



BULLETIN

League of Women Voters
Arlington, Massachusetts
www.lwva.com

April 2020

Calendar

Wednesday April 1	LWVA Fiscal Year begins. Please send in your dues using the form on page 7. Thank you!
4/7 Tuesday 7 p.m.	LWVA Board meeting via Zoom audioconference. The meeting URL will be sent to attendees.
6/13 Saturday 10 a.m.	LWVMA Council at Framingham State University. See page 3 for more information.
Thu.-Sun. 6/25-6/28	LWVUS National Convention, Washington, D.C. See https://www.lwv.org/2020convention for details.

Town Election Calendar

5/27 Wednesday 4 p.m.	Voter registration deadline for the rescheduled Town Election.
6/6 Saturday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Town Election, assuming it does not need to be postponed further.
Not yet known	Town Meeting begins.

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Co-President's Message

As I am sure you have noticed, Carolyn and I alternate writing the co-president messages. Every other month, I sit at my computer and try to write something that I think will be informative or thought provoking. Some months it's easy: we have lots of upcoming events to help with or attend; we are celebrating a successful Candidates Night; we have taken a position on an important public issue.

This month isn't easy. As I write this on March 28th, we are under a stay-at-home advisory. We had to cancel our events, including Candidates Night. The town is postponing our local election and Town Meeting. We are in a state of wait and hope. I want to focus on the last word of my previous sentence: hope. I hope you that you and your family are and stay healthy and safe. I hope that we all come through this together as a community. Spring is on our doorstep. It is a season of hope.

It can help to focus when you can on something other than the restrictions and the daily news. For a moment now, I will shift to an event that the League looks forward to in the fall, when we hope that all will be well, again. We are working with ACA to plan an event which will celebrate 100 years of women's suffrage along with recognizing the past and ongoing struggles for other rights. It will bring together art, thought, and passion. More details will be forthcoming. Many thanks to Anne Linn and Ann FitzGerald, who are taking the lead on this project.

Please take care and stay well.

Angela Olszewski

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LWVMA Council Set for June 13

From the State League

Please save the date for the upcoming LWVMA Council on Saturday, June 13 at 10 a.m.

Great Reasons to Attend Council:

- Meet League members, network, and have fun!
- Learn what local Leagues are doing
- Elect Officers and Directors to the LWVMA board



Location:

Framingham State University
Forum Room
100 State Street
Framingham, MA 01701

A schedule of events, registration, and more details will be available soon. There will be no cost to attend and the event will include a light breakfast and lunch.

Questions about Council?

Please contact the LWVMA Office at (857) 452-1715.

Editor's Note: As far as we know, this event is still scheduled.

From the Editor

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, there's very little in this Bulletin: we would have had reports on Candidates' Night and on our Legislators' Brunch, but these had to be cancelled.

In February, a group from the State League, including Colleen Kirby of the LWVA, visited MCI-Norfolk. A report from one of the lifers at the prison is available at <http://lwva.com/bulletins/JamesKeownLeagueLeadersVisitLifers2-2020.pdf>.

We hope to reschedule the Legislators' Brunch for later in the year. We don't expect to be able to hold Candidates' Night for the rescheduled election.

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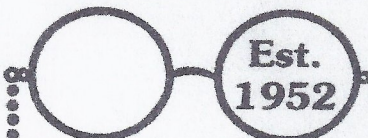


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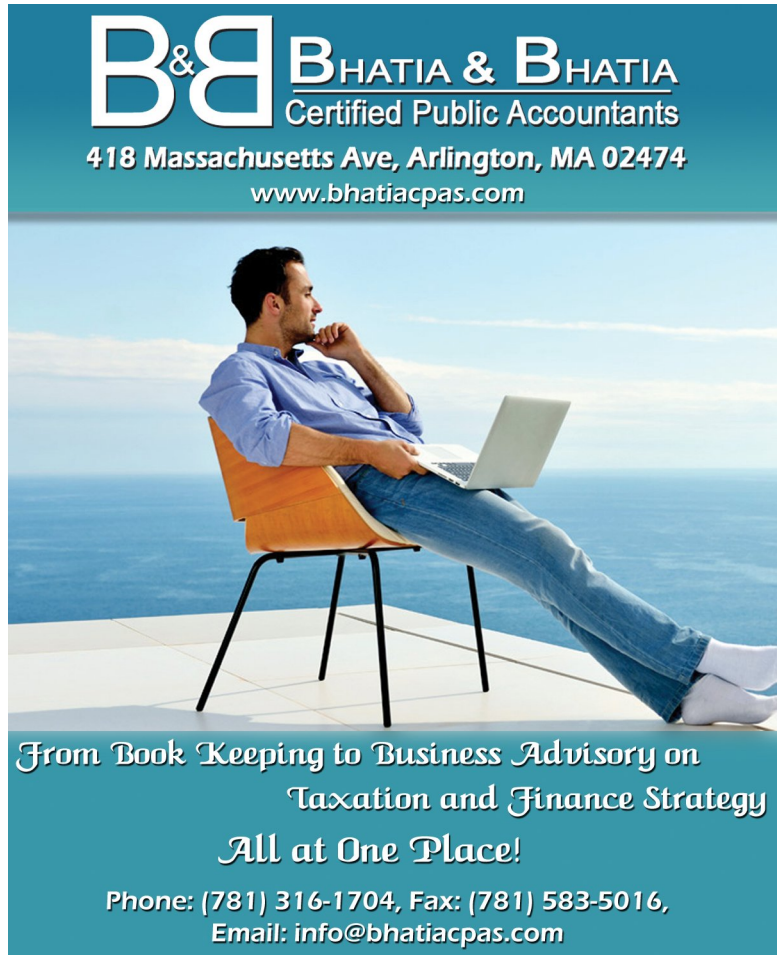
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Please renew your membership this month!
Our fiscal year begins April 1. We thank you!

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ARLINGTON
Membership Application/Renewal Form

Fiscal Year runs from April 1 to March 31

Name _____ Precinct _____ Date _____
Address _____ Zip _____ Occupation _____
Telephone _____ Email _____

_____ 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
MAIL TO: Ann FitzGerald, 162 Summer St., Unit 1, Arlington, MA 02474

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 Phonathon
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

Primary Election Rides to the Polls

For the Presidential Primary election on March 3, the LWVA provided 6 rides to the polls. Thanks to Carolyn Parsons, Vicky Ford, Meredith Zona, Sarah DeBesche, Paulette Schwartz, and Ann FitzGerald for volunteering to drive.

Phyllis Maddox

At this time, we we aren't planning to provide rides for the rescheduled Town Election June 6, because those who usually ask for rides are most likely to vote by absentee ballot.

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