



# *BULLETIN*

League of Women Voters  
Arlington, Massachusetts

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## February 2013

### Calendar

2/4	Monday 7 p.m.	LWVA Board Meeting at Carolyn Parsons' home, 23 Brewster Rd. All members welcome. Directions on page 2.
3/10	Sunday 11:30 a.m.	LWVA Legislators' Brunch at Kathy and Paul Fennelly's home, 97 Gray St. See last page for more information.
	Wednesday 3/13	LWVMA Day on the Hill. Details in the March Bulletin.
	Thursday 3/21	Candidates' Night for Town Election, co-sponsored by Vision 2020 and LWVA. Details in the March Bulletin.

Note: See page 6 for a Town Election calendar.

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## Co-President's Message

Dear League Members,

As we begin the month of February, town election season and preparation for town meeting begin. The League looks forward to joining with Vision 2020 once again to co-sponsor Candidates Night. We will also be publishing the Voters Guide, providing our positions on warrant articles, and offering rides to the polls.

We will be hosting our annual Legislators Brunch on March 10th. This event is always a wonderful opportunity to discuss current issues with our state representatives and senator. Please mark your calendar and invite friends and neighbors. In addition to great conversation, there is also great food!

Since this is such a busy time for us, we are always looking for more volunteers. If you are interested in helping with any these activities, please contact me or Carolyn Parsons. We'll have a more specific request for Candidates' Night help in the March Bulletin.

As I write this, we are experiencing very chilly temperatures. Let's hope that our election season brings with it bright and warm spring weather!

*Angela Olszewski*

### Directions to Carolyn Parsons' home, 23 Brewster Road, Arlmont:

At St. Camillus, the large Catholic church adjacent to the access road for Route 2, go under the overpass, stop at the stop sign, cross the access road on the other side, and proceed straight ahead onto Sagamore Rd., which curves to your right. Go the end of Sagamore, turn left. The house, on your right, has natural cedar shingles and black shutters.

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## LWVA Urges State Gun Control Action

At its January board meeting as part of the State Program Planning process, the LWV of Arlington voted that the LWV of Massachusetts take the following actions on legislation addressing gun control: support a ban on the private ownership of assault weapons; support a ban on the private ownership of ammunition clips; support national criminal and mental background checks. Access to the buying and selling of guns at gun shows should have the same restrictions as when purchasing a gun from a licensed dealer.

### **From the League of Women Voters of the US Web Site ([lwv.org](http://lwv.org)):**

*January 16, 2013*

Today's announcement from President Obama that his administration will seek common sense solutions to the gun violence that plagues our nation is truly good news for all Americans. The announcement comes in the wake of yesterday's school shootings in St. Louis, MO and Kentucky, which mark the third and fourth school shootings in the past five weeks. Last week, the League sent Vice President Biden, who led a panel looking at gun violence, a letter urging him to propose methods to help stem the tide of senseless gun violence in this country. The White House proposal includes many of the provisions that the League of Women Voters supports.

The League of Women Voters of the United States has a long-standing position in support of gun control. Since 1990, we have lobbied in support of banning assault weapons, requiring all dealers to run criminal background checks at gun shows, and opposing laws that grant special protection for the gun industry.

Now that we have a plan for tackling this critical national issue, it is up to our elected leaders to keep these reforms moving forward quickly and not get bogged down in the wrangling so familiar to Washington, DC.

Gun control is a matter of public safety and public health. It is long past time for vital measures to stop the carnage. We need action that will ban assault weapons, place limits on magazine size, close the gun show loophole and mandate annual reporting on gun violence in America.

On behalf of our members and supporters from across this country, we urge Washington to help put a stop to this violence.



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## In Memoriam: Claire Maytum

Claire Maytum, an active member of the League of Women Voters of Arlington for many years, died on January 10, 2013 at the age of 91. She leaves her husband, Bill Maytum, two sons, three daughters, and six grandchildren. She was also an active Town Meeting member and a parishioner of St. Eulalia's Parish.

Janice Bakey, who sent us the notification, writes,

It is with real sadness that I pass this on. Claire was a member of the League before I joined and she was always so welcoming, so involved — and always ready for a good party. She cared passionately about good government and fair play and devoted hours to ensuring both were in action. She spoke up at wrongs and held her own to those who ran afoul of those goals. She would seek them out to give them a piece of her mind and try to get them to reform.

She had a great laugh and sense of humor.

In later years she headed up the League rides to the polls for every election and was not shy at calling you if she did not have enough volunteers. But it was always so good to chat with her as you signed up for duty!

I will miss her.



### Town Election Calendar

2/11	Monday 5 p.m.	Deadline for Town Meeting Members who are candidates for re-election to give written notice to the Town Clerk (second floor of Town Hall, 730 Massachusetts Ave.).
2/14	Thursday 5 p.m.	Deadline for obtaining blank registration papers from the Town Clerk's Office.
2/19	Tuesday 5 p.m.	Deadline for submitting all nomination papers to the Town Clerk's Office for certification of signatures.
3/4	Monday 5 p.m.	Deadline for filing certified nomination papers with the Town Clerk.
3/15	Friday 8 p.m.	Last day to register to vote in the Town Election.
4/6	Saturday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Town Election.
	Monday 4/22	Town Meeting begins.



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\_\_\_\_\_ Basic Membership Dues..... \$50  
\_\_\_\_\_ 2nd member in household ..... \$23  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Contribution to help the LWV in Arlington, add \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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*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: Ann FitzGerald, 162 Summer St., Unit 1, Arlington, MA 02474

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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 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

## **SAVE THE DATE!!!**

When: Sunday, March 10, 2013, 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Where: Kathy and Paul Fennelly's Home, 97 Gray St., Arlington

Why: LWV Arlington's Annual Legislators' Brunch!

All our current State legislators — Senator Ken Donnelly and Representatives Sean Garballey and Dave Rogers — have agreed to come, plus Arlington's past Representative Will Brownsberger (now a State Senator who no longer represents Arlington) has graciously accepted our offer to attend.

Please plan to join us for this great event!

**February 2013**

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