



The Kitsap

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS/KITSAP

SUMMER 2016

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Primary Forum Schedule

When: Tuesday, July 12

Time: 6:30 to 9 p.m.

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

a) County Commissioner b) 26th Legislative

District #2:

Charlotte Garrido

Dino Davis

Roger Gay

Chris Tibbs

District #1:

Bill Scheidler

Jesse Young

Larry Seaquist

Alec Matias

Mark Your Calendar

July 12: Primary Candidate Forum: 6:30 to 9 p.m., Norm Dicks Government Center:

- a) County Commissioner district #2 (Charlotte Garrido; Dino Davis; Roger Gay; Chris Tibbs)
- b) 26th Legislative District #1 (Bill Scheidler; Jesse Young; Larry Seaquist; Alec Matias)

July 14: Primary Candidate Forum: 6:30 to 9 p.m., Poulsbo City Hall:

- a) 23rd Legislative District #1 (Sherry Appleton; Loretta Byrnes; Jack Carroll; April Ferguson)
- b) PUD No. 1 Commissioner Position #1 (John Armstrong; Rusty Grable; Denice Ledingham; Debra Lester)

July 16: Board Retreat, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., home of Sharon Shrader

July 18: Voter Service Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Hostmark Community Room, Poulsbo

Aug. 2: Primary Election

When: Thursday, July 14

Time: 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Where: Poulsbo City Hall
200 E Moe St., Poulsbo

a) 23rd Legislative

District #1:

Sherry Appleton

Loretta Byrnes

Jack Carroll

April Ferguson

b) PUD No. 1

Commissioner Position #1:

John Armstrong

Rusty Grable

Denice Ledingham

Debra Lester

Please Note

The Office of Superintendent of Public Schools Forum held Friday, June 17, will be replayed on BKAT on the following dates:

July 3: 11 p.m.

July 13: 10 a.m.

President's Corner

This summer is going to be a busy one for Kitsap Leaguers. In addition to the two primary candidate forums (on July 12 and July 14), members will be busy registering voters at the Kitsap Mall, Kitsap Regional Library branches, area nursing homes and many other locations yet to be determined.

At our Annual Meeting, we all agreed that Focus on Voting would be our emphasis between May and November. If you want to volunteer for this effort, please contact Maurie Louis, Pam Hamon (for Kitsap Mall) or Lydia

Olsen (for the libraries).

Candidate Forum season is under way and volunteers are needed for various tasks involved in these efforts. The Candidate Forum committee is also scheduling moderator and timekeeper training. Contact Kim Abel if you are interested in either moderator/timekeeper training or if you want to volunteer for any of the forums. And as always, please plan on attending the primary forums this summer as well as the general election forums in the fall.

Dues renewal notices will be mailed soon — please respond as soon as you can to ensure a timely distribution of our 2016-2017 Member Directory.

You also will be asked which delivery method you prefer for your Voter.

Be sure to check out the Members Only section of the Kitsap website! The minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting are posted, along with many other items, such as the minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting, current board meeting minutes, a current list of our membership along with relevant contact information, the newly re-adopted Non-Partisan Policy and the newly adopted Candidate Forum Policies/Procedures.

Have a great summer.
Myra Howrey
LWV/K President

Annual Auction

Our annual meeting auction was a great success. More than \$700 was collected for Morrow Manor thanks to the generosity of our members both for donating the wonderful auction items and for purchasing the goodies. Thanks to everyone who participated in the auction and to my terrific committee members Gail Sackman and Carol Larsen for helping plan the event.

— Sue Hughes

NK Unit

The NK Unit is not planning to meet in July and August. If that changes, unit leader Pam Hamon will let everyone know. We actively registered voters in May and June and will start up again in August and September. If you are interested in helping at the Kitsap Mall, please let Pam know. Volunteers also are needed to register voters at the Poulsbo and Kingston libraries, the Poulsbo and Kingston Farmers Markets and the Silverdale YMCA.

2016 LWV Combined Washington/Oregon Council Workshop

Norman Turrill of the Oregon State Board presented a very informative talk on the differences between a league having a 501C3 and a 501C4 IRS designation. Washington state and our league are C4's

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with a C3 designation for expenditures for education. C4's are organizations with a social welfare status and not-for-profit but have proven to be a haven for "dark money" groups due to certain conditions in the rules. C3's cannot be for a political party, but may spend a certain amount of their true expenditures (\$\$ only, not in-kind) for Lobbying for particular legislation (20%) and for Grass Roots efforts to influence the public, such as initiatives (6%). Note advocacy is not the same as lobbying members of the legislature. The National League spends 6% on lobbying and 2% on grass roots, and states spend less than that.

This past year, Oregon decided to go C3 at the state and local league levels. The reasons that influenced them were:

1. Financial – Can receive grants from other C3's.

2. Members can use dues and other donations for tax deductions.
3. Record keeping is actually simpler. Oregon found they could complete the change in a year, modifying their bylaws, and making all of the notifications to the IRS, etc.

— Karen Faye

Notes From June 11 Board Meeting

- Annual Meeting 2016 minutes were approved and are posted on the Members Only section of the website.
- The Non-Partisan Policy was reviewed, amended and approved and is posted on the Members Only section of the website along with the Candidate Forum Policy/Procedures.
- We have two new members: Ardelle Rein and Dew Warnock.
- The board retreat will be July 16 at Sharon Shrader's home. The main topic will be the LWV/US Membership Leadership Development Program.
- Dues renewal notices will be mailed by the end of June. Renewing members will be asked to choose between mailed and emailed Voters.
- There will be two meetings on homelessness on June 30. League members will serve as small-group facilitators for the workshop portion.
- The Transportation Study was suspended due to lack of interest and participation.

Money in Politics – Citizens United Toolkit

At the 2016 LWV/WA/LWV/OR Council, Maurie Louis and Toyoko Tsukuda celebrated finishing the Citizens United Toolkit. The project began three years ago, following the 2013 LWV/WA Convention near



Shelton. See the tool kit here: www.lwvwaCUToolkit.org. Everyone was disappointed that the other committee members were unable to attend this public release. Many thanks to Jackie Aase, Samantha Sheffer, Janet Winans and Toyoko for their hard work on this material. And thanks to Annie Strosnider for her first-round editing. It takes a village!!

Voter Registration Efforts

Pam Hamon is very successfully coordinating voter registration at the Kitsap Mall. She has submitted our request for August and September to the Kitsap Mall management for the first and third Thursdays and second and fourth Tuesdays, from 2 to 4 p.m. Volunteers will be near the J.C. Penney store. More volunteers are needed for August and September.

Pam reports that 55 voter registration forms have been distributed so far at Kitsap Mall. She also received permission to register voters at the YMCA in Silverdale as well as the Silverdale Goodwill for both staff and customers. Dates for Goodwill and the YMCA will be set up in August and September. She has started recruiting volunteers for those. She also sent an email to Bishop Robertson asking if they needed more materials or help and has re-connected with the OurGEMS and OurGENTS programs in the high schools and will register their teens in the fall. Pam also met someone from Kitsap Community Resources who suggested we contact their office to see if we could register voters at the WIC office where the young moms get their coupons. Pam is looking for ways to assist the Hispanic community.

Lydia Olsen is coordinating voter registration at all of the Kitsap Regional Libraries. The first day of registering at the libraries, June 4, we gave out 22 registration forms, and nine were handed back to us to mail to the elections office. We also gave out six website information sheets and helped with two changes of address, in addition to providing general information about elections as people stopped by to visit. We expect the volume to increase as our advertising improves and word spreads that LWV/K will be at the libraries regularly. (It's great exposure for us.) Volunteers already have signed up for most of the spots through August for the Bainbridge Island, Poulsbo and Kingston branches.

Adrienne Davis is coordinating the Port Orchard library registrations, and more volunteers are needed for Silverdale and Bremerton. The library branch managers have been prepared for us and are most welcoming — they want the libraries to be community centers and are pleased we are doing this.

Remaining dates that we are scheduled to register voters at the

libraries are: July 9 and 23, August 6 and 20, Sept. 3 and 17, and Oct. 1. KRL also is promoting our voter service efforts on its website.

To add your name to our Volunteer List, please contact Pam Hamon (pchamon@icloud.com), Lydia Olsen (olsenej@aol.com) or Maurie Louis (maurie.louis@comcast.net). Those on the list will be contacted as volunteers are needed for specific dates and locations. Thanks for helping us Make Democracy Work!

Voter Information Websites

- www.VOTE411.org — all elected officials are listed plus voter registration and ballot information for all states
- nawj.org — National Association of Women Judges — all women judges are listed
- Information on Washington elections — lwv-kitsap.org/2016/Elections.html
- votingforjudges.org — lists qualifications and information on judges running for office
- ballotpedia.org — information on ballot issues
- ontheissues.org — information on political issues

Websites to check on accuracy of political comments and voting information:

- factcheck.org
- snopes.com
- PolitiFact.com
- flackcheck.org
- InvestigateWest.org — investigative reporting for the Northwest

Legislative Phone numbers:

- TRY's listing is in the brochure
 - 1-800-562-6000 — Legislative Hotline
 - 1-800-448-4881 — Voter Information Hotline
 - 1-800-419-2596 — State LWV office or 206-622-8961
 - (202) 224-3121 — U.S. Capitol Switchboard

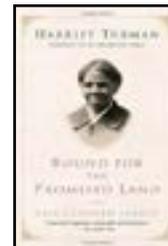
The Auditor's Office Number: 360-337-7129 (For questions on voting).

What We're Reading

LWV/K Book Club

Our book club met for the second time in June and discussed Gloria Steinham's book, "My Life on the Road."

We have chosen Kate Clifford Larson's book, "Bound for the Promised Land," which is about Harriett Tubman, as our next book. We will meet again in mid-September



and all League members are welcome to join our group. Contact contact Pam Hamon for information.

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

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_____ **\$30 Student Membership**

(includes State and National Membership)

_____ **\$90 Household Membership**

(2 or more members at the same address)

_____ **Additional donation** to support our
local Kitsap League

_____ **\$110 Carrie Chapman Catt Member**

(founder of League of Women Voters)

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_____ **\$160 Jo Huey Member**

(first president of LWV/K)

NOTE TO MEMBERS

Dues are payable in July.

Members are notified well in advance.

_____ **Donation to Education Fund**

(only donations to the Education fund
are tax-deductible)

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

(Full or partial scholarships are available upon request.)