



LWVUS Mission and Vision Statements, Newly Adopted

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.

Primary Forums

The League of Women Voters of Kitsap hosts candidate forums in an effort to inform the public on the candidates' issues and platforms when there are two or more declared candidates for a district or position.

When: Wednesday, July 11, 6:30 p.m.
Where: Kitsap County Administration Building, 619 Division St., Port Orchard

26th District Representatives: **Position 1:** Naomi Evans, Connie Fitzpatrick, Jesse Young
Position 2: Michelle Caldier, Joy Stanford, Marco Padilla, Randy Boss

When: Thursday, July 12, 6:30 p.m.
Where: Norm Dicks Government Center, 345 Sixth St., Bremerton

KPUD District 3: Commissioner: Marcus Hoffman, Nate Andrews, Dennis Veloni, Ed Hallda

26th District Senate: Emily Randall, Bill Scheidler, Marty McClendon

When: Monday July 16, 6:30 p.m.
Where: Kitsap County Administration Building

35th District Senate: Tim Sheldon, Irene Bowling, Marco Brown, George Sevier

When: Tuesday July 17, 6:30 p.m.
Where: Poulsbo City Hall, 200 Moe St. NE

Kitsap County Coroner: Jeff Wallis, Russ Reuther, Pat Dawson

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President's Corner

Happy summer, everyone! We now are entering our active Voter Service time. The Voter Registration Committee is hard at work and reports are coming in from all over the county. Becky Drotz and Connie Syapin spent a productive couple of days at South Kitsap High School in May and registered 80 new voters. This is providing impetus for other such events this summer. The Forums Committee is working on scheduling four Primary Forums and five General Election Forums. More information about these events is elsewhere in this Voter. Volunteers always are needed for greeting, collecting questions and any other last minute help the committee needs. Please let me know if you are able to help out and I'll pass your name onward.

Proceeds from the Annual Meeting were dedicated to

Water Resources Committee Meets

The Water Resources Committee will present the "Practical Guide to Water," which was developed by the committee, at a Kitsap Aware forum. The committee also will help coordinate additional speakers from agencies with technical expertise. The presentation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. August 5 at the Suquamish United Church of Christ, 18732 Division Ave. NE.

Voter Registration

Success

SK Leaguers Becky Drotz and Connie Syapin were at South Kitsap High School on May 21 and 23 and registered a total of 80 new voters!

"It was a lot of work, but very rewarding," Becky said. "Numerous thanks from both staff and students."

Pam Hamon, voter registration chair, said this is good information to share with the other schools when asking if we can go there, too. Please let Pam know if you are able to set up a voter registration day at another school.

Pam also is looking for volunteers for voter registration at other venues over the summer and through the first week of October. Please contact her if you would like to help.

Helping Homeless Tip

Donate gently used clothing and household items to Abraham's House that provides them to families in need. For information, call (360) 405-0488.

The Max Hale Center and the Bremerton Backpack Brigade are very appreciative of the donations from LWVK.

Tarps and tents are needed for homeless youth. Contact Coffee Oasis at (360) 479-5123 to donate.

LWVK Units

■ NK Unit

The North Kitsap Unit will meet over the summer: from 10 a.m. to noon June 20, July 25 at the Poulsbo Library. Carol Larsen will lead the meeting in July. There will be a potluck lunch at Pam Hamon's house for the August 22 meeting. Please RSVP to Pam if you can attend the potluck. The Bremerton/Central members are very welcome.

SK Unit

The South Kitsap unit will meet at 9 a.m. July 11 and August 8 at the Port Orchard Library. All members of LWVK are welcome to attend.

BI Unit

Maurie Louis has stepped down as the Bainbridge Island unit leader. She has held that position for several years and has chosen to take

enhancing our Education Fund account. Adrienne Davis reports that \$733 was collected! Thanks so much everyone!

You also will see elsewhere in this Voter that we will be receiving \$1,345 through the Kitsap Great Give that was April 24. These funds will help us as we plan our educational programs and meetings for the next League year.

This year's State Council was in Richland. Martha Burke, Shelley Kneip, Jeannie Allen and I attended as delegates and Carollynn Zimmers and Kim Abel joined us as well. The agenda was packed full of MELD training, workshops, and a presentation on Hanford Waste Treatment Plant, not to mention the opportunity to meet old friends, make new ones and network with local Leaguers from throughout the state. Look for a report elsewhere in this Voter from our board members on their first State Council Meeting. Myra Howrey, LWVK President

What We're Reading

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

- **"The Third Reconstruction: How a Moral Movement is Overcoming the Politics of Division and Fear,"** by Rev. Dr. William J. Barber and J. Wilson-Hartgrove
- **"Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption,"** by Bryan Stevenson



- **"The Sellout,"** by Paul Beatty

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

a break. If there is a Bainbridge member who is willing to consider being the unit leader, please contact Myra Howrey at mhowrey@hotmail.com. Your efforts will be greatly appreciated.

Board Snippets — 6/09/18

1. Current membership stands at 146. Board members approved the May 5 board meeting minutes and the May 16 Annual Meeting minutes.
2. Board members adopted the new LWVUS Mission and Vision statements.
3. Board Retreat will be July 6 at home of Gail Sackman.

4. Board members voted to mail the Kitsap Voter to all members.
5. Board members voted to remove the \$30 dues requirement for student members. Students who provide a student ID will be accepted as LWVK members for no charge.
6. Board members approved the participation of League of Women Voters Kitsap members of the Homes For All Leadership Team to help arrange public relation and educational sessions for neighbors and businesses surrounding the tentative locations of the Tiny Homes Village.
7. Kitsap County DCD has

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Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

These three ideals are priorities for many organizations these days, including for LWVUS, as you may have read in the LWVUS document, “Transformation Journey.” LWV Kitsap may be ahead of the curve because our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee already is “off and running.”

We have had two productive meetings and established the following goals: a) boost consideration of marginalized groups in government and social services; b) sponsor community education programs about diversity, equity, and inclusion issues in Kitsap County; c) engage with organizations and individuals in minority and underrepresented communities; d) Strive for LWVK membership that mirrors

our community; and e) Raise awareness among LWVK members about racial and cultural bias.

The committee now is focused on learning about demographics in our county so that we may be able to assess equity in representation and in distribution of services by government agencies. Additionally, we are reaching out to other organizations with whom we might collaborate in working toward our goals.

There are at least two members from each League unit on this committee, and we encourage units to discuss diversity, equity, and inclusion issues in their communities and relate ideas and concerns to the committee members.

Working together, we can increase League’s diversity and relevance.

— Lydia Olsen, Co-Chair with Jeannie Allen

Distinguished Speakers at Annual Meeting

After adopting program for next year and voting on other organizational matters, LWV Kitsap members at this year’s Annual Meeting were honored to be addressed by two Washington State leaders: Ann Murphy, LWVWA President, and State Senator Christine Rolfes, Senate Ways and Means Committee Chair.

Murphy presented information on the LWVUS initiative called “Transformation Journey,” that provides guidelines for making League more diverse and inclusive, and she related examples of other Washington Leagues’ activities focusing on these goals. Sen. Rolfes described the highlights of the past legislative session from her perspective as Ways and Means Chair. One of those highlights was the passage of the requirement to make high school Civics a stand-alone and mandatory course, and the Senator lauded Catherine Ahl’s leadership in that effort. Thanks to these two engaging state leaders, we gained a much better understanding of State League goals and of the workings of our State Legislature.

Our traditional silent auction was a great success, brought in more than \$700 for our Education Fund. Thanks to everyone who donated and bought items, and to Gail Sackman and Carol Larsen who organized the auction. Attendees also enjoyed viewing photo montages of our programs and activities this past year. Kudos to Annie Strosnider for compiling and designing these displays that reaffirmed that we are a vital and active organization. And Carol Larsen deserves a lot of credit for arranging for the tasty and eco-responsible lunch — she even brought her own silverware for us to use, and washed it for us afterwards!

— Lydia Olsen

Water Committee Supports Kitsap Health District’s Proposed Revised Well Protection Ordinance

The Kitsap Health Board heard public testimony on June 5 on a revision to the County’s Health Code to improve the proper operation and maintenance of small privately-owned drinking water wells in Kitsap County. The Health Board, made up of County Commissioners, city mayors and a Bainbridge Island County Commissioner, have the authority to revise the County’s Health Code. The Kitsap Health District, the county agency responsible for oversight of drinking water wells, determined that it cannot fulfill its county, state and federal mandated oversight of the approximately 900 Group B wells (wells with three to 14 connections) without additional revenue to pay for staff and administrative services. Approximately 10,000 people in Kitsap get their water from Group B wells.

The Water Committee, during its meeting with the Health District last year, learned there was an important gap in the Health District’s ability to insure that smaller well systems are operated in a consistently safe and appropriate manner and that the district had been working on code revisions for some time. The committee followed the district’s progress towards revising this ordinance and felt this iteration would be an important step towards providing resources and establishing a reasonable level of oversight, inspection and technical assistance of Group B wells.

The committee had submitted comments earlier and presented verbal testimony at the hearing on June 5, shared the National and State League Positions that supported the League’s interest and study of the issue of drinking water. The League was one of about 15 commenters. The majority of comments

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LWVWA Council 2018: Engaging the Future



Six LWVK members who attended this year's state council were, from left, Shelley Kneip, Carollynn Zimmers, Myra Howrey, Kim Abel, Martha Burke and Jeannie Allen.



Four of our League's six attendees, Carollynn Zimmer, Jeannie Allen, Shelley Kneip and Martha Burke, from left, had way too much fun at a winery. **Photos by Jeannie Allen**

Six members of the LWVK attended the State Council on June 1 to 3 in Richland: Myra Howrey, Kim Abel, Jeannie Allen, Martha Burke, Shelley Kneip, and Carollynn Zimmers. The Council is a meeting held every other year (even years), which includes the State LWVWA board members, the presidents of every local league and one additional delegate chosen by each local league. All League members may attend. This year's Council included a report from the LWVWA president on the national "Transformation Journey" issued in

2018; Membership, Membership, Engagement, and Leadership Development (MELD) training, Washington State Programs, Local League Showcases and many other activities. Martha Burke had a caucus on Money in Politics (I-735).

— Shelley Kneip

The State League had its Council in Richland and it was an opportunity for local Leagues to meet, network and exchange ideas. Creativity

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Six from LWVK Attended

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was one of the themes of the conference and the discussion about Voter Services that started during the Saturday Lunch Interest Tables was a great example of that.

Mary Coltrane on the State Board led a discussion of Voter Service but there were so many creative ideas coming from many of the local Leagues that it was decided to continue the discussion through a monthly phone call.

There will be a statewide campaign to get out the vote called "Project Vote Smart." For the primary, the State League, with volunteers from the local Leagues is willing to help organize candidate forums for races that cross county lines. Later in the day, Michelle Valentine described how her League (Snohomish) developed a monthly League Radio Hour for its local radio station.

The 2018 Council was a great success and President Ann Murphy along with the State Board did a fantastic job. — Martha Burke



Carolynn Zimmers, Margaret Colony (former LWVK member and board member now living in Anacortes), Jeannie Allen, Myra Howrey, Kim Abel and Martha Burke, from left, enjoyed dinner at this year's state council. The council was June 1 to 3 in Richland. **Contributed Photo**

Friday began with the MELD training, engaging members, developing new leaders. We learned our "True Colors" and how we can complement each other in our mission.

We were divided into PODs made up of members of diverse counties.

Others went on a Hanford tour and learned about the nuclear waste remediation process, funding, impact on workers and surroundings.

LWVWA shared the "Transforming Journey of the League" Executive Summary. Our core of nonparti-

san member organization will remain the same.

LWVWA supports Initiatives 1600 (Universal Health Care), 1631 (Pollution Fees), and 1639 (Gun Safety). They need more than 300,000 signatures to get on the ballot.

Overall, I am impressed with how well organized each day's agenda was. I enjoyed the River walk along the Columbia River, and sunny weather every day. Pool fun and board games such as "Implicit Bias" all were stimulating and relaxing. — Jeannie Allen

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spoke in opposition to having a new \$75 annual permit fee be levied per system. However, four commenters joined the League in speaking in favor of the ordinance. After the testimony John Kiess, Kitsap Health District Environmental Programs Director responded to comments made to attempt to clarify some concerns raised in the testimony.

The Health Board then decided to hold open the written comment period for

one more week. After that time the Board requested the Health District respond to any other comments received before its July 3 Board meeting where they will deliberate and presumably vote on the ordinance. The Water Committee also is reworking the testimony into a letter to the editor to reinforce support for the ordinance and expects to attend the meeting on July 3. — Betsy Cooper

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approached our League requesting assistance in a community

outreach project, "Talk Kitsap." Shelley will discuss possible participation with the South Kitsap unit.

8. Board members attending State Council talked about their experience at the meeting.



Our League received 22 donations and raised \$1,345 through the Kitsap Great Give on April 24. The money all goes to our education fund.

Thanks to all who donated!

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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 Myra Howry at mhowrey@hotmail.com

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 Wednesday 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 soon will arrive in your mailbox. For inclusion in the member directory, please return with payment as soon as possible.