

# VOTER

**May 2022**

**LWVSJ Happenings**

**May Annual Luncheon Meeting**

**Monday, May 9, 2022**

**12pm – 2pm – the Grange, Friday Harbor  
(Doors open at 11.30am - \$25.00 per person)  
Catered by Stacey's Catering**

***In-Person Guest Speaker Rob Curley,  
Editor of the Spokesman Review  
Topic: The Role of Journalism in Democracy***

**RSVP** to Necia Quast at [collquas@netscape.net](mailto:collquas@netscape.net) if you will attend and state whether in-person or via Zoom **by 5:00 PM Friday May 6.**

For in-person, mail your check to LWVSJ, P.O. Box 784,  
Friday Harbor WA 98250

**Agenda:** LWVSJ Business Meeting (12:30 to 1:00pm)

- Welcome, Call to Order and Review of the Year
- Financial Report and Adoption of 2022-2023 Budget
- Nominating Committee Report
- Election of Officers, Chairpersons,
- Board Members-at-Large and the 2023-2024  
Nominating Committee
- Bylaws Change
- Life Membership Proposed



## Meeting Dates 2022

<b>Board Meetings 1 – 3pm</b>	<b>Membership Meetings 12 – 2pm</b>
May 3	May 9 - <b>Annual Meeting</b>
June 7	June 13
July 5	<i>Summer Break</i>
<b>Board Retreat</b> - TBD	<i>Summer Break</i>
September 6	September 12
October 4	October 10 <i>(Forums)</i>
November 1	November 14
December 6	December 12 <i>(Holiday Luncheon)</i>

*All members are welcome to attend our board meetings – please send any board member an email and we will send you the zoom link.*

### Recap of our April meeting – Protecting the Environment: From Local to Global

In anticipation of Earth Day on April 22, the League of Women Voters of the San Juans held a meeting featuring the protection of the environment, mitigation of climate change, its impact on women, and how each one of us can adapt to its negative impacts. Our speakers were Laura Jo Severson, Susan Martin, and Cindy Wolf.

Some very valuable resources are listed below:

#### **Local Organizations:**

San Juan County recently established a **Climate and Sustainability Advisory Committee** to coordinate interaction between departments and other advisory committees. Angela Broderick is Climate and Sustainability Coordinator. Phone number is 360-370-0537

**Transition San Juan Island** is a local chapter of an international organization which is working to help make communities more self-reliant. [Transition San Juan Island \(transitionsji.org\)](http://transitionsji.org)

#### **Mitigation and Adaptation Recommendations**

[6 Takeaways from the 2022 IPCC Climate Change Mitigation Report | TheCityFix](#) A summary published by the World Resources Council

[Report highlights affordable, available ways to mitigate climate change now \(phys.org\)](#) from the University of Colorado

[IPCC 2022: Report on Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability](#), see in particular the summary for policymakers



On Saturday, April 23rd, 7 members of our League attacked a stretch of Beaverton Valley Road from Egg Lake to Raven Ridge. The weather cooperated and we worked in comfort.

Thanks to Barb, Jill, Ed & Clare and Audra and Eric for covering approximately 3 miles of Beaverton Valley Road. I took all the bags, boxes and miscellaneous stuff to the Brewery and they weighed the pile at 72 lbs. Lots of thanks from the organizers and job well done to our team. I did ask if they planned to do one in the fall and the answer was yes with the date TBD.

If you have not experienced this very satisfying event please consider joining us in the fall. It seems we have now adopted this stretch of road and it always proves a productive place to collect the stuff people toss out of their cars. Contact Steve Bowman at [steve.bowman52@gmail.com](mailto:steve.bowman52@gmail.com). and I will keep everyone updated on the specific date and time. Thanks to everyone who came out and helped with the Great Islands Clean Up Day!

## **Around the League – State & National Issues**

### **The States Fight for Voting Rights**

The League of Women Voters (LWV) of Kansas and various partners appealed a lawsuit challenging anti-voter laws passed in 2021. The laws include vote-disqualifying signature requirements and a delivery assistance ban that would disproportionately impact voters with disabilities or who live in rural areas or tribal land.

Meanwhile, the LWV of Arizona saw a victory as the state's Supreme Court dismissed a petition from the Arizona Republican Party that aimed to end all early voting. The LWV of Arizona had filed an amicus brief challenging the petition in March.

### **Challenging Unfair Electoral Maps**

The Leagues of New York state and Florida both took action against unfair congressional maps.

The LWV of Florida joined partners in filing a lawsuit against Florida's new map, citing both racial and partisan gerrymandering.

Meanwhile, the LWV of New York state filed an amicus brief challenging the maps drawn by the Legislature after the state's Independent Redistricting Commission failed to submit a second set of maps as required by a 2014 amendment.

## The League is a Nonpartisan Source You Can Trust

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization. We encourage the informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League acts in support of, or in opposition to, selected governmental issues which its members have studied. It does not support or oppose candidates, factions or political parties. League members, as individuals, may support candidates of the political party of their choice. In order to protect the League's nonpartisanship policy, guidelines regarding the political activities of the Board of Directors are reviewed frequently.

### Follow Us on Facebook!

Follow what local, state and national league are up to at our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/LWVSanJuans>

### Board Members of the League of Women Voters of the San Juan's

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*Nominating Committee: Audra Adelberger, Robbie Lawson, Susan Martin*

When you join the League, your dues go to three different places: to National League to help support voting rights advocacy efforts, to State League for voter education as well as advocacy for state issues that League supports; and then there are a few dollars left to support our local forums and programs. Below are the different levels of dues payments and the PO Box number. If you choose to give at a higher level than the "Regular" level, the extra money stays with our local League to support our important work here. Thanks for supporting LWV at all levels!

YES! I want to become a member of the League of Women Voters of the San Juan's.

**Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one:

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