



The Kitsap *Voter*

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF KITSAP

MARCH 2020

LWVUS Mission and Vision Statements

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.

What Happens to Our Garbage? Waste Management and Recycling in Kitsap County



Lori Cloutier

When: Saturday, March 28
Where: Poulsbo City Hall
Council Chambers
200 Moe St. NE
Time: 10 a.m. to Noon
Cost: Free; open to all



Eirik O'Neal



Karissa Jones



Aaron Rebmann

Most of us are concerned about the impact of waste on our environment and our health, and we worry about the future as the population in Kitsap County continues to grow. We try our best to make good choices about recycling and reducing waste, but these decisions can be confusing and seem overwhelming. To help us reduce the waste that goes into our landfills and become more efficient recyclers, our League is bringing together four speakers who work with the management of our waste.

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Mark Your Calendar

FEBRUARY

Feb. 26: Centennial Celebration with Dr. Amy Peloff, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Island Lake Community Building, 1087 NW Island Lake Road, Poulsbo; bring food to share.

MARCH

March 7: LWVK Board meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, St. Paul Episcopal Church, 700 Callahan Drive, Bremerton

March 7: LWV 101 meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, upstairs at the Poulsbo Library. Newer members are encouraged to attend to

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Looking Ahead: Annual Meeting & Luncheon

Be sure to mark your calendar for May 21 when we will have our Annual Meeting and Luncheon at the Kitsap Golf and Country Club in Bremerton. We are privileged to have Justice Raquel Montoya-Lewis as our guest speaker this year. She is the first Native-American justice in the history of the institution to be appointed to the Washington State Supreme Court.



Raquel
Montoya-Lewis

In her unique and varied career, she served as a Superior Court Judge for

Whatcom County starting in 2014 until her appointment last year by Gov. Jay Inslee to the Supreme Court. Before serving on the Superior Court bench, she combined judicial and academic careers, serving as Chief Judge for the Lummi Nation, the Nooksack Indian Tribe and the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe and as an associate professor of law at Fairhaven College of Interdisciplinary Studies at Western Washington University. Learn more about her career in the April Voter.

*President's Corner****Make 2020 a Year of Engagement***

As I write this article on the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the League of Women Voters, I hope everyone is enjoying Valentine's Day, both with happy thoughts of all you love and with eager anticipation of all the celebrations of the achievements of women LWV Kitsap has planned for the year ahead. Stay tuned for news over the summer about the September celebration of the passage of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote.

I ask everyone to put on your "work clothes" and plan to engage with the many activities we have ahead of us in 2020. Not only is it a busy election year when we will offer candidate forums for both August state primary elections and November general elections, but we have decisions to make as a local League about our own program of work for 2020-2021. Thanks to the 32 members who reviewed



Leni Skarin

the great suggestions for actions and public programs made at the January program planning meeting. The votes cast for each activity are being carefully considered by the board. At the Annual Meeting on May 21, League members will be asked to vote on a recommended program of action for the next year. Plan now to attend and support the activities you want LWV Kitsap to take on.

Sometimes there are so many interesting monthly meetings on important topics such as the upcoming "What Happens to our Garbage?" and "Climate Change and Your Health," we forget that our many committees and planning groups are engaged in actions to educate and inform as well advocate for public policy that aligns with League positions. If you enjoy the informative public meetings we offer each year,

please volunteer to work on a sub-committee to organize one of these events. One way to help is to join a committee and support that committee in offering a public outreach or education meeting next year. The small committee planning most of these events is chaired by 1st Vice President Maureen Cervinsky and would appreciate your help.

For voters in Washington state, the March 10 date for the presidential primary will give us all our first chance to raise our voices and vote in favor of the presidential candidate of our choice. If you have not already watched the excellent video about the primary process on our website, I encourage you to do so and share it with friends. Now that the Voters' Pamphlets for the primary have been mailed, many should be aware of what's happening, but one of our most important roles as League members is to encourage everyone eligible to register and then vote. Please tell everyone you know to VOTE, and mail your ballot today.

Leni Skarin, Co-president

Board Snippets***From 02/01/2020***

■ **Leni Skarin** reported that the LWV State Council will be May 29 and 30 at the Red Lion in Yakima. How many and who will attend will be decided later.

■ **Treasurer Karen Faye** reported that we have received a \$22,250.61 bequest from Elisabeth Bondy and a \$1,000 bequest from Jill Elaine Clarridge. We also have received \$2,989.37 from One Call for All on Bainbridge Island. The money from the bequests has been placed in our savings account at Kitsap Credit Union while the board investigates investment opportunities. The OCFA proceeds are in our Education Fund, to be used for our public outreach and education efforts.

■ **Census:** Leni reported that the Census Ambassador training was complete, and that ambassadors are scheduled to be at local libraries in February.

***Unit News***

NK: North Kitsap Unit will meet at the Fishline Conference Room upstairs from 10 a.m. to noon March 25, April 22 and May 27 due to renovations being made at the Poulsbo Library.

BI: Bainbridge Island Unit will meet from 10 a.m. to noon March 25 at the Madison Ave. Fire Station No. 21. Deborah Rednick from the BI Climate Change Advisory Committee will speak on the work of this committee and how they interact with the citizens, other BI climate change groups and the city council.

Bremerton/CK: Bremerton/CK Unit toasted the 100th Anniversary of the Founding of the LWV at their February meeting. The next unit meeting will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 21, at Kitsap United Way, 645 4th St., Bremerton. We will be looking at park and open space planning in Kitsap County.

SK: At its February meeting, the SK Unit discussed our successful Action Workshop in January and our visit to Olympia for

Lobby Day. Unit Leader Susan Daniel played the video produced by Maurie Louis featuring retired Superior Court Judge Anna Laurie and Auditor Paul Andrews on what voters need to know about the upcoming Presidential Primary. Next meeting is from 10 a.m. to noon March 9 at the Port Orchard Library.

Committee News***Tech Team***

Maurie Louis, our "techy" person, has expanded our equipment to include six microphones (three wireless, two wired and one collar lavalier) and a loudspeaker. She also has found a way to use her camcorder to film an event of ours and livestream it to Facebook. Maurie has put out a strong request for a volunteer (or two) from each unit area to learn how to set up the speaker and microphones so she can get some help next time there is a request. She has volunteered to show how easy it is to simply plug the microphone into the speaker

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Planning Our Future

We had a productive Program Planning meeting Jan. 29 at the Poulsbo Library. Thirty-one members attended, and one person voted by proxy. This year we focused on national and local objectives for the coming year. We voted in favor of continuing the national program on Making Democracy Work for 2020-22. Catherine Ahl also proposed a national study on charter schools.

Locally, we asked that members submit pro-



Photo by Janet Stegemeyer

Thirty-one members participated in Program Planning at the Poulsbo Library.

posals ahead of time. We received ideas for actions, studies and public programs on everything from pocket parks to suicide prevention, white supremacy and the state of local news. Members had

a chance to speak about their favored ideas and ask questions about the scope and focus of various proposals. Then we used a ranked-choice voting system, marking our first, second and third choices

in each category with red, green and blue dots. The results showed enthusiasm for taking action on getting out the vote, for public programs on local news and climate change and for a possible study of pocket parks. All of the proposals had some interest among the participants. The board will go over the results and present a recommended plan of work for members to vote on at our Annual Meeting on May 21.

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and turn it on. She already had one training session on Bainbridge with two volunteers. If you want to join her team you can contact her at maurie.louis@comcast.net or (925) 640-9002. She would greatly appreciate it.

LWV 101

The next LWV 101 meeting is from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 7, upstairs at

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Lori Cloutier, our moderator for this program, is a member of Poulsbo Rotary. She created the "Trash Talk Task Force" in 2018. The task force takes a light approach to serious topics relating to Zero Waste, Nearly Zero Waste, and recycle education. Lori will share with us her recycling expertise and introduce community-based programs supporting reuse and recycling.

Eirik O'Neal works for Kitsap County Public Works as an Education and Outreach Coordinator and

the Poulsbo Library. Newer members are encouraged to attend to learn more about League, our structure, our nonpartisanship and how we decide on both our programs and positions. This is a good time to ask questions and get to know other newer members. Remember to bring your new member packet that we will go over. RSVP to Pam Hamon, pchamon@icloud.com.

Membership

Membership Chair Carol Larsen reports

has been with the county for five years. He will discuss the current state of waste management and the long-term plan for the future needs of our community with a focus on the solid waste and recycling infrastructure in the county and current status of global recycling markets.

Karissa Jones, based in Kirkland, is a senior associate of Waste Management's Public Education and Outreach Team. She is passionate about waste reduction and frequently works with schools, businesses, and multifamily properties on improving recycling and

that we now have 195 members.

Program

The Program Committee will have a new meeting day and time. Our next meeting will be Monday, March 16, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Kitsap Tennis and Athletic Club, 1909 NE John Carlson Road, Bremerton.

The plan is to meet from 10 a.m. to noon every 3rd Monday of the month.

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composting programs. Karissa is on board to explain the specifics of what is included in WM's recycling program, what happens to trash/recycling after collection, and why some items are recyclable while others are not.

Aaron Rebmann is the WM Operations Manager for Olympic View Transfer Station and will be available to answer questions about the specifics of this operation.

For information about our guests, please visit our website, www.lwv-kitsap.org and look for coming events.

Save the Date

Join the League of Women Voters and Olympic College's Environmental Studies Program to kickoff "Earth Week," learn how climate change is affecting your health and what you and our community can do about it. Among our distinguished guests will be Dr. Kristie Ebi, University of Washington Professor, Depart-



Dr. Kristie Ebi

What: Public Education Program: "Climate Change and Your Health"
When: Saturday, April 18
Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Where: William D. Harvey Theater, Olympic College, 1600 Chester Ave., Bremerton

ment of Global Health and Department of Environmental & Occupational Health Sciences. Dr. Ebi's expertise is health risks of and responses to global change particularly climate change.

Voter Registration and GOTV

Many thanks to all those who have registered/preregistered young voters at all of our high schools, particularly Julie Shryock and Joan Spencer at Bainbridge, Carol Larsen at North Kitsap and Kingston, and Becky Drotz, who made arrangements for all three Central Kitsap high schools plus Bremerton and South Kitsap. Our efforts have been very well received at all of the high schools. Thanks, too, to those who will be riding the Bainbridge, Kingston and Bremerton ferries before the Presidential Primary. A Voter Registration and Get Out the Vote Committee has been formed representing all four units, and we are developing plans for the upcoming general election. We'll need a lot of volun-



From left, Shanar Fox from the Auditor's office, Candy Rankin, Becky Drotz and Pam Hamon registered 49 students at Olympic High School.

teers so be sure to let Pam Hamon know if you want to help if you haven't registered in the past.

Briefs

Condolences

Our condolences go out to Margaret Colony, whose husband, Roger, died on Christmas Day. Margaret was a longtime Kitsap member who now lives in Anacortes and has been active in the Skagit County League. For those who would like to contact Margaret, her address is 3274 Biz Point Road, Anacortes, WA 98221-8541.

Praise for Our Video

We received the following letter about our Presidential Primary video. It is addressed to Kitsap County Auditor Paul Andrews and to Ann Strosnider and Leni Skarin, League Co-Presidents.

Dear Paul, Ann and Leni:
 Thank you for the video "Voting in the 2020 Presidential Primary"! (I am a member of the League of Women Voters of Kitsap County and learned of the video via an LWV-KC email.)

Although as a lawyer in the prosecutor's office I have represented the auditor's office for 19 years, I learned several new and interesting things!

I especially appreciated the emphasis on voting early and the careful explanation of how ballots are processed, including how voter identity is verified and how voter secrecy is maintained.

This is a great public service. As a citizen and voter, I thank you!

Very truly yours,
 Alan L. Miles
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Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

The DEI Committee and Voter Services volunteers shared League information and offered voter registration at two events during MLK weekend: one at the Bainbridge Island Museum of Art and one at the Fairgrounds. For the BIMA event, we also submitted an article about the DEI committee to the ZINE magazine for the event.

Susan Griggs will co-chair the committee with Jeannie Allen. Thank you, Leni Skarin and Lydia Olsen, for keeping this committee going, especially coordinating the census outreach project and training Census Ambassadors with the help of Pam Hamon.

To move forward in our mission and goals, we will focus in the year ahead on conducting surveys of services available to residents of Kitsap County to identify gaps that may exist for people of color, youth, and other marginalized populations. Services we might research include health (mental and physical), education, housing, transportation, and access to retail including groceries and fresh produce. We hope that many of you are interested in this research and will help plan and conduct surveys for this project. If you are able to participate in a sub-committee to assess services, contact Susan or Jeannie.

Future events we plan to participate in include the March 21 NAACP Mission Outreach Day, Juneteenth community event, and the June 24-25 Olympic College Diversity Conference.

DEI will meet from 10 a.m. to noon on the second Friday of each month at Monica's Bakery, 3472 NW Byron St. in Silverdale. The next meeting is March 13. We are considering a second meeting, possibly online using Zoom. Please let Jeannie or Susan know if you would be interested in an alternative second meeting.

ON THE WEB

Find our local League news, meeting notices, publications, and reminders on our Facebook page or website, www.lwv-kitsap.org. Be sure to 'like' us on Facebook.

Day of Action on Bainbridge

Cynthia Shick and Alicia Vause wanted to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the League of Women Voters, so they planned a Day of Action at the Bainbridge Island library.

“For the short time frame, I thought it met the objectives for success,” Cynthia reports. “We reached quite a few young voters (20), future voters (20), and influencers (20). We handed out a lot of wavote.gov reminder slips for registration and answered a handful of questions re/census and primary ... It had the festive feel we aimed for; visitors were impressed at the notion of LWV’s 100th birthday and thanked us ‘for doing this.’ ”



Alicia Vause, right, celebrated the 100th anniversary of the founding of LWV with patrons at the Bainbridge Library on Feb. 14.



Alicia Vause and Cynthia Shick created voting Valentines for their “Day of Action” on Feb. 14.

An Opportunity to Donate

Once again, the Kitsap Great Give is coming up on April 21. This is a 24-hour, online giving event organized by the Kitsap Community Foundation to grow philanthropy in Kitsap County and surrounding areas. It’s a great day to donate to the League of Women Voters of Kitsap and other worthy organizations. The foundation encourages year-round giving, but this is a special day to celebrate Kitsap’s spirit of generosity and the work of our community’s nonprofits.



LWV Kitsap Committees and Current Chairs

Action Workshop Planning – Leni Skarin
 Centennial Celebration — Catherine Ahl
 Civics — Catherine Ahl
 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion — Jeannie Allen
 Early Childhood Education — Rosalind Renouard
 Health Care — Jessica Guidry
 Housing — Rochelle Karlsen and Connie Syapin
 Program — Maureen Cervinsky
 Publicity — Maurie Louis
 Voter Registration and Get Out the Vote — Pam Hamon
 Candidate Forums – In need of a leader
 Water — Betsy Cooper
 Website — Maurie Louis

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learn more about League, our structure, our nonpartisanship and how we decide on both our programs and positions. Please RSVP to Pam Hamon if you plan to attend.

March 9: SK Unit meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, Port Orchard Library, 87 Sidney St.

March 10: Deadline to mail ballots for Washington’s Presidential Primary

March 13: DEI Committee meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, Monica’s Bakery, 3472 NW Byron St., Silverdale

March 14: Deadline for April Voter. Email items to Ann Strosnider by 5 p.m.

March 16: Program Committee meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, Kitsap Tennis and Athletic Club, 1909 NE

John Carlson Road, Bremerton

March 21: Bremerton/CK Unit meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, Kitsap United Way, 645 Fourth St., Bremerton

March 25: NK Unit Meeting, 10 a.m.-noon, Fishline Conference Room upstairs, 19705 Viking Ave., Poulsbo

March 25: BI Unit meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, Madison Ave. Fire Station No. 21

March 28: What Happens to Our Garbage? Waste Management and Recycling in Kitsap County; 10 a.m. to noon, Poulsbo City Hall, 200 Moe St. NE

APRIL

April 18: Climate Change and Your Health, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Harvey Theater, Olympic College, 1600 Chester Ave., Bremerton

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Regularly Scheduled Events/Meetings

Unit Meetings

Be sure to check with your unit leader for any schedule changes.

Bainbridge Island: Usually the 4th Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon, Bainbridge Island Library; contact Rosalind Renouard or Madelyn Fox

Bremerton/CK: 3rd Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon, United Way of Kitsap, 645 4th St., Bremerton; contact Maureen Cervinsky

North Kitsap: Third Wednesday in February, 10 a.m. to noon, Poulsbo Library; following three months (March 25, April 22 and May 27), meets the fourth Wednesday in the conference room, second floor of Fishline's Office on Viking Way; contact Pam Hamon

South Kitsap: 2nd Monday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon, Port Orchard Library; contact Susan Daniel

Board Meetings

The board meets the first Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 700 Callahan Drive, Bremerton. All League members are welcome. Contact Ann Strosnider or Leni Skarin.