



*The Kitsap*

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*The League of Women Voters of Kitsap*

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Board Contact Number: 206-842-3548

*September 2008*

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**EDUCATION FOCUSED**

## **23rd LEGISLATIVE DIST. SENATOR & REPRESENTATIVES CANDIDATES FORUM**

**Wednesday, September 17 - 7 PM**

**North Kitsap Community Auditorium**

**1881 NE Hostmark St., Poulsbo**

hosted by the League of Women Voters of Kitsap and Region 1 PTA Council  
video taped & broadcast courtesy of Bremerton Kitsap Access TV (BKAT)

**Education leaders, Parents, Teachers, Taxpayers:  
Bring your questions about state funding, levies,  
WASL, local district budget cuts & other issues  
and hear the candidates' answers.**

**Washington State Constitution: "It is the Paramount duty of the  
state to make Ample provision for the education of all children ..."**

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## League Contacts

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



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North Kitsap	Annamarie Lavieri	(360) 638-1088
Central & South Kitsap	Ann Smith	(360) 871-3993

## Upcoming Events

- September 10** **Unit Meetings for Current and Prospective Members** to introduce Units to plans for 2008-9; 9:30 a.m. coffee, 10:00 a.m. meeting at these homes:  
 B. I.: Myrna Casad, 8608 Oddfellows Road NE, Bainbridge Island  
 NK: Pat Anderson, 34712 Pilot Point Road NE, Kingston  
 C/SK: Ann Smith, 9797 SE Driftwood Cove, Port Orchard
- September 17** **Education Focused Forum for the 23rd Legislative District Senator and Representative candidates**, cosponsored by LWV-K and the PTA Regional Council: 7:00 p. m. at the North Kitsap Community Auditorium, 1881 NE Hostmark Street, Poulsbo (see Page 1 for details)
- September 23** **Forum for the District 1 and District 2 County Commissioner candidates** 7:00 p. m. at the Eagles Nest room, 1200 NW Fairgrounds Road, across from the Fairgrounds (see Page 4 for details)
- October 3** **Forum for County Commissioners, 23rd Legislative District, and other candidates**, cosponsored 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.*

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### Welcome back!

With forums planned in September and October to prepare voters for the general election and the State Early Learning Study dominating League attention this fall, we still have much to look forward to in the coming year. Nationwide, Leagues will study a proposal known as the National Popular Vote Compact, already enacted in four states and considered by some to be the best way to achieve a popular vote for President - a long-held League position. In the spring, we'll focus on Action and celebrate open government, take a new look at local water issues, and consider some local health care issues in preparation for a major education campaign on Health Care Policy by the National League. This should be an exciting and rewarding League year.

Thank you, **Margee Lynch** for another successful silent auction at the annual meeting last May. The auction made \$363, an important contribution to Kitsap League.

### IN MEMORIAM

**We were saddened to lose three important members of Kitsap League this summer.**

#### Jane Reese

Our Board member and past president, Jane Reese, died this past June at her home in Bremerton.

Jane first joined the League in Aurora, Illinois sometime in the 1980s and was active in the area of development, neighborhood renewal

and preservation. She was very involved in the civil rights and women's rights movement. She also served as President there before moving with her husband, Arvan, to Bremerton.

Jane joined the Kitsap League in 1999, bringing her skills and knowledge of League with her. We became beneficiaries of her work as Unit Leader, Board member and President as well as her committee work in transportation and health care. She was part of the team that completed the State study on ferries.

Jane will be remembered by us for her many contributions to League, but will be missed mostly for her wit and sense of fun.

#### Nancy Jander

Nancy Jander, LWV-K CK/SK and co-chair of our Health & Human Services Committee and LWVWA Education Co-chair, lost her fight with ALS on June 3. She was an activist all her life, served as a CASA volunteer, and was a member of the Raging Grannies singing group. Nancy was known for being straightforward and frank and impatient with the lack of action and had a heart of gold and a voice filled with laughter.

#### Babs Abbott

We will miss Babs (Florence) Abbott who died June 15. Babs, who had been a member of the Kitsap League since 1989, generously hosted meetings of the League at her home. She was committed and did all she could to keep the planet healthy. Recycling, reducing garbage, riding the bus and carpooling were ways she made a difference. Babs was an inspiration to all of us.

Ellen Fisher,  
President

### ONE CALL FOR ALL 2008

*B. I. 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. Watch next month for details on this important way to benefit the League.*

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**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DISTRICT 1 and DISTRICT 2**

**CANDIDATES' FORUM**

**Tuesday, September 23 – 7 PM**

**Eagles Nest (across from the Fairgrounds)  
1200 NW Fairgrounds Rd., Bremerton**

**Hosted by the League of Women Voters of Kitsap**

**Residents of Kitsap County, Taxpayers, History class  
students, Business Owners, Developers:**

**Bring your questions about the future leadership  
of the county, budget issues, roads & ferries, law &  
justice, land use, economic development, streams &  
shorelines & other issues and hear the candidates'  
answers.**

**CALL (360) 697-7924  
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**Notice: Our Fall begins with Unit Coffees to plan the year.  
There is no General Meeting scheduled for September or October.  
Our Fall Focus is Voter Education, and that is the duty  
of every League member. We have five Forums scheduled.  
Volunteer to help host at least one Forum.**

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# BALLOT ISSUES FORUM

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 - 7:00 pm

Silverdale Community Center – 9729 Silverdale Way NW, Silverdale

Hosted by the League of Women Voters of Kitsap

I-985 – Transportation Issues  
I-1000 – Death with Dignity  
I-1029 – Long Term Care Services  
(in the courts – may not be on ballot)

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## 26th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16 - 7:00 pm

Givens Community Center  
1026 Sidney Ave., Port Orchard

Hosted by the League of Women Voters of Kitsap

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*Annamarie Lavieri, Membership Chair*

## KUDOS TO OUR MEMBERS

Long-time LWV-K member **Marge Thorne** recently helped cut the ceremonial ribbon opening the new 15-room inpatient Kitsap Hospice Care Center. Marge was one of the founders of Hospice of Kitsap County in 1979 and its first president, and the staff refers to her as its “founding mother.” Thank you, Marge, for being the “midwife” to this critical service for our community.

A new LWV-K member, **Natalie Bryson**, was honored by the Pride Foundation and the Kitsap County HIV AIDS Foundation as a “Community Treasure” on July 17. Last year Natalie received a similar award from CK School District. Thank you, Natalie, for your many contributions to our community.

Long-time LWV-K member, **Ardis Morrow**, was recognized by the Kitsap Sun and Kitsap Credit Union with the “Healthy Tomorrow Award.” Her book, “Ardis, Do You Have a Story For Us?” is available at Liberty Bay Book Store, and all proceeds go to the Poulsbo Rotary Club’s Domestic Violence Prevention projects. Thank you Ardis for your years of dedication to protecting abuse victims.

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU . . . New Member Carol Haskins

We are most fortunate to welcome to our League of Women Voters: **Carol Callan Haskins**, CDR USN.RET. Carol became a registered nurse and joined the US Navy in 1972. Her last duty station was the Naval Hospital Bremerton, retiring from there in 1989. She, her husband Jim, and children Lora and Patrick have lived in Poulsbo since 1983. Carol had a variety of assignments during her military career. Her main focus was on staff education. Carol is commended for her extensive volunteer work for North Kitsap Schools, including a large mentoring project. Now her family is volunteering in educating dogs—they are raising puppies for Guide Dogs for the Blind. We hope League members will get the chance to become acquainted with Carol.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Please add these new members to your directory:

### North Kitsap Unit:

#### **Barbara Linsert**

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### Bainbridge Island Unit:

#### **Ailene Isaf**

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Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

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## MEMBER CONTACT CHANGES

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*Check out our website:*

*[www.lwvwa.org/kitsap](http://www.lwvwa.org/kitsap)*

*Our Voter is now posted on the website.*

*REPORT ON LWV NATIONAL CONVENTION*

The northwest’s first sunny summer weekend welcomed us and over 1,000 other participants to the League’s 48th National Convention in Portland, Oregon on June 13 - 17. Our League was represented by two voting delegates, Ellen Fisher and Ann Smith; two observers, Pam Hamon and Ann Rudnicki and Luella Wells and Margaret Colony who volunteered to serve as hostesses.

We participants were kept busy from early breakfast to bedtime. At the more formal meetings LWVUS’s business such as the budget, by-laws and national program was debated and adopted under the skillful leadership of LWVUS President Mary Wilson. Plenary speakers included two former governors of Oregon, one of whom spoke on some of the obstacles to be addressed with any national health care reform. A symposium on global climate change painted an even bleaker picture than Gore’s film. At smaller breakout presentations local Leagues promoted their program proposals for national consideration and League long-timers shared their expertise in aspects of running local League. In these caucuses we learned why the Massachusetts League gives their state’s much-touted health care program a D-, how successfully campaign finance reform has been working in Maine and Arizona and when and how LWVUS observers at the UN weigh in with League positions on international issues.

Action taken by the convention included

- adoption of a Health Care program to educate members and communities in order to be better prepared to do health care advocacy as needed
- study the advisability of using the National Popular Vote compact among states as a method for electing the President. (States that join the compact agree to give all their electoral votes to the candidate who receives the most popular votes in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The change would not take effect until it won final acceptance by enough states to amount to a 270 vote majority in the Electoral College. This compact has already been approved by 4 states.
- development of a multilevel Education and Advocacy campaign to promote solutions to global climate change.
- set the LWVUS per member payment which is now \$28 for fiscal year 2008-09 to \$29.20 for fiscal year 2009-10

Ann Smith  
Convention Delegate

*REPORT ON STATE COUNCIL*

May 30th, twenty-five League members representing 15 Leagues from across the state gathered in Yakima for Council. Ellen Fisher was one of Kitsap League’s delegates, Pat Anderson the other, but car trouble prevented Pat from attending. Parliamentary procedure presented by Judy Goldberg and League 101 Etc. directed by Barbara Bush were both valuable opportunities to learn more about how League operates. The chance to meet other women involved in League was energizing, informative and fun.

Ellen Fisher  
Council Delegate



*The League of Women Voters has three web sites which contain a wealth of timely information:*  
**National: [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)    State: [www.lwvwa.org](http://www.lwvwa.org)    Local: [www.lwvwa.org/kitsap](http://www.lwvwa.org/kitsap)**  
Call Annamarie Lavieri at 360-638-1088 if you have questions about how to access any of these sites.

## *Honorary Members of the Kitsap League*

Kitsap League has two members who have belonged to the League of Women Voters for over fifty years. They are Jean Moehring and Judy Matchett. Both women joined the League in Seattle in the 1950s.

### **Jean Moehring**

Jean remembers seeking out the LWV when she learned that it was sponsoring a wonderful national restudy of the Bill of Rights, the first ten amendments to the Constitution. “Here is an organization that can’t be frightened into immobility, but does what it thinks is right!” she thought (in that frightened era of Senator McCarthy.) Her first League meeting was in a Seattle home on the shores of Lake Washington where she met 30 other young women and childcare was provided.

She, her husband, Glenn, and their two daughters moved to Milwaukee where she had been hired as head of research for the Milwaukee City Planning Department; Glenn taught high school English there. “One of the nicest things about belonging to the League,” she says, “is to be able to be a stranger far from home, but get in touch with a new League and feel immediately at home again.”

They returned to Seattle in 1966 and, after her retirement, Jean served on the LWVSeattle Board and as for Program.

Jean joined the Kitsap League in 1995 after she and Glen moved to Bainbridge Island. She served as Voter Chair organizing candidates forums. Jean was also active in the Voices of Kitsap which was organized by the Kitsap League to provide public discussions in five areas of the county of ways Kitsap County could improve its comprehensive plan to bring it into compliance with the new Growth Management Act. Jean was also a key member of the Kitsap League’s Sustainability committee helping with the public forums and collecting data and writing four of the sections for the final report “Indicators for Sustainable Kitsap 1998.”

### **Judy Matchett**

Judy joined the Seattle League when she and her husband, Bill, came to Seattle from the east coast. She thought it would be a good way to get to know the new area as she was interested in political and semi-political things. They had two young children at the time and she went to a north end evening meeting. In the 1950s and 1960s, the Seattle League was involved with initiatives to clean up Lake Washington and establish Metro, which led to Judy’s interest in water and transportation issues.

Her membership in the League led to other citizen activist involvement. She was a member of a city transportation advisory committee and was involved in water and city land use issues. In 1970, there was a transit issue on the ballot and she spoke at unit meetings to explain it.

When she and Bill moved to their home on Hood Canal in 1989, she transferred her membership to the Kitsap League. Judy has served on the Kitsap board of directors as natural resources chair since 1995. Water and transportation issues continue to be main interests. She has attended many county Planning Commission meetings and land use hearings as the county Comprehensive Plan was developed under the Growth Management Act.

Kitsap League is fortunate to have these two dedicated members.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Dues: In the past, members paid their 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. After much thought the Finance Committee suggested this new method, the Board discussed it and voted on the committee's recommendation, and it was approved by our membership at our Annual Meeting in May. Letters with dues renewal information were mailed out mid August; you should have received yours by the time you are reading this. Please note that, depending on your anniversary month, the dues amount that appears in your letter may be larger than the normal 12-month amount. This is NOT an increase; it is an adjusted assessment which has been prorated in order to correctly reflect the true cost of yearly dues. 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 REGISTRATION INVOLVES MANY LEAGUERS

Jean Moehring reports on the variety of voter registration activities carried out by the Bainbridge island Unit, including the involvement of some of our new members who came to the New Member Coffee this spring. In May, Ailene Isaf joined Peggy Drew in registering students at the high school. Ailene knew many of the students from their time at Sakai School, so she was a great asset in encouraging them to become registered voters. Also in May Jean, Adele Bonciolini, and new member Edie Hartman offered voter registration at Safeway. And at the end of the school year Jean, Ailene, and George and Donna McKinney went back to the high school for a last chance to register graduating seniors. Meanwhile, other units have been setting up registration tables at Farmers Markets – great visibility for Kitsap League and great examples of Voter Service!

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

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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

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Kingston, WA 98345

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

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