



The Voter

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National Voter Registration Day

Save the Date!

Tuesday September 20, 2022

Every year, millions of Americans find themselves unable to vote because they miss a registration deadline, don't update their registration, or aren't sure how to register. As a nonpartisan civic holiday celebrated every September, National Voter Registration Day seeks to make sure everyone has the opportunity to vote. National Voter Registration Day's success is made possible by volunteers and organizations from all over the country who participate in the single day of coordinated field, technology, and media efforts. National Voter Registration Day seeks to create broad awareness of voter

registration opportunities to reach hundreds of thousands of voters who may not register otherwise. Since its founding in 2012, nearly 4.7 million voters have registered to participate in a single day of the holiday.

In the holiday's 10th year, National Voter Registration Day celebrated democracy by encouraging people to register and vote in their respective statewide and local elections across the country. While local and state elections may not receive the national publicity of federal elections, they greatly impact our daily lives, and this year's holiday drove that point home. From funding schools and fixing potholes to setting standards for public health, local officials make decisions for our community every day. Partners of all stripes and sizes turned out for the big day (September 28) including election officials, nonprofits, companies and brands, digital platforms, libraries, campuses and youth groups, sports teams, and more who hit the ground and the web to spread the word. This report celebrates the work of the thousands of partners who made the holiday happen. **Partners worked to build a stronger, more inclusive democracy** by registering people to vote at their events, promoting voter registration information on social media, encouraging their employees to learn about upcoming elections, and more.

On the heels of 2020, when more people than ever registered and voted in the presidential election, National Voter Registration Day continued this success by helping 233,571 people register or update their registration ahead of upcoming elections. That's nearly twice the number registered in the previous post-presidential cycle.

Students - Every year, students on college and university campuses turn out for National Voter Registration Day hosting some of the most creative events and boasting incredible numbers. This year, 423 colleges and universities signed up and 1,599 volunteers and staff worked to help to make sure their peers were registered to vote

By the Numbers - #NationalVoterRegistrationDay was the #1 trending hashtag on Twitter for 7 hours. 486,011 Unique tweets were written about National Voter Registration Day. 1.3M impressions about National Voter Registration Day were made by our Reddit AMA (Ask Me Anything). 232,297 People tweeted about National Voter Registration Day.

Sports Partners - This year, sports leagues like the NFL and the NBA joined National Voter Registration Day as premier partners, while sports teams across the country took part in the celebration both on the field and on social media.

#VoteReady - Registering to vote is just the first step in getting ready to cast a ballot on or before Election Day. After the holiday, National Voter Registration Day made #VoteReady resources available to help partners educate and mobilize voters. In doing so, we encourage our partners to take the momentum they built on National Voter Registration Day and carry it through Election Day. We share crucial information on where voters can learn more about what's on their ballot, their polling location and hours, their options for voting, and more.

Voter Engagement Organizations - On the ground, the web, and across the country, organizations whose mission focus is voter engagement leverage the holiday to help people register, educate them on their options, and mobilize their communities to vote. Their tools, energy, and resources support community and premier partners engaging in National Voter Registration Day every year.

Libraries, Co-ops, and More - Another third of the holiday's community partners are

a mix of libraries, rural electrical cooperatives and other co-ops, military and veteran organizations, high schools, government offices, and more. The breadth of partners that support the National Voter Registration Day is what makes it such a huge success and shows that democracy is better when everyone can participate.

National Voter Registration Day is a nonpartisan civic holiday celebrating our democracy. First observed in 2012, it has quickly gained momentum ever since. Nearly 4.7 million voters have registered to vote on the holiday to date.

League of Women Voters Kitsap is Mobilizing!

If you are wondering how to get involved, check out the Voter Services article in this issue for volunteer opportunities in support of National Voter Registration Day! League members will be mobilizing to help people register to vote. There are a variety of opportunities, on ferry runs, at the local libraries, farmers markets and even Olympic College Campus. Join the discussion and find your place in this effort.

Source: National Voter Registration 2021 Final Report

<https://nationalvoterregistrationday.org>

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New Member Katie Pratt on the Move in Kitsap



The Voter welcomes Katie Pratt, who joined the League of Women Voters Kitsap in January of this year. When asked what drew her to the League, she mentioned her concern over the divisiveness in politics and desire to “do something.” She appreciates that the League is “nonpartisan but stands firm on key aspects of democracy.” She cited the importance of voting and ensuring equity in access to vote as an example of the League’s work.

Katie grew up in Idaho in a very civic-minded family. While Katie and her parents have different political perspectives, they have encouraged and supported her interests and engagement; and, her father was excited to hear that Katie had joined the League.

As an architectural historian, Katie works as a consultant. She describes her work as follows, “basically I spend a lot of time researching the history of places and then writing it up in a variety of ways. I work for architects, developers, municipalities, state agencies, environmental firms, and non-profit organizations.”

It was Katie’s pursuit of higher education that eventually led her to Washington. After leaving Idaho, Katie embarked on her academic studies first in Spokane, where she attended Whitworth University and received her bachelor’s degree in History. Next, she moved to Eugene, Oregon to complete her Masters of Science in Historic Preservation. Upon completion of her studies, she moved to Tacoma to begin her career. While living in Tacoma, Katie met and married her husband, Darren. Darren is a lifelong Kitsap resident. They made their home in Kitsap County and she’s lived here for about six years.

When Katie isn't working, she enjoys movies, concerts, dining out and visiting breweries. She is an avid reader and has been involved with a book club that has been meeting for the last 10 years. She and Darren share their household with two dogs, a chihuahua/yorkie mix named Madge and a cairn terrier named Winnie. Katie and Darren's other interests are their nieces and nephew.

As a new member to the League, Katie is just beginning to learn about the various activities and committees. She believes her writing skills may be helpful and is exploring some other areas of interest that could provide opportunities to volunteer that fit with her work schedule. At present, she has been busy packing and preparing for a move to a new home. Welcome to the League!

Catherine Freudenberg, Voter Newsletter Team

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Membership Social at Manchester State Park

Join us for an afternoon picnic lunch to reacquaint and catch up. Along with great conversation, there will be a couple of free raffles, and a civics game to keep us entertained. Boxed lunches from Monica's Waterfront Bakery will be available for \$19.00 (price includes tax and gratuity). Drinks (lemonade) will be provided. Please bring your own reusable water bottle.

Who: All member of the League of Women Voters Kitsap

When: September 21, 2022 from 11:00am to 2:00 pm

Where: Manchester State Park, Torpedo Warehouse Pavilion

Lunch includes:

- 1/2 wrap--your choice of roast beef and cheddar, turkey and cranberry, or a veggie wrap
- 4 oz pesto tortellini
- Fruit
- Cookie (bakery's choice)
- Bag of chips (bakery's choice)
- Vegan and gluten free diets can be accommodated. Please let me know if you need

one of these lunches.

Things to Know:

Manchester State Park requires a **Discovery Pass or Day pass to be displayed during your stay at the park.** Make sure you have one or the other, or carpool with someone who does.

Lunch orders need to be to Robin Muir, sumuirhom@gmail.com no later than September 10th, 2022.

Any questions, call or email Robin to clarify, email: sumuirhom@gmail.com cell: 703-585-6934.

Robin Muir

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Community Events

NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet

After two years of not gathering because of the pandemic. The NAACP Unit 1134 Bremerton Branch is having its annual Freedom Fund banquet. This year the theme is "Black Women are Supreme" Guest Speaker: Kitara Johnson-Jones.

Award recipients will be announced in August. We look forward to seeing you at the great celebration. Saturday, September 10th Reception 4:00-5:00pm. Dinner and awards with a silent auction at 5:00pm.

Tickets can be purchased through Brown Paper Tickets at <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/5511231> or through the NAACP website (guests use the NAACP donation form and specify that they are purchasing tickets at \$95 each to our event).

Invite your friends, colleagues and others to this event. If you can, fill a table of 8. Share information about the event, including through social media. We have event information posted on our website: [The 79th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet: Black Women Are Supreme | Presented by NAACP Unit 1134 — NAACP Bremerton Unit 1134](#)

Maurie Louis, LWVK - President

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Committee and Unit Reports

DEI Committee

The DEI Committee has focused this summer on a Testifying 101 training, the Open Public Meeting Laws, and a consideration of inclusion issues for the disability community. The LWVWA's Speak Up School Committee has been asked to put together a Testifying 101 training and so the LWV-Kitsap DEI Committee will join forces with this state group rather than work on their own. This workshop is scheduled for January of 2023.

The DEI Sub-Committee on the Open Public Meeting Laws has organized a presentation on the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA). The presentation will be given during LWV-Kitsap unit meetings in September and October. The OPMA presentations are scheduled as follows:

- South Kitsap Unit: 9/13/2022
- Bainbridge Island/North Kitsap Units: 9/28/2022
- Bremerton/Central Kitsap Unit: 10/15/2022

Additionally, the DEI committee is planning to develop guidelines for league and unit events so that our League will be more welcoming and more accessible to people with disabilities or who are from marginalized communities. The next DEI meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 2nd at 10 am. Contact Susan Griggs at susan.griggs0803@gmail.com for more information.

Susan Griggs

0-Three (Early Childhood) Committee

The 0 to Three Committee held one scheduled meeting in August to review old business and to discuss new approaches for distributing our printed information. We also discussed the need to prepare our power point presentation for a live audience in anticipation to our talk in November to Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG) the educator's sorority here in Kitsap County.

Our new member, Ellen Konopaski, was able to distribute our Spanish Flyer to Kitsap Immigration Assistance Center (KIAC); and, Judie Kasnick did the same at Gateway Church in Poulsbo. Rosalind sent a letter to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation congratulating them for including books for disadvantaged children in their

campaign and suggested that they include the youngest children in their PR, supporting their request, “..... from birth to three the brain is developing at a spectacular rate with neural connections constantly and rapidly being made. And it’s in this period of rapid brain development that a child’s intellectual and emotional pathways are laid down for life. Introducing books to babies truly gives them a head start in life - the head start that advantaged middle-class babies so often have but disadvantaged children too often do not.”

The next meeting for the 0 - Three Committee is September 13 at 1:00 p.m. Please contact Rosalind Renouard for more information or questions.

Rosalind Renouard

Forums Committee - October Forums

Now that the primary election is over, the Forums Committee is gearing up for the Nov. 8 general elections. Ballots are scheduled to go out no later than Oct. 21, so we will probably schedule most of our forums for the **week of Oct. 17**. Several of our forums have been scheduled. Check next month's Voter and our website for additional forums information.

Some of the jobs that go into putting on a forum include moderator, backup moderator, candidate liaison, Zoom host/Webinar manager and timekeeper. We also can use help with publicizing the forums so that both our members and the public know they are happening and how they can access them. If you are not on the committee and are interested in any of these jobs, please contact Ann Strosnider. **Volunteers Wanted! We would love to get new people involved with the forums and can provide training as needed.**

In our League, as well as in others across the country, we have noticed reluctance by some candidates to participate in these forums, which have long been an iconic League activity. If we have this problem with the general election forums, we may be looking for creative ideas to attract the candidates and/or possible different approaches to our traditional format. We encourage everyone to contact the candidates and urge them to participate in the forums so you can learn their position on issues that interest you.

Ann Strosnider

Membership Engagement, Leadership, Development Committee (MELD)

The MELD committee met on Monday, August 22 via Zoom. MELD groups meet once a month to connect Leagues with one another and keep abreast of what is happening across the State. Our Pod is facilitated by Lynn Busacca of Mason County. Kitsap meets with representatives from the Clallam, Thurston, Benton-Franklin, Lewis and Mason County Leagues.

Each League is unique in number of members, organizational structure and activity levels. Thurston County League is comparable to Kitsap in membership numbers and has an interesting website complete with calendar events available through Zoom as well as in-person. Lewis County is in the process of rebirth, functioning as a Unit at Large (UAL). The League was left unattended for several years but is gaining speed under the guidance of Maree Lerchen. Maree was an active member in Seattle-King County before moving to Packwood several years ago. Clallam County League

operates under a Council structure with their board rotating thru leadership positions on a regular basis. There is a State Board representative, Jayne Freitag to round out the group.

This month we shared information on our primary forums. Interesting that Thurston County League reported an overwhelming number of races that were proceeding to the general election unopposed. Mason County uses a "speed dating" format for their forums. Tables accommodate about 10 individuals who remain seated while the candidates move from table to table answering questions. It was not clear whether the same questions were answered by all candidates. Lynn will share more at the next meeting. This format has been very popular with the public. Thurston County League shared several events supported by their DEI and Justice committee. To learn more visit their website, www.lwvthurston.org.

Membership engagement continues to be a hot topic. How to communicate with members without overwhelming email boxes while sharing important information is an issue for everyone. The opportunity to connect with other leagues forming new relationships and learning the differences and similarities is an enjoyable and informative experience. If anyone is interested in joining me in this once-a-month experience let me know.

Carol Larsen

Voter Services Committee

Twenty-four LWVK members and guests gathered at the Poulsbo Library August 25 with three goals:

- Connect and reconnect, face-to-face
- Hear from Paul Andrews, Kitsap County Auditor
- Explore opportunities to participate in September 20 National Voter Registration Day and sign up.

County Auditor Paul Andrews said "The system is working exactly as it is intended." The highlights were:

- The signs by blue mail boxes and drop boxes are highly effective.
- "I Voted" stickers will be included with ballots this coming election.
- The system is transparent; go to the County Auditor webpage to read how you can observe ballot counting in real-time.
- It is estimated that 50% of all ballots will come via the drop boxes; of those, 50% come in the first 13 days, the remaining ballots in the final five days. The ballots are protected, with a single point of entry and secure chain of custody with a tracking device on all boxes of ballots.

Paul offered an idea which has been used in other jurisdictions: Following up with individuals who have registered but have not yet voted. He wondered if the LWVK would be interested in helping with this effort and finding out more about it. He spoke about the *Seasonal Temporary Address* option, the signature update form and clarified the pre-registration options for youth 16 and 17 years old. Contact the Auditor's Office

for more information 360-337-7129.

At the end of the meeting attendees signed up to participate in National Voter Registration Day, September 20 activities. If you weren't at the meeting and wish to participate, please contact Pam Hamon (pchamon@icloud.net) or Julie Shryock (shryock6741@aol.com) or your unit leader.

National Registration Day September 20, 2022 Activities:

We're building our teams for our return to Washington State Ferry runs at Kingston, Bainbridge, Bremerton and Southworth. Last year we celebrated a tri-county, cross-sound effort with volunteers from Jefferson, Kitsap and King counties carrying our message in vessel cabins, on car decks and in vehicle holding areas on the docks. We covered 17 sailings on four runs and two vehicle holding areas.

WSF has given preliminary authorization for us to return this year, pending our providing the specifics.

Volunteers Needed!

- **A leader for each run.**
- **Identify the sailings and volunteers** to staff each run
- What **materials** were most useful last year and how many do you wish to have?

The following efforts are already underway:

- Bainbridge Unit: Voter Registration at Bainbridge Library – **Volunteers Needed!**
On September 20 (National Voter Registration Day), we will have a table at the Bainbridge Library from 11-5. We need volunteers. We suggest 3-hour shifts, but if you can only do a 2-hour shift, please sign up anyway. All resources will be provided (VR forms, instructions manual, pens, stickers, etc.). Please reply to Colette with your availability. Thank you!
- The Bremerton/CK Unit will be providing voter information and registering voters:
 - At our three library locations: downtown Bremerton, Sylvan Way, and Silverdale
 - On an afternoon Bremerton-Seattle ferry roundtrip run
 - Joining other units' volunteers at the Olympic College campus
 - We will also be at the Bremerton Farmers Market on September 22 and September 29. Those interested should contact Candy Rankin.

Membership Committee

I am pleased to report our League has enrolled 28 new members since July 1, 2022. To date 149 members have renewed membership, leaving 28 yet to remit. A review of existing name tags is underway with the majority of members needing new ones. Fear not, everyone will have their very own name tag to wear as we begin to meet in person.
Carol Larsen

Bainbridge Island Unit

Bainbridge Island Unit meeting will be cohosted with North Kitsap Unit. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28, 10:00AM-11:45AM. The agenda covers two topics, first half will be a presentation on the Open Public Meetings Act with LWVK members Jeannie Allen and Catherine Freudenberg. The second half meeting topic is the Poulsbo Fire Department CARES Program with guest speaker Kim Hendrickson. Colette Crosby & Delight Willing

Bremerton/CK Unit

The Bremerton/CK Unit book group will hold a second meeting to discuss, *The Border Within: The Economics of Immigration in an Age of Fear*, written by Watson and Thompson on Tuesday September 13, 2022.

- Time: Noon – about 2:00 p.m. Bring a brown bag lunch
- Location: Community Room at The Pearl on Oyster Bay
- 550 Russell Rd Bremerton 98312
- Questions: Contact Kathleen Cahall

On Saturday, September 17, our unit will resume hybrid meets at the Kitsap United Way conference room at 645 4th Street, Bremerton. Those wishing to stay remote may attend via zoom:

North Kitsap Unit

The North Kitsap Unit had an in-person picnic lunch at the home of Carol Larsen on August 24th. Only seven members attended but it was fun to just talk and catch up. After much discussion we decided to change our meeting times to the fourth Monday at 10 am. This was the only time that we could meet at the Poulsbo library as a hybrid meeting. Our first meeting will be October 24th at 10 am.

We will be having a joint zoom meeting with the Bainbridge Island Unit on Wednesday, September 28. The two programs are: The Open Public Meetings Act 10 to 10:30 and Kim Hendrickson from the CARES program of the Poulsbo Fire Department 10:45 to noon. BI Unit Leader Colette Crosby will be sending out the zoom connection and Pam Hamon will forward it to the NK Unit members. Contact Unit Lead Pam Hamon if you have questions.

Pam Hamon

South Kitsap Unit

South Kitsap Unit: We now meet the second TUESDAY of the month at 10 a.m. via Zoom. Our next meeting on Sept. 13 will feature a presentation about the Open Public Meeting Act (OMPA). Two more Voter Outreach Booths this season at the Saturday Port Orchard Farmers Market will be on Sept. 10 and Oct. 1. Contact: Janet Stegemeyer, 360-471-9470.

Janet Stegemeyer

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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](https://www.lwv-kitsap.org/) 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, including Zoom links. 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.

Purple = LWV of Kitsap Public Calendar

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. '0-Three' Committee

Mon Sep 26, 2022

7 p.m. Climate Solutions Business

Wed Sep 28, 2022

10 a.m. BI Unit Meeting

10 a.m. NK Unit Meeting

Sat Oct 1, 2022

10 a.m. LWVK Board Mtg

Fri Oct 7, 2022

10 a.m. DEI Committee

Mon Oct 10, 2022

2 p.m. Voter Services Committee

Tue Oct 11, 2022

10 a.m. SK Unit Meeting

Fri Oct 14, 2022

12:30 p.m. Healthcare Committee

Sat Oct 15, 2022

10 a.m. Bremerton/CK Unit Meeting

Mon Oct 17, 2022

10 a.m. Planning Committee

6:30 p.m. LD23 State Representative,

Pos. 1 Candidate Forum

and LD23 State Representative, Pos. 2

Candidate Forum

Tue Oct 18, 2022

10 a.m. '0-Three' Committee

Wed Oct 19, 2022

6:30 p.m. County Commissioner Dist. 3

Candidate Forum

and PUD Commissioner Dist. 1

Candidate Forum

Mon Oct 24, 2022

10 a.m. NK Unit Meeting

7 p.m. Climate Solutions Business

Wed Oct 26, 2022

10 a.m. BI Unit Meeting