

# The Kitsap *Voter*

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF KITSAP

MARCH 2021

## Mark Your Calendar

### FEBRUARY

**Feb. 22-26:** Virtual Democracy Lobby Week 2021; see [lwvwa.org](http://lwvwa.org) to register and for information

**Feb. 24:** NK Unit meeting via Zoom, 10 a.m. to noon; contact Pam Hamon

**Feb. 25:** BI Unit meeting via Zoom, 4 p.m.; contact Colette Crosby

**Feb. 27:** DEI Zoom Webinar, 10 a.m.: Redistricting 101, Statewide and Local, with Alison McCaffree of the state League and Kitsap County Auditor Paul Andrews

### MARCH

**March 6:** LWVK Board meeting via Zoom, 10 a.m. to noon; contact Ann Strosnider or Leni Skarin

**March 8:** SK Unit meeting, 10 a.m. to noon via Zoom; contact Janet Stegemeyer

**March 8:** Health Committee meeting, 2 p.m. via Zoom; contact Pam Hamon

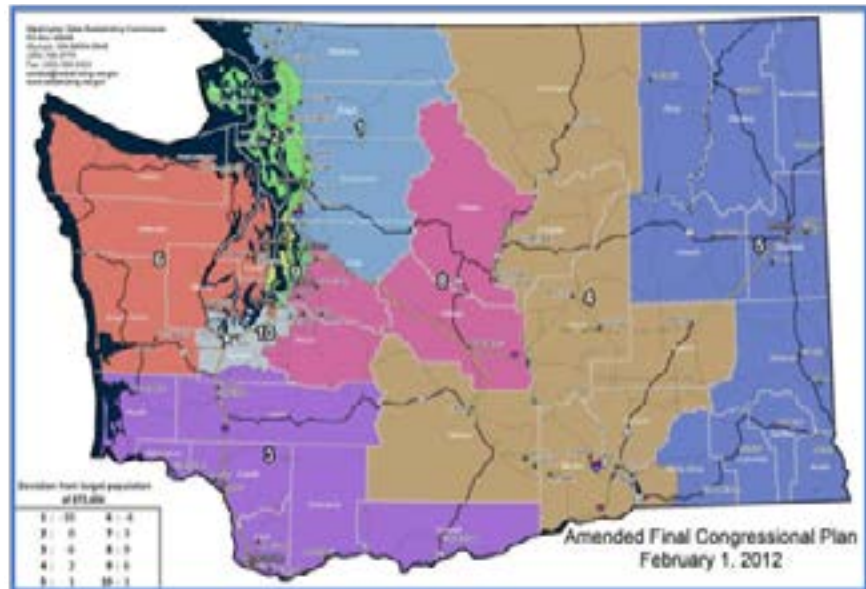
**March 13:** Deadline for March Voter. Please have all material to Ann Strosnider by 5 p.m.

**March 15:** Planning Committee meeting via Zoom; 10 a.m. to noon; contact Maureen Cervinsky

**March 20:** CK/Bremerton Unit meeting, 10 a.m. to noon via Zoom; contact Maureen Cervinsky

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## Redistricting 101: Statewide and Local



**When:** Feb. 27, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

■ Please copy and paste the link below into your browser to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82842170965>

■ Or call (audio only): 253-215-8782

Webinar ID: 828 4217 0965

Alison McCaffree, LWVWA Census and Redistricting Chair, will join with Paul Andrews, Kitsap County Auditor, to talk about how redistricting will be conducted in Washington State and Kitsap County.

## Welcome to Our New Climate Change Solutions Committee and Blog

Does the subject of climate change feel overwhelming at times with the abundance of materials to digest? Do you want to become a bit more active

in our area but don't know where to start?

Marty Bishop and Anita Rose are

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## 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.

Guest Column by Maureen Cervinsky

## Librarian Joins League to Learn, Make a Difference

I have always loved libraries. I was in my late 30's when my husband suggested I become a school librarian. That's when I spent four years getting my MEd at the University of Washington in curriculum and instruction, designed to meet the certification requirements to become a school librarian.

I feel deeply privileged to have spent 25 years as a public educator, the last 18 as a librarian at Olympic High School. I am one of those fortunate people who have had the opportunity to work in my dream profession.

After retiring in 2015, I was looking for a place where I could learn about local government and make a difference in my commu-

nity. I joined the LWV Kitsap in June 2018 and began attending NK Unit meetings. When I asked why Bremerton did not have a unit, the response was, "Would you like to start one?"



Maureen Cervinsky

In December 2018, the Bremerton/CK Unit resumed monthly meetings. I also began attending the Program Committee (now called the Planning Committee), chaired by Lydia Olsen. I was amazed at the high quality public education programs that were developed and facilitated through this committee around topics that were of great significance not only to me but also to our community. When Lydia's term expired, I joined the

LWV-Kitsap Board in June 2019 as a Vice President whose main responsibility was to plan monthly programs for League members and the Kitsap community at large. We began our 2019-20 programs with six in-person events and then the pandemic shut down the last three meetings. I am extremely impressed at how we were able to adapt to remote programs starting in September 2020 and going forward. We met the challenge together and became stronger.

While I am passing the baton to next Planning Committee Chair, I plan to continue as a member of the Bremerton/CK Unit, exploring our local government and working together to make a difference in our community.

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## Program Planning Report: An Experiment in Ranked Choice Voting

At the Program Planning Meeting, attended by 40 people, presentations were made about six proposals for public education meetings and six proposals for actions/projects. Ballots were sent after the meeting to all members, and 51 were returned with choices in each category ranked 1 through 6.

The ballots were tallied recording the number of votes for each proposal in a table with the choices

numbers 1 through 6. This tally table allowed for determining the order of preference of the proposals in three ways.

1) The simple tally ranked the proposals by the total of No. 1 votes for each. 2) The second tally used weighted choice, where a No. 1 vote is worth 6 points, No. 2 is 5 points, No. 3 is 4 points and so on. 3) The third tally method was ranked choice, also called

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here to help! We've created a new Climate Change Solutions Committee, and we've also started a blog in which you can easily find upcoming events, articles, links and graphs pertinent to our lives. To see it, go to [lwvkitsapclimate.blogspot.com](http://lwvkitsapclimate.blogspot.com). Please wander through it, sign up for the mailing list (by clicking "Subscribe" on the Home page) and, most importantly, give us your comments, suggestions, links, event notices and anything else that you might want to add. In time, we hope our site will expand as a comprehensive site for information and events in our area.

Thoughts? Email us directly at [inedarose2@gmail.com](mailto:inedarose2@gmail.com) or at [martyl.bishop@gmail.com](mailto:martyl.bishop@gmail.com). — Anita Rose



## Board Snippets

From Feb. 6, 2021

■ **Investment of Funds:** After a second meeting with a representative of the Kitsap Community Foundation, we have decided not to pursue investing our bequest with them. The fees are too high and annual amount we could withdraw too low to make it financially responsible for us.

■ **OFCA:** Treasurer Karen Faye reported that we are to receive \$4,345 for our Ed Fund from One Call for All on Bainbridge Island.

■ **Budget Committee:** Karen Faye volunteered to call a meeting of the Budget Committee to draw up a budget for the coming fiscal year. It will be presented at the annual meeting on May 19.

■ **TRYS:** Catherine Ahl and Barb Willock are working on our publication They Represent You, which must be updated with the results of the 2020 election. At present we do not have as many places to pass them out because of the pandemic, so we probably will start with a smaller press run and print

Judy Tallman has volunteered to be an observer at meetings of the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners: from left, Rob Gelder, Charlotte Garrido and Ed Wolfe.

## Observer Corps Starting Small



We have not formally started our new Observer Corps, but member Judy Tallman of Hansville decided to begin on her own by attending the Kitsap County Commissioners' meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 5:30 p.m. For now the meetings are on Zoom, which makes attendance easier. Judy plans

more later as necessary.

■ **Membership:** Membership Chair Carol Larsen reported that we currently have 205 members.

■ **Storage Unit:** Carol Larsen reported that our storage unit at Randall Way LLC, 3442 NW Randall Way, Silverdale, is paid through August at a cost of \$203 a month. Members who have seen it say the storage area is spacious and secure. — Ann Strosnider

to do short reports on her observations. If anyone else wants to join her, she can be reached at [judy.tallman@comcast.net](mailto:judy.tallman@comcast.net). For the state League's latest Observer Corps Toolkit, go to [lwvwa.org/Observer-Corps](http://lwvwa.org/Observer-Corps).

### ON THE WEB

*Find our local League news, meeting notices, publications, and reminders on our Facebook page or website, [www.lwv-kitsap.org](http://www.lwv-kitsap.org). Be sure to 'like' us on Facebook.*

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instant runoff. The steps for ranked choice majority determination are as follows: If no one topic receives more than 50 percent of the total votes, drop the topic with the lowest number of first place votes. Then replace the first place choices that are eliminated with the 2nd choice on those ballots. Continue dropping the lowest topic of first place choices and replacing with the 2nd choices until one topic has more than 50 percent to become the first place topic. Ranked choice is more complicated, but it guarantees that the winner receives a majority, not just a plurality. Each tally revealed almost identical results!

The results will be evaluated by the board to determine what program of work topics to recommend to the members at Annual Meeting in May. For Action Topics, the choices were: 1) Climate change; 2) Civics Education/election security; 3) Observer Corps; 4) LWVK Liaisons; 5) Becoming a Democracy book discussion; and 6) The State We're In: Washington discussion.

For public education meeting topics, which will be considered by the Planning Committee, the choices were: 1) Reproductive Health/End of Life Options; 2) Inequities of Health Care; 3) Broadband Access in Kitsap; 4) Promoting solar panels; 5) 0-5 Early Childhood Development; and

6) End of Life Washington.

Three topics that were proposed already have been approved by the board and are considered ongoing projects: Pocket Parks, Quality of Life and Growth Management; the "0 to 3" Committee's research; and the collaboration between the League and Coffee Oasis on educating youth in

the basics of civics.

By a vote during the meeting, our League approved Catherine Ahl's proposal that we ask the state League to do a study of charter schools. It should include the successes, failures, funding, effects on public education, administration, and accountability.

— Leni Skarin

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## LOOKING AHEAD

**April 20:** Kitsap Great Give

**April 21:** Plastics: Global Issue, Local Insight, 5 p.m. Zoom Webinar; a collaboration with Olympic College during Earth Week

**April 25:** Final day of legislative session

**May 19:** Mark Your Calendar for our League's Annual meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Zoom



# Zoom Webinar: Climate Change and Your Health

We are all eager to slow the pace of our rising global temperatures. The reality is that our temperatures will continue to rise even as we combat climate change, and rising global temperatures will exact a terrible toll on our health and wellbeing.

While the impact will be most acutely felt in the poorer and hotter parts of the world, wealthy countries also will pay an exacting price. A city such as Seattle, which does not have a heat-adapting resilience already in place, will sustain far greater damage from scorching temperatures than a city such as Houston. Poor people and those with preexisting conditions will



**Dr. Kristie L. Ebi** is a Professor in the Center for Health and the Global Environment at the University of Washington.



**Lauren Jenks** is Assistant Secretary for Environmental Public Health at the Washington State Department of Health.

be more likely to die from direct causes such as heatstroke, but also from indirect causes such as heart attacks brought on by days of extreme temperatures.

We can prevent needless death

**When:** Saturday, March 27, 10 a.m.

**Link to join Webinar:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84350857587>

and suffering from the consequences of climate change if we plan for the rising temperature, and we need to start planning now. To help us prepare for climate change and the various public health consequences, we have asked Dr. Ebi to share her research on the impact of global warming and what to do about it, and Jenks to outline the steps that Washington State's Department of Health is taking to address this looming public health crisis.

— Maureen Cervinsky

## Committee News

### Health Committee

The Health Committee will have its regular Zoom meeting on the second Monday of the month, March 8, at 2 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Joe Roszak, Director of Kitsap Mental Health Services, on the topic of the lack of any psychiatric beds on the Olympic Peninsula. Anyone interested in attending this meeting or joining the committee may contact Pam Hamon for the Zoom connection.



### LWV 101

We will have two LWV 101 meetings in March: Friday, March 5 and Saturday, March 20, both at 10 a.m.

Newer members from any unit are invited to attend. Come and learn how League works. It's a good time to meet other members, ask questions about League and learn about our many activities. Contact Pam Hamon or Carol Larsen if you would like the Zoom connection for either date.

### Speak Up School

Susan Griggs announced that the Speak Up School, designed to train local residents to speak before the state Redistricting Commission, is postponed. It was to have occurred in March, but now that the entire Census report has been delayed, it makes sense to hold it later in the year. Stay tuned for new dates.

### Legislative Update

The Legislature is in full swing with

a plethora of bills moving rapidly through committee. There is so much critical legislation moving forward I can't highlight them all. If you are not getting the state League's Legislative Newsletter, which highlights bills where action is needed immediately, please let me know. Below are some of the key deadlines to keep in mind:

■ **Feb. 15:** Bills must have moved out of committee except for fiscal bills.

■ **Feb. 22:** Fiscal bills must move out of committee.

■ **March 9:** Bills must pass their chamber of origin.

■ **March 26:** Most bills must pass out of committee from opposite chamber.

■ **April 2:** Bills must be out of the House and Senate budget committees.

■ **April 25:** Last day of the session.

— Martha Burke

## What We're Reading

LWVK offers a peek into what we're reading. Here is what a member is reading:

■ **"Loving Day"** by Mat Johnson.

I just finished reading *Loving Day* by Mat Johnson. This novel takes its title from the celebration of the anniversary of Loving v. Virginia, the 1967 Supreme Court decision which overturned laws banning interracial marriage. The mixed-race protagonist Warren Duffy is partly based on the author's own experience as the son of an African American mother and an Irish father — who identified as Black growing up, but looks White.



The story unfolds as Warren's surprising discovery of a teenage daughter he didn't know he had leads him on a journey to figure out the role of being a parent. It's really about discovery of identity, of family, of community. Johnson provides a very different look at what it means to be of mixed race, and *Loving Day* left me with more questions than

answers about race as a concept and as an American experience. This is a book that begs to be read with open sensitivity and tenderness by a book club with members from different racial backgrounds.

— Leni Skarin

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

## 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)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Free Student Membership**

(with current student identification)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Additional donation** to support your local Kitsap League

(Full or partial scholarships are available upon request.)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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Dues are payable by check or by PayPal at [lwv-kitsap.org](http://lwv-kitsap.org). Make checks payable to LWV/Kitsap and mail to: League of Women Voters/Kitsap  
P.O. Box 1524  
Poulsbo, WA 98370

**Mark Your Calendar:** Dues are payable in July. Members are notified well in advance; please pay dues on time.  
**NOTE:** If paying with PayPal, you will be charged a small additional fee to cover the PayPal convenience charge.

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### LWV Kitsap Committees and Current Chairs

- Bylaws Review** — Leni Skarin, leniskarin@gmail.com
- Civics Education Subcommittee** — Carol Larsen and Becky Drotz; clarsen88@gmail.com; drotz123@msn.com
- Climate Change Solutions** — inedarose2@gmail.com or marty.l.bishop@gmail.com
- Community Pocket Parks** — Kathleen Gallagher; miley98370@yahoo.com
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion** — Susan Griggs; susan.griggs0803@gmail.com
- Early Childhood Education (0-3)** — Rosalind Renouard; rrenouard@msn.com
- Housing** — Rochelle Karlsen and Connie Syapin; sailorrochelle@gmail.com; csyapin@msn.com
- Legislative Issue Liaison** — Martha Burke; mburke2007@aol.com
- LWV 101** — Pam Hamon and Carol Larsen; pchamon@icloud.com; clarsen88@gmail.com
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- Technology** — Maurie Louis; maurie.louis@comcast.net
- Voter Registration and Get Out the Vote** — Pam Hamon and Alicia Vause; pchamon@icloud.com; aliciavotes@gmail.com