

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MASON COUNTY

November General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, November 20, 2018, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Johnson Library, Olympic College, Shelton



Washington State Legislature

It is a bicameral body, composed of the lower Washington House of Representatives, with 98 representatives, and the upper Washington State Senate, with 49 senators. The State Legislature meets at the Legislative Building in Olympia

The Legislature begins the legislative session annually on the second Monday in January. In odd-numbered years, the Legislature meets for 105 days, due to budget debate, and in even-numbered years, it meets for 60 days

What the Legislature Can't Do

Speaker: *Karen Fraser, former Washington State Senator*
She served 24 years, representing the 22nd Legislative District which includes Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater, and northern Thurston County

She will discuss the four categories of government:

Federal, State, Tribal, and Local emphasizing that the public is protected through the legislative process. However, oversight and enforcement at all levels rely, many times, on the participation of the voter. As registered voters, we hold a key position of power as long as we can influence elected officials. We do this mainly through our associations and coalitions willing to maintain surveillance over the vagaries of policy.

Nonetheless, key questions remain, such as:

How do we as ordinary citizens make our voices heard to local elected officials?

How effective are Advisory Boards if they are dominated by special interest members?

Would home rule charter government be more representative?

How do we know zoning laws are being enforced?

**Please add any questions you may have for our speaker
Minutes, October General Membership Meeting to Follow**

**League of Women Voters of Mason County Membership Meeting
11:30 - 1:30 PM, November 20, 2018; Olympic College, Johnson Library
AGENDA**

Call to order:

Welcome and introductions

Reports

Secretary: Michelle, Norma, Esther-- Approve Minutes of Oct. meeting

President: Cindy--

Vice President: Bobbie and Connie

Treasurer: Pat--Dues for 2019

Program: Lynda and Amy

December 18 - Luncheon at Salish Cliffs: Book discussion

Democracy in Chains by Nancy MacLean

January 15 - Mason County Budget Study Update

April 16, 2019 - Evening meeting at Harmony Hill

Voter Services: Voter Services/Vote Local committee

Member Services: Nancy and Lynn—Member Communications; new member orientation

Commission Watch: Cheryl

New Business:

Fundraiser—Silent Auction for Luncheon.

Program

Karen Fraser: What the State Legislature Can't Do

Take Action

Adjournment

Calendar

November

20: Membership Meeting: 11:30 to 1:30, Olympic College

Voter Services/Vote Local: 1:30

December

7: Board Meeting: 12:30 to 2:30 PM, Shelton Library

18: Membership Luncheon and Silent Auction 11:30 at Salish Cliffs Golf

Clubhouse

January

4: Board Meeting: 12:30 to 2:30 PM, Shelton Library

12: LWVWA Action Workshop, Shoreline

15: Membership Meeting: 11:30 to 1:30, Olympic College

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