2020 Theme: “Your Vote, Your Voice, Our Democracy: The 19th Amendment at 100”

In 2019-2020, the United States is commemorating the centennial of the transformative constitutional amendment that guaranteed the right of citizens to vote would not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state on account of sex. American women fought for, and won, the vote through their voice and action.

The women’s suffrage movement forever changed America, expanding representative democracy and inspiring other popular movements for constitutional change and reform. Yet, honest reflection on the suffrage movement reveals complexity and tensions over race and class that remain part of the ongoing story of the 19th Amendment & its legacies.

Submission Deadline
Entries must be received at 119 S College St, Wash., PA 15301 or via kathy@washcobar.org, no later than 4pm, May 6, 2020. Winning entry info. to be published in May 24 Observer-Reporter; award ceremony not yet scheduled.

Contest Judging
Prizes awarded for those entries that are, in relation to all received, the most effective in expressing the Law Day theme and on their quality, originality and creativity. Judges’ decisions are final. Sponsors reserve the right to limit or expand prizes depending on the #/quality of submissions received.

Grades 2-5 Bookmark Contest
Format: Size is 8.5 inches by 2.75 inches (tip: fold letter-size paper into fourths). Artwork may be vertical or horizontal and must be only on one side (with full entrant information CLEARLY PRINTED on the back). Use any one-dimensional medium (pencil, ink, crayon, paint, collage, etc); do not attach 2-D elements (tassels, buttons, etc.). Neatness, spelling, theme/accuracy, and creativity considered.

Prizes: $50 ~ First place
$40 ~ Second Place
$30 ~ Third Place
$25 ~ Fourth Place
$20 ~ Fifth Place
$15 ~ Sixth Place

Grades 6-12 Editorial Essay Contest
Format: 500-word (maximum), editorial-style (opinion) essay, typed, single-spaced, 1 page (no cover sheet!). Style, content, grammar, punctuation, and spelling considered, as well as originality, creativity and relevance to theme.

Prizes: $225 ~ First Place
$150 ~ Second Place
$100 ~ Third Place

Note: must list word count and entrant info (name, grade, school, email, and, if any, teacher) at the top of page. Submit essays by mail, fax at 724-225-8345 or email to kathy@washcobar.org.

Grades 6-12 Creative Arts Contest
Format: Visual, electronic and creative arts including painting, collage, fabric, photography, sculpture, film/video, poetry, song, etc.; no Powerpoints unless there is a creative/artistic component. Entry must include 140-word (max.) written statement of entry’s relevance to theme.

Prizes: $225 ~ First Place
$150 ~ Second Place
$100 ~ Third Place

Note: group entries permitted (prize money split). Submit video/electronic entries on USB drive in a standard format (.mov, .wmv, .mpg) or by link to an online file to kathy@washcobar.org.

Grades 6-12, Adults Diorama Contest
Format: Create a box diorama* (use Peeps treats, or any other 3-D character elements (min-figs, etc.)); email one unaltered photo of the diorama (.jpg format), to kathy@washcobar.org. Entry must include a descriptive title and a 140-word (max.) written statement of entry’s relevance to theme.

Prizes (Grades 6-12): $225 ~ 1st Place
$150 ~ 2nd Place
$100 ~ 3rd Place

Prizes (Adults; groups that incl. at least 1 adult): $200 to winner’s charity of choice

Note: group entries permitted (prize money split). *May use any size box to “frame”/contain diorama, but entry must be represented in ONE unaltered photo (no digital editing).
Email us at wcba@washcobar.org to schedule in-classroom visits by lawyers to present Law Day, Constitution Day, “Turning 18: Legal Issues in the Real World” and other law-related programs.

The date of this year’s Public Celebration has not yet been set. Stay tuned for date/time/place!

Lesson plans for Law Day activities can be found at www.lawday.org

Established in 1958 by President Eisenhower to strengthen our great heritage of liberty, justice and equality under the law.

Format: Entry must include a 250-300 word description of Citizenship Project, which must have been conducted at least in part within the past 24 months. Attach photos, supporting documents (10 pgs max). If project was conducted under the auspices of a school/college or organization, a letter of support from that entity must be attached and include info about project’s impact and results. Include cover sheet with project name; and names, ages, addresses of all eligible participants and/or entities.

Eligibility: Washington Co. residents or group consisting primarily of Wash. Co. residents, or an organization with its primary office address in Washington County.

Prize: $250 awarded to the charity (501c3 non-profit organization) of the winner’s choice.

Deadline April 8

Washington County Bar Association and the Washington County Bar Foundation and the Observer-Reporter

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