

BULLETIN

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

January 2013

Calendar

1/7	Monday 7 p.m.	LWVA Board Meeting at Angela Olszewski's home, 1 Watermill Place. All members welcome. Our agenda will include State Program Planning. Directions on page 6.
1/10	Thursday 7:30 p.m.	Special Meeting with Alan Manoian, Arlington's Economic Development Officer, at Meredith Zona's home, 1 Andrews Way. All members cordially invited. Details on page 3.
1/21	Monday 6 p.m.	25th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday Observance, Town Hall. Details on page 5.
2/4	Monday 7 p.m.	LWVA Board Meeting at Carolyn Parsons' home, 23 Brewster Rd. All members welcome.

LWVA Helps with Drake Village Election

Several LWVA members served as poll workers at the Drake Village Tenants Association election on December 12. Pat Lieberson coordinated the event and provided instructions and materials. She couldn't be there in person, but Carolyn Parsons, Kim Haase, and Phyllis Maddox checked in voters, supervised the ballot box, and then counted the ballots.

This service is always a pleasant experience for League members and is much appreciated by the Drake Village residents.

Note: Often at this time we print a Town Election calendar, but as of this writing, the Town Clerk's Office has not yet published one. This may explain why the *Advocate* has for the past couple of weeks said that the election is on the nonexistent date Tuesday, April 6. We suspect that it is Saturday, April 6.

Carolyn Parsons and Angela Olszewski: Co-Presidents CarolynMParsons@msn.com, amolszewski@gmail.com Ann FitzGerald: Membership AnnFitz@rcn.com Kim Haase: Bulletin Editor c.haase@comcast.net Margaret Reiners: Bulletin Mailing mlreiners@gmail.com

Co-President's Message

Dear League Members,

Our seasonal holiday gathering was just a delight. Our speaker, Library Director Ryan Livergood, has had an interesting background including a stint in the Peace Corps in Bulgaria. (I had to ask where Bulgaria is on the globe as I just could not picture the location of the country.) I thank Joan and James Robbio for being such delightful hosts and for providing such a welcoming setting. All of us snuggled into the living room, ate too much, and chatted about this and that.

As the League is a co-sponsor, I urge you to attend the Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday Observance event. Bring your family and friends to meet other members of the community that you might not otherwise have the opportunity to meet. All of the past recipients of the MLK recognition award are being highlighted for this twenty-fifth anniversary event.

Please read the notice on page 3, which is an invitation to the talk being given by Alan Manoian, Arlington's Economic Development Officer. Until now, my sidewalk experience has mostly been about keeping myself upright as I navigate to my next destination. I hope reading the notice will encourage you to come to the talk.

At its January meeting, the board will be participating in the State Program Planning process by deciding what studies and/or action priorities the State League should pursue. If you would like to participate in this process, please come to the board meeting or fill out the relevant pages included in this Bulletin and return to me at 23 Brewster Rd., 02476, or email me at CarolynMParsons@msn.com with your suggestions.

Isn't it wonderful that the national election is over! I was beginning to resent my tele-

phone ringing and was put off by all of

the advertising.

Happy New Year!

Carolyn Parsons

LWVA LEADERSHIP 2012–2013

Carolyn Parsons, Co-President	781-646-9309
Angela Olszewski, Co-President	781-648-8649
Meredith Zona, Organization VP	781-648-2753
Patricia Muldoon, Action VP	781-648-1019
Patricia Lieberson, Local Action VP	781-646-1987
Kathleen Colwell, Treasurer	781-646-4522
Anne Linn, Secretary	781-643-0356
Elizabeth Thompson, Voter Service	781-646-5942
Ann FitzGerald, Membership Director	781-646-9711
Betsy Rulon, Publicity	781-648-0169
Katharine Fennelly, Voters' Guide	781-648-1794
Kim Haase, Bulletin Editor	781-643-3429
Margaret Reiners, Bulletin Mailing	781-646-9611
Janice Bakey, Email Coordinator	781-643-4345
Phyllis Maddox, Webmistress	781-646-4362

The BULLETIN is published monthly except during the summer and December by the League of Women Voters of Arlington, PO Box 461, Arlington, MA 02476.

LWVA Special Meeting

Thursday, January 10, 2013

Meredith Zona's Home 1 Andrews Way

7:30 PM

We are pleased to have **Arlington's Economic Development Officer, Alan S. Manoian**, offer an interesting visual presentation showing how the contextual arrangement of architectural building types and their relationship to sidewalks and streets can deliver a high quality **Public Realm** as well as a compelling and memorable **Heritage Tourism** and **Social Destination Place** experience at Arlington Center, Arlington Heights and East Arlington. You may never look at Arlington's sidewalk experience the same way again after this engaging visual presentation!

RSVP by January 7 to Meredith Zona at 781-648-2753 (mzona@fstinc.com)

If anyone needs a ride or would like to carpool, call Carolyn Parsons at 781-646-9309.

Friends, Neighbors, Spouses, etc., are Welcome!

Directions to Meredith's House:

From the west end of Arlington, turn onto Overlook Rd., at the Summer St. traffic light across from the skating rink. Keep to the left at the fork and travel about 1/2 mile to Ridge St. Turn right onto Ridge St., then first left onto Cherokee Rd., first right onto Old Colony Rd., and first right onto Andrews Way. Andrews Way is a short street that looks like a driveway. I Andrews Way is the tan-colored house directly ahead on the left. You may want to park on Old Colony Rd. Come in through the garage if you prefer not to climb the stairs to the front door.

From Arlington Center, travel on Mystic St. towards Winchester and take a slight left on Old Mystic St. (about 3/4 mile north of Summer St.), then 2nd left onto Hutchinson Rd, 2nd left onto Morningside Dr., 1st right onto Windmill Lane, first left onto Old Colony Rd., and 1st left onto Andrews Way; see directions in italics above.





FITNESS FIRST

Arlington's Neighborhood Health Club **Since 1982**

471 Mass. Ave. Arlington (781) 643-4300 Club Hours: M-F 5:30 am to 10 pm, S-S 8 am to 6 pm

Whether you are looking for someone to help you or a loved one a few hours a week, or need more comprehensive assistance, Home Instead Senior Care® can help.

Services Include:

- Companionship
- Incidental Transportation
- Meal Preparation
- · Shopping & Errands
- · Personal Care
- Light Housekeeping Medication Reminders • Service available 24/7

Serving Arlington, Belmont, Lexington, Medford, Winchester, Woburn and surrounding areas.



iack.cross@homeinstead.com

RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE

NANCY N. SOLOMON, GRI

REALTOR®, Notary Public

(781) 648-6500 OFFICE (617) 281-0029 CELL (781) 648-9222 FAX Nancy.Solomon@NEMoves.com

637 Mass. Avenue Arlington, MA 02476

www.NewEnglandMoves.com

Owned And Operated By NRT LLC.







LEONE & LEONE **ATTORNEYS AT LAW**

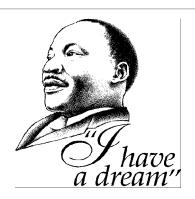
A GENERAL PRACTICE LAW FIRM EXPERIENCED IN REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS AND PROBATE MATTERS

ALSO CONCENTRATING IN: CONDO CONVERSION - WILLS AND TRUSTS ESTATE PLANNING - GUARDIANSHIPS PROBATE MATTERS - BUSINESS LAW

> DAVID A. LEONE JOHN D. LEONE SUZANNE M. LEONE

637 Massachusetts Avenue Arlington, MA 02476

(Tel) 781-648-2345 - (Fax) 781-648-2544 www.LeoneLaw.com - John@LeoneLaw.com Initial Free Consultation for League Members



25th Anniversary

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observance

Monday, January 21, 2013

Guest Speaker Rev. Dr. Gloria White-Hammond

Music: "The King of Love is Dead" by Paul White

This year's event will highlight all past recipients of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Recognition Award.

Doors open at 6:45 p.m. in town hall. Please bring cookies or a bar-type dessert to serve five. **Program** begins at 7:30 p.m.

Robbins Memorial Town Hall 730 Massachusetts Ave., Arlington, MA 02476

A free-will offering will benefit public and nonprofit programs that further the goals of Dr. King.

We will be collecting non-perishable goods for the Arlington Food Pantry.

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:

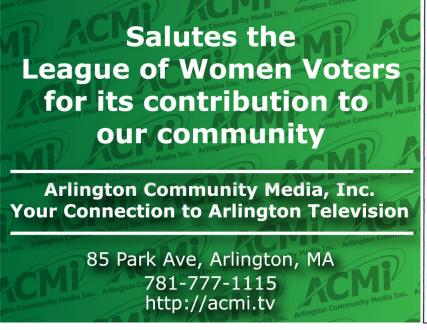
Follow Mass. Ave into the Heights. At Nicola's Pizza, bear right onto Lowell Street Pass a few houses. Watermill Place will be on your right. Continue to the end of the building to the large Watermill Place sign. Turn right into the parking lot and drive past the green awning. There will be marked visitor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

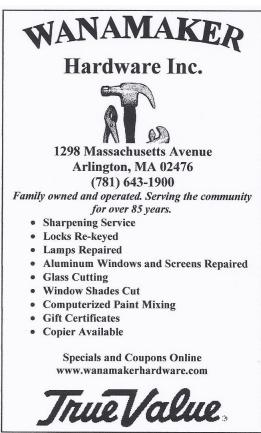
From Park Avenue:

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. The name list is alphabetical by last name. Press A to get to the middle of the alphabet, then press Z repeatedly to arrow down to my last name, Olszewski. When my last name is highlighted, press the CALL button.







Holiday Party Welcomes New Library Director

By Kim Haase

Ryan Livergood, Arlington's new Library Director, spoke and answered questions at the LWVA's annual holiday party, graciously hosted by Joan and Jim Robbio. After a convivial potluck dinner, Elizabeth Thompson introduced our guest with a brief history of the LWVA's involvement in the library renovation project in the 1980s and 1990s and of our positions in support of the library (see http://home.comcast.net/~lwva/LocalProgram.pdf).

Mr. Livergood thanked the League for its support of libraries both in Arlington and throughout the state. His choice of a library career came from his love both of books and of technology, and he is working on combining these in his work at Robbins Library. He appreciates the strong community support of the library from the Trustees, the Friends of Robbins Library, and the Town Manager as well as the League and the general public. Robbins Library sets a new circulation record every year, and its circulation is 10th in the state, though Arlington is nowhere near 10th in population.

Mr. Livergood believes that libraries empower people to better their lives, providing children with literacy skills and the community with free and open access to information as well as a gathering place. He hopes to marry traditional expectations of the library with those of new generations, many of whom are always wired and are creators more than consumers of TV and other media, multitaskers, and seekers of specific knowledge.

(Continued on next page)



Peggy Reiners, Kathy Fennelly, and Library Director Ryan Livergood at the Holiday Party.

> Photo by Phyllis Maddox

Holiday Party (continued)

In answers to questions, Mr. Livergood spoke about additional changes taking place in the library's services. Reference works are moving online more, and e-book use has quadrupled in the past year. However, e-books are currently much more expensive to license than hardcopy books are to purchase, and many publishers won't offer e-books to libraries, so the transition is less rapid than it might be. Books, however, will remain popular, just as radio did after television came on the scene.

The library is most used by children and families, with a drop-off in usage when kids reach middle school. It also has programs for older adults as well as book clubs and writing groups.

New technologies may result in cost savings. The eventual replacement of barcodes by RFID will improve both efficiency (since multiple books can be scanned at once) and security. Budget pressures, however, are still severe. Kathy Fennelly, a Library Trustee, noted that the Trustees, who cannot raise money, are in the process of starting a foundation that can, similar to those in Lexington and Brookline. In addition to the Friends' support for materials and programs, the Foundation might be able to help with keeping the library open on Sundays, which used to be funded by grants; annual support for private funding of Sunday hours has been dropping now that it no longer seems to be a temporary stopgap.

State Program Planning

Each local League has an opportunity to weigh in on which areas of Program and Action you would like to see the State League focus on for the next biennium. The recommendations from local Leagues are reviewed by the LWVMA board and used to craft program recommendations to be presented to the delegates for their approval at Convention 2013. Local Leagues have an opportunity to review those recommendations and submit their recommendations for changes to the LWVMA board-recommended program.

You can find the entire Program Planning Guide at the following URL:

http://library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1102238939046-121/LWVMA+State+Program+Planning+Guide+2013-2015+final1.pdf

At the end of the guide is an appendix with an abbreviated list of state and national program positions. It's 15 pages long, so if you'd prefer a shorter version of the State League's positions, visit http://www.lwvma.org/programbrief.shtml.

The State Program Planning Recommendation Form appears on the next two pages. If you would like to provide input, please fill out any relevant parts and bring them to the Board meeting on January 7, or send them to Carolyn Parsons, as suggested in her letter on page two.



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MASSACTIOSE 1.5 133 Portland Street, Boston, MA 02114 • Tel: 617-523-2999 • Fax: 617-248-0881

Email: lwvma@lwvma.org • Website: lwvma.org

STATE PROGRAM PLANNING RECOMMENDATION FORM 2013 - 2015

	2013 - 2	2013	
League of Women Voters of _		Date:	_
Name & Portfolio of Person sul	omitting the Form		_
Phone #	E-mail address		_
activities at the State level. The	ese activities are based on c	es to help guide biennial Program and Action current positions established over time through presented in the following documents, which	
http://www.lwvma.org/ • LWVUS program book	k Where We Stand (or Appe Where%20We%20Stand.0 Impact on Issues 2010-20 s/ImpactonIssues_2010-20	12:	
restudies/updates (either to char to carry them out, and the succe	nge or eliminate a current possful completion of a study	nidance in either national or state positions) or position) require the establishment of committy, which routinely is completed over a minimum an advance of Convention to do the work.	ees
In addition, each study or restuction cover the support of these comments of these comments are the support of these comments.		tion requires the establishment of a budget ite nd Board as appropriate.	m to
LWVUS position changes, have	e suggested possible areas of their experience in consider	g review of current LWVMA positions and re of new studies, restudies/updates and action is ering support for specific bills and their aware	ssues
direction from specialists who a	are actively engaged in advocase indicate this on the for	ovided to stimulate discussion, as well as provocacy at the state level. If these suggestions a form, and/or note other studies, restudies/update	are of
of each study, and indicate your	membership's willingness	provide a brief description of the scope and in s to participate in the study. It is important to sended study conforms to LWVUS positions.	

January 2013	League of Women Voters of Arlington, MA			
ESTUDY OF A I WVMA POSITION:				

List your League's recommendations for updating current positions, describe why your League thinks restudying the position(s) is necessary, and indicate your membership's willingness to participate in the restudy.
ACTION ISSUES: Action Issues are areas of concern for which there is a current state or national position on which members request intervention at the state level, particularly relative to legislative advocacy. Much of this action will be driven by Specialists on the Program and Action Committee. Issues currently being worked on include voting rights, election procedures, transparency in government, health care costs and access, quality and equality in education, safe and adequate drinking water, pollution, fiscal responsibility, and civil rights. Activities include review of legislation, testifying to House and Senate committees, providing information to League members, working with aligned organizations, contacting media outlets, holding rallies, presenting
List your League's recommendations and rationale for action issues. Please be specific (e.g. increase gunlaw restrictions, limit or increase the number of charter schools, initiate election auditing procedures).
We are also interested in your recommendations for improving the Program Planning Packet or process.

Attach additional pages if more space is needed for any of the above.

FORMS DUE FEBRUARY 1, 2013

MAIL, FAX, OR EMAIL TO LWVMA OFFICE.

League of Women Voters of Massachusetts 133 Portland Street, Boston, MA 02114 617-523-2999 • Fax: 617-248-0881 • lwvma@lwvma.org

We welcome new members and renewals. Thank you for your support.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN					= '
Membership App	nicatio	m/Ker	iewai	FOII	Π
Fiscal Year runs from April 1 to March 31					
Name		Pre	cinct		Date
Address	Zip		Occupa	tion	
Telephone	Email			_	
Name Address E	ontact in	nformat	tion ser	nt to A	Arlington League members
Basic Membership Dues		\$50			
2nd member in household					
Student (full-time)					
Contribution to help the LWV in Arlington	n add	\$			
Contribution to help the LWV in Arlington TOTAL ENCL	OSED	\$	<u> </u>		
If \$50 is a hardship, please pay what you can an MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: League of W					ur dues payment.
MAIL TO: Ann FitzGerald, 162 Summer St., U					
**************************************		*****	1, 1V171 \ *****	044/4 *****	*******
Please check areas of interest and activity even if you					
SPECIAL LEAGUE ACTIVITIES	FOLLO	OW ISS	UES, K	EEP 1	LEAGUE
Join the Board. Position:	AND C				
Action: phone calls letters	Cong	ress/Pre	sidency	/Electi	on Process
Bulletin: mailingsoliciting ads					loyment/Civil Rights
Membership	Educa	ation/Ch	ild Čar	e	
Nominating Committee	— Envir	onment	Recycl	ing	
Publicity Writer		h Care			
Voter Service: Rides to the polls	Justic	e/Court	s/Prisor	ıs	
Candidates Night	Land	Use			
Voters' Guide	Taxat	tion/Buc	lgets/De	eficits	
Attend State League's Phonothon	Trans	sportatio	n/Urbai	n Polic	гy
Be a discussion leader at local meetings	Votin	ng Right	S		
Fundraising activities	Warra				
Offer meeting refreshments	Welfa	are Polic	cies/Bas	sic Hur	nan Needs
Post fliers and deliver brochures		en's Iss			
Host a meeting in my home	Zonin	ng/Comi	nunity l	Develo	ppment/Land Use
Monitor elections for nonprofit organizations					
				OULD	DRAW ON
OBSERVE AT		puter dat			Fundraising
TOWN BOARD MEETINGS*		hic desig			Writing articles
Selectmen (Mondays)		top publ			Other
Redevelopment Board (Mondays)		site mai			
School Committee (2nd & 4th Thursdays)		bership			
Conservation Commission (1st & 3rd Thurs.)	Mode	erating n	neetings	S	
Housing Authority					
	BEST T				
40 04 1	(for pho	ne tree	reminde	ers) Ca	ll before o'clock
*Some of these can be seen on cable TV					

Rides to the Polls: Update

Coordinated by Phyllis Maddox, several LWVA members and non-member helpers drove 29 people to the polls on November 6. League drivers were Ann FitzGerald, Carolyn Parsons, Patti Muldoon, Kathy Fennelly, Nancy Solomon, and Janice Bakey, while non-League drivers were Elena Jakubiak, Karishma Manzur, Betsy Schwartz, Theresa Stremalu, Kyra Dunn, and Pam Wolfson.

Many thanks to all drivers!

It was a busy day — for a while Phyllis had a phone in each hand!

It appears that we can anticipate offering rides not only for the Town Election but for a special U.S. Senate election in a few months. Please stay tuned.

January 2013

