

League of Women Voters of Mason County. February General Membership Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019, 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

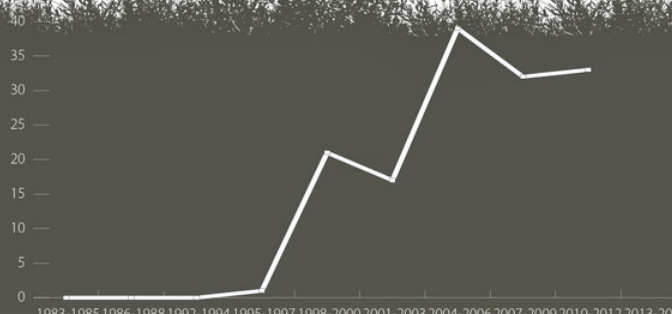
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PRESENTER: JOHN BOLENDER

DISTRICT MANAGER, MASON COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Wildfires' Impacts Are Growing Exponentially

Number of wildfires,
larger than 100,000 acres
in size, that burned each year



Senator Maria Cantwell, Ranking Member
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

@SenateEnergy



Forest Health and Resiliency in a Changing Climate



Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg

Address at Davos World Economic Forum, January 25, 2019

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M7dVF9xylaw>

**Greta Thunberg, speech at Climate Change COP24 Conference,
Kotowice, Poland, December, 2018**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VFkQSGyeCWg>

Greta Thunberg - TED Talk

<https://climatecrocks.com/2018/12/18/greta-thunberg-the-ted-talk/>

"I don't want your hope. I don't want you to be hopeful. I want you to panic ... and act as if the house was on fire."

SUGGESTED WEBSITES FOR BACKGROUND

* IPCC REPORT, UN SPECIAL REPORT ON GLOBAL WARMING- [HTTPS://WWW.IPCC.CH/SR15/](https://www.ipcc.ch/sr15/)

* WE HAVE 12 YEARS TO LIMIT CLIMATE CHANGE CATASTROPHE, WARNS UN - [HTTPS://WWW.THEGUARDIAN.COM/ENVIRONMENT/2018/OCT/08/GLOBAL-WARMING-MUST-NOT-EXCEED-15C-WARNS-LANDMARK-UN-REPORT](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2018/oct/08/global-warming-must-not-exceed-15c-warns-landmark-un-report)

* FOURTH NATIONAL CLIMATE ASSESSMENT [HTTPS://NCA2018.GLOBALCHANGE.GOV/](https://nca2018.globalchange.gov/)

* U.S. CLIMATE REPORT WARNS OF DAMAGED ENVIRONMENT AND SHRINKING ECONOMY - [HTTPS://WWW.NYTIMES.COM/2018/11/23/CLIMATE/US-CLIMATE-REPORT.HTML](https://www.nytimes.com/2018/11/23/climate/us-climate-report.html)

* IPPR, UK'S LEADING PROGRESSIVE THINK TANK : THIS IS A CRISIS. FACING UP TO THE AGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL BREAKDOWN, INITIAL REPORT. - [HTTPS://WWW.IPPR.ORG/FILES/2019-02/RISK-AND-ENVIRONMENTFEB19.PDF](https://www.ippr.org/files/2019-02/risk-and-environmentfeb19.pdf)

* CLIMATE CHANGE IS COMPLEX. WE'VE GOT ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS - [HTTPS://WWW.NYTIMES.COM/INTERACTIVE/2017/CLIMATE/WHAT-IS-CLIMATE-CHANGE.HTML](https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2017/climate/what-is-climate-change.html) (SUMMARY OF PRIOR ARTICLE)

*** WHAT IS BIO DIVERSITY AND WHY DOES IT MATTER TO US? - [HTTPS://WWW.THEGUARDIAN.COM/NEWS/2018/MAR/12/WHAT-IS-BIODIVERSITY-AND-WHY-DOES-IT-MATTER-TO-US](https://www.theguardian.com/news/2018/mar/12/what-is-biodiversity-and-why-does-it-matter-to-us)

*** PLUMMETING INSECT NUMBER 'THREATEN COLLAPSE OF NATURE' - [HTTPS://WWW.THEGUARDIAN.COM/ENVIRONMENT/2019/FEB/10/PLUMMETING-INSECT-NUMBERS-THREATEN-COLLAPSE-OF-NATURE](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/feb/10/plummeting-insect-numbers-threaten-collapse-of-nature)

*** WE ARE DESTROYING OUR LIFE-SUPPORT SYSTEM - [HTTPS://TRUTHOUT.ORG/ARTICLES/WE-ARE-DESTROYING-OUR-LIFE-SUPPORT-SYSTEM/](https://truthout.org/articles/we-are-destroying-our-life-support-system/)

*** PART OF THE ANSWER TO CLIMATE CHANGE MAY BE AMERICA'S TREES AND DIRT - [HTTPS://WWW.NYTIMES.COM/2018/11/14/CLIMATE/CLIMATE-CHANGE-NATURAL-SOLUTIONS.HTML?EMC=EDIT_CLIM_20181121&NL=CLIMATE-FWD&NLID=8400033820181121&TE=1](https://www.nytimes.com/2018/11/14/climate/climate-change-natural-solutions.html?emc=edit_clim_20181121&nl=climate-fwd&nlid=8400033820181121&te=1)

** AMAZON RAINFOREST'S FINAL FRONTIER IN BRAZIL - [HTTPS://WWW.THEGUARDIAN.COM/GLOBAL-DEVELOPMENT/2017/FEB/16/AMAZON-RAINFOREST-FINAL-FRONTIER-IN-BRAZIL-UNDER-THREAT-FROM-OIL-AND-SOYA](https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2017/feb/16/amazon-rainforest-final-frontier-in-brazil-under-threat-from-oil-and-soya)

** NEW ZEALAND WILDFIRES ARE SET TO WORSEN AS THOUSANDS FLEE - [HTTPS://WWW.THEGUARDIAN.COM/WORLD/2019/FEB/10/NEW-ZEALAND-WILDFIRES-SET-TO-WORSEN-AS-THOUSANDS-FLEE](https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/feb/10/new-zealand-wildfires-set-to-worsen-as-thousands-flee)

** DISASTER IN THE AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK (PODCAST) - [HTTPS://WWW.THEGUARDIAN.COM/NEWS/AUDIO/2019/FEB/01/DISASTER-IN-THE-AUSTRALIAN-OUTBACK-PODCAST?](https://www.theguardian.com/news/audio/2019/feb/01/disaster-in-the-australian-outback-podcast?)

** CHILE ISSUES 2019 WILDFIRE WARNING AMID HEAT FORECASTS - [HTTPS://WWW.CLIMATECHANGENEWS.COM/2019/01/08/CHILE-ISSUES-2019-WILDFIRE-WARNING-AMID-HEAT-FORECASTS/](https://www.climatechangenews.com/2019/01/08/chile-issues-2019-wildfire-warning-amid-heat-forecasts/)

** TASMANIA IS BURNING. THE CLIMATE DISASTER FUTURE HAS ARRIVED WHILE THOSE IN POWER LAUGH AT US - [HTTPS://WWW.THEGUARDIAN.COM/ENVIRONMENT/2019/FEB/05/TASMANIA-IS-BURNING-THE-CLIMATE-DISASTER-FUTURE-HAS-ARRIVED-WHILE-THOSE-IN-POWER-LAUGH-AT-US](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/feb/05/tasmania-is-burning-the-climate-disaster-future-has-arrived-while-those-in-power-laugh-at-us)

*** GONE IN A GENERATION. MONTANA'S DECIMATED FORESTS ARE VICTIMS OF WARMING. A FAMILY OF HUNTERS EXPLORES AREAS DESTROYED BY FIRE AND BEETLE INFESTATION. - [HTTPS://WWW.WASHINGTONPOST.COM/GRAPHICS/2019/NATIONAL/GONE-IN-A-GENERATION/FORREST-CLIMATE-CHANGE.HTML?UTM_TERM=.ED8585B2A59B](https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2019/national/gone-in-a-generation/forest-climate-change.html?utm_term=.ed8585b2a59b)

* CLIMATE DISRUPTION DISPATCHES ARCHIVES . THESE BLOGS ON CLIMATE SCIENCE BY DAR JAMAIL GO BACK FROM 2018-2014 - [HTTPS://TRUTHOUT.ORG/SERIES/CLIMATE-DISRUPTION-DISPATCHES/](https://truthout.org/series/climate-disruption-dispatches/)

League of Women Voters of Mason County Membership Meeting

11:30 am - 1:30 pm, February 19, 2019, Olympic College, Johnson Library

AGENDA

Call to Order

Welcome and Introductions

Reports

Secretary: Michelle, Norma, Esther - Approval of Minutes of January Meeting

President: Cindy - February 15 Reception and play; LWV Democracy Day

February 21 Planning for the LWV and Women's Suffrage

Centennial

Vice-President: Bobbie and Connie

Treasurer: Pat

Program: Lynda and Amy

Voter Services: Voter Service / Vote Local Committee

Commission Watch: Cheryl

New Business

Program: John Bolender: Forest Health and Resiliency in a Changing Climate

Take Action

Adjournment

Calendar

February

21: LWV Democracy Day, Olympia

26: Voter Services meeting, 11:30 am, Shelton Library

March

1: Board meeting, 12:30 pm, Shelton Library

19: Membership meeting, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, Olympic College Library

June 6-9: LWVMC Convention, Murano Hotel, Tacoma

League of Women Voters of Mason County
Membership Meeting Minutes Jan. 15, 2019
Johnson Library, Olympic College Shelton, Shelton, WA 98584

Call to Order: Cindy called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

Welcome & Introductions. Cindy welcomed LWVMC members, guests & Commissioners Neatherlin, Shetty and Trask, later joined by Mason Co. treasurer, Lisa Frazier. Paddy McGuire, Mason County Auditor, was also present.

Business Meeting Reports:

President Cindy S. explained that together with the Thurston Co. LWV, we'll co-host the reception for a performance of *Many Maps, One Voice* at the WA Center for the Performing Arts on Feb. 15. Contact Cindy if you can help. Tickets are \$32 with a \$5 senior discount. There are opportunities for ushering. Cindy commented that our new members have jumped right in and helped with several initiatives, thanked Nancy M. for her colorful meeting flyers & Joanne B for the Winter Edition of our LWVMC newsletter.

Treasurer - Pat C. We now have 41 paid members. Our current balance is \$4855.XX plus a CD valued at \$1040. Pat passed membership forms and the 'Pink Boot' [for misc. donations] around the table. The TRY brochure has been updated & has a much improved look thanks to new member & graphic designer Linda Woytowich.

Secretary – Michelle, Norma & Esther: The minutes from the Dec. LWVMC membership meeting were approved without corrections.

Programs - Lynda L. & Amy D. Programs: Feb.: Wildfires & Forestry in Mason Co.: John Bolender from the MCD. Mar.: Climate Justice. Apr.: Topic TBD; meeting at Harmony Hill at 11:30am – 1:30pm. May: possible topics: Mental Health Outreach, Gerrymandering, Census & Voting or Home Rule Charter; evening meeting at PUD3.

Voter Services: Bobbie S. & Michelle B. The Vote Local committee met with Fiona O., from the Auditor's Office, to begin research into underrepresented Mason Co. voters & better understand who isn't voting. Contact Cindy S. to participate. To assist with voter registration at local high schools, contact Bobbie S or Michelle B. Amy D. reminded everyone to sign up for and read the Legislative Newsletter.

Commission Watch: Cheryl W. reminded us about the Mason Co. Commissioners' meetings' schedules.

Announcements: Jeannine D. from F.A.N., Faith Action Network, distributed the FAN agenda for Interfaith Advocacy Day to be held Feb. 14 at United Churches of Olympia. <http://fanwa.org/interfaith-advocacy-day/> Cindy announced the upcoming Jan. 31st Shelton Library program *The People's State of the Union*. Nancy M. reminded us to collect & shred stray papers after the meeting with anyone's email address. Cheryl W. announced the *AARP Tax Help program* beginning in Feb. at the Shelton Library on Sats., Belfair Library on Tues. and the Senior Center on Weds.

New Business: Approval of Amendments to the By-Laws: Michelle B. moved to accept the revisions. It was seconded by Joann B. & passed unanimously. The Nominating Committee will soon contact members for offices.

Program: Brenda Hirschi and Lynda L. & Michelle B. of the Budget Study Committee presented a **2018 Update of the 2010 Mason County Budget Study Review**, a look-back at & update of the study done during the recent downturn. Committee members as well as County Commissioners contributed & responded to audience queries.

Take Action: Cindy reminded us to read our newsletter and use it for guidance in **Taking Action!**

Calendar: Jan. 19: Woman's March, Olympia

Jan. 31: People's State of the Union

Feb. 1: Executive Bd. Meeting: 12:30-2:30, Sisters Restaurant

Feb. 15: *Many Maps, One Voice*, WA Center for the Performing Arts, 512 Washington St SE, Olympia 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 19: Membership Mtg.: 11:30a.m. -1:30 p.m.; Olympic College, Shelton.

Feb. 21: LWVWA Lobby Day, Olympia

Adjournment: Michelle B. moved & Cheryl W. seconded to adjourn at 1:38 p.m.

Attendance: a 22 member quorum was present

There were 11 guests including the three current Mason County Commissioners & 2 members of the press / media.

Respectfully submitted, Norma B.