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February 2022

Calendar

Tuesday February 1 7 p.m.	LWVA Board Meeting via Zoom teleconference. The meeting URL will be sent to attendees; email one of the Co-Presidents if you would like to attend.
Sunday February 20 2 p.m.	Legislators' Brunch, via Zoom teleconference. All members will receive the meeting URL; family and friends welcome. See page 3 for details.
Tuesday March 8 7 p.m.	LWVA Board Meeting via Zoom teleconference. The meeting URL will be sent to attendees; email one of the Co-Presidents if you would like to attend.
Wednesday March 23	Save the date: Virtual Candidates' Night for the Town Election. More details in the March Bulletin.

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Co-President's Message

I hope this message finds you and your family members healthy and safe.

This month marks the birthdays of several suffragists. According to askasuffragist.com, the following people were born during February:

Angelina Grimké Weld February 20, 1805
 Harriet Forten Purvis February 1, 1810
 Charles Lenox Remond February 1, 1810
 Frederick Douglass February 14, 1818 (Douglass chose his own birthday because his exact birthdate is unknown.)
 Susan B. Anthony February 15, 1820
 Elizabeth Blackwell February 3, 1821

The League honors the work of these individuals, along with many others, when it engages in voter service activities that support voting access and education. This month, the LWVA is doing that work by planning our annual discussion with legislators and Candidates Night for our local election. Both events will be virtual to provide a safe way for all to attend. While we will miss our potluck brunch and the opportunity to see the candidates on the stage at Town Hall, we are grateful that we can continue our important mission of providing voter education and civic engagement.

I hope to "see" you at both events.

Angela Olszewski

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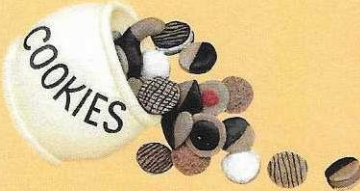
It's time again for our annual Legislators' Brunch, but sadly, once again the brunch aspect will be absent due to the pandemic. Still, it promises to be a great opportunity to "meet" our State Legislators – Senator Cindy Friedman and Representatives Sean Garballey and Dave Rogers – and learn about what's going on with legislative action, as well as the latest state-level impacts regarding the pandemic. Of course, there will also be time for questions and answers.

Friends and family members are welcome to participate via Zoom.

Please watch for an email from League member Janice Bakey that will include a Zoom link and password, and instructions about installing and using Zoom on your computer if you don't have it already – there is no cost to download it.

Looking forward to "seeing" you on Sunday, February 20 on Zoom!



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Town Election Calendar

Nomination papers are currently available at the Town Clerk's office on the second floor of Town Hall, 730 Massachusetts Ave.

For more details about the election, visit

<https://www.arlingtonma.gov/town-governance/elections-voting>.

Friday February 4 12 noon	Last day for incumbent Town Meeting Members to file notice of re-election.
Wednesday February 9 5 p.m.	Last day for obtaining nomination papers.
Friday February 11 5 p.m.	Last day for filing nomination papers with Board of Registrars.
Tuesday March 1 5 p.m.	Last day for filing objections/withdrawals.
Tuesday March 8 5 p.m.	Last day to submit Town Meeting candidate statements.
Friday March 11 8 p.m.	Last day for voters to register.
Saturday April 2 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Town Election.

In Memoriam: Micheline Junas

Micheline Junas, who lived in Arlington from 1960 to 2008 and was an active and valued member of the League of Women Voters of Arlington, died in Shelburne, Vermont, on January 3, 2022. She was also active in the Dallin School PTO. We thank Joan Robbio for letting us know.

For a full obituary, visit <https://www.sevendaysvt.com/vermont/obituary-micheline-hogue-junas-1933-2022/Content?oid=34599177>.



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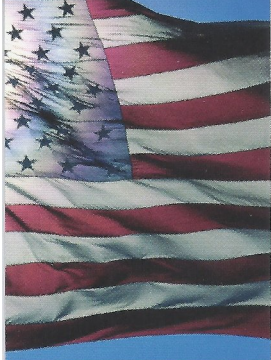
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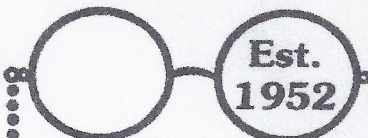
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In Memoriam: Patricia Ellen Lieberson

By Kim Haase

Pat Lieberson, a life member of the League of Women Voters of Arlington and longtime Board member, died November 15, 2021. No obituary was published, and we learned of her loss from Jo Anne Preston, who found out quite by chance from a neighbor.

Pat served as Local Action Vice President for many years, until 2012, with a particular focus on environmental issues. She left the Board to focus on caring for her husband Stanley, an emeritus Harvard sociology professor, who died in 2018. But she contributed a great deal to our study of the Arlington Housing Authority. She also led our annual review of Town Meeting warrant articles for many years. For an example of both, see her Bulletin articles in <http://lwva.com/bulletins/Sept06.pdf>. She wrote an article about our annual Legislators' Brunch in 2004, and there's a picture of her on the sofa with her notes on her lap: <http://lwva.com/bulletins/bullApr04.pdf>.

Jo Anne Preston reports that Pat was instrumental and very helpful in her own run for the Housing Authority, and reminds us that she was very active in the Mystic River Watershed Association as well as a longtime Town Meeting member.

Meredith Zona, our Organization VP, has these recollections:

Pat joined the Arlington League around 1990, when I was co-president. I remember when I first spoke to her, she said she didn't hear back from the League right away after she submitted her membership application, which was surprising. I explained our membership director had been ill, and she said something like "That explains it, then. The League is always so responsive!"

Pat was also very helpful when my husband and I visited her in her capacity as a SHINE counselor, to get some advice on social services that may be available for my husband's Aunt. His Aunt lived south of Boston, which was outside of Pat's territory for counseling, but she was still very willing to speak with us, and provided excellent advice.

Pat served as a SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) counselor for many years, helping people in the community with guidance about health care programs. She was also active in Vision 2020 (now Envision Arlington).

Carolyn Parsons, Co-President, remembers,

Pat was not an unaggressive driver at least when I was a passenger in her car. Whipping through Cambridge to participate in a Housing Authority tenants' election, she told me that her next car would be a bright color so that she could be seen. I silently agreed that this was a very good idea.

Pat greatly enjoyed being able to look out at the Mystic Lake from her home. At a Legislators' Brunch she expressed her concerns with raw sewerage coming out of a pipe into the lake after a heavy rainstorm. She referred to her front yard being polluted. One of the legislators responded that it really wasn't her front yard. Pat responded that she knew exactly where her front yard was located, and the outfall pipe was most certainly in her front yard.

Kathy Fennelly recalls, "I was always glad when she was on any committee. She added so much wisdom and knowledge. Besides, she was fun and had a booming laugh."

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Patricia Lieberson (Continued)

Angela Olszewski, Co-President, says, "I first got to know Pat when I joined the Governance Task Group of Vision 2020. In our later years of membership, we were a tightknit group of five, each of us from a separate decade: Ralph Sexton, Pat, Peter Manning, Sherry Miller, and I. We worked together on several editions of "Settling In: An Introductory Guide to Arlington," a publication that was offered to new residents. We met at Starbucks and always enjoyed each other's company. I subsequently got to know Pat even better through the League and Town Meeting. Pat was passionate about issues that were important to her and always ready to contribute to a project."

Janice Bakey says, "She was irreplaceable on the Housing Study. She just knew so much about Public Housing, and she had a great sense of humor and a good outlook on life in general."

Joan Martin adds, "I always enjoyed her company, especially when she was being a contrarian. She was smart, funny and knew so much about the town. I miss her already."



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