

# BULLETIN

League of Women Voters  
Arlington, Massachusetts  
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**April 2017**

## Calendar

4/1	Saturday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Annual Town Election.
	Saturday 4/1	LWVA Fiscal Year begins. We invite members to pay annual dues by April 1 using the form on page 9.
4/3	Monday 7 p.m.	LWVA Board Meeting at Ann FitzGerald's home, 162 Summer St., Unit 1. All members welcome to come and provide input on warrant articles the LWVA should support. Directions on page 2.
4/7	Friday 9:30 a.m.	LWV of Lexington Forum on helping refugees, Cary Memorial Library, Lexington. Details on page 7.
4/12	Wednesday 7:30 p.m.	Introduction to Town Meeting for new Town Meeting members, Robbins Library Community Room, 700 Mass. Ave. Details on page 5.
4/24	Monday 8 p.m.	Annual Town Meeting begins.
4/27	Thursday 7 to 9 p.m.	Arlington's Living Brochure Celebration by True Story Theatre, Robbins Library Community Room, 700 Mass. Ave. Details on page 8.
4/27	Thursday 7:30 to 9 p.m.	Arlington Community Education's Government 101, Session 1, on local government, Arlington High School. Session 2, on state government, is on May 4. Details on page 5.
4/30	Sunday 11:30 a.m.	Legislators' Brunch at Kathy Fennelly's home, 97 Gray St. All are welcome. Details on page 3.

We extend a warm welcome to our newest member:

Wendy Forgie, 10 Nourse Street

Carolyn Parsons and Angela Olszewski: Co-Presidents  
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## Co-President's Message

The local political season is in full swing. Please come to the Legislators' Brunch, details on page 3. Having our State Senator and both of our State Representatives in attendance provides an opportunity for a bit of socializing and a bit of lobbying. The event is always festive and engaging. Bring a friend or a family member. All are welcome.

At the April board meeting the League will decide which warrant articles to support or oppose. Note that the League will have no opinion on many of the articles before Town Meeting. If you would like to participate in the discussion, come to the board meeting on Monday, April 3.

Planning for Candidates Night is a bumpy ride. Coordinating with Vision 2020, the Town Hall representative, and ACMi needs to be done in the fall. Confirming who will be the moderator should be done in January. Then there follow all the details: which candidates are coming, ballot order, volunteers needed on the night of the event, etc. The script is written, rewritten, and then edited a number of times. What a pill! I need your help. It would have been more desirable to have a few more "meaty" questions from which the screeners could choose. A few candidates for Town Meeting were standing near their precinct signs with no one talking to them. Being greeted and having a conversation with a League member would make a very different impression.

Organized by Phyllis Maddox, the League will be providing rides to the polls for the local election on Saturday, April 1. Don't forget to vote!

*Carolyn Parsons*

*Directions to Ann FitzGerald's home:*

162 Summer Street is on the south side of Summer Street, a few houses to the east of the intersection with Oak Hill Drive. Unit 1 is the first-floor unit.

Summer Street is very busy, so you should park on the south side of the street. If you are coming from the center, you can turn into Oak Hill Drive, turn around, and park on the south side.



### LWVA LEADERSHIP 2016–2017

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**PLEASE COME TO**

**LWV ARLINGTON'S ANNUAL**

**LEGISLATORS' BRUNCH**

**BRING A SPOUSE, FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR!**

**Sunday, April 30, 2017 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM**  
**@ Kathy and Paul Fennelly's Home**  
**97 Gray St., Arlington**

Here's your chance to meet and hear what's happening with our current State legislators – Senator Ken Donnelly and Representatives Sean Garballey and Dave Rogers.

**Please contact Meredith Zona,**  
**meredith.zona@stantec.com or tel. 781-648-2753,**  
**if you can come and bring your favorite brunch food.**  
**Meredith will also arrange for a ride to and from the brunch**  
**if you need that.**


**Directions:**

97 Gray St. is at the intersection of Gray St. and Churchill Ave., which is the 4<sup>th</sup> right after you turn onto Gray St. from Pleasant St. (Route 60).

If you're traveling on Gray St. from Arlington Heights, Churchill Ave. is the 4<sup>th</sup> left after the lights at Highland Ave. The house is a large gray home on the right side if you're traveling up from Pleasant Street. There is plenty of street parking.



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## LWV Encourages Climate March Participation

*From the League of Women Voters of the US*

The League of Women Voters of the US is excited to participate in the 2017 People's Climate March on April 29 in Washington, DC. We will march to advance solutions to the climate crisis and demand answers from members of Congress. If you are planning to attend the March in Washington, please let the League know by filling out this form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSce\\_II3SUz10CHktqplNhYomlXTGgMwMfN0-tPzN4fONcnhDA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSce_II3SUz10CHktqplNhYomlXTGgMwMfN0-tPzN4fONcnhDA/viewform)

For information about the March, see <https://peoplesclimate.org/>.

We hope to see you in DC on April 29 or at a Sister March! Questions may be directed to Emily Yost (eyost@lwv.org).

### **ACE Offers Local Government Sessions**

*By Diana Eastman*

Arlington Community Education is offering two sessions on local government entitled "Government 101: How Local Governments Work and How You Can Get Involved."

Local government is the focus on April 27 and guest speakers will include Arlington's Town Manager Adam Chapdelaine and Finance Committee Chair Allan Tosti.

State government will be covered on May 4; State Representative David Rogers will appear with other state government officials.

Here is a link to the course description: <https://register.asapconnected.com/CourseDetail.aspx?CourseId=130527>

Time and location info are at <https://register.asapconnected.com/Calendar3.aspx?typecd=event>.

### **Introduction to Town Meeting**

On April 12, 2017 at 7:30 p.m., the Town Moderator will conduct an introduction to Town Meeting and limited warrant review in the community room of Robbins Library. If you are a new Town Meeting Member or a grizzled veteran of Town Hall and Town Meeting, please join the Moderator for an introduction to Town Meeting practices and procedures, the Warrant, recommended votes, substitute motions, debate and voting. This event is co-sponsored by the Governance Task Group of Vision 2020 and the League of Women Voters of Arlington.



## Photos from Candidates' Night, March 21



Town Meeting candidates meet citizens before the forum, while Ann FitzGerald staffs the LWVA information table.

*Photo by Phyllis Maddox*

Action VP Patti Muldoon introduces Moderator Margaret Coppe of the LWV of Lexington.

*Photo by Phyllis Maddox*



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## **Helping Refugees in Today's World**

*By Jeanne Canale, Communications  
LWV Lexington*

Have you ever wondered, "Is there something I could do to help people in the refugee crisis, but I don't have much time and what can one person do?"

Please join us at our April 7, First Friday Forum where Tom Tsaros will present information about a relatively newly formed group, called LexRAP, which is welcoming and directly helping both refugees and asylum seekers in Lexington and nearby areas. For more information, go to <http://www.lexrap.org>.

The meeting will take place at Cary Memorial Library Large Meeting Room, April 7, 9:30AM.

This is the seventh in the series of 2016-2017 First Friday Forums hosted by the League of Women Voters of Lexington to promote awareness and understanding of public policy issues. Coffee will be available at 9:15AM, and the presentation will begin at 9:30. All League forums are free and open to the public.

For more information, contact the League at [lwvlexington@gmail.com](mailto:lwvlexington@gmail.com).

## **ACMI Broadcasts Interview on Criminal Justice Reform**

*By Colleen Kirby*

Colleen Kirby of The League of Women Voters of Arlington and Rev. Bill Gardiner of the Unitarian Universalist End Mass Incarceration Together (EMIT) were interviewed by James Milan for an ACMI cable show on Criminal Justice reform. The show touches on many topics:

- An overview of Mass Incarceration in the US and Massachusetts
- Treating substance abuse/mental health associated crimes as a health issue rather than a criminal issue
- The Council of State Governments process
- Legislation to address various problems leading up to incarceration (diversion, restorative justice, pretrial and bail reform, primary caretakers bill), during incarceration (solitary [including effects on LGBT community], lack of data, mandatory minimums, lack of access to programming), and what happens after release (fines and fees, collateral consequences, expungement, parole board, justice reinvestment into services)

The interview led into the Politics of Justice Program on March 25th at First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Arlington, co-sponsored by the LWVA.

We touched on a lot of topics in the hour-long program thanks to James Milan's excellent interviewing. I am sorry we didn't mention Medical Release or the Felony Larceny threshold.

The interview is at <https://youtu.be/5d4eHruZav4>.

## **Arlington's Living Brochure**

Telling our stories. Building community.

### **Sharing Learning & Final Celebration**

Thursday, April 27th, 7- 9pm  
at Robbins Library community room

- We will share what we've learned and hear what others have gained in this 2-year project involving 15 town committees.
- Enjoy light refreshments and improv theatre dramatizing the project's impact.
- Learn about new programs (Arlington Welcomes Diversity and Arlington 4All) and give your input.

Please RSVP to  
[Christopher@TrueStoryTheater.org](mailto:Christopher@TrueStoryTheater.org)

**ARLINGTON'S LIVING BROCHURE • TELLING OUR STORIES • BUILDING COMMUNITY**

*Arlington's Living Brochure* gave 25 performances and 7 workshops on important social issues in support of Arlington's volunteer committees and commissions.

*Arlington's Living Brochure* has helped make visible the work of 15 town volunteer committees, including Vision 2020, the Human Rights Commission, Sustainable Arlington, the Commission on Disability, the Diversity Task Group, Arlington Public Art, and others. This project is funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, with support from the Robbins Library, ACMi, and local artist Nilou Moochhala.



**Our fiscal year begins April 1, so now is the time to pay dues!**  
**Thank you so much for your support.**

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ARLINGTON**  
**Membership Application/Renewal Form**

*\*\*Fiscal Year runs from April 1 to March 31\*\**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Precinct \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_ Please indicate if you do NOT want your contact information sent to Arlington League members

\_\_\_\_ Basic Membership Dues..... \$60  
\_\_\_\_ 2nd member in household ..... \$23  
\_\_\_\_ Student (full-time) ..... \$20  
\_\_\_\_ Contribution to help the LWV in Arlington, add \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*If \$60 is a hardship, please pay what you can and let us know that this is your dues payment.*

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: League of Women Voters of Arlington  
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Please check areas of interest and activity even if you can't be actively involved THIS year.

**SPECIAL LEAGUE ACTIVITIES**

- Join the Board. Position: \_\_\_\_\_
- Action: phone calls \_\_\_\_\_ letters \_\_\_\_\_
- Bulletin: mailing \_\_\_\_\_ soliciting ads \_\_\_\_\_
- Membership
- Nominating Committee
- Publicity Writer
- Voter Service: Rides to the polls \_\_\_\_\_
- Candidates Night
- Voters' Guide
- Attend State League's Phonothon
- Be a discussion leader at local meetings
- Fundraising activities
- Offer meeting refreshments
- Post fliers and deliver brochures
- Host a meeting in my home
- Monitor elections for nonprofit organizations

**FOLLOW ISSUES, KEEP LEAGUE AND COMMUNITY INFORMED**

- Congress/Presidency/Election Process
- Discrimination/Equal Employment/Civil Rights
- Education/Child Care
- Environment/Recycling
- Health Care
- Justice/Courts/Prisons
- Land Use
- Taxation/Budgets/Deficits
- Transportation/Urban Policy
- Voting Rights
- Warrant Articles Review
- Welfare Policies/Basic Human Needs
- Women's Issues
- Zoning/Community Development/Land Use

**OBSERVE AT**

**TOWN BOARD MEETINGS\***

- Selectmen (Mondays)
- Redevelopment Board (Mondays)
- School Committee (2nd & 4th Thursdays)
- Conservation Commission (1st & 3rd Thurs.)
- Housing Authority

**SKILLS LEAGUE COULD DRAW ON**

- Computer database
- Graphic design
- Desktop publishing
- Web site maintenance
- Membership development
- Moderating meetings
- Fundraising
- Writing articles
- Other

**BEST TIME TO CALL YOU:**

(for phone tree reminders) Call before \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock

\*Some of these can be seen on cable TV

## **Drivers Needed for Town Election!**

For the Town Election on **April 1**,  
the LWVA will provide rides to the polls  
from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If you can work a shift as a driver,  
please call Phyllis Maddox at 781-646-4362  
or email her at  
[phyllismaddox@rcn.com](mailto:phyllismaddox@rcn.com)

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