinem addressing students at Smith College in late March. She talks about her recent book ('My Life on the Road,' which league book club and the South Kitsap unit will be discussing) and the media attention she got after some comments she made con-



cerning the presidential primaries. Ann would be glad to send it to anyone who'd like it. For information, contact her.

Let us know what your suggestions are ... we'd love to continue to share the love of reading to the rest of our League.

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Membership Levels

_____ **\$60 Basic Membership**

_____ **\$90 Household Membership**

(2 or more members at the same address)

_____ **\$110 Carrie Chapman Catt Member**

(founder of League of Women Voters)

_____ **\$160 Jo Huey Member**

(first president of LWV/K)

_____ **Donation to Education Fund**

(only donations to the Education fund
are tax-deductible)

_____ **\$30 Student Membership**

(includes State and National Membership)

_____ Additional donation to support our
local Kitsap League

Please make checks payable to LWV/Kitsap.
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NOTE TO MEMBERS

Dues are payable in July.

Members are notified well in advance.

(Full or partial scholarships are available upon request.)