

BULLETIN

League of Women Voters
Arlington, Massachusetts

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February 2011

Calendar

2/4	Friday noon to 1 pm	League Lunch on Town programs for seniors at the ACMI Cable Studio, 85 Park Ave. See page 8 for details.
2/7	Monday 7 pm	LWVA Board Meeting at Angela Olszewski's home, 1 Watermill Place. All members welcome. See page 6 for directions.
2/16	Wednesday 7 to 9 pm	An Introduction to Town Meeting, Town Hall Hearing Room, 730 Mass. Ave. Town Moderator John Leone will provide an overview of Town Meeting and answer questions about TM procedures. Details on last page.
3/5	Saturday 9:30 am	LWVMA Forum on Women's Health in Framingham. See page 3 for details.
3/6	Sunday 11:30 am	Legislators' Brunch at Kathy Fennelly's home, 97 Gray Street. All are welcome. See page 5 for details.

Town Election Calendar

2/7	Monday 5 pm	Deadline for Town Meeting members who are candidates for re-election to give written notice thereof to the Town Clerk.
2/10	Thursday 5 pm	Deadline for obtaining blank nomination papers for Town offices.
2/14	Monday 5 pm	Deadline for submitting all nomination papers to the Town Clerk's office for certification of signatures.
2/28	Monday 5 pm	Deadline for filing certified nomination papers with Town Clerk.
3/14	Monday 8 pm	Voter registration deadline for Town Election.
4/2	Saturday 8 am to 8 pm	Town Election.

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Co-President's Message

Dear League Members,

The local social/political season has begun. The MLK Birthday Observance celebration was certainly a success. The food was varied and delicious; the Town Hall was warm and full. Emerson Stamps, the featured speaker, served in World War II and even at the age of 87 had the posture and bearing of a former soldier.

I went to the Arlington Education Foundation (AEF) fundraiser that honored League member Janice Bakey on the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Arlington Educational Enrichment Fund. (This fund provided monies for innovative classroom projects.) According to Rebecca Steinitz, president of the AEF, Arlington citizens have given over a million dollars over these 20 years to these foundations. See page 7 for a photo.

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, March 6, to attend the League's Legislative Brunch. (Details are on page 5.) Our legislators really enjoy this event — at least, that is what they tell me. I just fuss about having a full house to greet them!

Candidates Night has been scheduled for Thursday, March 24. If you are able to be a timer or greeter, or to help with setup or cleanup, please email me at carolynmparsons@msn.com.

On another personal note, Kathryn Sears Parsons, born on Oct. 31, is at home with her parents, Betsy and Jonathan Parsons. Yippee!

Carolyn Parsons

In Memoriam

James Forgie, husband of Carma Forgie, past President of the LWV of Arlington, has died. A memorial service is to be held on May 8 at the Unitarian Universalist church in Arlington. Carma and Jim had recently moved to Chicago to be near their daughter and her family.

Carma's address:
5550 South Shore Drive #1009
Chicago, Illinois 60637

LWVA LEADERSHIP 2010–2011

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Women's Health in the 21st Century: What We Need to Know

A Forum Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts



**March 5, 2011
McPherson Hall in
Medical Arts Building
MWMC, Framingham Campus
85 Lincoln Street, Framingham, MA
Snow Date: March 26, 2011**

9:30 Registration and Refreshments

10:00 Impact of Media on Women's Health

Keynote speaker,
Judy Norsigian, Executive Director of
Our Bodies Ourselves

11:00 Disparities in Access and Treatment

Cheryl Hamlin, MD

11:30 Mental Health Issues for Women

Georgia Sassen, PhD

12:00 Health Fair

**Free and open to the public. There will be a question and answer period after each speaker.
Free parking. For more information go to: lwwma@lwwma.org**

Directions to Framingham: By car from the east: Take Route 9. Turn right onto Main St. Continue about .02 of a mile to Union Street (a slight turn right). Go about 1.88 miles and turn left onto Lincoln Street. Turn left into a parking lot in front of Framingham Union Hospital or across the street from it. McPherson Hall is in the Medical Arts Bldg. at 85 Lincoln St.

By train: Take train to Framingham. Walk 2 blocks east to Union Street; turn left onto Union Street; walk 3 blocks (on the right). Turn right onto Henry St., walk one block. The Medical Arts Bldg at 85 Lincoln St. will be across the street.



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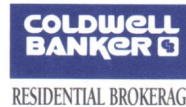


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Initial Free Consultation for League Members



LEGISLATORS' BRUNCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2011

It's Time for LWVA's Annual Get-together
with State Senator Ken Donnelly
and State Representatives Will Brownsberger, Sean Garballey, and
Jay Kaufman

Come Hear and Discuss the Latest on Jobs, Budgets, Education,
Health Care
- And Enjoy a Great Brunch!

When & Where -
Sunday, March 6, 2011, 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM
Kathy & Paul Fennelly's House - 97 Gray St., Arlington

Please contact Meredith Zona, mzona@fstinc.com or tel. 781-648-2753,
if you can come and bring your favorite brunch food.

Directions: 97 Gray St. is at the intersection of Gray St. and Churchill Ave., which is the 4th 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 4th 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 ample street parking.

Directions to Angela Olszewski's home, 1 Watermill Place, Apt. 428 (Phone: 781-648-8649)

Watermill Place is a condo building located next to the Old Schwamb Mill on Lowell Street in Arlington Heights.

From Arlington Center:

Follow Mass. Ave into the Heights. At Nicola's Pizza, bear right onto Lowell Street Pass a few houses. Watermill Place will be on your right. Continue to the end of the building to the large Watermill Place sign. Turn right into the parking lot and drive past the green awning. There will be marked visitor spaces in front of you. If none are available you can park on Lowell Street, on the side where the building is.

From Park Avenue:

Follow Park Avenue down the hill to Mass. Ave. Continue straight and cross over Mass. Ave. (Brigham's Ice Cream and UPS Store are on two of the corners). Go over a bridge (Gold's Gym on the right). Take the first (sharp) right onto Lowell Street (Peter Pan Superette on the corner). Go over another bridge. There are about six houses very close together on the left. Watermill Place is on the left after the houses. Take a left into the driveway and drive past the green awning (entrance) to marked visitor spaces. If no spaces are available, you can park on Lowell Street, on the side where the building is.

Enter the building at the green awning and press 428 to ring my phone and get buzzed into the building. My condo is on the fourth floor.



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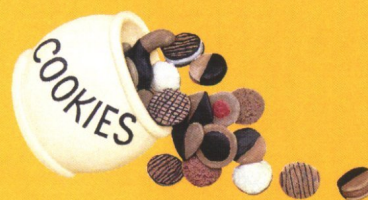
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Janice Bakey receives the Legislature's proclamations in her honor from Rep. Sean Garballey and Sen. Ken Donnelly at the AEF fundraiser January 10.

Photo by Phyllis Maddox

John Leone, Town Moderator, spoke at the League Lunch on Friday, December 3. The event will be shown on cable; see next page for details.

Photo by Clare Gordon



February Lunch to Feature Programs for Seniors

At noon on February 4, the Friday Lunch Series at the studio of Arlington Community Media, Inc. (ACMI) will feature John Jope, Executive Director of the Council on Aging, and Maureen Jackson from the Arlington Seniors Association. The event is open to the public and is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Arlington.

THE ARLINGTON SENIOR CENTER at 27 Maple Street has been serving Arlington elders and their families for over 25 years. Three agencies are involved:

- The Council on Aging, which provides social services, wellness programs, transportation, education, advocacy, and referrals to other service agencies
- The Arlington Seniors Association, which offers a range of social and recreational programming
- Minuteman Senior Services, which offers "Meals on Wheels" and an "Eating Together" meal site at the Center

The Center is open to the public five days a week. A monthly newsletter details each month's offerings.

Anyone may attend the Friday Lunch Series. Bring your own brown bag lunch and beverage to the ACMI studio at 85 Park Avenue and join the group for an informal lunch with the speaker at noon. A formal half-hour taping of the speakers' remarks and answers to questions will follow. The taped presentation will be available on cable later as part of *Our Town*, the League's Friday Lunch Series — see below for more information.

Lunch Series Moves to Cable: OUR TOWN on Arlington Community Access TV

Our Town is a new series whose goal is to inform members of the League of Women Voters of Arlington, as well as the broader Arlington public, about our Town's institutions by way of a discussion of Arlington issues. In this episode, filmed in December, Arlington's Town Moderator, John Leone, discusses Arlington's election cycle and Town Meeting. *Our Town* is produced by the League of Women Voters of Arlington.

The show appears on the Public Access Channel (Comcast 8, RCN 3, and Verizon 31, and LIVE streaming at www.acmi.tv), at the following times:

Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m.

Friday and Monday, 11:30 a.m.

We welcome new members at all times.
Contact Ann FitzGerald, annfitz@rcn.com, if you have any questions.

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..... \$50
_____ 2nd member in household \$23
_____ Student (full-time) \$20
_____ Contribution to help the LWV in Arlington, add \$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

If \$50 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: Kathy Colwell, 60 Claremont Ave., Arlington, MA 02476

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 Tuesdays)
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

An Introduction to the Ways of Town Meeting: Finding Your Way as a Town Meeting Member

February 16, 2011

7:00 p.m.

*Selectmen's Hearing Room, 2nd floor, Arlington Town Hall
(directly above the front door on Massachusetts Avenue)*

A civic roadmap for prospective and
current town meeting members:

- It's not too late: Directions for running as a write-in candidate
- Preparing for Town Meeting: How to navigate through the warrant articles before the first night
 - You've arrived! What to expect at Town Meeting

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veteran town meeting members

Presented by Town Moderator John Leone

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