

Mason County VOTER

**EMPOWERING VOTERS.
DEFENDING DEMOCRACY.**

**League of Women Voters of Mason County
Spring Edition 2019**

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Calendar of Events

APRIL

Friday, April 5

12:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Board Meeting

Shelton Timberland Library

710 W Alder Street, Shelton

New Members Always Welcome!

Tuesday, April 16

Please note alternate location!

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Membership Meeting and Program *

“For the People: Free, Fair

and Accessible Elections”

Presenter: Paddy McGuire,

Mason County Auditor

“The Census and Redistricting”

Presenter: Alison McCaffree,

LWVWA Lobby Team Issue Chair

Harmony Hill

7362 WA 106, Union

Monday, April 22

Earth Day



MAY

Wednesday, May 1

5:00 PM

Rally for Immigrants and Workers

Kneeland Park

100 Turner Avenue, Shelton

Friday, May 3

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Board Meeting

Shelton Timberland Library

710 W Alder Street, Shelton

New Members Always Welcome!

Friday, May 10, 2019

6:00 PM

Sound Learning’s Spell-E-Bration

Shelton Civic Center

525 W Cota Street, Shelton

Tuesday, May 21

Please note time and alternate location!

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Membership Meeting and Program *

“Mental Health and the

Criminal Justice System”

Presenters: TBD

PUD 3 Administration Building

2621 E Johns Prairie Road, Shelton

Friday, May 31

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM

Board Meeting

Shelton Timberland Library

710 W Alder Street, Shelton

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JUNE

Friday, June 7 – Sunday, June 9

LWVWA Biennial Convention

Murano Hotel

1320 Broadway, Tacoma

Please Note:

June 7 Board Meeting was

rescheduled to May 31

Tuesday, June 11

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

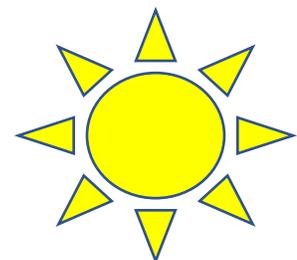
Annual Meeting and Potluck at Harmony

Hill

Program Topic TBD

7362 WA 106, Union

*Have a
spectacular summer!*



*** All monthly membership meetings and programs are open to the public. Membership in the LWVMC is highly encouraged but not required. Donations (cash or check) are gratefully and happily accepted!**

We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge and the confidence to participate. We believe in the power of women to create a more perfect democracy. Membership is open to all citizens of voting age.

What's Up with LWV – Local

Mason County League members (from left to right) Amy D., Sandy P. and Lynda L., with Thurston County League member Julie F., braved the elements to join with women throughout our region for the 2019 Women+s March in Olympia, WA. Although fewer people participated this year than in the past two years, the crowd was energized and focused on raising awareness of women's rights, the rights of the LGBTQ community and ending human trafficking.

Keep those pussy hats ready for next year's march!



- **Commission Watch** – LWVMC members are needed to attend the Board of County Commissioners' meetings held at the Commission Chambers, Mason County Building 1, 411 N Fifth Street, Shelton on Tuesdays at 9:00 AM, except the fourth Tuesday of the month when the meeting is at 6:00 PM. Commission meeting agendas and minutes are available at www.co.mason.wa.us.
- **Young Voter Registration Project** – LWVMC members are visiting local high school civics and government classes to provide information on the LWV, explain the need to be an informed voter and register eligible students. If you would like to be a part of this project, please contact Michelle Bell (majgbell2@aol.com) or Bobbie Stady (wilstady@wavecable.com).
- **Voter Education and Registration, 2019 Calendar** – The Voter Services Committee has prepared a calendar of events for the remainder of 2019; a sign-up sheet will be circulated at the April Membership Meeting for LWVMC members interested in helping to educate or register voters.

Thank You!

We all send a big shout out of thanks to Linda Woytowich for her brilliant redo of our They Represent You (TRY) brochure! The brochure is more compact yet clearer and easier to use. Copies are available from Bobbie S. at the membership meetings or online at www.lwvmasoncounty.org. Nicely done, Linda!

What's Up with LWV – State

- **Washington State Legislature** – The Legislative Session is scheduled to end on April 29, 2019 so bills are moving quickly through both houses. Please be sure to read and respond to the Action Alerts in the weekly LWVWA Legislative Newsletter. This is **your** opportunity to share **your** opinion with **your** elected officials.
- **Democracy Lobby Day 2019** – Held in Olympia on February 21, 2019 was a high-energy success for co-sponsors LWVWA and Fix Democracy First. Over 150 participants representing 35 of our 49 legislative districts heard from legislators and government officials who spoke on their priorities and commitment to enhancing democracy.
- **State Biennial Convention** – Thursday, June 6 through Sunday, June 9, 2019 at the Murano Hotel in Tacoma. The convention kicks off with a wine reception and award ceremony at the Washington State History Museum on Thursday, June 6, 2019 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The History Museum will unveil its new portable suffrage exhibit. You can register to attend just this event or add this event to the full convention schedule. All league members are invited to attend the convention as an observer; you do not have to be a delegate. More information is available at www.lvwva.org.

What's Up with LWV – National

- **End Gerrymandering NOW** – The long-awaited gerrymandering case *Rucho v. League of Women Voters of North Carolina* was heard with its companion cases in the Supreme Court on March 26, 2019. “These cases offer another chance for the Court to finally establish important limits on the growing problem of extreme partisan gerrymandering and would be a huge win for American voters ahead of the next round of redistricting in 2021” - [Brennan Center for Justice](#).
- **Support National Democracy Reform** – The US Senate version of HR 1, the For the People Act, was introduced in the Senate on March 14, 2019. This landmark legislation contains provisions long supported by the League for the advancement of democracy. The US House of Representatives passed the legislation earlier in the month.
- **National Popular Vote** – The LWVUS added the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPVIC) to their Making Democracy Work Campaign at the 2018 Convention. Many members have continued working around the country on this issue and this March the NPVIC passed in Colorado, New Mexico, and Delaware. The NPVIC needs just 81 more electoral votes to be ratified!

Please Support Our Local Media

The [Shelton-Mason County Journal](#), [iFiberOne NewsRadio](#) and [Mason WebTV](#) are valuable resources for local news and information.

“Freedom of the press is not just important to democracy, it is democracy.” *Walter Cronkite*

Recommended Reading

(provided by your fellow league members)

The Uninhabitable Earth: Life After Warming

Author: David Wallace-Wells

New York Times bestseller – “*The Uninhabitable Earth* hits you like a comet, with an overflow of insanely lyrical prose about our pending Armageddon.” – Andrew Solomon, author of *The Noonday Demon*

Help Wanted Newsletter Editor

Have you always wanted to see your name in print, in a good way? Now is your chance. This is my last edition of the Mason County VOTER so we are looking for an interested individual to take over the helm. Duties include:

- Gather and/or create articles about current events, legislation, action options, and resources
- Seek input and edits from the editorial board (President, Co-Chair of Member Services, Co-Secretary)
- Publish the Mason County VOTER three to four times each league year (September through June)
- Time commitment: 4-6 hours per issue.

The current newsletter is a MS Word document and uses a series of tables to define spaces and make the newsletter interesting yet readable. This is a simple format to edit; however, other templates are available online and may be used based on the editor's knowledge and experience. If you are interested in this position, please contact Lynn Busacca at 360-426-9892 or email lbusacca@gmail.com or Joanne Brown at 360-462-0060 or email jebrown1121@gmail.com. Training, encouragement and support is available – please help us keep this informative newsletter going! Thank you.

Help Wanted Various Positions

We are seeking members and others to help us with the following:

Photographer(s): Help us capture our special events and the important work we do.

Webmaster: Our webpage is already established. We need someone to add content (meeting minutes, photos, documents). Time commitment is about 2 hours per month. Training will be provided.

Voter Services: Work with a committee to register voters at a variety of local events.

Her Right to Vote! Planning Committee: Join other members to create fun and education events in celebration of the 19th Amendment Centennial.

“League of Readers”: Help organize two book groups per year to read and discuss books on issues relevant to League policy positions.

Climate Change Action Team: Develop plans to inform members and the public on climate issues and ways to advocate for effective policies.

Additional information about the League of Women Voters Mason County (LWVMC) is available at our web site: www.lwvmasoncounty.org or by email to lwvmasoncountywa@gmail.com. LWVMC meets on the third Tuesday of the month (no meetings in July and August) from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM in the Johnson Library of the Shelton Campus, Olympic College, 937 W, Alpine Way, Shelton. Location and time are subject to change and posted on our web site. All meetings are open to the public. Our business meeting takes place from 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM and our program runs from 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM.