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General Election Forum Update

Whew! LWV/Kitsap is getting a reputation ... a great one.

We have been asked to partner on some new events to educate voters all the while planning our regular forums.

Please mark your calendars for any and all these events. Since they may be subject to change, there will be full details next month and in your email inbox (if your email has changed, please share your change with Maurie Louis: maurie.louis@comcast.net).

Sept. 26: Kitsap Regional Library (KRL) branches in Poulsbo, Bremerton Sylvan Way and Manchester in South Kitsap are screening the Presidential debates.

Sept. 27: Kitsap Regional Library hosts discussions of the issues of the Presidential debate the evening before. League of Women Voters of Kitsap moderates.

Sept. 28 or 29: League moderates a forum with partners Kitsap County Division of Aging and Long Term Care Advisory Council, Washington Association of Area Agencies on Aging (W4A) and AARP. The format will be a short presentation on the issues facing Legislators in Olympia due to the "AgeWave," followed by questions to candidates for the Legislature in the 23rd, 26th and 35th Districts. Join us at 6 p.m. at the Kitsap County Commissioner Chambers, 619 Division St, Port Orchard.

Oct. 4: Kitsap Regional Library branches in Poulsbo and Bremerton Sylvan Way are

screening the Presidential debates.

Oct. 5: Kitsap Regional Library hosts discussions of the issues of the Presidential debate the evening before. League of Women Voters of Kitsap moderates.

Oct. 6: LWV/K and partners Kitsap Historical Society, NAACP and KRL kickoff their General Election Forums hosting the candidates for the 26th Legislative District Representatives, Positions 1 and 2, 6:30 p.m. at the Kitsap County Commissioner Chambers,

Oct. 13: LWV/K and partners Kitsap Historical Society, NAACP and KRL continue their General Election Forums hosting the candidates for the 35th Legislative District Representatives, Positions 1 and 2, 6:30 p.m. at the Kitsap County Commissioner Chambers.

Oct. 17: LWV/K and partners Kitsap Historical Society, NAACP and KRL continue

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Mark Your Calendar

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 10: Board meeting, 10 a.m., Poulsbo Library.

Sept. 14: South Kitsap Unit Meeting, 9 a.m., Coffee Oasis on Bay Street in Port Orchard.

Sept. 21: Field Trip to County Commissioner's study session, 8:30 a.m. to noon, Port Blakely Room in the Courthouse in Port Orchard; stay for lunch with Leaguers afterwards.

Sept. 28: North Kitsap Unit Meeting, 10 a.m., Hostmark Community Room, 703 NE Hostmark St., Poulsbo. Unit members will be reminded by email.

September ??: Bainbridge Island Unit Meeting to be determined. Members are being polled for best dates and will be informed by email.

OCTOBER

Oct. 19: General meeting on ballot issues, 9:30 a.m. to noon, Sheridan Park Community Center, 680 Lebo Blvd., Bremerton.

First League Field Trip of the Year

Join other Leaguers and visit the County Commissioners' study session in the courthouse in Port Orchard at 8:30 a.m. Sept. 21. Stay for lunch afterwards for discussion.

We need suggestions for future League field trips. These can be any theme and we encourage non-board members to take on the scheduling and organization. Let Myra know if you have suggestions or are interested in organizing a field trip.

President's Corner

It's September and typically I would be talking about Kitsap League activities beginning anew after a break for summer; however, this year we have been consistently active with Voter Service. Members have been working on Candidate Forums and registering voters at a number of county locations. This work will continue through the November 8 election and is a major part of League's mission. Thank you, everyone, for your hard work and dedication!

At the LWV/US Convention this summer, League bylaws were changed to

include membership to any person age 16 or older. This means that there no longer is the requirement for a member to be a U.S. citizen or be of voting age. Our bylaws were changed to comply with national League and can be viewed on the Members Only section of our website.

The board met in early August to begin the process of identifying topics and scheduling meetings for the upcoming League year. One idea that came up was scheduling some field trips throughout the county — Commissioner's meetings, visiting the county jail, women's prison in Purdy, observing a Continuum of Care meeting, Silverdale stream restoration project, Port Gamble. Any other ideas or

subjects are welcomed and encouraged — just email me please.

We will have a meeting in October to learn more about the state ballot issues and the transit tax. This will be a member meeting (guests always are welcome) where we will volunteer to take on the pro and con sides of these issues. If you want to be one of these volunteers, please let me know. This always is a fun and educational meeting.

News flash! The Kitsap League website now is set up to accept dues payments using PayPal.

Hope to see everyone soon.
Myra Howrey
LWV/K President

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their General Election Forums hosting the candidates for Kitsap County Commissioner, Position 2, 6:30 p.m., followed by the Kitsap Transit Sales Tax Measure at 7:30 at the Norm Dicks Government Center, 345 6th St, Bremerton.

Oct. 18: LWV/K and partners Kitsap Historical Society, NAACP and KRL continue their General Election Forums hosting the candidates for Kitsap County Commissioner, Position 2, 6:30 p.m., followed by the candidates for the 23rd Legislative District, Position 1 at 7:30 at the Poulsbo City Hall, 200 Moe St NE.

Oct. 19: LWV/K General Meeting — Members take on the Pros and Cons regarding the Statewide Ballot Issues, 732 (Carbon emission tax), 735 (Amendment to the Constitution re: Money in Politics), 1433 (Labor Standards and Min. Wage), 1464 (Gov't Accountability and Campaign Finance), 1491 (Extreme Protection Orders), 1501 (Seniors and Vulnerable Individuals, and the Kitsap Transit Sales Tax Measure), 9:30 a.m. Sheridan Community Center, 680 Lebo Blvd., Bremerton.

Oct. 19: Kitsap Regional Library branches in Poulsbo, Bremerton Sylvan Way and Manchester in South Kitsap are screening the Presidential debates.

Oct. 20: Kitsap Regional Library hosts discussions of the issues of the Presidential debate the evening before. League of Women Voters of Kitsap moderates.

Oct. 24: LWV/K and partners Kitsap Historical Society, NAACP and KRL continue their



Photo by Annie Strosnider

The League's July 12 primary forum at the Norm Dicks Center in Bremerton attracted a good crowd of about 90 people.

General Election Forums hosting the candidates for Kitsap County Superior Court Judge Position 5, 6:30 p.m., followed by the Kitsap County PUD Commissioner Pos. 1 at 7:30 at the Norm Dicks Government Center, 345 6th St., Bremerton.

Ballot Issues

Do you have a secret desire to debate an issue of current impact? Have you wondered how you would argue against a position that you hold? Now is your chance — Oct. 19 will be our Ballot Issues pro and con meeting which will also include the Transit Tax. Let Myra know if you want to participate and which issue you want to debate, either pro or con.

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.

DUES
*Haven't paid your dues yet?
We're making it easier — you
now can pay online at our website
in the members-only section.*

NK Unit

The North Kitsap Unit will continue to meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. at the Hostmark Apartments Community Room in Poulsbo beginning in September. Unit members will be reminded of the meetings by email.

SK Unit

The South Kitsap Unit meets every second Wednesday of the month at 9 a.m. in the loft at Coffee Oasis on Bay Street in Port Orchard. Our next meeting is Sept. 14.

At our Aug. 10 meeting, we discussed homelessness in Kitsap County and what the county does to address homelessness. We focused our discussion on two articles from the Internet: "Homelessness in Kitsap County" (2016) and "Housing and Homelessness Program Overview" (2016) on the Kitsap County Human Services site.

The unit intends to work to ensure that our commissioners are committed to the 6-month plan for a small housing project. We also want to look at ways homelessness affects the community and its residents. We may be able attend the Gimme Shelter gathering at Evergreen Rotary Park. There we can talk with a homeless person about his or her experience of being homeless.

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Meet One of Our Newest Members — Victoria Hilt

Victoria Hilt lives in Bremerton with her five-year-old daughter, Lisa. She discovered a natural talent for leadership roles while working with Head Start. She served as the Head Start Policy Council Chairperson, twice, was Parent Ambassador Alumni with the Washington State Association of Head Start and Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program as well as a member of its board of directors. In addition, she is a member of the Board of Directors for a local



Photo by Annie Strosnider
Victoria Hilt and her daughter Lisa at a July candidate forum in Bremerton.

community action agency, Kitsap Community Resources.

Victoria was honored in 2013 by the Department of Early Learning's Strengthening Families Washington "Unsung Hero Award." Also in 2013, she received the State Parent of the Year award for her actions involving Advocacy and speaking at a National Head Start Association rally on Capitol Hill in protest of the sequestration.

She serves on the Alliance National Parent Partnership Council for the National Alliance of Children's Trust

and Prevention funds where her experiences with domestic violence and child abuse and neglect are turned into positive action for prevention.

Victoria is working her way through schooling with a focus on changing public policies surrounding Early Childhood Education and building stronger families. Although she has discovered a passion in advocating and assisting other parents, she views her role as a mother to be the most important role she could undertake.

Voter Registration Update

Fourteen Kitsap League volunteers have helped register voters at the Kitsap Mall, the regional libraries, Martha & Mary and a few other locations since April. We registered 80 voters and gave out 44 information listings on non-partisan election websites, including VOTE411. Two voters wanted the ACLU information brochure on felons' voting rights. Unfortunately, 30 or more were just not interested in voting at all. We will be setting up more registration opportunities in September and October and welcome anyone who would like to help. We especially need volunteers from the Bremerton/Central and the South Kitsap Units. Pick your place to set up a table and we will provide you with the materials. Contact Pam Hamon or Lydia Olsen if you would like to help.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER ONLINE: OCT. 10

Voter Registration Deadlines from the Kitsap County's Auditor's Elections Division:

- * Online voter registration and address changes can be made until Oct. 10 to be on time for the Nov. 8 General Election.
- * New Washington voters registering in person in our Port Orchard office at 619 Division St. have until Oct. 31 to be on time for the Nov. 8 General Election.
- * Members of the military who are new Washington voters have until 8 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 8, to register.

Online: MyVote.wa.gov
Email: auditor@co.kitsap.wa.us
Fax: (360) 337-5769



Photo by Alice Millis

Pam Hamon helps a voter with registration at the Kitsap Mall. Leaguers provided voter registration at the mall and local libraries throughout the summer.



Photos by Annie Strosnider

Virginia Richter and Eloise Andrus were ready to register voters Aug. 9 at the Poulsbo library.

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Board Snippets — 8/6/16

1. The board approved a small modification to our Non-Partisan policy, which will be posted to the member's only section of the website.
2. The board worked on calendaring topics for general meetings for the upcoming League year.
3. Carol Larsen reported that half of our members have responded to the dues renewal notices. She will email out a reminder to those who haven't sent their dues in yet. We have one new member.
4. The Voter Service committee is actively working on both forums and voter registration efforts for this fall. Volunteers for these efforts are welcome.

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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.

I want to receive my Voter (newsletter) by _____ email or _____ regular mail.

(Full or partial scholarships are available upon request.)