



VOTER

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE SAN JUANS
P. O. Box 784, Friday Harbor, WA 98250-0784**

November 2019

Calendar

**November 5, 2019 – Tuesday, 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm at
the San Juan Island Library: Board Meeting**

All members are encouraged to attend.

**November 18, 2019 – Monday, 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm at
the San Juan Island Library: Membership Meeting**

Sharing Paradise: The Balance of Tourism and Preservation in the San Juans

**Note that the membership meeting is a week later than usual
because of scheduling issues.**

Barbara Marrett and Joe Symons will present a program looking at the two sides of our island tourism. Barbara is the communication and stewardship manager for the Visitors Bureau and Joe is a long-time Orcas Island resident, active protector of the environment and author on the impact of tourists on several coastal communities. Each will have approximately 30 minutes for presentation and then both will take questions from the audience. This should be a wonderful view of how tourism benefits and impacts our islands.

Board meetings are generally on the 1st Tuesday of each month and membership meetings are usually on the 2nd Monday. Annual Membership Meetings are usually in May of each year. If you are coming from another island, call any board member and we'll arrange a ride from the ferry.

**December 3, 2019 – Tuesday, 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm at the
San Juan Island Library: Board Meeting**

SAVE THE DATE !!

The League of Women Voters of the San Juans Holiday Luncheon is **Wednesday, December 11th** at the Grange, 11:30 to 2:00! The featured speaker this year is Representative Debra Lekanoff, our 40th District Representative in the State Legislature. She will talk about her experiences as a first-year member of the Legislature. Reservation information will be forthcoming, ticket price will be \$30. Our Holiday Luncheon is always an enjoyable event, so mark your calendars!

We're Having a Party!

In February 2020, we will be having a celebration to mark the 100th anniversary of the founding of the League in the wake of the passage of the 19th Amendment. We will be having an evening reception, most likely at the Grange on February 13th or 14th (the 14th is the actual anniversary). We hope to put together a fun and entertaining evening, in which our guests can both learn a little about League history and about the way the League is fighting to protect voter rights today. Board members Necia Quast and Jill Belcovson are forming a party planning committee and looking for members who want to brainstorm ideas and work on bringing this event to life. If you are interested, contact Necia and Jill at collquas@netscape.net and jillbelcovson@earthlink.net.

Meeting Dates 2020

Board Meetings	Membership Meetings
January 7	13
February 4	10
March 3	9
April 7	13
May 5	11
June 2	8
July 7	No membership meeting in July
August TBD	No membership meeting in August
September 8	14
October 6	12
November 3	9
December 1	Holiday Luncheon 14

We're on YouTube!!

Missed a meeting? Wish you had been able to be there? Our educational programs and candidate forums are recorded and put on YouTube for your convenience. You can access the video links in three ways. First and best, is to be a member of the LWVSJ and simply click on the link in this section of the monthly *Voter*.

Second, go to [YouTube](#) and search for LWVFH (we had to use FH rather than SJ because the YouTube search engine would take LWVSJ to a New Jersey League!).

Third, go to <http://www.mindspring.com/~sjmedia/default.htm>.

March 2019 Help!! We Need Somebody, Not
Just Anybody, to Save Our Orcas

April 2018 Redistricting and the Electoral
College

October 2018 San Juan Island Candidate
Forum

March 2018 Salish Sea Threats and
Opportunities

September 2018 Housing and the Proposed
Real Estate Excise Tax (REET)

November 2017 Island Service Organizations

September 2017 Our County Comp Plan:
Preparing for the Future

LWVSJ Happenings

October 2019 – Candidates Forums

Our league conducted candidate forums on Orcas and San Juan islands in anticipation of the November election.

Some 40 attendees at the forum on October 14th at the Orcas Fire Hall heard a spirited conversation with eight candidates for four positions as Port of Orcas commissioner. There were two candidates for the school board. The moderator, Susie Dehlendorf did an excellent job balancing the questions among the eight candidates for the Orcas Port Commissioner positions. The Orcas Port controls the airport and the candidates fielded questions on the airport master plan, climate change, and wetlands issues. State Senate candidate Liz Lovelett delivered a brief statement but was not allowed to respond to questions because her opponent, Daniel Miller was unable to attend the forum.

On October 16th, candidates Lovelett and Miller participated in the forum at the Friday Harbor Grange. the candidates answered questions on ferry issues, school funding,

drug problems and climate change. The October 23rd issue of *The Journal of the San Juans* has an excellent article on the San Juan forum.

Voter service co-chairs Susie Dehlendorf and Eric Vittinghoff arranged the forums, Susie Dehlendorf moderated both forums and LWVSJ President, Barbara Sharp convened the sessions.

Don't forget to turn in your ballots by November 5th!!

October 1, 2019 – Board Meeting

Ann Jarrell reported that we currently have \$266.95 in checking and \$8,481.88 in savings. Clare circulated new rosters. She is actively sending out reminders to those who have not yet paid their dues.

Barbara reported that our legal status is now fully complete and that the state action workshop will be held in Seattle on December 7th at the First Baptist Church. A new job description for the treasurer's IRS duties was approved and has been included in the *Policies and Procedures Manual*.

Barbara outlined the changes to the voter registration forms to include 16- and 17-year-olds. Mary Karen Riley has visited the high school with the forms. Barbara and MKR attended the Climate Rally and were able to register a number of high schoolers and also distributed the new voter forms. Necia addressed the Middle School Voter program that she is undertaking with Christie Putney. They are developing a curriculum and each year plan to have a new program.

Clare is drawing up the roster for volunteers and will bring and take away the table and chairs for handing out stickers on Election Day.

Jill Belcovson for Audra Adelberger, Secretary

Vision Statement: *We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge, and the confidence to participate.*

Mission Statement: *Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy.*

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YES! I want to become a member of the League of Women Voters of the San Juans.

Name(s) _____ **Address** _____

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Circle one:

	Regular	Carrie Chapman Catt	Susan B. Anthony
Individual	\$60	\$100 to \$249	\$250 and up
Family	\$90	\$150to \$374	\$375 and up
Student	\$35		

I would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the League of Women Voters of WA Education Fund and have enclosed a separate check (to LWVWA—EF) in the amount of \$_____.

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