



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.

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Be an Informed Voter

The three initiatives thus far certified for the 2018 ballot
are complex and touch on fundamental values.

- I-1631 would tax carbon emissions and specify revenue allocation;
I-1634 would ban taxes on groceries; and
I-1639 would mandate background checks, waiting periods,
age requirements, and storage requirements for firearms (ballot
inclusion dependent on the court decision).

Check out the exact wording and some of the rationales for these mea-
sures at www.sos.wa.gov or www.ballotpedia.org. LWVWA is endorsing
I-1631 and I-1639; learn why at www.lwvwa.org.

LWVK members will have the opportunity to discuss these and other
ballot measures at the general meeting from 9:30 a.m. to noon Thursday,
September 27, in the lounge of Sheridan Park Community Center. To get
us thinking, teams of Leaguers will research and present arguments pro
and con for each ballot measure, and you can be sure that the ensuing
discussions also will be lively, fun, and informative!

Other items on this meeting's program will provide an overview of
activities planned for this year, including reports from the Forums and the
Program Planning committees. And, of course, non-members are welcome
and there will be time to reconnect with friends over treats and coffee.
Do mark your calendars and plan to attend our first general meeting of
2018/19. See you there!

Directions to the Sheridan Park Community Center:

From South Kitsap, take the
Clare Avenue exit from the
Warren Avenue Bridge; follow
Clare Avenue down the hill
almost to Lebo, then turn right
into the parking lot behind the
red brick building.

From North Kitsap, take Warren Avenue through
the Sheridan Avenue stoplight and turn right on the
Callahan Avenue Exit off the Warren Avenue Bridge;
keeping right, follow the road to the bottom of the
hill, turn left on Lebo and continue under the bridge to
Clare, turn left and then left again into the parking lot
behind the red brick Sheridan Community Center.

Mark Your Calendar

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 5, League 101, 10 a.m.,
Silverdale Library; new mem-
bers will be invited by email;
contact Pam Hamon

Sept. 8, Board meeting, 10 a.m.
to noon, St. Paul's Episcopal
Church, 700 Callahan Ave.,
Bremerton

Sept. 10, SK Unit Meeting, 9 to
11 a.m., Port Orchard Library;

all members welcome; contact
Adrienne Davis

Sept. 26, NK Unit Meeting,
10 a.m., Poulsbo Library, CK
Unit members welcome; contact
Pam Hamon

Sept. 26, BI Unit Meeting,
10 a.m. to noon; for location
contact, Madelyn Fox

Sept. 27, General Meeting: Bal-
lot Measures, 9:30 a.m. to noon,
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President's Corner

Recently my sister and family (two daughters, with spouses and four children between the ages 4 and 9, all staying at my house — another story for a different occasion!) were visiting me and we got to talking and my sister expressed admiration that LWVUS had addressed an issue of the day — in this case, the issue was separating families at the border. My sister was surprised that the League takes positions on controversial issues — issues that might be considered partisan. She thought that League only did voter registration and candidate forums and might only speak out about issues such as redistricting.

We hear this all the time and it is always surprising to me to realize that the public sometimes seems confused about the meaning of non-partisanship. The LWV is a non-partisan political organization. This means that the LWV does not support or oppose candidates or political parties. We do take positions on issues that we have studied and we do speak out when needed, based on these positions. Because

many people do not understand exactly what non-partisan means, LWVUS has asked local and state Leagues to further clarify this by adding more explanatory wording to our website and other forms of communication.

Our members are encouraged to become politically active themselves, but need to remember that LWV itself will never support or oppose any candidate or any political party. This is our strength and has stood us well for almost 100 years.

We will host a members' (invite a guest!) meeting from 9:30 a.m. to noon September 27 at the Sheridan Park Community Center in Bremerton and encourage everyone to attend. League members will present the pros and cons of ballot issues and answer questions. If you want to volunteer to take part in this presentation, just let Myra know. October is the month where we will host candidate and ballot issue forums and we encourage all members to attend as many as possible. For that reason, we will not have a general meeting in October. Happy September!

Myra Howrey, LWVK President

Observer Team

Annette Maxson has resigned as chair of the Observer Team due to obligations outside of LWV Kitsap. If you have an interest in coordinating the efforts of the Observer Team, please let Myra know.

LWV 101

There will be a league 101 meeting from 10 a.m. to noon September 5 at the Silverdale library. All members are welcome, especially new members interested in learning more about League and how they can participate. Please RSVP to Pam Hamon

Board Snippets —

8/04/18

1. The board approved a plan to develop an updated website.
2. The board expressed interest in possibly hosting a LWVWA Action Workshop in 2019.
3. The board approved co-sponsoring with the Area Agency on Aging and AARP for a candidate forum in October.
4. The board discussed several possibilities for public meetings this year. We will have a ballot issue forum for League members and guests in September.

What We're Reading

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

- "Before We Were Yours," by Lisa Wingate
- "A Gentleman in Moscow," by Amor Towles
- "The President is Missing," by Bill Clinton and James Patterson

5. The Forums Committee has almost finalized the schedule for general election candidate forums.

Civics

Get informed before you vote by attending a presentation at Kitsap Regional Library in Poulsbo. It will be from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. September 29 at the library's community room.

Let's get local!

Catherine Ahl and Shelley Kneip from the Kitsap League will hold forth on and answer questions about:

- The ballot;
- Initiative and referendums;



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

- Job descriptions for different listed offices;
- Candidates and where you can find out more about them; and
- The primary election process in Washington State; two top winners move forward.

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. 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.

Helping Homeless

Many thanks to all members and friends who have contributed toiletries to our neighbors who are without shelter and lack basic necessities to make it day to day.

Please continue to donate toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant (men and women) and other hygiene items. The Dollar Store is a great place to shop!

Bring your donation to your next unit meeting or ask the Housing Committee to pick-up. Email me at suhughes111@comcast.net. Connie Waddington is the jewel who puts the zipped bags together for homeless people.

— Sue Hughes

LWVK Units

■ 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

■ SK Unit

The South Kitsap unit meets at 9 a.m. the second Monday of the month at the Port Orchard Library. All members are welcome.

Housing Committee Arranges Meetings

The committee has been busy arranging community education meetings throughout the county to inform residents about how the tiny cabins fit into the overall plan for housing and homelessness. Two meetings were conducted in August in Port Orchard and Kingston. A meeting is scheduled for September 11 in Bremerton at the Norm Dicks Building and another will be on Bainbridge Island, September 27, at the Rolling Bay Presbyterian Church. Both sessions will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Persons experiencing homelessness, people were asked what caused their homelessness in a survey in January. The responses were:

- Health Issues including Mental Health — 37%
 - Job Loss/Unable to Work — 34%
 - Eviction/Loss of Housing — 25%
 - Family Conflict — 19%
 - Substance Use — 14%
- Discharge from Systems — 10%

Tiny cabin villages typically will consist of 12 cabins (8'x12') that will provide temporary housing for single or two-person families. The residents will undergo background checks and case management services will be provided by the Kitsap Rescue Mission. The villages will be fenced and there will be 24-hour security. The residents either will be employed or actively seeking work and will pay between \$70 and \$90 a month. There will be a central trailer to provide kitchen facilities, bathing and laundering. The average length of stay in similar villages is 90 days. Our faith-based community has played a major role in constructing the cabins and grants, donations are covering the costs.

I wish to recognize the terrific Housing Committee members: Becky Drotz, Rochelle Harma, Judy Rae Karlsen, Connie Syapin, Marguerite Thomas, Barb Willock and Carollynn Zimmers. These individuals are dedicated to assuring every one of our neighbors has decent and safe shelter.

— Sue Hughes, Chair

A Quiz About Women in Our History

... but who are left out of history books
(National Women's History
Museum)

1. This 16-year-old girl rode further and warned more people about the British coming than Paul Revere.
2. A woman who raised cotton came up with the concept of the cotton gin and then worked with her houseguest Eli Whitney to finish it. Whitney gets 100 percent of the credit in history books.
3. This woman invented and patented the first dishwasher in 1886.
4. This secretary patented her invention "Liquid Paper" correction fluid to cover up her typing errors. (In 1979 Gillette bought her patent for \$47.5 million).

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General Election Forum Schedule

(Look for details in the October Voter)

Oct. 3, 6 p.m.: 26th Legislative District candidates, Representatives 1 and 2 and State Senator, Kitsap County Commissioner's Chambers, Port Orchard

Oct. 4, 6:30 p.m.: Connecting Bainbridge: SAFE Mobility Levy, Bainbridge Island City Hall

Oct. 8, 6:30 p.m.: Initiative 1631 (concerns pollution) and Initiative 1634 (concerns taxation of certain items intended for human consumption), Poulsbo City Hall

Oct. 9, 6 p.m.: 23rd, 26th and 35th Legislative candidates forum on the Age Wave (in conjunction with the Area Agency on Aging), Kitsap County Commissioner's Chambers, Port Orchard

Oct. 10, 6 p.m.: Kitsap County Coroner

and South Kitsap School District Bond and Levy, Kitsap County Commissioner's Chambers, Port Orchard [if the Gun Safety initiative makes it to the ballot, the SK School Bond Levy will change to another date]

Oct. 11, 6 p.m.: 35th Legislative District, Representatives 1 and 2 and State Senator, Norm Dicks Government Center, Bremerton

Oct. 16, 6:30 p.m.: Kitsap County Auditor and 23rd Legislative District State Representative Position 1, Poulsbo City Hall

Oct. 18, 6:30 p.m.: Kitsap County Public Utility District Commissioner and 23rd Legislative District State Representative Position 1, Bainbridge Island City Hall

Olympic College Diversity Conference: Revive, Reunite, Restore, June 21-22, 2018

In her keynote address and her session on White Fragility, Dr. Robin DiAngelo, challenged white attendees to answer some key questions and to discuss white fragility based on their personal history with people of color attendees. It was eye-opening, uncomfortable and informative. Her challenges illustrated how difficult it is to talk about racism, admit our own role in it, to truly understand what it means to be white, and what equality really is all about. Based on discussions with other attendees, we were all inspired by her presentations to reevaluate our truths and to seek more knowledge on this subject.

In breakout sessions, Narrative Necessity: ReSTORYing Personal Power, Lisa J. Ballou; Sure You Can Ask Me a Personal Question: Introduction to The Medicine Circle, Cynthia Savani; Our History, Our Leaders: The Civil Rights Then and Now, Tracy Flood; and In the Age of Trump: Promoting Equity over Equality in Speech, Dr. Farhana Loonat; we were immersed in very engaging, educational discussions, such as (1) how we are “otherised” — devalued, victimized, and how we then carry a subconscious narrative that has to be continuously deconstructed; (2) how it is dehumanizing to be invisible, and how past transgressions against ancestors cause historical trauma to descendants as part of our personal history; (3) how people fear difference and change and how it contributes to the lack of progress in civil rights; (4) how when we treat everyone’s speech the same, we can disadvantage individuals and fail to give minoritized interests the additional support they need in deliberation, causing dominant groups to continue to perpetuate inequity. We were challenged to “pay attention to your attention” — in other words, pay attention to how suggestions are received and acknowledged by the dominant group in the room when made by the minority or dominant attendees in the room. Are the exact same suggestions received and acknowledged differently based on who made them?

I highly recommend LWV members attend future diversity conferences — an exceptional learning experience — as well as read Dr. DiAngelo's book, “White Fragility: Why It’s So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism.”

— Diane Manning, CK Unit

Answers

1. Sybil Ludington
2. Catherine Littlefield Greene
3. Josephine Cochrane
4. Bette Nesmith Graham

In Memoriam

We recently lost two Kitsap League members. Natalie Bryson, who joined the Kitsap League in 2007, died on June 19. Blossom Tibbits, a LWV Life Member, who also was a past LWV Kitsap treasurer and president, died on August 5.

League's Efforts to Get Out the Vote

As part of our Get Out the Vote efforts for the Aug. 7 primary election, League members and friends displayed banners at the ferry docks at Southworth, Bremerton and Bainbridge Island. It was a reminder to the hundreds of motorists coming off the ferries to get their ballots in on time. We also reminded them that they didn't need to rummage for a stamp this year since postage was prepaid by the state.



Barb Willock displayed the banner near the Southworth ferry dock on July 27.

Photo by Annie Strosnider



Photo by Madelyn Fox

The four League members on a bench at the corner of Highway 305 and Winslow Way on Bainbridge Island in between ferries are (from left): Jackie Bailey, Rosalind Renouard, Barbara Boleda, and Karen Faye.



Submitted photo

Karen Faye, left, and Barbara Boleda unfurled their banner at the Bainbridge ferry dock on July 27.



Photo by Madelyn Fox

Ann Brown urges citizens to mail in their ballots at the Bainbridge ferry terminal.

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Sheridan Park Community Center, 680 Lebo Blvd., Bremerton

OCTOBER

No general meeting; members are encouraged to attend and help at candidate forums.

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER — TBA

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; Bremerton 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.