May 7, Civil Discourse Meeting, 11:00 AM, The Pointe on Harbour Pointe Blvd., Mukilteo, contact Joan Smith for more info

May 11, The Board of Education vs The Board of Incarceration, Documentary film, 6:30 - 8:30PM, Edmonds Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 8109 224th St SW, Edmonds

May 13, Centennial Committee 10:30 AM, Lynnwood Library, Sno-Isle Libraries, 19200 44th Ave W, Lynnwood, WA, contact Vicki Roberts-Gassler for more info.

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May 18, LWVSC Annual Meeting, 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM, Shawn O’Donnell’s Restaurant, 122 128th St SE, Everett, WA, parking in back, tickets $25, register and pay or just register at lwvsnoho.org.

May 20, Voter Service Committee meeting, 1:00 - 3:00 PM, Lynnwood Library, Sno-Isle Libraries, 19200 44th Ave W, Lynnwood, WA.

May 30, Get Out the Vote meeting, 1:00 - 3:00 PM, Mariner Fire Station #11, 12310 Meridian Avenue in Everett

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TRANSPORTATION: Getting From Here to There

The Puget Sound region is a beautiful and rewarding place to live, work, and play. Growth is making traveling between our homes, jobs and recreational opportunities increasingly difficult. Panelists will discuss how our transportation projects and choices may shape our neighborhoods, cities and lives.

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IT’S TIME FOR SUMMER MOVIES

1. JUNE 28TH  11:30 AM
The Story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B Anthony
LOCATION
Quail Park Of Lynnwood Theater
RESERVE SPOT WITH KAY DICHTER

2. JULY 26TH  11:30 AM
Iron Jawed Angels
LOCATION
Quail Park Of Lynnwood Theater
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$25 tickets register and pay online www.lwvsnoho.org or register online & pay at door

2019 LWVSC Annual Meeting
Shawn O'Donnell's Restaurant
122 128th St. SE
Everett, WA
Located just East of I-5 at 128th Ave exit (186)

Saturday
May 18, 2019
10:30AM - 2:00 PM

WHAT'S HAPPENING

ISSUES THAT MATTER

LOOKING FORWARD
When spring arrives, it always feels to me like the end of the year is approaching—I taught high school for a number of years and the “year” still runs from September to May or June for me.

The end of the year is not usually a quiet time of year in schools, and that is true in League as well.

Coming up in just a couple of weeks is the Annual Meeting for our League—we will be gathering on Saturday, May 18 from 10:30 to 2 pm or so to do the business of our organization: adopt new bylaws, elect officers, approve a budget and adopt a program of work for the coming year. Register online at www.lwvsnoho.org. There you will find instructions about how to pay.

The board’s work will continue in June with a transition meeting involving both the incoming and outgoing members of the board of directors working as a team to ensure a smooth transition into another League year with Vicki Roberts-Gassler at the helm.

And in June the LWV Washington Convention will be held in Tacoma. This will be a big event, kicking off League’s Centennial Celebration year and featuring presentations by our very own Diversity Outreach and Civil Discourse Committees.

Summer field trips are in the planning stages. You will find news about those elsewhere in the Voter. In addition, the Centennial Committee is planning to screen three different movies related to the centennial celebration of women’s suffrage over the course of the summer. Details on these two are included this month. And committee work continues unabated, sometimes through the summer.

We started strong, we had a strong, active year, and we are finishing strong.

Happy summer!    Karen Madsen

Welcome New Members

Laurie Schreiber

Lori had a career in teaching where she was also a reading specialist. She was always interested in politics and joined League to promote voting rights, education and justice.

It’s time...

…to renew your membership! Membership dues must be paid by June 30 for another year of Empowering Voters and Defending Democracy. Please refer to the payment information below, or you may pay online at https://lwvsnoho.org/join/

$60 — Single Member

$90 — Two Members in the Same Household

Send checks to: Janet Chalupnik
It was one of those cold-to-the-bone, rainy spring mornings at the Everett courthouse. On Saturday, April 13th, 80-90 hardy souls of all ages rallied in downtown Everett to share their “warrior spirit” in a climate rally with music, speakers and a march.

Rita Ireland and Lynn Lichtenberg from the LWVSC Natural Resources Committee hosted an informative table up front and under cover. Local activist groups were well represented: 350 Everett and LWVSC were co-sponsors. Also present were city and county politicians, indigenous peoples, SnoCo Indivisible, and Grace Lambert, co-organizer at the Cal Anderson Teen Climate Rally last month, who urged the need for action NOW to cut emissions!

A storyteller from Protectors of the Salish Sea, Pamela Coella, shared a moving story of transformation and empowerment. She and others from other local tribes, along with Liz Vogeli, later led the march.

Our intrepid president-elect Vicki Roberts-Gassler gave a highly informative speech to the crowd. Vicki spoke eloquently of LWVUS positions related to climate change quoting from our national website: “As citizens of the world we must protect our planet from the physical, economic and public health effects of climate change while also providing pathways to economic prosperity.”

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“The preservation of the physical, chemical and biological integrity of the earth’s ecosystem is essential for maximum protection of public health and the environment.” she quoted.

Vicki clarified our work: “In line with these evidence-based positions, the League has undertaken a number of activities, e.g. a press release from December 12, 2018 entitled “The League Urges Trump to Acknowledge the Impact of Climate Change.” The LWV supports the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the US National Climate Assessment. Locally, we continue to support a transition to a clean energy economy, working last fall for passage of I-1631 and currently for the passage of the 100% Clean Energy Bill. Our local league opposes pipelines and supports restoration of critical, sensitive wetlands along the shore of the Salish Sea. The group laughed as Vicki acknowledged that on this day, she was preaching to the choir.

Other local governments were represented in the cold, soggy morning: Cassie Franklin, Everett Mayor; Brian Sullivan, Snohomish County Council; and Paul Roberts, Everett City Council. Each shared a passionate speech urging ongoing action to prioritize caring for our environment and economy now.

“Imagine success!” Paul prompted us. Joan Smith joined us later, as we nearly danced to keep warm at our table. We encouraged participants in an “environmental trivia game” for interaction and fun—winning a coffee gift card to sit in a warm cafe sounded like a pleasing way to end the cold but spirited morning!

Paul Roberts likened our need for action against climate change to the need for concerted action in the face of the Nazi threat of WWII. To confront that threat, much of the world united, the US mobilized, and we successfully prioritized and geared the economy for defense against the obvious horrors. Therefore, humans are capable of similar critical concerted action. Such transformative mobilization needs to happen now, he pleaded.

By Lynn Lichtenberg and Rita Ireland
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Census Corner

Did you know that…?

For every census form not completed, the State of Washington loses $2,300 per person per year.

That’s $23,000 PER PERSON that we lose over the next 10 years!

That money funds programs like Head Start, highway planning and construction, and health care programs like Medicaid.

These programs directly affect the work of Children’s Services, Transportation, and Health Care committees.

Let’s get behind a Complete Census Count for Snohomish County!

Jeanne Crevier

Fourth of July Parade!

We’ve reserved our spot to let the good folk of Edmonds know that the League of Women Voters is thriving in our county! As we have for some years now we’ll surround Joan Smith’s vintage convertible and march along the route with our League banners, a few of our honored ones waving majestically as they ride. We’ll have a new twist this year, though – some of us will march in suffragist costumes of white blouse, long dark skirt, Votes for Women banner, and hat – no lady would be seen in public bare-headed!

Come join the fun on this most patriotic of days.

May 2019 VOTER 5
Help shape the region’s plan for growth

The Puget Sound Regional Council is seeking comments on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for VISION 2050, the region’s long-range plan for growth.

Please go to this site, read the Executive Summary and make a comment: https://www.psrc.org/vision/seis The plan will be presented this July.

Major economic gains in recent years have made our region among the fastest growing in the country. This rapid growth has affected housing affordability, cost of living, transportation, and the environment.

Forecasts show the region needs to plan for 1.8 million additional people and 1.2 million new jobs by 2050. PSRC is developing VISION 2050 to guide growth to support thriving communities, a strong economy, and a healthy environment.

Regional Growth Alternatives

VISION 2050 will contain the region’s multicounty planning policies and a regional strategy for accommodating growth through 2050. The Draft SEIS evaluates the environmental effects of three regional growth alternatives that distribute growth in unique patterns throughout the region. The three alternatives are: Stay the Course (no action alternative), Transit-Focused Growth, and Reset Urban Growth.

Help preserve resource lands and promote development within urban areas to create more compact, walkable, and transit-friendly communities. The alternatives present trade-offs on how to achieve those outcomes. The SEIS also includes an equity appendix describing how the alternatives may affect areas with high concentrations of people of color and people with low incomes.

Kate Lunceford, Action Chair

Clearwater Commons Field Trip

You’re invited to join us for a tour of the Clearwater Commons along North Creek in Bothell on June 11, 2019 at 11:00 followed by no host lunch and frolicking!

RSVP to Kate Lunceford.

Tom Campbell, builder and one of the authors of the Growth Management Act, will give us a tour of the Clearwater Commons along North Creek in Bothell. The Clearwater Commons is an ecologically responsible residential community. In June 2006 a group of families formed the Clearwater Commons LLC and purchased the 7.4 acre site on North Creek. The site includes wetlands, forest, garden space and salmon-supporting creek habitat.

The Clearwater Commons is committed to creating a community and supporting a low-impact housing development. Members share an intention of living a lifestyle that sustains a balance between individual and community needs and the natural ecosystem. Their guiding principles include taking on a responsibility to act as stewards of the land—restoring and enhancing the natural environment including the stream, wetlands, habitat and wildlife. They hope that their work in the Commons will serve as an example that will influence the greater community and encourage more sustainable building practices and lifestyles.

Kate Lunceford, Natural Resources Co-Chair

Our Action Army

Someone said in a conference recently, “Don’t talk to the old people. Tell the youngsters.” I pointed out to her that the retired people of this county have the time and resources to amplify the work of government and community services. We are an ARMY! (I think I actually raised my fist in the air.) I hope the young and the older folks have felt connected both personally and in league by the LWVSC. I hope you have felt empowered. Our new venture into Action Alerts has been empowering for me. Your responses to nascent issues and events makes a difference in how our county and state governments lead. Here’s a list of actions you have taken:

• Rise for Climate, Jobs & Justice
• Everett Districting
• Virtual Lobby Day
• Stormwater Manual update
• I-1631 carbon fee
• Liquefied natural gas project in Tacoma
• North Seattle Lateral Upgrade pipeline
• Criminal Justice Training Commission input on I-940
• Edmonds Marsh restoration
• 100% clean energy bill
• Climate solutions march and rally

Let’s continue to magnify our voices through action in Snohomish County, Washington State and the U.S. Keep it coming!

Kate Lunceford
Action Chair
The Centennial Committee Has Been Busy

Washington State has been relatively favorable for women since its earliest days as a Territory, and many women here were active then in fields dominated by men. For example, Ellen Thomas, Susan Clark, and Francena Richards owned land with active logging operations in Snohomish County in the 1890s, and their personal brands were carved into their logs as they went from mills to shipyards. Mary Brown, Jane Rucker, and Eva Jones made inroads in real estate, logging, and banking in the Everett area. Women also worked in laundries and canneries, fished and did carpentry. The Rigby sisters, photographers, opened their own studio and ran a successful business there for years.

Women also worked in more traditionally feminine areas and developed community institutions. Emma Eull was the first teacher in the first Everett school, and went on to become the first principal of a school in the community. In 1892, local women made a plan for a nondenominational hospital, raising $5000.00 for a hospital building. In spite of the setback of the 1893 economic depression they were successful in opening the hospital in 1894.

In 1904 the Sisters of Providence opened the Providence Hospital of Everett.

Dr. Ida McIntire was a physician, active in the woman suffrage movement, who operated a women’s clinic and women’s hospital. She had been trained and attended medical school in Chicago, with post graduate work in the surgery and diseases of women. She served as an inspector for charities and state insane hospitals in Ohio, Michigan, and Colorado, and helped to win the vote for women in Colorado. A widow, she married the governor of Spokane. Her private hospital here hosted patients from all over the world.

The Everett Women’s Book Club was founded by Mary Lincoln Brown, with the goal of starting a library. Limited at first to married women, many of them also having worked on the hospital project, they sent a petition to the mayor in 1894. They started a collection of books which was housed in librarian Alice McFarland’s home until they were allotted three rooms in City Hall in 1898. The library remained there until The Carnegie Library building was built and opened in 1905 on Oakes Avenue. The club is still thriving today, with 300 members celebrating the 125th anniversary of this venerable institution this year.

Marilyn Kent, Centennial Committee

Snohomish County Legacy of Women Making Change

As we prepare to celebrate the dual Centennials of woman suffrage in the US and the founding of the League of Women Voters, the Centennial Committee has been researching the history of the early women’s movement in the US and specifically in our state and county. We’ve compiled and shared many sources of information within the committee and with the membership through the Voter, publishing reviews of especially good books and films as well as brief articles about some of the people and the issues pertinent to the long struggle for women’s voting rights. We’ve also contributed “Centennial Minutes” highlighting Washington suffragists for LWVSC’s monthly KSER radio program.

We invite everyone to join us when we march together in the Fourth of July Parade in Edmonds, many of us in period costumes of white blouse, ankle-length dark skirt, gold, white and purple.

Votes for Women banners, and of course hats! Costumes are not obligatory, but we think it will make a splash if many of us can participate. Let us know if you want “fashion” advice.

During the summer we have three showings of films scheduled at Quail Park of Lynnwood, one each month. Be sure to let our hostess, Centennial Committee member Kay Dichter, know that you will attend, as Quail Park must have an exact count. Two grant applications put together by our own Rita Ireland, with valuable aid from Judy Chapman, were accepted (see separate article), so we will have plenty of work for the next year executing the exciting program she has put together.

Vicki Roberts-Gassler, Chair

Snohomish County Women in the Suffrage Movement

When women won the right to vote in Washington State in 1910 their success was the result of decades of persistence on the part of many women and men, including those in our county. In 1854 the Territorial Legislature nearly passed woman suffrage, and in 1883 women actually gained the vote, but by the time Washington achieved statehood in 1889 that law had been reversed. The Washington Equal Suffrage Association established with the help of Susan B. Anthony in 1871 was revitalized in 1906 under the leadership of Emma Smith DeVoe. It consisted of numerous local organizations – DeVoe’s goal was a club in every locality. Members differed in their styles – DeVoe favored gentle persuasion and lady-like behavior, while May Arkwright Hutton of Spokane was more flamboyant and aggressive - and the media played up the disagreements. Washington women also resisted some help from suffragists from the Eastern US, which they regarded as unwarranted interference. Nonetheless they managed to mobilize the male voters to the point that woman suffrage passed with a 2:1 margin.

Local women were instrumental in the campaign. In Edmonds, Missouri (M.T.B.) Hanna, who edited and published the weekly Edmonds Review, one of the first newspapers anywhere to have a woman publisher, started the newsletter “Votes for Women” in 1909. Unique on the west coast of the United States, it included news from suffrage clubs throughout Washington State, editorials, cartoons, and political commentary.

The Everett Suffrage Club headed by Ella Russell coordinated with the state association through the decade until 1910. Russell was famed for rising to her feet to defend women’s voting rights during a revival put on by the popular evangelist Billy Sunday in Everett for Independence Day on July 5, 1910.

When the vote came up on election day 1910, suffrage club members strung a large banner across Hewitt Avenue stating “Vote for Amendment, Article VI: It Means Votes for Women”, because, like today, the name of an amendment may not clearly state its true intention!

Lyn Kent

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Enthusiastic Photographers

Do you enjoy taking photos with your digital camera or cell phone? Do you consider composition (looking at everything in the viewfinder)? Can you hold your camera steadily for clear focus? How about your flash, do you know how to set it to go off even in daytime situations? And do you consider getting closer to the action to take the photo? Are you able to change your phone settings or single lens reflex camera to a high resolution or HDR photos? Can you send a photo at a high resolution file?

The LWVSC Communications Team needs your help. Ruth Bradon, Linda Matthews, and I do take photos at League events but we are not always able to cover every event. You know pictures are worth a thousand words! We need one or more League members to help us, please.

LWVSC has a monthly newsletter, a website, a Facebook page, and a Twitter account—all of which use photos. For examples, see the Portfolio page on our website, lwvsnoho.org/portfolio. That’s what we need—photos that tell the League’s stories.

If you are able to help, please contact me directly, mbucherross@gmail.com, and tell me more about your interest in photography. I can give you a few simple guidelines for taking photos for social media (e.g. its preferable to shoot in landscape instead of portrait orientation). Then, we’ll divvy up photo assignments so we have the best possible coverage at League events.

Mary Ross, LWVSC webmaster

Sharing the History of Women Getting the Vote

Sometimes you just have to brag – and we get to brag about Rita Ireland for the work she has already done, and the massive work she has taken on. In December 2018 she applied for grants from the Washington State History Society for a “Votes for Women” Centennial program ($5000) and the Snohomish County Heritage Grants 2019 Historical Preservation Program ($8000) on behalf of LWVSC. Both grants have been awarded for the full amounts! The funds will pay for a historical panel to be displayed for two years in Edmonds commemorating Mrs. Missouri Hanna, newspaper publisher and suffragist in the early 20th century, for children’s books, and for a variety of fun activities promoting knowledge of the history of the early women’s movement in our state.

Rita was inspired by the research the Centennial Committee is doing in preparation for celebrating the 100th anniversaries of the 19th Amendment and the League of Women Voters. When she visited the history museum in Edmonds she was fascinated to learn more about Missouri Hanna, including that she owned five acres in Edmonds back when it was a village of 600 or so people, reachable only by water or by walking through the forest. Mrs. Hanna started the weekly newspaper the Edmonds Review in 1904 and expanded it to cover national and international news. She added a monthly suffrage newsletter in 1909, Votes for Women, which contributed to the successful winning of woman suffrage in Washington State in 1910. Rita decided a panel commemorating this important woman, at the site once owned by her on popular Sunset Drive overlooking Puget Sound, would be a great idea. Just as a lot of work went into woman suffrage, so also was the grant application procedure complex and time-consuming. Rita consulted with graphics firms about the physical possibilities and with the City of Edmonds and the museum about local requirements. In line with the educational aims of the grants she selected two outstanding children’s books which she and many other Leaguers will read to third-graders in the county’s elementary schools and then donate to their libraries. Other activities include a treasure hunt in Edmonds and an educational forum that considers the history and relates it to the present.

We expect to have a great time helping Rita carry out these activities, and you’re all invited to join in the fun!

Vicki Roberts-Gassler, Centennial Chair

Judith “Judy” Barbara CHAPMAN
(1944 – 2019)

Judy passed away on March 31, 2019, on her own terms, which is no surprise to those who knew her. Born on November 4, 1944, in Camden, NJ, to Anne Legatuk Hare and George Hare, she was a graduate of Wheaton College (1966), earned a master’s degree from University of Denver, and ultimately found her way to the Pacific Northwest working for the city of Bellevue and King County. She is survived by her sister-in-law Jan Welch, nephew Andrew Harper and his family, niece Mara Harper and her family, and partner/fiancé Carl Johansen. She was predeceased by her brother George (Ben) W. Hare and her parents.

A celebration of life gathering for Judy will be held on June 30, 2019, at 1 pm at the Center for Urban Horticulture. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial donation to the North Cascades Institute, Old Dog Haven or an environmental, conservation organization of your choice.

Communications Team Meeting

The communications team met in April to look at where we have been and where we want to go. After hearing from the different platforms; LWVSC website, Facebook, and Twitter, and the newsletter The Voter, Jeanne Crevier led us through the marketing plan developed by the Board last fall and Kate Lunceford shared an update on action alerts.

Mary Ross, our web master agreed to write an article for The Voter about the need for volunteers to take photos of events for our various platforms – good photos really do entice readers! We agreed that its best to run new calendar items through our League email lwvsnomishcounty@gmail.com or Linda Matthews@comcast.net with continuing meeting dates updated each month by Mary. Paula Townsell, our Facebook manager, shared that Facebook membership is growing and she believes it works well for voter engagement. She recommends content that members can share with their contacts, both to get the word out and to possibly increase membership. She would love to have some volunteers to help her and she would like to have videos to upload to the page. Lena Stavig, our Twitter handler, expressed a need for training sessions at the unit meetings about how to use Twitter as a possible tool to increase the platform membership. She believes action alerts and immediate attention items work the best for Twitter. She also mentioned that she will be going to school next year – uh oh!

Some of the ideas tossed about from the marketing plan included possible slogans for upcoming voter campaigns, possible live streaming and/or videotaping of forums, making podcasts of Magazine on the Air, and the need for updating the League brochure. Kay Lunceford shared proposed changes for handling action alerts in our League and suggested education sessions about how to follow up on action alerts received.

The committee will continue to work our individual platforms and meet again in the fall.

Linda Matthews, Chair

April 16th Civil Discourse Meeting Notes

ATTENDANCE: Linda Matthews, Karen Madsen, Jeanne Crevier, Karen Crowley, Joan Smith, Chair.

The committee discussed controversy over the Civil Discourse position since submission as Program to the LWVWA Board. The position as adopted by LWVSC:

“Promote civil discourse through action and education for all government bodies, staff, and citizens for the purpose of improved public policy decisions and processes. Civil discourse means, at a minimum, mutually respectful, courteous, constructive, and orderly communication.”

The position from LWVSLO received as of 4/5/2019:

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The Committee reviewed the April 6th Meeting with LWVWA President Ann Murphy at the PUD Building. Work will continue to clarify the positive aspects of having an explicit LWVWA position at the Convention. The caucus, an informal gathering outside the convention structure, will promote the importance and immediacy of adopting a position. Members found it useful to hear from Ann the outline of the steps that need to take place for a Non-recommended position to move forward. The committee did not perceive the changes made by LWVSLO as a hindrance. Joan, Pat and/or Karen will ask the Board to amend our position to “the public” at the May Board meeting. Joan showed a new letter to Presidents to notify them of change made by LWVSLO. Karen has shared several letters of support from other Leagues.

Linda Matthews, Jeanne Crevier, Karen Madsen and Joan Smith will definitely attend the June Convention. Karen Crowley will attempt to align her calendar to attend. Joan will continue with work on the PowerPoint. Linda offered some ideas for the caucus flyer. She will modify and bring other samples to May meeting. Committee brainstormed suggestions, including games, to make the caucus meeting more active, especially given the 8 PM hour for caucuses.

Next Meeting will be May 7th, 11 AM. The Pointe at Harbour Pointe Golf Club, Harbour Pointe Blvd., Mukilteo.

Joan Smith, Chair

Central Unit’s Presentation on Sustainability

“What is sustainability and how can we promote it?” This was the question for the Central Unit meeting April 17, 2019 at the Everett Public Library main branch.

Lisa Dulude, manager, and Kevin Ruuhela, conservation specialist, of the Snohomish County Office of Energy and Sustainability were our guest speakers. They gave us a wealth of information about their office and county efforts to mitigate and prepare for climate change. The Snohomish County Office of Energy and Sustainability provides information and assistance to other county departments and residents of Snohomish County. Lisa and Kevin gave us an overview of the causes of climate change, and graphs of atmospheric carbon concentrations caused by humans over time. The topics of energy, transportation, solid waste, green purchasing and equity and sustainability in light of climate change in the NW were discussed. The county is working to better prepare themselves and us to address coming challenges. Lisa and Kevin stressed that it is important that all levels of government tackle these issues and work to educate the public. They answered questions and offered suggestions for action. by Lynn Lichtenberg
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Attendance: Michelle Pendergrass, Joan Smith, Chuck Smith, Jeanne Crevier, Rita Ireland, Dafne Phelps
Guests: Lorraine Ralston, Suyi Lu of U.S. Census Bureau

Program: Lorraine Ralston spoke on “The Road to 2020”. The Bureau is preparing for April 1st, 2020 as “Census Day”. They will mail the survey in March, 2020. Enumerators will collect, too. The Bureau is currently hiring. Census information is used extensively for political and business purposes. The Bureau will use tablets and the newest technology to expedite gathering information. Old style questions on TVs, refrigerators, etc. have moved to another survey that is conducted annually. Questions on gender, separating Hispanic, Latino, Spanish ethnicity, and Citizenship remain controversial. The statistics go to the President by December 31st, 2020 and then to state legislatures for redistricting in 2021. No personal information is disclosed by the Bureau until 72 years have passed.

Rita Ireland revealed that she won two grants for the Centennial. One of the grants will place an interpretive panel on Sunset Ave. in Edmonds to honor Missouri Hanna. Missouri Hanna owned the Edmonds Review and added articles, including women’s suffrage efforts, to expand readership. She became known as the “Mother of Journalism” in Washington State. She is seeking assistants for her other grant. It places two books about suffragists in 50 school libraries around the County. She asked for volunteers to dress up, read the stories and present the books.

Jeanne mentioned an Everett group PIFL, Parent Leadership Training Institute at Everett Community College, that works with non-English speaking parents in the community. She encouraged us to ask their leaders to speak at unit meetings. She attended the STEP-UP Conference and valued the information presented. Joan asked Suyi Lu and Lorraine Ralston about their availability to share their programs in the community. They are excited to partner with all organizations to inform the public of the importance of the census.

Joan related upcoming events: Annual Meeting – May 18th, LWVWA Convention on June 7, 8, 9, June 11th tour of Clearwater Commons and an August 20th, 11 am trip to the new Cocoon House.

Joan Smith, Co-Chair Saturday Unit

Notes from Saturday Unit April 27, 2019

Borrowing a phrase from last year’s LWVWA lobby team-“It’s a Wrap”-It is the end of the WA Legislative Session.

As you may have been aware a small but opinionated group of Leaguers have been meeting at Alderwood Mall Food Court on Tuesdays to try to process what has been happening in our state legislature. Each week our WA League lobby team creates a SUPER comprehensive newsletter (available at https://salsa.wiredforchange.com/o/5950/c/9163/blastContent.jsp) OR by selecting newsletters on the LWVWA Home page choosing the Legislative News). We use this newsletter as our main resource, but sometimes include articles from the Seattle Times and the Everett Herald. Sometimes we draw on our own, often deep, sometimes spotty, history and political science knowledge. We have responded to alerts in the WA newsletter and Kate Lunceford has tutored us on responding to our own local Action Alerts. For fun we all wrote down who we think will get the Democratic Party presidential nomination in 2020. Mind you, this is NOT who we want necessarily-but who we think the nominee will be. (None of us could limit ourselves to 1 so we each made a short list.)

Members of our group are dividing up information from the LWVWA newsletter to provide an overview for our final session of 2019 on May 14. We hope you will join us! If you can’t join us this year, watch for news about our 2020 legislation discussions.

Oh yes, I should mention that whoever is hungry gets food and eats while we are discussing the news.

Please join us!

Jody Trautwein, Voter Service Chair

It’s a Wrap!

Get Out the Vote

The second meeting of GOTV was held on April 30th at the Mariner Fire Station #11, 12310 Meridian Avenue in Everett. Please join us for the next meeting held at the same location on Thursday, May 30th from 1:00 - 3:00.

We’re off to a great start with Lynn Carpenter, Pam Somers, Josie Taylor, Jeanne Crevier, Kathleen Ferrara, Tori Peters and Judy Skorka.

Reasons why people do not vote: apathy about the process, no interest in the candidates, minorities not included, lack of motivation, fear of their personal information getting out, no transportation, not able to get off work (in some states), not having the time to research the candidates and fill out the voters form.

There were many ideas presented and we are still in the brainstorming stage, but did decide to get behind Rank Choice voting as it is one way to get people excited and motivated about voting and show them that all votes count. Perhaps we could an “event” in conjunction with Fair Vote. Lynn offered to get in touch with the people connected with Fair Vote.org. to see what they are up to.

We discussed asking Duncan Clauson to get us a list so we could send out postcards to voters who are on the voting rolls, but haven’t voted in a while.

Judy Skorka , LWVSC South Unit
Saturday Unit 2019 Annual Report

The Saturday Unit met the third Saturday of the month at Mukilteo City Hall throughout most of the year with snowy February the exception. This year’s largest task was producing the 99th Birthday Luncheon, rescheduled due to snow into March this year. Held at the Legion Memorial Greenside Room in Everett, the event emphasized the achievement of women leaders in our County who now hold the role of mayor. Five of seven of our County women mayors attended. The program highlighted the original achievement of Bertha Knight Landes, portrayed by Debbie Dimitre, as the first woman mayor of Seattle and a major U.S. city.

September had a number of new members who came to learn about the functions of the League and who signed up to participate in National Voter Registration Day. The December Holiday brunch gathering at the home of Michelle Valentine featured guests from local nonprofits who shared their work with members. In January, the unit attended together the Action Workshop in Shoreline. At the meeting, they reflected on the various speakers and breakout sessions. For April, they met at The Pointe on Harbour Pointe Blvd. which provides a larger room to accommodate a speaker and allows food! April’s presenter spoke on Census 2020.

The Unit also outlines for the Board and develops summer field trips. This year Kate Lunceford has volunteered to coordinate an environmental field trip in June to Clearwater Commons near Bothell. Kay Dichter has provided a “movie venue” for monthly Centennial theme films at Quail Park in Lynnwood. Joan Smith and Michelle Valentine will organize a viewing of the newly built Cocoon House in downtown Everett for August.

Joan Smith, Co-chair and Michelle Valentine, Co-chair

Membership Committee Annual Report 2019

Our membership stands at a record high of 180, having ranged between 100 and 110 in the past. We have instituted a new program managed by Sally Lider that we call New Member Ambassadors. Sally appoints an Ambassador to act as a mentor to the new person. We continue to hold new member orientation sessions where each new member receives a new member packet. At these orientation sessions, new members introduce themselves and take home a packet. Either the President or the Program Chair, or both, give a description of current programs. Our goal is to engage new people in our programs. A recruitment activity that we use is called “Tapas and Topics” in which we hold sessions in a local restaurant and invite the public to attend to learn about the League. Committee members include Sally Lider, Karen Keenan, and Jeanne Crevier who manages the data base.

Submitted by Janet Chalupnik, Membership Chair

Natural Resources Committee 2019 Annual Report

The Natural Resources committee, aka Earth Lovers, has had a busy year! We have expanded our work while abbreviating our name from Natural Resources/Sustainable Agriculture to Natural Resources! We take constructive action on critical issues affecting natural resources through political action and education. Connect with the Green Team on the third Friday at 10 AM at the Lynnwood Library! Currently, Kate Lunceford, Lynn Lichtenberg and Joan Smith share the leadership roles.

The group is now studying LWV positions on climate change with a focus on generating a tree canopy preservation position. This goal will enable more effective education and action supporting climate stability. Moving from a primary focus on water resources to the broader scope of mitigating for climate change, the committee has hosted speakers to aid their research. Guest speakers included Executive Director Tom Teigen and Amy Lucas of Snohomish County Parks and Recreation Department and Max Webster, Evergreen Forests Program Manager for Washington Environmental Council (WEC), speaking about climate change as well as current state practices in forestry, carbon sequestering and hydrology.

The committee has also been taking action! Ongoing is a summer watering commitment by Rita Ireland, Cyndy Norman and other recruits to the school teaching garden of Chase Lake Elementary. We submitted comments in opposition to the North Seattle Lateral Pipeline Upgrade, lobbied in Olympia and promoted an action supporting legislation for 100% Clean Energy in our state legislature. We also sent a position forward on the immediate need for a clean energy position to be pursued at State Convention.

We joined local efforts to daylight the Edmonds Marsh through letters and comments on pending land use by the Department of Transportation. Throughout the year, Natural Resources members represented LWVSC with tables at numerous local events, including at RISE for Climate Jobs and Justice in October and the 350.org Climate Change Rally in April.

Joan Smith and Lynn Lichtenberg

Health Care Committee Annual Report - 2019

The Health Care Committee had a fruitful year. We had a speaker from Planned Parenthood visit us to talk about what effects would occur if Roe V Wade were overturned. We also have continued to monitor what, if any, impact the religious organizations have had on reproductive rights with the purchases of health care systems. We had an enlightening training session on contacting our legislators regarding our support of SB 5501, the bill for universal healthcare.

We have continued to monitor access of mental health care and the access to health care in general.

We continue to educate ourselves on health care issues and to investigate the impact they have on the poor, underserved and minorities in our community.

Submitted by Stephanie Woerfel, Committee Chair
The Civil Discourse Committee members - Janet Robertson, Jeanne Crevier, Julietta Crosby, Barbara Eklund, Jody Trautwein, Karen Crowley, Pat Fogarty-Cramer, Linda Mathews, Karen Madsen and Joan Smith, Chair- met monthly throughout the League year. Their overarching goal to adopt by concurrence throughout the Units of LWVSC a Civil Discourse position already studied and adopted by LWV of San Luis Obispo found local success by February, 2019. The position as adopted reads as follows:

“Promote civil discourse through action and education for all government bodies, staff, and citizens (public) for the purpose of improved public policy decisions and processes. Civil discourse means, at a minimum, mutually respectful, courteous, constructive, and orderly communication.”

The committee is asking the Board in May to amend the position to change “citizens” to “public” to remain consistent with changes made by LWVSLO in April, 2019.

The committee partnered with the Everett Community College Diversity Office to put on an October 24th forum, entitled “Diversity: Conflict to Cohesion, The Role of Civil Discourse.” They are currently working on caucus materials to advance this position to the State level with the aim of ultimately taking it to LWVUS. They have contacted the Presidents of the County Leagues to solicit their support at the forthcoming Convention in June in Tacoma. Their caucus presentation, “Civil Discourse: Important, Immediate, Beyond Implicit” will highlight the significance of a Civil Discourse position that enables more widespread assertive action, especially in seeking the input of diverse voices.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Smith, Chair

Cocoon House Tour in August!
August 20th, Tuesday, 11:00 AM

Our contact, Erwin Saenz, the Cocoon House Community Engagement Officer will lead the tour of the new facility along with extra staff.

LWVSC Children’s Committee has worked closely with the U Turn program at Cocoon House.

Please contact Joan Smith, Phyllis Busch or Susan Renhard.
Lunch afterward at The Sisters, Grand Ave., Everett.