



VOTER

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

February 2018

Calendar

**February 5, 2018 – Monday, 12:30 to 2:30 pm at the
San Juan Island Library: Board Meeting**

All members are encouraged to attend.

**February 12, 2018 – Monday, 12:30 am to 2:30 pm at the
San Juan Island Library: Membership Meeting**

Now is the TIME for Advocacy and Action

Geared especially to those members who are new to League Advocacy as well as information for all members on what to take action on, this meeting will bring into focus the call to action. As most of you are aware, the State Legislature is in short session this year now until March 8th and there is a change in dynamic as you may have heard in the news. Four of us from the San Juan League attended the Action Workshop in January which was a fabulous segue into the new session. We would like to share some of the highlights and update you on some of the important legislation including some high priority issues for San Juan County. State League efforts and also what we can do to influence outcomes will be emphasized.

Ann Jarrell

Board meetings are generally on the 1st Monday 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.

**March 5, 2018 – Monday, 12:30 to 2:30 pm at the
San Juan Island Library: Board Meeting**

**March 12, 2018 – Monday, 12:30 am to 2:00 pm at the
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Meeting Dates 2018

Note that all board and membership meetings will start at 12:30 pm rather than the customary 12:00 noon and will run until 2:30.

Board Meetings	Membership Meetings
April 2	9
May 7	14
June 4	11
July 9	
August TBD	
September 4	10
October 1	8
November 5	12
December 3	10

We're On YouTube!!

Missed a meeting? Wish you had been able to be there? Our educational programs and the SJI 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>.

[November 2017 Island Service Organizations](#)

[September 2017 Our County Comp Plan:
Preparing for the Future](#)

[May 2017 What You Can Do About Climate
Change](#)

[March 2017 Affordable Housing](#)

[November 2016 Water, Water Everywhere](#)

[October 2016 Candidates Forum](#)

[March 2016 What's Next in Healthcare?](#)

[February 2016 Resource Centers](#)

[November 2015 Education Funding](#)

September 2015 Affordable Housing

March 2015 League Update

October 2015 Candidate Forums

February 2015 Government 101

April 2015 The Darker Side of Paradise

LWVSJ Happenings

January 20, 2018 – Islands Women's March

On Saturday, January 20th, a cold and windy day, some League members joined in the second annual Islands Women's March in Friday Harbor. There were about eight



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of us from LWVSJ (even two from Shaw!) walking with hundreds of others, carrying signs in support of diversity, human rights of all kinds, and justice for all. We League members were pleased to see so many signs emphasizing the importance of voting. LWVSJ set up a voter registration table and circulated throughout the gathering crowd handing out voter registration forms. We managed to register five new voters. Kevin Ranker, our district's senator spoke to the lively and enthusiastic participants in the march just

before we started walking. We all went home afterwards with renewed dedication to making our votes count in the upcoming November 2018 elections.

Clare Kelm

January 8, 2018 – Membership Meeting

LWVSJ held our program planning meeting on January 8th. A group of about 20 members, filled with good ideas and bringing ideas from those who could not attend, showed up to participate. Local League groups were given guidance from National that the theme that they wish to continue into the biennium is "Making Democracy Work." Falling under this theme were four priorities:

1. Voting rights
2. Improving elections
3. Money in politics
4. Redistricting

After discussing how these priorities fit in with our local concerns, we moved on to discussion of some state topics which had come out of the recent Action Workshop in Seattle. These included elections; social policy (gun safety, reproductive rights); education and the McCleary decision; revenue needed in 2019; climate change (energy, natural resources, Atlantic salmon pens, oil safety bill); the Hirst water rights decision; carbon tax. The topics brought up as possible program ideas (with number of votes received when participants ranked their top three included:

- Net neutrality (2)
- Helping to educate voters about a proposed ballot measure concerning affordable housing funding (10)
- Local transportation issues, especially non-motorized vehicle traffic and walkers/hikers (2)
- Update on April 2017's program on "Hope for the Best, Prepare for the Rest". How are regulation and other national changes affecting island activities? (10)
- Electoral College. What is it, why do we have it, would it be wise to change it? (7)
- Salish Sea issues. (salmon pens, oil transport and safety issues) (8)
- Gun safety as May luncheon topic (10)
- Redistricting (4)

The meeting ended with planning tentative dates for some of these topics. All agreed that we have come up with ideas which should produce very informative membership meetings in 2018.

Clare Kelm

January 2, 2018 – Board Meeting

After debriefing the holiday luncheon in December, we turned our attention to the coming year. We have received a request from National to join in on the “Making Democracy Work” theme for the next two years: voting rights, improving elections, redistricting, and campaign financing/money in politics. We will discuss ideas for related programs and activities at the annual planning meeting on January 8th. In February, we will have a program following up the State Action Workshop held on January 6th in Seattle. A “Know Your League” tea will be held in early February. An invitation list for new and prospective members is being developed; all members are encouraged to add names to this list.

Audra Adelberger

Mission of the League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan, political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of public policy issues, and influence public policy through education and advocacy.

Goal of the League of Women Voters

To empower citizens to shape better communities worldwide. Membership is open to any citizen over the age of 18 who subscribes to the League’s purposes and policies. All LWVSWJ meetings are nonpartisan and open to the public.

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Family	\$90	\$150to \$374	\$375 and up
Student	\$35		

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