

# BULLETIN

League of Women Voters  
Arlington, Massachusetts  
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## February 2018

### Calendar

2/5	Monday 7 p.m.	LWVA Board meeting at Carolyn Parsons' home, 23 Brewster Road. All members welcome. Directions on page 8.
2/11	Sunday 2-4:30 p.m.	First Parish Unitarian Universalist's Mass Incarceration Working Group 5th anniversary celebration. RSVP requested. Details on page 5.
2/12	Monday 8 p.m.	Special Town Meeting.

### Town Election Calendar

2/9	Friday noon	Deadline for obtaining nomination papers for the Town election.
2/12	Monday 5 p.m.	Deadline for Town Meeting members who are candidates for re-election to give written notice thereof to the Town clerk.
2/20	Tuesday 5 p.m.	Deadline for submitting nomination papers to the Registrars of Voters for certification of signatures.
3/5	Monday 5 p.m.	Deadline for submitting certified nomination papers to the Town Clerk.
3/16	Friday 8 p.m.	Voter registration deadline for the Town Election.
4/7	Saturday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Town Election.
4/23	Monday 8 p.m.	Town Meeting begins.

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## Co-President's Message

The local social/political season has begun. The MLK Birthday Observance celebration was certainly a success. The Town Hall was filled with many familiar faces and many faces that I have never seen before. I always meet someone new to me and hope that they find the experience as uplifting as I did. I must say that the chorus, assembled for the occasion, was outstanding.

Candidates Night has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 28. If you are willing to be a timer or greeter, or to help with set up or clean up, please contact Elizabeth Thompson. (See page 3 for details.) A number of incumbents are not running for re-election, resulting in some contested races. Having a few new contenders for town-wide offices should provide some interest in attending Candidates Night.

There were a number of women's marches held recently. If you attended one and have an experience and/or a photo that you would like to share in the Bulletin, please let me know.

*Carolyn Parsons*

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## Calling All Hands for March 28, 2018 Local Candidates' Night

*By Elizabeth Thompson, Voter Service Chair  
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Now that the holidays have wound down, and you are settling down all cozy in your comfy slippers to enjoy a quiet winter's eve, you might think for a few minutes about how you would like to help the League of Women Voters of Arlington with the 2018 local Candidates' Night on Wednesday, March 28 beginning at 8 PM in Arlington's Town Hall Auditorium.

Please contact Elizabeth Thompson, Voters Service Chair, if you would like to add your name to help with any of the following tasks:

- Create Voter's Guide for Advocate (email Kathy Fennelly, [Kathy@fennellys.com](mailto:Kathy@fennellys.com))
- Write a Press Release
- Help the League to mail the printed postcard invitations to all candidates for Town Meeting members
- Mail LWV's official Invitation Letters to candidates for Town Offices (email Kathy Fennelly)
- Help write or proofread Broadcast Script for Moderator
- Timers for Candidate Presentations (we need 2 pairs of timers)
- Create and/or review questions to ask Candidates
- Greet candidates and members of public on night of event
- Help set up before and/or pack up after the event

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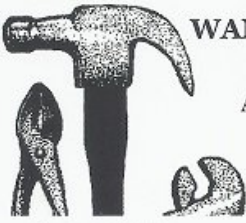


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## Mass Incarceration Working Group Anniversary

*By Lori Kenschaft*

*Coordinator, Mass Incarceration Working Group of the First Parish Unitarian Universalist of Arlington*

Please come to a celebration! You are warmly invited to join us on Sunday, February 11, 2-4:30 p.m. at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist of Arlington (630 Mass. Ave. in Arlington Center).

The Mass Incarceration Working Group is celebrating our fifth anniversary as a group.

We're celebrating how much public opinion has changed in those five years.

We're celebrating how far legislative reforms have come in Massachusetts.

We're honoring some of the many people who have helped make change happen.

We're hearing briefly from Rahsaan Hall, the ACLU-MA's Racial Justice Director, about What a Difference a DA Makes.

We're sharing tasty food and warm fellowship.

Positive RSVPs will be much appreciated — if you plan to join us, please let us know at <https://tinyurl.com/y8fmwhbu>.

And yes — we know we're not there yet. A conference committee is currently discussing the House and Senate versions of the omnibus criminal justice bill, trying to come up with a consensus version that can get through the House and the Senate and become law. Perhaps that process will be done by mid-February, but probably not. The final bill will be far from perfect. And no legislative reforms — even perfect ones — could change everything that needs to be changed. A lot of policies and practices, philosophies and training programs, need to change too. People working in the system — from police officers to prosecutors to parole officers — need to shift how they understand their roles and have the resources to work differently.

We have a lot of work still to do.

But sometimes we need to celebrate. We need to come together, enjoy each other's company, lift up the good changes that have happened, and replenish our hope for more good changes in the future.

We will have table space for organizations to share information. If you'd like some table space, please indicate that on the RSVP form.

We know that some people enjoy baking but don't want to eat everything they bake. If you would enjoy bringing finger-food treats, please indicate that on the RSVP form too.

Most of all, we hope you'll join us!

[Editor's Note: The LWVA will have an information table at this event.]



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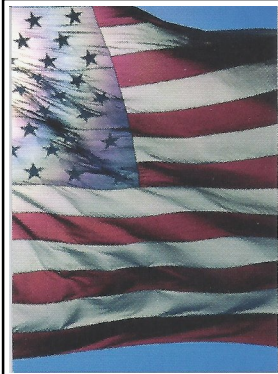
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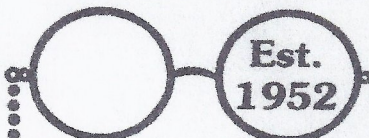


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## From the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts

### Save the Date: LWVMA Spring Conference April 28

Concerned about the state of our democracy? Want to learn from experts about steps we can all take to strengthen our democratic institutions and processes?

LWVMA is planning a conference dealing with the issues challenging our democracy on Saturday, April 28; we will have details on time and location shortly. This event is a new approach to the state League's spring programming that will substitute a conference on contemporary issues, open to both League members and the public, for the Council program usually held in the year between state conventions. Please plan to join us!

### LWVMA Plans Moderator Training Feb. 15

Moderator training will be conducted Thursday, Feb. 15, at 7 p.m. The training session will be held at Acton TV, 16 Craig Road, Acton, MA. Jo-Ann Berry and Stefani Traina, veteran League moderators, will lead this training. Both new and experienced moderators are encouraged to attend.

The session will be videotaped so the training can be rolled out across the state. Voter Service will be looking for local trainers and mentors to assist in this roll out.

You can register for this training at <https://lwmva.org/moderator-training-at-actontv-on-february-15/>.

If you are unable to attend this session, but are interested in participating in a regional training at another location, please contact LWVMA Voter Service Chairs Judy Zaunbrecher or Kris Eastman.

### Lights! Camera! LWVMA Student Video Contest!

For its fifth annual student video contest, LWVMA invites high school students to create 30-second public service announcements to motivate voters for Massachusetts' Fall 2018 elections.

The contest, **Get In the Game and Vote**, is open to all high school students in Massachusetts. Top winners will be awarded \$500, \$250, and \$100 prizes, and their videos will be publicized statewide.

Entries must be submitted online from February 1 through March 31 at [www.lwmva.org](http://www.lwmva.org). Judging will take place in April, and winners will be announced in May. Official rules and further details are available at [www.lwmva.org](http://www.lwmva.org).

League members can help publicize the video contest at high schools in their area. A toolkit and flyer to download are available at <https://lwmva.org/member-resources/toolkits-for-members/student-video-toolkit-2018/>.

### 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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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

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

**SKILLS LEAGUE COULD DRAW ON**

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

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