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Finding Common Ground

We hope you'll join us for our next community education forum:

When: Tuesday, Sept. 26

Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Where: Norm Dicks Government Center, 345 Sixth St., Bremerton

Guest Speakers: Reps. Michelle Caldier, R-26th District and Sherry Appleton, D-23rd District

Mark Your Calendar

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 13, South Kitsap Unit meeting, 9 to 11 a.m., Port Orchard Library (enter through back door); CK members welcome; contact Adrienne Davis

Sept. 26, Public Meeting, "Finding Common Ground," 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., with Reps. Appleton and Caldier at the Norm Dicks Center in Bremerton

Sept. 27, North Kitsap Unit meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, Poulsbo Library; CK members welcome; contact Pam Hamon

Sept. 27, Bainbridge Island Unit meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., The Marketplace in Lynwood Center; contact Maurie Louis

OCTOBER

Oct. 7, Board Meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, Poulsbo Library

Oct. 11, South Kitsap Unit meeting, 9 to 11 a.m., Port Orchard Library (enter through back door); See CALENDAR page 2



Michelle Caldier

\* Rep. Michelle Caldier, R-Port Orchard, has represented the 26th Legislative District since 2015. The district includes the southeastern Kitsap Peninsula, from Bremerton and Port Orchard in the north, to Gig Harbor in the south. Caldier serves on the House Appropriations, Education and Health Care and Wellness committees.



Sherry Appleton

\* Rep. Sherry Appleton, D-Poulsbo, has represented the 23rd Legislative District since 2005. The district includes East Bremerton, Bainbridge Island, Poulsbo, Kingston and Silverdale. Appleton is the chair of the House Local Government Committee. She also serves on the House Public Safety and House State Government, Elections & Information Technology Committees and the Joint Committee on Veterans' and Military Affairs.

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Our fall candidate forums start Sept. 28.

For story and listings, see page 3

'Oktoberfest, League-Style: Discuss the Issues'

The October general meeting/social will focus on the KRL levy and other ballot topics. It will be for members only (invite new prospective members too!), time and place will be announced by email and in unit meetings. This will be a chance for units to come together, share ideas, and have some fun. Refreshments will be awesome, too!

## President's Corner

The Board met for its retreat and summer board meeting in July and decided that the theme for our public meetings for 2017-18 will be Civil Discourse. The first of these meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. September 26 at the Norm Dicks Center in Bremerton. Sharon Shrader will be the moderator. Reps. Sherry Appleton, D- District 23, and Michelle Caldier, R-District 26, will discuss how they work together for the benefit of the citizens of the state of Washington. This should be a very interesting and informative meeting. Be sure to attend and bring your questions!

The General Election season is upon us and the Forums

Committee is busy planning candidate forums for late September and October. Please contact Kim Abel to volunteer at any of these important events.

Pam Hamon needs volunteers for Voter Registration events. Please contact her to participate in this activity.

"Oktoberfest, League-Style: Discuss the Issues" will be our October member meeting. More information will be forthcoming by email and your unit leaders.

The board has developed an ambitious calendar of public meetings on topics ranging from housing to climate change to water to hearing from your elected officials. We look forward to seeing many of you in the next few months.

Myra Howrey, LWV/K President

## Finding Common Ground — a Conversation

One of the focuses of this year's LWV/K program is civil political dialogue, and that is the theme of our September public education forum, titled Finding Common Ground. It will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. September 26 at the Norm Dicks Government Center in Bremerton.

The Program Planning Committee is excited to announce that the speakers for this program will be Reps. **Sherry Appleton**, D-23rd District, and **Michelle Caldier**, R-26th District.

Reps. Appleton and Caldier, in turn, are pleased to be invited to talk about their efforts to forge compromises leading to legislation that is fair to all citizens. You may have seen their co-authored article about health care funding in *The Kitsap Sun*, just one demonstration of their willingness to collaborate while respecting other viewpoints. Reps. Caldier and Appleton will address how our lawmakers might "find common ground" not only on health care, but also on other seeming impassables in the Legislature.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. We expect a large audience because, as we all

sense, the public is eager for reassurance that government can do its job. Also invited are heads of agencies, local government officials and members of LWV of Pierce County.

Help us spread the word about this worthwhile program among your friends and online networks.

Unit leaders will arrange carpools and encourage discussions of questions we might pose for the representatives and arrange carpools at their September meetings.

Meanwhile, you might like to read up on their activities on their websites:

■ [www.michellecaldier.housepublicans.wa.gov](http://www.michellecaldier.housepublicans.wa.gov)

■ [www.housedemocrats.wa.gov/legislators/sherry-appleton](http://www.housedemocrats.wa.gov/legislators/sherry-appleton)

See you all in Bremerton on September 26! It will be an interesting discussion. — Lydia Olsen

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CK members welcome; contact Adrienne Davis

**Oct. 25**, North Kitsap Unit meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, Poulsbo

Library; CK members welcome; contact Pam Hamon

**Oct. 25**, Bainbridge Island Unit meeting, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., The Marketplace in Lynwood Center;

contact Maurie Louis

**NOVEMBER**

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

### ON THE WEB

Find our local League news, meeting notices, reminders and publications on our Facebook or our website, [www.lwv-kitsap.org](http://www.lwv-kitsap.org). Be sure to 'like' us on Facebook.

# *The Kitsap Community Suicide Prevention Coalition*

*(www.KitsapSuicidePrevention.org)*

Following the Newtown, Connecticut tragedy in 2014, our League's health care committee decided to address the gun issue. After our research showed that more than 87% of deaths by firearms in Kitsap County were suicide rather than homicide or accidents, we chose to focus on suicide prevention. After a very successful forum where organizations from all across the county attended, the League's suicide prevention program became a separate

organization titled the Kitsap Community Suicide Prevention Coalition with more than 20 supporting organizations and more than 200 individual members. Maurie Louis and Pam Hamon are the League's representatives.

Maurie is the current chair and Pam performs as the scribe and coordinates the distribution of more than 5,000 suicide prevention bookmarks. The Coalition has worked very closely with the Kitsap Mental Health Services and the Crisis Clinic of the Peninsulas. In 2015, the Coalition hosted a



suicide prevention youth poster competition. It received \$2,000 in donations and more than 40 student participated. The competition's theme was ASK — LISTEN — ACT.

Bremerton Kitsap Access Television has donated four 30-minute segments to share the Coalition's suicide prevention message of ASK — LISTEN — ACT. They will tape its second segment on September 9. The Coalition participated in seminars sponsored by the Crisis Clinic of the Peninsulas and had a booth

at the most recent "Listen to Your Art" music and art festival put on by the students of the West Sound Academy, with all proceeds going to the Trevor Project, a national suicide prevention program primarily for the LGBTQ community.

The Coalition will have a booth at the "Kitsap Peninsula Out of the Darkness" walk September 23 at Bainbridge High School. For information on being a League representative on this Coalition, contact Pam Hamon or Maurie Louis.

— Maurie Louis

## *League Has Candidate Forums Covered This Fall*

September and October always are busy for the League. This year our intrepid forum team has every candidate election race in Kitsap covered!

Beginning September 28 through October 11, we will provide voters with forums. Thanks to Bremerton Kitsap Access Television for taping, replaying and streaming each event.

If you can help or know someone who want to help out, please have them contact Kim Abel at [kbabel@wavecable.com](mailto:kbabel@wavecable.com) or 360-874-6774.

Here are the dates, times and places to save on your calendars and share with friends:

■ **September 28**, 6 p.m., Kitsap County Commissioners Chambers:  
South Kitsap School Board Director position 3 and City of Port Orchard Council Position 6 and Council at-Large

■ **October 3**, 6 p.m. Norm Dicks Government Center:  
Bremerton City Council Districts 1, 3 and 5; followed by Bremerton Mayor

■ **October 9**, 6:30 p.m. Poulsbo City Council Chambers:  
Poulsbo Mayor followed by North Kitsap School District Director Districts 1 and 3

■ **October 9**, 6:30 p.m. Bainbridge City Council Chambers:  
Bainbridge City Council District 3 South Ward, District 5 Central Ward and District 7 North Ward

■ **October 10**, 6 p.m. Norm Dicks Government Center:  
Central Kitsap School District Director District 5 followed by Port Of Bremerton Commissioner District 1

■ **October 11**, 6:30 p.m. Bainbridge City Council Chambers:  
Bainbridge Island School District Director  
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## *Water Resources Committee — Let's All Get Water Literate!*

The League's Water Resources Committee has nine members and anyone who wants to join is certainly welcome! We first met in May when we reviewed the League's nation, state, and local positions on water issues and discussed what water issues interested or concerned us. We decided the subject of 'water resources' includes three categories: Water Supply (sources and delivery); Stormwater Management; and Wastewater Treatment. While the protection and enhancement of streams and Puget Sound certainly is a water issue, the topic is large and many other groups are focused on it directly and so it is not part of our focus. Though as we are learning, managing our stormwater and protecting groundwater also protects surface waters.

The committee is meeting with agencies involved in water supply, stormwater, and wastewater, is learning how these services are provided and what authorities and regulations guide their activities. We have undertaken three field trips with a fourth planned for August 24 to meet the Kitsap Public Health District on private wells and septic systems. These meetings and field trips have been fascinating! Kitsap PUD discussed its provision of water supply for many

parts of the county and highlighted that, with the exception of Bremerton, all the sources of drinking water in Kitsap are from ground water, giving rain water and aquifer protection special meaning to our county. Chris May of Kitsap County's Surface Water Management took us on a tour of three stormwater projects that use new 'Green Infrastructure,' which is slow, clean and infiltrates stormwater. The Silverdale and Manchester stormwater facilities were in action as the rain fell. We were soggy but we learned a lot! We also visited the Bremerton water system touring their Casad Dam, watershed and disinfection facility. The city owns the 8,000-acre watershed area that protects water provided to city residents and a major water user — the Navy.

The committee plans to take the information it is learning to prepare 'primers,' in cooperation with the appropriate agencies, to help people become more aware of where their water comes from, and where it goes. Later we will have regional (South, Central and North Kitsap) public forums for all to learn about these important resources and the part public infrastructure plays in protecting our water resources.

— Betsy Cooper

### *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:** 4th Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m. at Poulsbo Library, upstairs meeting room; Central Kitsap unit members welcome to attend; contact Pam Hamon

**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.

### *League 101*

Sessions have yet to be scheduled but emails will be sent to newer members when dates have been arranged. We will try to have several covering the county. For information, contact Pam Hamon.

### *From State Convention*

1. Convention delegates adopted bylaws changes and a 2017-2019 budget. Officers

and board members for 2017-2019 were elected, along with the 2017-2019 Nominating Committee (to be chaired by our very own Kim Abel).

2. The following program items were approved by convention delegates:

a. Promote public education and action concerning universal health care coverage in Washington State subsequent to the end of the 2017 Legislative Session and any resultant fallout from federal actions.

b. Update the current LWV/WA Position HC-1 to focus on behavioral health status with a survey of the status of behavioral health diagnosis, treatment, in-patient and out-patient facilities, and state housing needed in WA State.

c. Public Education on tax structure in Washington state

d. Internet privacy

e. Follow-up with next steps on I-735 (WAmend) — action and citizen education (Thanks to Kim Abel and Martha Burke for advancing this item.)

### *BI Unit Report*

In July, the Bainbridge Unit decided to mail a questionnaire to all members asking the following questions:

1. If you feel you are not an active member, can you tell us the primary reason you can't participate in many of the activities?
2. Is there anything we can do to help you participate in more of the meetings and activities such as carpooling or babysitting?
3. What topics would you like to be discussed at your unit meetings during the 2017-2018 season?

4. What guest speakers would you like to see at one of our unit meetings?

The letters will be mailed in late August, each with a stamped and addressed return envelope. The members can, if they prefer, call either Annette Maxson or Maurie Louis to discuss the questions.

Unit members also decided on the design and production of a pamphlet or document describing the Bainbridge Island City Government which will include, at a minimum, a current job description of every elected and some of the appointed city governing positions. This project will be for the 2017-2018 League year.

### *Voter Registration*

Our Voter Registration effort has started but more volunteers are needed. Please contact Pam Hamon if you would like to help.

## Please Join the LWV/K Housing Committee

Dear League Members:

There is a major crisis in available housing in Kitsap for middle- and low-income persons including children at all ages, students at Olympic College, veterans, disabled people and the elderly. For example, 50 OC students sleep and live out of cars they park in a protected parking lot provided by the college. Is this all we can provide these ambitious and tenacious students who are our future? The crisis will only worsen as the anticipated home and rental costs increase.

The LWV position is that all of us are entitled to decent housing. LWV/K's Housing Committee is working with and participating

with county and city officials and other housing organizations/advocates to find solutions to make homelessness rare and eventually non-existent in Kitsap. Carollynn Zimmers, Connie Syapin and I, Sue Hughes, ask you to join us in ensuring all Kitsap County residents are given the opportunity to have a safe and secure home with all the joy, safety, stability and peace a home provides. You will be rewarded with much joy in your heart. Please email Sue Hughes at [suhughes111@comcast.net](mailto:suhughes111@comcast.net) if you would like to join our Housing Committee. We welcome you and any time commitment you can offer and will be happy to explain our current projects and future plans. Thanks for helping us if you are able. — Sue Hughes

### Observers: The Eyes and Ears of the League

League of Women Voters observer programs help ensure that "Sunshine Laws," that is, government transparency regulations, are followed. League observers at public meetings also further good communication between League and government offices and agencies. These effects, in turn, have positive impacts on our organization, on local government, and the wider community.

Besides educating League members and the public about issues and identifying where action is needed, observer programs benefit the observers, as well. Several of our LWV/K members already are observing meetings of county commissioners, school boards, the county water commission, a housing coalition, and Kitsap Mental Health agencies, and these observers surely will attest to the satisfaction they derive from helping ensure open governance and from gaining a deeper understanding of those agencies and issues. Another outcome of these observers' activism is that we have new Housing and Water Study committees, and these committees will not only educate us League members on those topics, but also enhance the work of several county agencies.

The LWV/K board encourages more members to participate in this fulfilling, invigorating LWV tradition and has established an Observer Corps Committee. This committee has developed procedures to facilitate observers' attending and reporting on meetings, as well as a process for sharing their observations with the LWV/K community. This year we can all look forward to learning more about our diverse county through observers' reports that will be posted on our website.

Unit leaders will receive details in time for September unit meetings, where committee members also will answer questions. Before then, check out LWV guidelines at [www.lwv.org/content/36-observer-corps](http://www.lwv.org/content/36-observer-corps) or the long version at [www.lwv.org/content/observing-your-government-action-guide](http://www.lwv.org/content/observing-your-government-action-guide). — Lydia Olsen

### Board Snippets

— 07/29/17

1. The next board meeting will be August 26 at the Poulsbo Library.
2. The Communications Policy committee will include the discussion of the event sign-up sheets information.
3. We will contact the Kitsap Sun to discuss coordination of dates for General Election forums.
4. Betsy Cooper gave the board an update on activities of the Water Committee.
5. The board agreed to investigate the community conversation "Ballots and Baristas" which is sponsored by Starbucks with the goal to participate should we have enough volunteers.
6. The board developed a calendar of potential meetings/events for the upcoming League year.
7. Voter deadline is August 15. This will be a September/October Voter.

### Meet Our Newest Members

■ **Jeannie Allen**, the new-old member of LWV re-joined LWV South Kitsap chapter from the Indianapolis chapter. Recent POTUS controversies fired up her passion for maintenance of independence of government branches without conflict of interest. She tried to recruit her friends to help, to vote from their values, principles and facts, not partisanship.

She moved from Lynnwood, to Indianapolis in 1989 and returned in 2015. Around 2005, she joined the League of Women Voters because she was impressed by the well-informed and friendly Leaguers she met.

Before retirement in 2014, she was a CPA. She has been married for 39 years. Their son is an

aspiring comedian in Hollywood, after completing a neuroscience degree at IU. You can catch him on [www.theIsakAllen.com](http://www.theIsakAllen.com).

Jeannie volunteered at Junior Achievement, Suicide hotline, Child Advocates, ASIE Credit Union. She enjoys aerial silk dancing, rowing, scuba diving and exploring new hobbies such as tai chi, sailing and crabbing.

■ At the LWV/K public meeting on Homelessness in Kitsap County, **Barbara Paul** discovered all the information she needed to join the League. She looks forward to actively participating in League activities, and is eager to learn the many opportunities for volunteering with LWV/K, for now mentioning Voter Registration and possibly attending Poulsbo City Council meetings. Last winter Barbara volunteered with

Kitsap County severe weather shelters, working at the Poulsbo shelter.

Barbara worked for Westinghouse in California for 26 years, then transferred to Hanford in Eastern Washington. In 2002, she moved to Poulsbo to accept a position on a 3-year special program at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. When that was completed, she worked in program management and cost estimating with General Dynamics, moving to Burlington, Vermont for 9 years. Living in Vermont was "a great experience but the winters were too much for me." Barbara chose to retire in Poulsbo after retiring in 2014.

She loves her retirement here in the west. She is involved with her church, Peace Lutheran in Bremerton, and belongs to two book clubs, one at Liberty Bay Books, and now LWV/K.

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**SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2017 Voter**

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District 2 and Director District 5 as well as Bainbridge Island Park and Recreation Commissioner District 5

Additionally, League is trying something new this year. On September 27th, we will tape 30-minute forums in studio at BKAT near the Fairgrounds for the following races:

\* KC Fire District #18, Position

3 (Poulsbo)

\* Port of Illahee District No.

6, Commissioner District 2 (Bremerton)

\* Port of Manchester District

No. 10, Commissioner District 3 (South Kitsap)

\* WestSound Utility District

No. 1, Commissioner Position 2 (South Kitsap)

\* North Perry Water District

No. 13, Commissioner Position 3 (Bremerton)

\* Kitsap County Sewer District No. 7, Commissioner Position 2 (Bainbridge Island)

\* Silverdale Water District No. 16, Commissioner Position 3 (Silverdale)

If you live in or know someone with a question for the candidates running in these smaller district races, please share with Kim Abel at [kbabel@wavecable.com](mailto:kbabel@wavecable.com) or 360-874-6774.

**DUES ARE DUE**

*Your dues for the League year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 are due now. You should have been mailed a dues renewal notice in June. 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.*

**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

as of July 24, 2017

■ Number of members to date: 133

■ 2017-18 dues paid to date: 40 members

■ % of members who have paid to date: 30%

**Clarification:** Individuals who joined during the period January – March 2017 will renew at \$30.

Those who joined April 1 to date are considered to be paid thru June 30, 2018.