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How Many Views Do Our Zoom Recordings Get?

It is often asked how many times people view our Zoom recordings. These are all on YouTube and linked to from our website at <https://www.lwv-kitsap.org/video-recordings/>. To answer the question, I decided to do a bit of homework. According to the YouTube analytics, the year between July 23, 2020 and July 22, 2021 had 1.3K views and 214 hours of viewing. The year between July 23, 2021 and July 22, 2022 had 2.1K views and 444 hours of viewing. Things have almost DOUBLED in the last year!

Our YouTube channel currently has a total of 113 videos and has gotten a total of 3,675

views. Some of the recordings are of our forums but there are just as many, if not more, recordings of our community education programs dealing with housing, mis/dis-information, climate, healthcare, unit meeting guest speakers and more.

Of the 113 recordings, the one getting the most views is the recording of the 2021 Bremerton Mayor General Election forum that has gotten, to date, a total of 372 views.

Why does all of this matter? Prior to COVID it was challenging to get recordings of our events. Each event had to be held at a location that was set up so that BKAT could record it or we had to record it ourselves with our own semi-professional equipment. I can personally testify that recording it ourselves was very time consuming. With Zoom, recordings can happen automatically.

The ease of making Zoom recordings and the extreme increase in the number of viewings of these recordings are points to consider when deciding whether to continue with Zoom after the COVID risks are behind us.

Maurie Louis

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Getting to Know Board Member Pat Troxell



Pat was born in Ohio but at the early age of 3, in the late 1940s, her family relocated to California where her mother worked as a bookkeeper for United Airlines to support the family. It was during her childhood that Pat contracted polio. Prior to a vaccine being developed, polio was a devastating disease that invaded the brain and spinal cord, often causing paralysis. That paralysis affected the patient's ability to breath, which required mechanical intervention. Like many patients, Pat was placed in an iron lung. Through medical intervention and a miracle, Pat survived polio but it left her with severe physical impairment.

As a child, having a disability meant that she didn't have the opportunity to attend grade school like peers in her age group. It wasn't until age 12 that Pat was finally able to attend school. Pat mentioned that the Americans with Disabilities Act was not signed until 1974. Before that, the protections and rights did not exist, which meant schools did not have to accommodate disabled students.

One day, when her father had car trouble, Ken Troxell offered to give him a lift home. Unbeknownst to Pat, Ken had asked for the family's phone number and the next day he called Pat. He had only recently moved to San Diego when they met. They hit it off during that first call and were married three months later. It was just over year later that they welcomed their daughter Mayda.

In 1973, Pat's husband Ken, a machinist, was recruited and accepted a job in Kitsap County at the shipyard. So, the family relocated to Kitsap County where they have remained, other than a 6-month period when they lived in Panama while Ken worked as a machinist/engineer at the Panama Canal — this was all about adventure! Pat lost her husband to a brain aneurysm 1983. At the time her daughter was only 13.

Pat held a variety of positions during her working years but spent 10 years working as a computer systems analyst, writing programs in Keyport until early retirement. She decided to get her master's in social work. She attended the University of Washington, where she lived on campus and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Having had to work early on, going back to school later gave her the opportunity to experience some of the things she felt she'd missed earlier in life.

After obtaining her master's, Pat pursued a career in social work — her own experiences made her an effective advocate for the disabled. Her perspective and experience helped when she worked as a lobbyist and advocate for the disabled, for a period of time, including serving on the Governor's Committee.

Over the years, Pat has admired the work and forums done by the League, so she decided to join about three years ago. Besides League, Pat enjoys reading and closely follows politics. She also enjoys family and is fortunate to have daughter Meyda living nearby in Port Orchard. Mayda and her husband, married for 35 years, have two grown children. Pat's granddaughter and husband live out of state and they have two children with another on the way in October. Her grandson lives nearby and is in a serious relationship.

Catherine Freudenberg, Voter Team.

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2024 Kitsap Comprehensive Plan Update

A virtual public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 18, at 6 p.m. to discuss the update to Kitsap County's Comprehensive Plan. Comprehensive plans are the blueprint used to plan for growth. During this presentation, attendees will learn the core plan requirements, emerging issues, the update process, key milestones, and ways for the public to participate and provide feedback at various stages of the process.

In Washington, the Growth Management Act requires that cities and counties update their plans periodically to establish growth targets that will be used to plan for housing, jobs and help plan for the needed infrastructure.

The update is due December 2024 and will create the plan for the next 20 years of population and jobs growth through 2044. The public can attend the virtual meeting via zoom at [//us02web.zoom.us/j/85239327575](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85239327575) and if you want more information on this process, you can find it at [2024 Comprehensive Plan Update \(kitsapgov.com\)](https://www.kitsapgov.com/2024-Comprehensive-Plan-Update).

Catherine Freudenberg, Voter Team.

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LWVK's New Podcast Coordinator — Sonia Scaer

I'm very excited to share with everyone that Sonia Scaer, our MailChimp manager, has volunteered to be our Podcast Coordinator as well. She is part of the Bainbridge Artisan Resource Network's (BARN) in-house podcast publishing studio which includes the all-volunteer [Bainbridge Community Broadcasting \(BCB\)](#). She encourages us to use this free podcasting resource to record and publish podcasts sharing information about our upcoming public events and interviews with guest speakers discussing our topics of interest. This will be a great addition to our publicity repertoire which now includes our website, Mailchimp mass emailing, the Voter, the Nextdoor online information sharing network, posters, word of mouth and now, thanks to Sonia, podcasting.

Maurie Louis

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Committee and Unit Reports

Forums Committee

The Forums committee is taking a short break before starting to organize the October forums for the upcoming general election on Nov. 8. We anticipate hosting quite a few, but we won't know the exact number until the end of the candidate filing period. The two primary forums we hosted last month went very smoothly. These were for the State Representative, 23rd Legislative District and the Kitsap County Commissioner, District 3. There were 42 attendees for the State Representative forum and 76 attendees for the Commissioners forum.

Last year we had four primary forums which included the Port Orchard City Council (28 attendees), Bremerton City Council (69 attendees), Bainbridge Island City Council (111 attendees), and Central Kitsap School Board (20 attendees). It appears there has been a slight increase this year in the number of attendees.

We have also posted on our website the US Representative, Congressional District 6 forum

that was hosted by the Tacoma/Pierce County league.

All of these forums can be viewed from our website at www.lwv-kitsap.org/video-recordings/.

Observer Corp

The Observer Corp is in its infancy, waiting to grow into an active Corp of members. Plans are underway to hold member information sessions this Fall to bring the Open Public Meeting Act basics to each unit. This is an opportunity to understand the basics of OPMA. Armed with the knowledge of what we can expect from our local elected officials, League will be playing an important role in making sure citizens are aware of county meetings. A list of public meetings is available on our website to provide information from which to participate. An easy-to-use reporting form is listed under the Advocacy tab, Observer Corp sub-title which can be submitted on line.

Contact Carol Larsen with any questions. clarsen88@gmail.com

Membership Committee

As of this date, we have 177 members. Since June, 2022, six new members have been added to our roster. They are Alexa Douthart (student-BI), Rande Gjerstad (CK), Samantha Carpenter Piccio (SK) whose daughter Alexandria Piccio is a student member, Sarah Pyles (CK), Lisa Schuchart (NK) and Jan Stanton (BI). Contact Carol Larsen with any questions.

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Planning Committee

The planning committee has been working on creating a new Student Challenge that will debut this September. While we are still working on the final pieces, the program will be geared toward showing students that they can effect change in their community. Our theme will be "Earth Challenge: From Seed to Soil, Reducing Food Waste in Our Community." Students will be presented with the challenge and asked to create a solution and proposal for implementation in their local community. Scholarships will be given to the finalists in the two age groups (grades 6-8 and high school to college).

Also in the works is a September Social for all League Members. We will try to have the event at an outdoor location (Manchester State Park is first choice) and have boxed lunches for those that would like to preorder. More details will be available as we get closer to the event.

Our next Planning Committee Meeting will be August 15, 2022 at 10 a.m. We will be discussing ideas for the coming year's public programs. All are welcome to join.

Robin Muir

Voter Services Committee

Interested in *Getting Out the Vote* in Kitsap County this fall? Join us Thursday, August 25, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Poulsbo Library, 700 NE Lincoln Road. Daryl Daugs, the Chief Deputy Auditor, will present an overview of the elections process, alert us to new issues, and answer our questions. We will then identify GOTV activities in which we want to engage, both new ideas and those from the past, and commit to those activities nearest to our hearts. National Voter Registration Day is September 20. We'll be ready!

Hope to see you there! Please let us know you'll be coming: Julie Shryock (shryock6741@aol.com) and Pam Hamon (pchamon@icloud.com)

0 to 3 Committee

This has been a quiet month for the 0 to Three Committee. Unfortunately, our meeting with Vital Communications sponsored by Judge Tracy Flood was cancelled. We were, however, able to work on our shortened presentation, and the committee is ready to go when called upon. We would appreciate suggestions from members concerning organizations or clubs that might welcome the presentation. The committee will continue to stay in touch with child care organizations to keep current on legislative agendas and other projects while continuing to distribute the flyers and bookmarks. Here too, we welcome suggestions from members.
Rosalind Renouard

Bainbridge Island Unit

The Bainbridge Island unit met on June 22 to discuss plans for the rest of the year. We discussed our plans to support Voter Registration and Get Out the Vote. We also brainstormed some upcoming meeting topics, including an update on affordable housing in Bainbridge, Tribal Government and the Court System, and "What's on your tax bill?". We will also collaborate with the NK unit to host a session on CARES and the OPMA.

We also discussed whether we'd like to meet in person (outdoors) sometime this summer. We'll poll members shortly. We've had a terrific run of speakers and topics recently, including 0-3 committee sharing its report and recommendations; City of Bainbridge Island (COBI) Mayor Joe Deets, COBI City Manager Blair King, COBI Director of Finance DeWayne Pitts, and Municipal Court of Bremerton Judge Tracy Flood.
Colette Crosby

Bremerton/Central Kitsap Unit

Kathleen Cahall has organized our B/CK summer book group. This summer's choice is *The Border Within: The Economics of Immigration in an Age of Fear*, author Watson and Thompson. Meeting dates have been set for Tuesdays, 8/30 and 9/13, from 12:00-2:00 p.m. At this time, we are planning to meet in the Community Room at The Pearl on Oyster Bay. We'll be sending out an email confirming the location closer to the 30th.

Our August unit meeting will be at the Silverdale Kitsap Regional Library on August 20, at 10 a.m. for a tour of the new library and a Q&A with librarian Kayla O'Connor. It's a hybrid meeting. If you are unable to join us in person, please join us via Zoom.
Contact Maureen Cervinsky

North Kitsap Unit

The North Kitsap Unit did not meet in July but we plan to have a brown bag lunch at Pam Hamon's home in Poulsbo on Wednesday, August 24, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. If COVID interrupts our plans, we will have a regular zoom meeting. Pam will send out a notice to the unit members as we get closer to the date as to which option we will choose. Unit Leader Pam Hamon can be contacted at pchamon@icloud.com.

South Kitsap Unit

South Kitsap Unit: COVID impacted our planned July activities, and both our Voter Outreach Booth at the Port Orchard Farmers Market scheduled for July 9 and our potluck lunch and unit meeting planned for July 13 were cancelled.

Our next Voter Outreach Booth at the market will be Aug. 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers are needed, especially for the second shift, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other dates for the booth are Sept. 10 and Oct. 1.

The SK Unit meets the second Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. via Zoom. Contact: Janet Stegemeyer with questions.

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Mark Your Calendar

These events and dates come from the League's calendars displayed on our website. The events that are open to the public appear on the [Public Calendar](#) linked to from our home page at <https://www.lwv-kitsap.org/>. Events that are for members only appear on the [Members Calendar](#) that is displayed in the [For Members](#) section of the website. (This calendar also shows the events open to the public.) Go to the appropriate calendar to get the most up-to-date information. If you are an event's organizer use the members only [Request a change or addition to the LWVK calendar](#) to add/modify/delete your event.

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Mon Aug 15, 2022

10 a.m. Planning Committee

Sat Aug 20, 2022

10 a.m. Bremerton/CK Unit Meeting at Silverdale KRL

Mon Aug 22, 2022

7 p.m. Climate Solutions Business

Tue Aug 23, 2022

10 a.m. '0-Three' committee meeting

7 p.m. Climate Solutions Book

Where:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89180822623>

Wed Aug 24, 2022

10 a.m. BI Unit Meeting

10 a.m. NK Unit Meeting

Thu Aug 25, 2022

10 a.m. Voter Registration with Daryl Daugs

Tue Aug 30, 2022

12 p.m. Bremerton/CK Book Group

Fri Sep 2, 2022

10 a.m. DEI Committee

Sat Sep 3, 2022

10 a.m. LWVK Board Retreat

Fri Sep 9, 2022
12:30 p.m. Healthcare Committee

Mon Sep 12, 2022
2 p.m. Voter Services Committee

Tue Sep 13, 2022
10 a.m. SK Unit Meeting
12 p.m. Bremerton/CK Book Group

Sat Sep 17, 2022
10 a.m. Bremerton/CK Unit Meeting

Mon Sep 19, 2022
10 a.m. Planning Committee

Tue Sep 20, 2022
10 a.m. 'O-Three' Committee

Mon Sep 26, 2022
7 p.m. Climate Solutions Business

Tue Sep 27, 2022
7 p.m. Climate Solutions Book Club - 4th
Tuesdays

Where:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89180822623>

Wed Sep 28, 2022
10 a.m. BI Unit Meeting
10 a.m. NK Unit Meeting

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