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## Where Are YOU Sleeping Tonight?

A Kitsap County progress report on making homelessness rare, brief and one time

**When:** Saturday, Nov. 18

**Time:** 10 a.m. to noon

**Where:** Eagle's Nest, Kitsap County Fairgrounds

**Guest Moderator** Daryl Daugs, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity

### Mark Your Calendar

#### OCTOBER

**Oct. 25,** BI Unit meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, Bainbridge Library on Madison Avenue.

#### NOVEMBER

**Nov. 1,** Evening Unit Meeting (NEW), 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Haselwood YMCA in Silverdale; details elsewhere in the Voter; contact Audrey Wolf

**Nov. 4,** Board Meeting, 10 a.m., Silverdale YWCA, 3909 NW Randall Way

**Nov. 8,** South Kitsap Unit Meeting, 9 to 11 a.m., Port Orchard Library. A reminder email with a copy of the agenda will be sent to SKU members a few days before the meeting. SKU members are encouraged to email Adrienne Davis with topics for discussion.

**Nov. 18,** Homelessness Forum, 10 a.m. to noon at the Eagle's Nest, Kitsap County Fairgrounds in Bremerton.

**O**ur League has planned a very exciting community education forum on homelessness. The event will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 18 at the Eagle's Nest at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds. The focus will be the true face of homelessness and the progress to date on available affordable



Daryl Daugs

housing opportunities, housing projects under way as well as future projects to provide shelter and support services to our neighbors who are currently homeless or facing homelessness.

Daryl Daugs, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity, has agreed to moderate. Please plan to attend.

#### Presenters

- \* Charlotte Sanders, University of Washington; the face of homelessness
- \* Charlotte Garrido, Kitsap County Commissioner
- \* Persons experiencing homelessness will describe their personal experiences
- \* Kirsten Jewell, Manager, Kitsap County Housing, will explain the affordable housing projects completed or under way
- \* Sarah Van Cleve, Housing Director, Bremerton Housing Authority, presents a collection of stories from Kitsap homeless

## President's Corner

Happy Autumn! We have an informative and educational forum to update the face of homelessness and the progress to date — scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 18, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Eagle's Nest in Bremerton. There will be a panel of speakers and will be moderated by Daryl Daus, Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity. We hope to see many of you there!

The board recently had a substantive discussion on how to gather and use information on our members' interests and passions. We routinely survey new members, but have not updated information on our continuing members. We now are asking all members to go to our website, access the Members Only section and complete the member survey you will find there. Information will

be shared with the board as well as committee chairs. We want to know what you think — so please help us!

The Kitsap County Council for Human Rights and the YWCA of Kitsap County, along with the Kitsap Regional Library System and the NAACP, are hosting a meet and greet to highlight the work of Social Justice Organizations in Kitsap County. This event will be Thursday, Nov. 2, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Eagle's Nest Building at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds.

This will be an opportunity for Kitsap organizations working for equity to connect with community members and with other organizations in Kitsap doing the important work of equity. Our League will be taking part in this event as well.

Watch for information on a Meet and Greet your elected officials event to be in December.

Myra Howrey, LWV/K President

### PDC Update

The Public Disclosure Commission ([www.pdc.wa.gov](http://www.pdc.wa.gov)) has created a new search function on its home page. It's called "Follow the Money" and it tracks donations in your voting district. Enter your address and the site gives you information on all the elections in your district. Try it for our local elections this fall.

### New Evening Unit

The evening unit, headed up by Audrey Wolf, is up and running. The group meets in the community room of the Haselwood YMCA in Silverdale.

It is recommended that you drop by ahead of meeting time with your photo identification. You need not be a Y member, just indicate you are there for League of Women Voters check in.

Any challenges, contact Breann Peoples

at 360-307-4015 or Audrey Wolf at 360-536-3238.

We will meet in the community room upstairs. There is an elevator and the building is handicap accessible.

Childcare is available at \$8 for two hours for all children needing care in your family that fits the Y's child-care parameters. Please check in with the Y with identification and your children's names before the meeting time to ensure quick check in.

The YMCA is at 3909 NW Randall Way in Silverdale. Its website is [www.ymcapkc.org/haselwood/](http://www.ymcapkc.org/haselwood/).

See the schedule through February 2018 below in the Unit Meetings notice.

### Observer Team

LWV/K is starting an Observer Team (or Corps) to attend, listen and report on pub-

lic meetings of our city councils, school boards and other elected bodies that make decisions affecting our daily lives. If you are interested in participating on the Observer Team, please contact Annette Maxson at 206-347-6051 or [annette@crmaxson.com](mailto:annette@crmaxson.com). I am gathering the names and contact information of those interested. I hope to have a training session after the first of the year.

### Member Interest Survey

To all LWV/K members: Please go to our website, access the Member's Only section and complete the member survey you will find there. Information will be shared with the board as well as committee chairs. We want to know what you think — so please help us! Contact Myra if you don't know the password to the Members Only Section.

### Unit Meetings

Be sure to check with your unit leader for any schedule changes.

**Bainbridge Island:** 4th Wednesday of the month, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at The Marketplace in Lynwood Center; contact Maurie Louis

**North Kitsap:** 5th Wednesday of November — Nov. 29 — 10 a.m. to noon at the Poulsbo Library. The date change is to avoid conflicts with Thanksgiving, Nov. 23rd. Members are asked to send topics that they want to discuss to Pam before the meeting. The agenda will then be emailed to everyone. Last minute items also

are welcome. Bremerton/Central Unit members are welcome.

**South Kitsap:** 2nd Wednesday of the month, 9 a.m. at Port Orchard Library in Port Orchard; Central Kitsap unit members welcome; contact Adrienne Davis.

**Evening Unit:** Meets in the community room of Haselwood YMCA in Silverdale; contact Audrey Wolf.

**Oct. 24 (Tuesday),** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Nov. 1 (Wednesday),** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Dec. 13 (Wednesday),** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Jan. 17, 2018 (Wednesday),** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Feb. 21 (Wednesday),** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

### Voter Registration

Many thanks to all those who participated in registering voters this year. Twenty Leaguers were in the Kitsap libraries every other Saturday, Silverdale and Wheaton Way Goodwills many times, two ferries, one nursing home, the PCHS/Salvation Army. We also participated with the Auditor's Office on National Voter Registration Day at Olympic College. A full report will be presented to the Board on Nov. 4.

The Auditor has invited any

Leaguer who is interested to come to the Canvassing Board meeting at 9 a.m. Nov. 27. This is to review ballots the may be confusing. The Board will be looking for the intent of the voter. If interested please contact Pam Hamon.

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**Nov. 22,** BI Unit Meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, Bainbridge Library on Madison Avenue; contact Maurie Louis

**Nov. 29,** North Kitsap Unit Meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, Poulsbo Library; contact Pam Hamon

## “Finding Common Ground” Follow Up

Richard Walker, regional editor for the Kitsap Daily News, served as moderator for League’s Sept. 26 “Finding Common Ground” program. He was excited to hear of suggestions for improving cooperation among legislators from our speakers, state Reps. Michelle Caldier, a Port Orchard Republican, and Sherry Appleton, a Poulsbo Democrat.

Afterwards, he wrote an editorial on “Good Ideas” from our event that was published online on Sept. 28. Here are some of the suggestions he feels are worth pursuing:

- 1) **At the beginning of each session**, legislators should identify issues of mutual concern. This follows the thinking of the Bipartisan Working Group in the U.S. House of Representatives, of which U.S. Rep. Derek Kilmer, D-Gig Harbor, is a member. Kilmer once said that legislators aren’t always going to agree on everything, so they should at least identify those issues they do agree on and work on those.
- 2) **Mix up seating arrangements in the Legislature.** Legislators



Photo by Annie Strosnider  
Michelle Caldier, left, and Sherry Appleton shared the podium at the League’s recent program, “Finding Common Ground.”

sit according to their political party: Democrats on one side, Republicans on the other. “If you’re always sitting next to people you agree with, you can’t see the other perspective,” Caldier said.

3) **Cap campaign spending.** Caldier talked of the influence political action committees have in campaign spending — spending that, in our view, can’t help but influence legislation. Caldier supports setting a limit on the cost of campaigns.

4) **Compromise on water rights.** Speaking of issues in which all sides have a stake, the Capital Budget is being held in suspension

by legislators who first want a permanent legislative fix to a state Supreme Court ruling that restricts the drilling of water wells for new-home construction. Without approval of the Capital Budget, funding for schools, Morrow Manor (homes for domestic violence survivors who are rebuilding their lives), and North Kitsap Fishline’s comprehensive services center are being held in abeyance.

### LWV/WA endorses Initiative 940, De-Escalate Washington!

At its August meeting, the LWV/WA Board voted to endorse Initiative 940, De-Escalate Washington! This statewide initiative is seeking to update and improve law enforcement training and community safety. In the words of the campaign, “It ...

- Requires training for violence de-escalation, mental health, and first aid.
- Provides that police should render first aid at the scene.
- Applies a good faith standard for use of deadly force and removes the de facto immunity.
- Requires completely independent investigations of use of deadly force when there is injury or death.
- Brings diverse community stakeholders to the table for the development of standards and curriculum. And

■ Includes Tribal governments in investigations where a tribal person was injured or killed.”

The League is excited to endorse this initiative and we need your help to get the required signatures to send this measure to the 2018 Legislature. Once it is in the hands of Legislators, their action can make it law, or their inaction will put it on next year’s ballot, or they can write their own law (and both measures will be on the ballot).

For information on the initiative or volunteer opportunities, visit [www.deescalatewa.org](http://www.deescalatewa.org) and the League’s page on I-940.

### Thank You, Maurie Louis

Much praise is due our Kitsap League member, Maurie Louis, for her tireless work and contribution to bring awareness to the tragic loss of life from suicide. The Kitsap League when studying gun use in Kitsap

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### Board Snippets

— 08/26 and 10/7

1. The updated Communications policy was adopted by the board.
2. Board members will be working on a Coalitions policy and will take another look at the Co-Sponsorship policy.
3. Annette Maxson is the Observer Team coordinator and will be setting up training sessions for League observers.
4. Myra, Gail and Kim reported on the September MLD training in Portland.
5. The member interest survey will be posted to the Members Only Section of the website and members will be requested to complete updated surveys.

learned that close to 90 percent of deaths by fire arms were suicide. Maurie organized an independent coalition of first responders, law enforcement, service organizations, school administrators, survivors of suicide and others to join together in fighting this epidemic. “Ask, Listen, Act” became

6. The Program Committee is busy working on meeting topics for the balance of the League year.

### LWV 101

A LWV 101 session was Oct. 7 at the Poulsbo Coffee Oasis and a second one is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Bremerton Coffee Oasis, 822 Burwell St. This is a good time to ask questions and learn more about League. Non-members are welcome, so bring a friend.

### Civics Committee

A second Civics Newsletter was sent out to the civics teachers in all of the high schools and high school students helped at the Bremerton and North Kitsap Candidate forums.

the motto. Maurie is stepping down as chair of the coalition this month and is looking for others to continue the work. Under Maurie’s leadership, awareness of suicide and the knowledge of what we all can do to help prevent this loss of life has significantly increased.

Thank you, Maurie.



# 2017 General Election Candidate Forums in Photos

The League of Women Voters/Kitsap hosts candidate forums each year before general elections. This year's forums began on Sept. 28 in Port Orchard, and concluded Oct. 11. Photos below and on page 5 give you a glimpse of some of the candidates and how well attended the forums were.

## Sept. 28 forum in Port Orchard, photos by Gary Beanland



Fred Chang, Clancy Donlin and Jay Rosapepe all are candidates for Port Orchard City Council.



Audience members take a break during our forum at the Kitsap County Commissioners Chambers in Port Orchard.



Candidates for South Kitsap School Board are Christopher Lemke, left, and Elizabeth Sebren.

## Oct. 3 forum in Bremerton, photos by Annie Strosnider



Left, Mayor Patty Lent and her challenger, Greg Wheeler at the forum at the Norm Dicks Conference Center.

Below, Bremerton City Council candidates, from left, Pat Sullivan, Suzanne Griffith, Kevin Gorman, Adam Brockus and Michael Goodyear.



**Oct. 9 forum in Poulsbo, photo by Audrey Wolf**



It was standing-room-only at the forum for mayor of Poulsbo and North Kitsap School Board candidates at Poulsbo's City Hall.

**Oct. 9 forum on Bainbridge Island, photos by Michelle McClure**



Bainbridge Island's forum featured candidates for city council.



The island's forum was well-attended.

**Oct. 10 forum in Bremerton, photos by Annie Strosnider**

Central Kitsap School Board candidates Eric Greene, left, and Jason Skifstad answered questions at the Norm Dicks Conference Center.



Robert C. Perkins, left, and Axel Strakeljahn, candidates for Port of Bremerton Commissioner.



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***Mark Your Calendars: 'Meet and Greet Elected Officials***

Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., is the date and time set for our annual "Meet and Greet Elected Officials." This year, we have invited the Kitsap Transit Board to a potluck brunch at Island Lake Community Center, whose log walls and fireplace will provide a lovely ambience.

This will be a great opportunity to chat informally with Transit Board members and to learn about transportation issues and plans. More details will be forthcoming in the next Voter, at unit meetings, and by Mailchimp.

***Find Us on Social Media***

Your League has been working hard to expand its outreach on social media. Please take a minute to like us on Facebook and follow us on the medium of your choice. Here is where you will find us:

- Website: [www.lwv-kitsap.org](http://www.lwv-kitsap.org)
- Facebook: League of Women Voters of Kitsap
- Twitter: @lwvkitsap
- Instagram: lwvkitsap

If you are interested in helping with publicity on social media, please contact Ann Strosnider.

***LWV/WA Gears Up for 2018 Legislative Session With Action Workshops***

These workshops cover LWV/WA advocacy priorities for the upcoming legislative session and help you learn about the issues expected to come up.

This year we have three Action Workshops planned — Nov. 18 in Olympia, Dec. 2 in Tacoma, and Jan. 6 in Seattle. The registration fee of \$25 includes lunch, coffee and all workshop materials.

Register at [www.lwvwa.org](http://www.lwvwa.org) and let Catherine Ahl, our Education Lobbyist, know if you plan to go to one of these: 360-697-7924, [cathahl@hotmail.com](mailto:cathahl@hotmail.com).