



**The next time someone asks you:**

*“What exactly does the Clallam County League of Women Voters do?”*

**You can answer:**

*“Here are just **SOME** of our 2019 activities!”*

### **★ VOTER SERVICES ★**

- Facilitated, videotaped, and uploaded to our website for public viewing videos of eight local candidate forums for these local races/proposal:
  - County Commissioner
  - Sequim City Council
  - Port Angeles City Council
  - Forks City Council
  - Olympic Medical Center Board
  - Port Angeles School Board
  - Fire District Commissioner
  - Port of Port Angeles Commissioner
  - Charter Review Commission
  - Port Angeles Proposition 1
- Under contract with the Clallam County Auditor's Office, sworn and trained volunteers transferred ballots from the Sequim and Carlsborg ballot boxes to the County Courthouse during the primary and general elections
- Held three voter registration events - at PA Back to School and Sequim Back to School events and at Sequim Farmer's Market

### **★ OBSERVER CORPS ★**

- Attended, observed, and wrote summary reports of what occurred at 39 Board of Clallam County Commissioner work sessions and on 7 Sequim City Council meetings for a total of 46 reports in 2019. The Observer Corps work hard to keep the League informed about local issues.

### **★ MEMBERSHIP ★**

- 118 current League members
- Recruited 25 new members in 2019
- Provided one-on-one orientations to those desiring one

### **★ HEALTHCARE ★**

- Tracked and compared “Medicare for All” and other approaches to universal coverage
- Began series of interviews of each OMC Board member
- Wrote letters of support for state approval of new OMC Medicare hospice
- Queried hospital commission candidates regarding their positions on end of life and reproductive rights
- Interviewed Planned Parenthood staff to understand local reproductive healthcare access issues

## ★ ENVIRONMENT ★

- Studied and developed educational outreach on the Dungeness Watershed called **The Story of Water**
- Helped develop and sponsored the production of a local educational film by Silas Crews **From Source to Sea: The Dungeness Watershed** that highlights the beauty and the dynamics of the Dungeness Watershed and the challenges for our community.
  - Film viewed by 775 community members since its release in late August 2019
  - Shared the film with various community organizations
  - Provided four free public showings of the film at various venues
  - Accompanying two (so far, of seven) lecture series attended by 170 community members
- In participation with Story of Water Community partners, presented two of seven free lecture series **The Story of Water: In Depth** with experts that explore the many aspects of this critical resource and the future of the Dungeness Watershed, including:
  - **How our Water System Works: The Hydrology of the Dungeness Watershed**  
Presenter: Ann Soule, Hydrogeologist with the City of Sequim
  - **Olympic Mountain Glaciers and Snowpack: Changes and Future Challenges**  
Presenter Bill Baccus of Olympic National Park
  - The third of seven lectures is scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup>: **Tribal Water Rights and History: From Time Immemorial** Presenter Hansi Hals, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe Natural Resources Director

## ★ EDUCATION ★

- Developed and implementing for K through 12 the **Kids Voting USA\*** pilot program in Clallam County schools (now expanding in other WA schools). This is a nonpartisan, grassroots-driven voter education program. Its mission is to create lifelong voting habits in children; increase family communication about citizenship; and encourage greater adult voter turnout. The League:
  - Volunteers at the annual Greywolf Kids at Hope Service and Volunteer Day to share information on the League;
  - Assists and provides teachers with ballot creation and lesson plans;
  - Provides booklists and resources for managing discussions;
  - Organizes guest speakers; and
  - Is a resource on local, state, and national issues.

***\*We thank the local Chapter of Kappa Delta Gamma for their generous contribution for this program!***

## ★ COMMUNICATION ★

- Created, produced, and distributed monthly League newsletters to our membership
- Created press releases, brochures, flyers and social media events and postings to advertise League events and activities, educate voters, and inform on advocacy issues
- Updated, published, and distributed to local government offices, courthouses, and libraries **They Represent You** – a free directory of elected officials contact information.
- Re-branded and added fresh content to our local League website [www.lwvcla.org](http://www.lwvcla.org)

## ★ BOARD ★

- Annual Membership Program Planning in January for members
- Annual Meeting in May for members
- Potluck in September for members and their guests
- Holiday Party in December for members and their guests
- Sponsored and facilitated a public Ranked-Choice Voting educational event
- After conducting our own research, study, and review of the information and facts related to Clallam County's opioid epidemic and the need for a comprehensive approach to address it, we wrote and approved Resolution 001-2019 to publicly voice our support of Jamestown S'Klallam Healing Campus and to express our confidence in all of the partners of this project.

## ★ MEMBER GROUPS ★

In addition to the above committees, we also have a **Book Discussion Group** that focuses on the current American political scene, as well as the historical events and figures which contributed to it. The book group gives League members an opportunity to discuss political concepts in a nonpartisan manner. The **Walking Group** meets weekly to exercise and socialize on the beautiful Olympic Discovery Trail.

***If you are a new or current member*** and are interested in participating in any of the above activities in 2020, please contact the committee chair or group leader. Committees **ALWAYS** need help and the groups welcome new members!

***If you are interested in joining the League*** – even just to show support and be informed – please fill out and submit your membership form which can be found at [www.lwvcla.org/join-us-and-make-difference](http://www.lwvcla.org/join-us-and-make-difference)

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## 2020 Legislative Agenda

### MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK®

**Elections:** Improve access to the ballot

**Census & Redistricting:** Create a transparent, accessible, & representative process

**Campaign Finance:** Reduce influence of special interest money in politics; ensure transparency

**Election Security:** Ensure secure, accurate, transparent elections

**Election Methods:** Allow local use of alternative methods

**Government Ethics:** Increase transparency, restore citizen confidence, prevent conflicts of interest



### FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE & ITS EFFECTS

**Climate Change:** Promote measures to address crisis

**Energy:** Advocate for clean & renewable sources

**Natural Resources:** Protect and restore water, forests, rivers, & shorelines

### ENSURING SOCIAL JUSTICE

**Criminal Justice:** Eradicate bias & uphold principles of fairness

**Economic Justice:** Create equitable outcomes & opportunities for all; prevent & reduce poverty

**Education:** Fully fund K-12 & student support services

**Gun Safety:** Enact sensible gun safety measures

**Housing & Homelessness:** Ensure affordable housing for all

**Healthcare, Behavioral Health, & Reproductive Rights:** Ensure affordable & accessible healthcare for all



### ESTABLISHING FAIR REVENUE

**Revenue:** Balanced, fair, adequate, flexible tax structure with sound economic effect

**Transportation:** Achieve balanced/efficient systems

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