



The Kitsap

Voter

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF KITSAP

FEBRAURY 2010

Our Focus in February:

Managing the County Budget during a Recession

**Public Meeting
With the County Commissioners**

Tuesday, February 23

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Optional Lunch

12:30-2 p.m. Meeting

Country Meadows Red Barn

**12169 Country Meadows Lane NW
Silverdale (off Silverdale Way)**

Public is Welcome

Bring your questions for Commissioners Charlotte Garrido, Josh Brown and Steve Bauer.

Considering state and county budget constraints, how is the county is working to improve efficiency? How is it coordinating with the cities to reduce costs and streamline services for county residents? What services were cut this year?

What is the outlook for next year?

Buffet lunch will be \$15. Reservations with checks must be received by February 17. Send to Loretta Payne at 14701 NW Seaview Drive, Seabeck WA 98380. Parking is limited; carpooling encouraged. If you have any questions call Loretta at (360) 509-2695 or e-mail her at LPayne43@hotmail.com.

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President's Message

In January at our Program Planning meetings we discussed why we do studies – to reach consensus, form positions, and take action. Besides contacting our members of Congress and state Legislators, writing letters to the editor is a way of taking action. Since Sept. I have seen three letters in the Kitsap Sun from our members on League positions and would like to recognize them. Fran Moyer (CK unit) wrote a letter supporting Health Care Reform, Elisabeth Bondy (CK unit) on the connection between Campaign Finance Reform and Health Care legislation, and Patsy Campbell (BI unit) on the Stupak amendment limiting a woman's Right to Choose in the House Health Care bill.

I encourage all of you to read the LWVWA Legislative Newsletter each week during this session (Jan. 11-March 11), pick a bill or budget provision to support, write your Legislators, AND write a letter to the editor. Remember these letters are from you as an individual, not speaking for League. LWVK has over 100 members – voices. Let's use them.

On another topic, at the annual meeting last May we approved a Study of Health Care in Kitsap County. The Health Care committee has determined that "A Report on the Adequacy and Accessibility of Primary Health Care Services in Kitsap County" is more appropriate. In order to produce this report, a variety of interviews will be conducted and need a lot of "woman power." Please offer an hour or two of your time to Pam Hamon at pchamon@msn.com or 360-598-3508

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 3: LWV Kitsap Board Meeting
1-3 p.m. Poulsbo Library Upper Level
- **Feb. 23: Public Meeting -
County Commissioners**
12:30-2 p.m. Country Meadows Red Barn
Buffet Lunch will be \$15 and will be from 11:30 to 12:30. People are welcome to come after lunch. CARPOOLING HIGHLY ENCOURAGED.
For information call Loretta Payne, (360) 509-2695.
- March 3: LWV Kitsap Board Meeting
1-3 p.m. Poulsbo Library Upper Level
- **March 23: Public Meeting on Health Care**
Lunch meeting at Silverdale Hotel; Scott Bosch and Barbara Malish confirmed as speakers with more to come.

New Member Profile

Meet Joan Vold

How great to have Joan Vold as a new member. I joined Joan and a few other league members in December for a luncheon and fun conversation. Joan and her husband David moved to Poulsbo 8 years ago. They had retired from teaching at the University of Alabama. Joan has a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Supervision. Her dissertation was in music education. David has a Ph.D. in History and Philosophy of Education. Joan is originally from Denver, Colorado. She and her husband met during undergraduate studies at Pacific Lutheran University (David is from Bellingham,). After graduate studies at the University of Minnesota, their careers led them to the Deep South, where they taught and were involved in social change and growth over a 28-year tenure. Politics and local issues have always interested Joan, and she anticipates a busy retirement with advocacy at the local level, travel to intriguing places, and being involved with her grandchildren.

We are looking forward to many more interesting conversations with Joan and also hope to meet David.

—Helen Hoover

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Most of you were called and asked to respond to questions on a survey of our membership. One question was about receiving a hard copy of the Voter in the mail or by e-mail. The answers were about half and half. Because we need to mail a certain number in order to receive the lower postage rate, we will continue to mail the Voter to each member. We will reevaluate this in July.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

Feb. 3: LWVKitsap Board Meeting, Poulsbo Library 1-3 p.m.
 Feb. 5: Deadline for March Voter
 Feb. 17: BI Unit Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Norma Forbes' home
 Feb. 22: Health Care Committee, 1:30 p.m., Pam Hamon's
 Feb. 23: Meet with County Commissioners
 Country Meadows Red Barn
 Lunch (optional) \$15, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Program 12:30-2

MARCH

March 3: LWVKitsap Board Meeting, Poulsbo Library 1-3 p.m.
 March 5: Deadline for April Voter
 March 17: BI Unit Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Patsy Campbell's
 March 23: Health Care Luncheon, Silverdale Hotel

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Luella Resigns from Board

Luella Wells has had to resign from the LWVKitsap Board because of her husband's ill health but is continuing to work on transportation issues. Margaret Colony has been representing LWVKitsap at the LWV Puget Sound transportation committee and is Luella's alternate on the Puget Sound Regional Council. If anyone else would like to work on transportation issues, please call Luella at (360) 598-3267 or Margaret at (360) 598-3073.

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Teen Registers Young Voters — with League Help



Ben Brostoff, a senior at Central Kitsap High School, and Leaguers Pam Hamon and Catherine Ahl recently joined forces to register young voters in advance of the Feb. 9 CK levy election. Here's how Ben describes the experience:

When I was approached by Kids Matter (the levy support group) to organize the student-led portion of their get-out-the-vote campaign for the upcoming school levy, I realized quite quickly that the main problem was not getting student voters to support the levy, it was getting student voters.

After a little research into putting on a voter registration drive, I started to get interested. I decided to make this my Eagle Scout project, for I doubted there could be something more worthy of the Scouts than making students into responsible citizens.

But I knew I needed experienced help, and for that my mother suggested the League of Women Voters, and said that I might contact them through a friend of my stepfather's, Mrs. Pam Hamon. Mrs. Hamon kindly offered the help of the LWV, and referred me to Catherine Ahl, LWV Kitsap President. I was initially overwhelmed that such a higher up (remember, I'm just a high school senior) would even communicate with me, but Mrs. Ahl amiably guaranteed me the help of the League, and so the real work began.

I commandeered my school's leadership class, kindly volunteered by Ms. Fox, the CKHS activities director, and set out on my project. Soon, I encountered the roadblocks of every high school registration drive – motivating the

students, making it look easy, and making sure that they met the eligibility requirements. Unfortunately in my case, the eligibility requirements meant that I could only register a twelfth of the seniors (those who were already 18 or would be by the levy election).

But, I went ahead and started, though admittedly without great optimism. I was thankfully saved by the experience of the League members who volunteered to work with me. They came in with a smile and seemed unfazed by the students who blew us off or shot us dirty glances. In the end, I think we turned the student perspective around and we registered just about everyone we could – around 45 students, or a twelfth of the senior class.

The League members' calm, unhurried manner was far more helpful than any advice they could have given me; their presence and experienced demeanor reassured me that this is just what happens, even with adults, and that I should not be worried or threatened by it. So, for that simple reassurance, thank you to those who helped me with my project, and to the League at large, thank you. You may not know it, but you make a difference just by being there.

—Ben Brostoff

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE UNITED STATES 49TH NATIONAL CONVENTION JUNE 11-15, 2010

The LWVUS invites all members to join fellow Leaguers to celebrate 90 remarkable years of League achievements and chart the course for the next biennium of League programs.

All League members are invited to attend Convention, but Presidents of local, state and ILO Leagues appoint their allotted delegates. Non-voting members can be part of the excitement as the Convention delegate body debates and adopts the 2010-2012 National Program, the LWVUS Budget for the next fiscal year, and amendments to the LWVUS Bylaws.

Convention 2010 site, the Marriott Atlanta Marquis, is located in the downtown area known as Atlanta's heartbeat. For details on convention registration and room rates see the national LWV Website, www.lwv.org.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WASHINGTON 2010 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

LWVWA Strengthens Democracy

- public campaign financing for judicial positions
- reform of campaign contributions reporting and disclosure
- protect funding that invests in today in order to promote a more secure future for all citizens

Strengthens Education and Early Learning

- a new K-12 basic education funding structure
- expand the definition of basic education to include children from birth to five
- support quality improvements to child care programs
- promote policies and programs that promote the wellbeing and safety of all children
- improved components of the childcare subsidy and co-pay system

Improves Access to Health Care

- guarantee access for all residents in comprehensive, uniform, and affordable health services - maintain funding for the Basic Health Plan, Cover All Kids, incentives for primary care doctors to work in underserved areas, the Health Insurance Partnership, and public health

Protects Natural Resources and Human Health

- adopt an effective program to clean up, and prevent pollutants from entering, the waters of the state
- protect children from harm due to exposures to toxic chemicals and other toxic substances
- support all efforts to reduce carbon gas emissions as quickly as possible - support responsible land use planning to decrease climate change - enact energy efficiency and conservation programs

Promotes a Balanced Transportation System

- increase affordable and reliable access to public transportation
- decrease the number of single-occupancy vehicles on roads, bridges and ferries
- increase fuel efficiency by promoting development and use of alternative fuel sources across all modes of transportation

FEBRUARY

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Sunday

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31	1	2	3 LWV Kitsap Board Meeting	4	5 Deadline for March Voter	6
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