



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.

Immigration in Kitsap County

Immigration seems to be in the news every day. DACA and ICE have become common acronyms. However, most people probably have only a hazy understanding of the legal underpinnings of DACA, of the activities of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and of the recent changes in federal immigration rules that are affecting hundreds of Kitsap residents, as well as a number of our local agencies.

Immigration, therefore, is the topic of League's public education program next month. Our panel will include three well-known authorities and activists, who will be able to answer all your questions about the welter of regulations governing immigration policy. In keeping with League's non-partisan policy, this program is not intended to endorse or indict current immigration policies, but rather to explicate the rules and their effects in our community.

Please plan to attend this timely event, and invite your friends and neighbors!

What: Immigration Today: How are federal rules changes affecting local immigrants and agencies?

When: Nov. 10

Time: 1 to 3 p.m.

Where: Norm Dicks Government Center, 345 6th St., Bremerton

Moderator: Ann Smith, Former President, LWVK

Mark Your Calendar

OCTOBER

Oct. 31, New member welcome potluck, 9:30 a.m. to noon, Island Lake Community Center, 1087 NW Island Lake Road, Poulsbo

NOVEMBER

Nov. 10, Public Meeting: Immigration rules changes and effects on Kitsap agencies and residents, 1 to 3 p.m., Norm Dicks Government Center, 345 6th St., Bremerton

Nov. 12, South Kitsap Unit meeting, 9 a.m., Port Orchard Library; Central Kitsap unit members are welcome

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Speakers:



Mitchell Riese

Mitchell Riese is an Assistant Attorney General with the Wing Luke Civil Rights Unit of the Washington Attorney General's Office since 2017. He previously was in private

practice for almost 30 years, practicing plaintiff's employment, civil rights and personal injury law. He began his career with the Institutional Legal Services Project of Evergreen (now Columbia) Legal Services practicing prisoner's rights. Mitchell is a graduate of the University of Oregon School of Law.



Ray Garrido

Legal Services Director, Kitsap Immigrant Assistance Center, Legal Service Director of the Kitsap Immigrant Assistance Center. Ray grew up in New York City in a multicultural

neighborhood. He began his volunteer work with KIAC as an ESL tutor and soon became involved in much wider advocacy work. Ray helped found KIAC's immigration services legal program, which has grown from two accredited non-attorneys authorized to practice immigration law to eight.

Director of Mesa Redonda and co-founder of Kitsap Immigrant Assistance Center, Martitha moved to the U.S. from Mexico 25 years ago. She has been a Strengthening Families educator with the WSU Extension program and was honored as a "Woman of Achievement" for 2009 by the YWCA. She assists Olympic College ESL students to be successful, has coordinated the 9/11 SOS event, community health fairs, community vaccination, dental/medical clinic, and back-to-school events.



Martitha May

President's Corner

We have two very interesting meetings coming up in November and December and hope to see many of you in attendance. November will be a discussion of Immigration issues in Kitsap County as affected by recent changes in federal immigration rules. The meeting will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Norm Dicks Government Center in Bremerton. Speakers will be Ray Garrido, Mitchell Riese and Martitha May. Information is on the front page of this issue.

Our annual Meet and Greet Your Elected Officials is from 9:30 to 11:45 a.m. Dec. 8 at Ambrosia Catering Company in Bremerton. The topic for our discussion following brunch will be the "Pressures of Population Growth," so please come prepared with timely questions.

You Will Be Missed, Bev Goodman!!

We are losing a veteran of League this month. Bev Goodman, a long-time member and a strident voter services supporter is moving to Yakima at the end of this month. Bev was a member of the Yakima League for many years before moving to Poulsbo in 2010. She has been an active member in the Kitsap League, registering voters and facilitating the North Unit meetings at the Hostmark Community Center. Bev



Bev Goodman

will be moving to Brookdale Assisted Living in Yakima where her family lives near-by. She will continue to enjoy playing bridge and reconnecting with friends still living in the area.

Thank you, Bev, for your commitment to democracy and the part voter registration plays in furthering participation in it. You will be missed.

— Carol Larsen

Community Education Meetings on Housing

The Housing Committee organized four successful community education meetings on tiny cabin villages. (for photos, see page 5) Thanks to all who helped at these sessions. The next meeting on Nov. 15 will target the neighbors surrounding the Port Orchard Church of Christ where it is expected the first tiny village will be built. Church officials will serve on the speaker panel along with the subject experts.

About 50 toiletry bags were delivered to the Kitsap Rescue Mission and more will be assembled as donations are received. We are seeking donations to the Stella Maris Women's Shelter

(see October Voter) and the committee is also requesting warm socks for men, women and children and candy bars/protein bars. We plan to holiday wrap a couple of pair of socks with candy and give to organizations that serve the unsheltered.

Kitsap League member, Dr. Carolynn Zimmers, DVM, in conjunction with Their Voice and West Sound for Social Justice, has organized a forum, People Living Homeless: Pets Are Not A Luxury. The forum will be from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 4 at the Salvation Army in Bremerton. All are welcome.

— Sue Hughes

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Voter Registration team — you all know who you are — for their indefatigable efforts providing voter registration events throughout Kitsap County for the past four months. The team now moves to various Get Out The Vote efforts; thank you so much from all of us.

As this Voter is being assembled and distributed, the Forums Team is busy at work conducting the seven Election Forums in Port Orchard, Bremerton, Poulsbo and Bainbridge Island. Thank you so much to everyone on the team, especially Kim Abel, Shelley Kneip, Catherine Ahl, Martha Burke and Maurie Louis who are the main organizers of these events. Of course, this effort could not be successful without the help of many other Kitsap League members.

Thank you to everyone!
Myra Howrey, LWVK President

What We're Reading

LWVK once again is offering a peek into what we're reading. Here are what three members currently are reading:

- **"Fear: Trump in the White House,"** by Bob Woodward
- **"These Truths: A History of the United States,"** Jill Lepore
- **"How to Change Your Mind: What the New Science of Psychedelics Teaches Us About Consciousness, Dying, Addiction, Depression, and**



Transcendence," by Michel Pollan

Let us know what your suggestions are ... we want to continue sharing our love of reading to the rest of our League.

Dues are Due!

Your dues for the League year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 are due now. You should have been mailed a dues renewal notice in June. Please contact Carol Larsen if you did not receive your notice. Prompt payment of dues makes it possible for us to publish the Member Directory in a timely manner. Thanks for your cooperation.

One Call For All

One Call for All (OCFA) supports more than 100 local non-profit organizations on Bainbridge Island and parts of Kitsap County. The League of Women Voters of Kitsap benefits from donations to OCFA because all donations go to our LWVWA Education Fund account which funds all our Voter Service and Public Education programs. The Red Envelope



Campaign occurs early each October and we encourage donations to help support us.

Meet & Greet: Population Growth

Does it seem to you as though roads, stores and neighborhoods are awfully crowded lately? You are not imagining it; they often are, as Kitsap County is seeing a surge of new residents.

How attuned are local government agencies to the impacts and needs of our surging population? Come to this year's annual holiday Meet & Greet to find out.

LWV/Kitsap has invited our county commissioners, city mayors and senior planners to speak to the topic of Pressures of Population Growth at our 2018 Meet & Greet scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 8.

There will be an opportunity for one-on-one conversation with your gov-

What:	2018 Meet & Greet: Pressures of Population Growth
When:	Dec. 8
Time:	9:30 to 11:45 a.m.
Where:	Ambrosia Catering Company, 4954 WA-303, Bremerton
Moderator:	Linda Streissguth, League member and former Kitsap County Commissioner
Guests:	Ed Wolfe, Becky Erickson, Rob Gelder, Greg Wheeler

ernment representatives over a catered brunch, after which they will participate in an informal panel discussion moderated by Linda Streissguth, League member and former County Commissioner. League members will provide discussion questions ahead of time (through unit leaders) so the panel discussion will be relevant to your concerns.

Please mark your calendars and join

your fellow Leaguers for a sociable, informative and thought-provoking morning. You also will find the food to be delicious and the décor festive! Guests are welcome.

To cover meal and facility expenses, please send \$16 per person by Dec. 1 to: LWV/Kitsap

P.O. Box 1524
Poulsbo, WA 98370

LWVK Units

■ SK Unit

The South Kitsap Unit now meets on the second Mondays at 9 a.m. at the Port Orchard Library. We have programs related to interests such as citizenship training and test questions, the Constitution, how bills become laws in Washington, and books, such as "Impeachment: A Citizens Guide" and the like.

■ NK Unit

The North Kitsap Unit meets from 10 a.m. to noon at the Poulsbo Library; Bremerton/Central members are welcome; for information, contact Pam Hamon

Board Snippets: 10/08/18

1. Board members volunteered to contact candidates to encourage them to participate in Vote 411.
2. We will order LWV coffee mugs for November speakers.
3. Carol will ask unit leaders to contact members with unpaid dues to encourage them in prompt payment.
4. Shelley reported on the Kitsap Library civics presentation that she and Catherine Ahl presented on Sept. 29.

Bowling for League!

Our League is hosting an event of Holiday Bowling to raise funds for our education and outreach programs. Meet us at All Star Lanes in Silverdale at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 2. Have fun bowling with fellow members, bring your family bowlers or and bowling friends with you. We'll even provide bumper lanes, if needed.

5. The board approved an effort to send "Remember to Vote" postcards to voters in Kitsap County where voting returns are lower.

Housing Tip

We will be collecting socks for men, women and children to be wrapped by the housing commit

The cost is \$20 per person for two hours of fun Bowling for League. This includes shoes and balls. Of that amount, \$10 will support our education fund.

Contact Jeannie Allen, jallen360@gmail.com for any questions and/or reservations by Nov. 28. Please send your payments to LWV Kitsap at P.O. Box 1524, Poulsbo, WA 98370.

tee and given as Christmas gifts to our housing insecure neighbors. Add a candy bar or protein bar for a holiday treat!

Action Workshop

Registration Is Open!

LWVWA Action Workshops once

again offers an in-depth look at the upcoming legislative session, a chance to hear from local lawmakers and keynote speakers, information about key issues in Washington State, and ways get involved in issues that you are passionate about. Learn how you can advocate and gain the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed to defend our democracy.

For information and to sign up, go online to www.lwvwa.org/. Catherine Ahl will attend and would love to have you join her.

Three locations for the workshops: Seattle, Spokane and Shoreline.

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

Meet a New Member

Jessica Guidry joined LWVK because of her interest in learning about civic issues from multiple, informed perspectives. She is especially excited about the opportunity to research issues about which she is unfamiliar. Jessica and her husband have lived in Poulsbo for 12 years and they have a daughter (7 years old), a son (20 months old), and a Boston Terrier. She works for the Kitsap Public Health District as the manager of their emergency preparedness and response program. Her passions include her family, reading, cooking, women's empowerment, supporting children, public health, and social justice. While she also has lived in Singapore, Thailand, Japan, Hawaii, and Connecticut, Jessica is proud to call Kitsap County "home."

October was Forum Month



Photos by Ann Strosnider

Kitsap County Coroner candidates, from left, Russ Reuther, Jeff Wallis and Jennifer Chamberlin (a write-in) were all smiles after the Oct. 10 forum.

Our League was very ambitious about educating voters during the midterm elections. We held seven forums, including five for candidates and two devoted to ballot issues. Attendance varied from 122 at our first forum on Oct. 3 in Port Orchard, for 26th District state senator and state representative, to 40 for our forum for Kitsap County coroner candidates. All of our forums were recorded by BKAT so those who didn't attend could check them out later. All were well run, with several new members stepping up as moderators.



Jeannie Allen

Jeannie Allen, Shelley Kneip, and Martha Burke all took the plunge this year. Experienced moderators Catherine Ahl, Kim Abel, Maurie Louis and Gail Sackman continued to do moderating duties and to help the new moderators. Shirlee Clarke volunteered to be a time-keeper for the first time, while Janet Stegemeyer and Alicia Vause helped out with photography. For additional photos, see page 5.

— Ann Strosnider

Voter Registration Success!



Photo by Alicia Vause

Alexia, 19, is a newly registered voter at Olympic College in Poulsbo. League members were busy registering voters on Voter Registration Day, Sept. 25, and throughout September and early October.



Photographer unknown

A South Kitsap High School student interviewed Adrienne Davis (seated at right) as she and Connie Syapin registered voters.

It not only is important to register new young voters, but extremely rewarding as well.

Six of us from the South Kitsap unit (Janet Stegemeyer, Jeannie Allen and her husband, Lynn Collins, Connie Syapin, Adrienne Davis and Becky Drotz) met during the lunch hour for three days at the South Kitsap High School and registered 160 voters.

We found the students to be polite, friendly, and very interested in learning how to become new voters. A great deal of our time was spent answering questions. We have been asked to return next year by both staff and students. This will become an annual event for the SK unit.

— Becky Drotz

Free Online Social Networking Site



Nextdoor.com is proving to be a useful tool in getting the word out about our

League forums, public meetings and other activities. It's a social networking site on a micro scale; it allows you to communicate with other members in your neighborhood and nearby.

To join, just go to Nextdoor.com and fill in your address and other information. You can then post messages to your immediate neighbors as well as other nearby neighborhoods. You also will receive messages about county meetings, items for sale, missing pets, cougar sightings and more. You may turn off the notifications if you want, but it would be great if you could post information about our programs. For information, contact Ann Strosnider.

Homes for All

The League of Women Voters of Kitsap recently helped put on four informational community meetings to help educate residents on Kitsap County's Tiny Cottage Village proposal.



Photos by Susan Daniel

The first of the Homes for All community meetings was well attended on Aug. 15 in Port Orchard.

For more photos of recent League activity, see our Facebook page at League of Women Voters of Kitsap County.



Our League worked with Kitsap County to publicize four meetings throughout the county on tiny home villages. The first village is proposed for Port Orchard Church of Christ property on Salmonberry Road.

Forum Photos Cont'd



Gail Sackman served as moderator for the Oct. 11 forum while Shelley Kneip sorted questions.

Photo by Ann Strosnider



Photo by Ann Strosnider

Martha Burke, right, moderated for the first time on Oct. 8, with help from veteran moderator Catherine Ahl.



Photo by Janet Stegemeyer
A woman wearing an "I'm a registered voter" sticker writes out a question at our Oct. 11 forum.

Shout Out to Dr. Carollynn Zimmers

League member and veterinarian, Dr. Carollynn Zimmers, a member of the League's Housing Committee, deserves recognition for her work in serving pets of low-income persons and persons who are homeless.

Forty-two pets were treated in August at a Pet Fair at the Salvation Army. A forum, "People Living Homeless: Pets Are Not a Luxury," will be Nov. 4 at the Salvation Army. Another Pet Fair will be in 2019.

Pets help persons who are homeless cope and survive. Carollynn has recruited other veterinarians and veterinarian techs for these events and has also committed to providing vet services to tiny cabin village pets.

Thanks, Carollynn, for your compassion and commitment to serve our very vulnerable neighbors.

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Nov. 28, North Kitsap Unit meeting,
10 a.m., Poulsbo Library; Central Kitsap
unit members are welcome

Nov. 28, Bainbridge Island Unit meeting,
10 a.m., location TBD; all members are
welcome; contact Rosalind Renouard

DECEMBER

Dec. 8, Meet and Greet elected officials,
9:30 to 11:45 a.m., Ambrosia Catering
Company, 4954 Highway 303, Bremerton

JANUARY — Program Planning

FEBRUARY — Culverts; public meeting

MARCH — Opioid Use Disorder; public
meeting

APRIL — TBA

MAY — Annual meeting

Regularly Scheduled 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, downstairs
meeting room of Bainbridge Library; contact Maurie Louis

North Kitsap: 4th Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m., location TBD; Bremer-
ton and CK unit members are welcome; 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.

Dues

Your dues renewal notices should have arrived in your mailbox in July. If
you've not already done so, please return with payment as soon as possible to
be included in the member directory.