

**February 7, 2020**  
**League of Women Voters Mason County Board (LWVMC)**  
**Timberland Library, Shelton, WA**  
**12:30 pm- 2:30pm**

**Marilyn Vogler/Special Issue:**

Marilyn brought to our attention her concern that city council members may be ignoring regulations regarding candidate eligibility, thus harming voter effectiveness. According to law, candidates must reside in the city one year by time of filing and must state a permanent address. However, it appears that a number of council members have acted otherwise, suggesting it may be time to update RCW. While valid voting procedures are important, we also need valid candidates on our ballots or risk damaging credibility of local government. Marilyn will continue to work on this issue. Amy D. suggested seeking Kathy Sakahara's advice.

**Book Club:**

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES)

As part of the LWVMC theme of Family Partnership, Sherri Dysart discussed The Deepest Well, by Nadine Burke Harris, MD. Sherri shared her strong supportive views on this book as one that will inform our study on family partnerships. The book is selected for study, report and general discussion at the general membership meeting in April 2020. Further discussion identified other people/organizations such as the Mason County School Superintendents (Trauma Informed Education), Director of Truancy for Shelton Public Schools, The Center for Youth Wellness (San Francisco CA), Mason County Family Physicians and Pediatricians and others who should be personally invited to attend the meeting.

A Deepest Well preliminary conversation will be held on March 31, 2020 at Shelton Timberland Library from 12:30 - 2:30pm. Furthering the theme of Family Partnership was a suggestion to engage with others in Mason County, including Elevate Mason County and the new YMCA in a discussion to help families build resiliency to adverse childhood experiences. This meeting will focus on a deeper discussion of the book and creating possible action steps to be offered to membership at the April 2020 meeting. What do we want to do, where, when, how much, and how often to assure we are taking steps we need to assure we are successful?

**Climate Study:**

Sherri Dysart, Nancy McMahon and others discussed the climate study. A suggestion was made to consider changing the name of the Climate Change Committee. Suggestions include Environmental Justice Committee and Climate Reality Committee.

The discussion continued on the need for a Grant Writer in Mason County to secure financial support for Climate Justice work. Also discussed political roadblocks to hiring a person to do that work on climate issues in Mason County. These roadblocks include lack of Mason County government support, stating publicly they do not see it as a priority for county government. The availability, affordability and accessibility of a Grant Writer were also discussed. It was pointed out that after two successfully funded grants, the Grant Writer's salary is self-sustaining. Sherri

Dysart and others will contact Ted Jackson, who has experience as the former Director of United Way. Wendy Mathews, an environmental specialist with Mason Community Services, and Matt Provencher with State Department of Natural Resources are also good contacts. A suggestion was made to attend the Olympia Climate Committee and review their Climate Change Platform. Patty Case of Green Diamond Company has been invited to next LWVMC Climate Change Study Committee on March 4, 2020 from 10:30am -12:30pm at Shelton Timberland Library.

**Centennial Committee, 1920-2020:**

The Mason County Proclamation to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the League of Women Voters was issued on February 4, 2020. Cindy shared it was a moving and heartfelt event in council chambers. There are 50 RSVPs for the celebration on February 14, 2020. The Daughters of the Pioneers and Historical Society will participate. Large posters have been created to recognize women in Mason County and the League as leaders.

**Voter Services:**

LWVMC is recognized by Mason County Administration as a great “get people registered to vote” machine, thanks to our members led by Bobbie. Remember training, Tuesday, February 18, 2020, 11:30am - 1:30pm at the County Administration Building, Ballot Processing Room. This will enable you to help at the Presidential Primary Election on March 9-10. Mason County needs our help.

**Programs:**

FEB 14: CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION FEB 5PM-7 PM

MARCH: ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT PERMITTED UNDER THE STATE CONSTITUTION. We will hear about Free-Holders, Modernization of Local Government, Home Rule and more.

APRIL: ACES, RESILIENCY, HEALTH AND FAMILY

MAY: FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITY OF APRIL PROGRAM or other ideas....

JUNE 2: ANNUAL MEETING WITH PRESENTATION OF MASON COUNTY WOMEN LEADERS

Ideas for additional programs included Solutions to Homelessness, How to Get Out the Vote, Redistricting, Climate Reality and Denial, Improvements to Electronic Security.

**Member Services:**

LEAGUE 101. Monday, March 2, 2020, 1 pm -2:30pm at Lynn’s house. Five new members are expected and any others you would like to invite.

**Postcard Project:**

February 26,2020,11am, at Fat Cat Cafe, Shelton.

**2020 LWVWA Council:**

Yakima, Washington, May 30-31. If you are interested in attending, please contact Cindy.

**Calendar:**

- Feb. 7: 12:30 to 2:30 PM, Board Meeting, Shelton Library  
14: 5-7:00 PM, LWV Centennial Birthday Open House, Magnolia Room, 109 S 2<sup>nd</sup>, Shelton  
18: 11:30 AM to 1:30PM, Training for elections volunteers, County Administration Bldg., 411 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St, Shelton  
Feb. 26: 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Postcard Party, Fat Cat Coffee Shop, 118 S. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Shelton
- Mar. 2: League 101, 1-2:30 PM at Lynn's home  
6: 12:30 to 2:30 PM, Board Meeting, Shelton Library  
9-10: Triage at Auditor's Office to support staff during Primary Election  
17: 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM, Membership Meeting, Johnson Library, Olympic College  
25: 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Postcard Party, Fat Cat Coffee Shop, 118 S 3<sup>rd</sup>, Shelton
- Mar. 31: Prelim. Discussion of A Deepest Well, 12:30-2:30 PM, Shelton Timberland Library
- Apr. 21: 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM, Membership Meeting, Johnson Library, Olympic College
- May 30-31: LWVWA Council, Yakima
- June 2: Annual Meeting and Centennial Presentation, 11:30 to 1:30, Harmony Hill Retreat Center