



The Kitsap

Voter

The League of Women Voters of Kitsap

Website: www.lwwa.org/kitsap

Board Contact Number: 206-842-3548

October 2008

BALLOT ISSUES FORUM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 - 7:00 p.m.

Silverdale Community Center

9729 Silverdale Way NW, Silverdale

Hosted by the League of Women Voters of Kitsap

These issues will appear on the November Ballot:

I-985 – Transportation Issues

I-1000 – Death with Dignity

I-1029 – Long Term Care Services

**Come and hear presentations
by both the pro and con sides of each issue.**

**Do you need clarification about what
each issue would do or would not do?**

**Bring your questions about how these issues
would affect the lives of Kitsap citizens.**

**CALL (360) 697-7924
FOR MORE INFORMATION**

A Community partnership of:



League Contacts

Have a question to ask, or knowledge to share? Need more information? Here's who to call...



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<i>Central & South Kitsap</i>	<i>Ann Smith</i>	<i>(360) 871-3993</i>

Upcoming Events

- October 3** **Forum for County Commissioners, 23rd Legislative District, and other candidates**, co-sponsored by the Hansville Community and LWV-K at the Hansville Community Center - 6:30 p. m. pie, 7:00 p. m. forum
- October 7** **Ballot Issues Forum:** I-985 - Transportation; I-1000 - Death with Dignity; I-1029, Long Term Care Services, hosted by LWV-K, 7:00 p. m. at the Silverdale Community Center, 9729 Silverdale Way (see Page 5 for details)
- October 16** **Forum for candidates for 26th Legislative District Representative**, hosted by LWV-K, 7:00 p.m. at Givens Community Center, 1026 Sidney Avenue, Port Orchard (see Page 5)

All forums except the one at Hansville are presented as a Community Partnership of LWV-K and The Kitsap Sun.

- October 22** **Unit Meetings on Early Learning**
North Kitsap, at the home of **Pat Farrington**, 19905 4th Ave., Unit H, Poulsbo, 360-697-4163
 Contact person: Pam Hamon, 360-598-3508
 Speaker: Joanna Carlson, Children's Service Administrator of Martha & Mary
Bainbridge Island, at the home of **Madelyn Fox**, 9000 Fletcher Bay Road NE, 206-842-5360
South/Central, at SAAR's Marketplace Upstairs Conference Room, 1415 Olney Ave., P. O.
- October 29** **LWV-K Action Workshop**, 10:00 a. m. – 12:00 Noon in Lower Level of the Poulsbo Library
 A training session on how, when and where to take action.
 RSVP to Luella Wells, 360-598-3267 or lawells@wavecable.com

Plan Ahead:

Saturday, November 8 **Brunch at Olympic College** – Panel Discussion on Early Care and Education

Saturday, November 15 **LWVWA Action Workshop in Bellevue**

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Board Membership

Catherine Ahl has been appointed to fill the Second Vice President position on the board. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and capable member take this important position. We have two other vacancies on the board. One position the Board needs filled is a Communications chair who would oversee the Voter, publications and our press relations. If you are interested in supporting Kitsap League by serving on the board in this presidential campaign year, contact me at <ellenfishe@gmail.com> or 206-842-3548.

Voter Registration at the Fair

The woman, about 40, said she had never voted because she didn't think women should vote. Now she was there, with her husband and daughter, to register because she wanted to vote for Obama. We also had a man who hadn't voted "since Nixon," but wanted to register. We were available to help both of them and over a hundred others register or change addresses at the Voter Registration booth that Kitsap League helped the Auditor's Office staff in August at the Kitsap County Fair.

Eighteen Kitsap League members helped staff the booth for the five days of the fair:

Judy Matchett, Margee Lynch, Ann Smith, Hal and Helen Hoover, Annamarie Lavieri, Joan Spencer, Gail Hiestand, Eloise Andrus, Madelyn Fox, Emma Iulo, Ailene Isaf, Pam Hamon, Luella Wells, Joy and Robert Wilson and Ellen Fisher. Thank you!

Forums

Catherine Ahl organized a forum in August and has more planned for September and October. Look for details elsewhere in this *Voter*. Let friends know of these opportunities to learn more about the candidates and issues. Catherine has done a fantastic job getting the candidates and ballot issues forums organized.

Early Care and Education

All members will receive the abridged version of the Early Care and Education study with the *Washington Voter* in October. This will be the basis for discussion and consensus in November, so please watch for it and read it. Anyone who wants the complete study will find it on the LWVWA web site sometime in September. We will also have an opportunity to inform ourselves about this important topic at a LWV-K brunch **Saturday, November 8 at Olympic College.** Invite friends to join you there.

Ellen Fisher, President

ONE CALL FOR ALL 2008

Bainbridge Islander Leaguers know that it's almost that time of year - the time when red envelopes appear in mail boxes all over Bainbridge Island - giving you the opportunity to support LWV-Kitsap by giving generously to One Call For all.

One Call For All is a Bainbridge Island fundraising effort which includes a wide variety of non-profit organizations. LWV-Kitsap's Education Fund is included as an off-island organization. Off-island organizations have to have demonstrated support to be retained from year to year. One Call For All is an important source of income for us, so we are encouraging LWV-K members to make a small donation, if they are able, to insure that we remain a part of One Call For All. Even non-Islanders can donate, and even a \$5 donation counts.

ACTION TEAM

ACTION has been set by the Board as one of our priorities this year and as ACTION Chair, I need to start building an ACTION team or committee to keep track of the various issues and/or topics that affect us in Kitsap County and address how, when and where we can make a positive impact on them.

Anyone interested in joining us to work on the following areas, please let me know.

Land Use
Open Space, Parks and Recreation
Natural Resources
Water Resources
Shorelines, Wetlands
Health Care

Transportation
Transit
Ferries
Government(s)
Structure
Budget & Taxation

Please call me at 360-598-3267 or e-mail me at lawells@wavecable.com if you have any questions, thoughts or recommendations. I always enjoy talking about issues.

Luella Wells
ACTION Chair

LWV-K ACTION WORKSHOP

OCTOBER 29, 2008 – 10:00 a. m. - 12:00 Noon
Lower Level of the Poulsbo Library

**A training for Board members, Unit leaders
and any League member interested in joining
the LWV-K ACTION TEAM**

THE HOW, WHEN AND WHERE TO TAKE ACTION

RSVP to Luella Wells, 360-598-3267 or lawells@wavecable.com

FORUM FOR 26th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16 - 7:00 p. m.

Givens Community Center
1026 Sidney Ave., Port Orchard

Hosted by the League of Women Voters of Kitsap

CALL (360) 871-3993
FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Tech Tips - Did you know ?

by Annamarie Lavieri

In between our monthly *VOTER* you can stay up to date on national, state and local LWV topics of interest by checking three web sites. The National site is www.lwv.org. The State site can be found at www.lwvwa.org and our local page is www.lwvwa.org/kitsap. As I write this article the State site has timely headlines about I-985,* debate watching, picking a president, and how to pick a candidate. Plus there are multiple links on all of the sites that will provide you with specific in-depth information. It may take a few minutes of your time to really explore each of these but I think you'll find it worthwhile and informative. One site, named Election Day 2008, that is of particular interest at this time can be found at <http://www.lwv.org/Election2008/index.html>.

*The State Board has voted to oppose I-985, the Transportation Initiative, largely because it makes no provision for transit improvements.

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- *Check out our website:* •
- www.lwvwa.org/kitsap •
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- *Our Voter is now posted on the website.* •
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The **Annual LWVWA Action Workshop** is coming on November 15 in Bellevue. It is always a great event with lots of information on issues on which Leaguers should be prepared to take action. If you would like to attend, you can use this early registration form (a more detailed one will be printed in the November Voter, but that might be a little late for you to make plans to attend). Let's have a big group and plan to carpool to Bellevue.

The League of Women Voters of Washington

ACTION WORKSHOP 2008

REGISTRATION

Cost \$20

Lunch Provided

NEW THIS YEAR – TWO VENUES!

Choose one or both:

Benton/Franklin Counties, November 8

Bellevue, November 15

Name _____

Tel/email _____

VISA **MC**

card # _____ **exp. date** _____

check enclosed

Mail to: LWVWA, 4730 University Way NE, Suite # 720, Seattle, WA 98105

Save the Date . . .

November 8, 2008

Brunch at Olympic College

Panel of Speakers on Early Care and Education

Brunch at Olympic College is always one of our favorite General Meeting sites, and the topic of how we prepare children to learn is vital.

Put the date on your calendar now!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Just a Reminder about the New Procedure for paying your LWV-K Dues:

In the past, members paid yearly dues during the month that he/she had originally joined the league. In order to make our cash flow and our budget easier to manage, beginning in September, 2008, we will collect all dues annually at the same time each year. Letters with dues renewal information were mailed out mid-August, and many of you responded right away. Thank You! If you have any questions, please contact Pat Anderson, Treasurer, at 360-638-1821; Annamarie Lavieri, Membership Chair, at 360-638-1088; or Myra Howrey, membership Records, at 360-621-2752.

Annamarie Lavieri
Membership Chair

Voter Education News

FIRST FORUM OF THIS ELECTION SEASON

On July 24 the first candidate forum of this League year was held with the four candidates running in the Primary for District 2 County Commissioner. The questions and discussions were respectful, and the front-page story in the Kitsap Sun the next day helped serve our mission of educating voters. Special thanks to LWV-K members Ann Smith for "taking the ball and running with it" in setting up the forum, dealing with all the last minute details, and making it happen; Judy Macmillan for being the other SK member present and for helping welcome people and collect questions; Pat Anderson for being a great timekeeper, a difficult job but most important to keep things equal and nonpartisan; Margaret Colony and Luella Wells for your moral support and making sure important questions were asked. Thanks to the Kitsap Sun's ads for the event as part of our Community Partnership.

Catherine Ahl,
Voter Education & Forums Coordinator

Clip & Mail

The League of Women Voters of Kitsap County invites you to join us.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

e-mail _____

Membership Categories (please circle one):

- \$15 Voter subscription only
\$50 Basic Membership
\$75 Household (two or more members at the same address)
\$100 Carrie Chapman Catt Member
\$150 Jo Huey Member

\$_____ Donation to Operating Fund*

\$ _____ Donation to Education Fund+

Please make checks payable to:
LWV Kitsap

Membership/Dues should be mailed to:
P. O. Box 564
Kingston, WA 98345

Send other correspondence to:
P. O. Box 1524
Poulsbo, WA 98370

* Dues and Donations to the Operating Fund are not tax-deductible.

+ Donations to the Education Fund are tax-deductible.

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