



# BULLETIN

League of Women Voters  
Arlington, Massachusetts

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## March 2014

### LWVA Calendar

3/10	Monday 7 p.m.	LWVA Board Meeting at Ann FitzGerald's home, 162 Summer St., Unit 1. All members welcome. Directions on page 2.
3/10	Monday 7 p.m.	Vision 2020 Diversity Task Group Conversation About Diversity, Robbins Library Community Room, 700 Mass. Ave. Details on page 3.
3/14	Friday 8 p.m.	Last day to register to vote in the Town Election.
3/20	Thursday 7:30/8 p.m.	Candidates' Night for the annual Town Election, at Town Hall, 730 Mass. Ave., co-sponsored with Vision 2020. Meet Town Meeting candidates starting at 7:30; the forum will begin at 8 p.m. Contact Elizabeth Thompson to volunteer; see page 3 for details.
	Wednesday 3/26	LWVMA Annual Day on the Hill. Details on page 7.
3/29	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Winfred Rembert event at Town Hall. Details on last page.
3/30	Sunday 11:30 to 2 p.m.	Annual Legislators' Brunch at Kathy and Paul Fennelly's home, 97 Gray St. Details on page 5.
3/30	Sunday 2 to 3:30 p.m.	Housing Corporation of Arlington forum on Ending Homelessness, Arlington Senior Center, 20 Academy St. Details on page 8.
	Tuesday April 1	LWVA Fiscal Year begins. Please renew your membership using the form on page 9. Thank you!
4/5	Saturday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Town Election.

*Editor's Note:* There are so many LWVMA-related events this month that not all of them can fit in this calendar. See pages 6, 7, and 8 to find out about them.

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## Co-President's Message

Think Spring!

Enough with snow and cold temperatures! Perhaps the start of our local election season will heat things up and bring a March thaw! Let's hope for good turnout and warmer weather for Legislators Brunch, Candidates Night, and the town election.

While winter was the time to hunker down, now's the time to venture out and attend or volunteer to help with a League program. Candidates Night is a great opportunity to learn about the candidates for town-wide office and meet those running for town meeting member seats. Legislators Brunch offers an engaging conversation with our state legislators (plus some really tasty food!).

Please read this bulletin for more information about these events and other League activities. I hope to see you at one of them soon!

*Angela Olszewski*

### Directions to Ann FitzGerald's home:

162 Summer Street is on the south side of Summer Street, a few houses to the east of the intersection with Oak Hill Drive. Unit 1 is the first-floor unit.

Summer Street is very busy, so you should park on the south side of the street. If you are coming from the center, you can turn into Oak Hill Drive, turn around, and park on the south side.

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## All League Hands on Deck!

### Join the Fun and Help the League at Arlington Candidates' Night March 20, 2014

*By Elizabeth Thompson, Voter Service Chair*

Candidates' Night is nearly here. Here are a few ways you can help the League, see the candidates for Town Meeting and for Major Town Offices, and hear what they have to say.

- Timers for Candidate Presentations

FRONT ROW SEATS! We need another pair of people to serve as timers and hold up the Yellow and Red signs to make sure the speakers stick to their time limits.

We also need other willing hands to help the event go smoothly:

- Greeters to welcome people to Town Hall
- Pre- and post-event setup and cleanup of name signs, LWV banner, boxes for questions to candidates, precinct signs on corridor walls

Please call or email Elizabeth Thompson if you would like to help at the March 20, 2014, Arlington Candidates' Night for any of the above tasks:

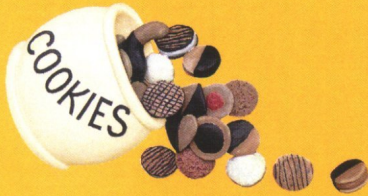
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### **Vision 2020 Sponsors Conversations About Diversity**

As our community becomes more diverse in many ways, the Vision 2020 Diversity Task Group is sponsoring a series of discussions focusing on ***We Are Arlington***. What are the opportunities and stresses that diversity creates? Everyone is invited to attend any or all of the dialogues. We want to hear your thoughts!

This month's conversation, ***When Faced With Injustices***, will take place on **Monday, March 10**, at 7:00 pm at Robbins Library in the Community Room.

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**MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND -**

## **LWV ARLINGTON'S ANNUAL LEGISLATORS' BRUNCH**

**& BRING A SPOUSE, FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR!**

**Sunday, March 30, 2014, 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM**

**@ Kathy and Paul Fennelly's Home, 97 Gray St., Arlington**

All our current State legislators — Senator Ken Donnelly and Representatives Sean Garballey and Dave Rogers — will be present, plus Arlington's past Representative Will Brownsberger (now a State Senator who represents folks outside of Arlington).

**Please contact Meredith Zona, [mzona@fstinc.com](mailto:mzona@fstinc.com) or tel. 781-648-2753, if you can come and bring your favorite brunch food. Meredith will also arrange for a ride to and from the brunch if you need that.**

Directions: 97 Gray St. is at the intersection of Gray St. and Churchill Ave., which is the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 plenty of street parking.

## Update on the LWVUS Agricultural Study

LWVMA has posted a toolkit for the agriculture study at <http://lwvma.org/member-resources/toolkits-for-members/lwvus-agriculture-update-toolkit/>. It includes a particularly helpful guide that lists each consensus question followed by the relevant background documents that LWVUS developed which deal with that question topic. Several Leagues are holding public forums on issues raised by the LWVUS agriculture study and they invite other interested League members to come.

LWV Andover/North Andover plans a forum **Saturday, March 1**, 2 to 4 p.m., at Andover Memorial Hall Library, 2 N. Main St., Andover. Three area farmers will speak: Lisa Colby of Colby Farm, Newburyport; Glenn Cook of Cider Hill Farm, Amesbury; and Rich Bonanno of Pleasant Valley Gardens, Methuen.

LWV Newton will present "The Politics of Food: You Are What You Eat" **Wednesday, March 12**, 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the John M. Barry Boys & Girls Club of Newton, 675 Watertown St. in Newton. Speakers are Steve Goodwin, Dean of the College of Natural Resources at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst; and Greg Maslowe, farm manager, Newton Community Farm.

LWVUS notes that all Agriculture Update materials including the update papers, Leaders Guide and online response form are posted on the LWVUS website and Leagues are encouraged to meet and submit consensus forms by the deadline of April 18, 2014. Additional reference materials and guides provided by local Leagues can be found at the Agriculture Forum. Contact Agriculture Update Chair Norman Turrill if there are more questions.



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## LWVMA Day on the Hill Focuses on Advocacy

"Advocacy: Beacon Hill and Beyond." That's what we'll be talking about at LWVMA's annual lobby day at the State House **Wednesday, March 26**. Same-day registration starts at 9:30 a.m. with the program from 10 a.m. to noon in the Gardner Auditorium. New this year is the chance to pre-register (see below).

State Auditor Suzanne Bump will outline her office's work overseeing the government and will offer suggestions on how Leagues can effectively approach executive branch agencies to deal with issues.

Sen. Eileen Donoghue of Lowell will talk about the effort in Lowell to allow 17-year-olds to vote in city elections and discuss ways Leagues can work in neighboring cities which don't have Leagues. She'll tell us what kinds of opportunities are available in cities such as Lowell and Lawrence and who to call if a local League wants to help.

And, of course, our legislative specialists will be describing the specific bills pending in the legislature to discuss with your Senators and Representatives after the program. A packet with all the information you will need will be emailed shortly before the lobby day. Personal visits from constituents are extremely important in getting legislation passed, so please bring as many people as you can to talk to your legislators.

**This year we are offering you the chance to pre-register** for Day on the Hill. Just visit <http://lwvma.org/day-on-the-hill-2014/> to let us know you are coming. When you RSVP, the LWVMA office will notify your Senator and Representative that League members from their districts will stop by between noon and 1 p.m. so you don't have to make an appointment.

If you decide to come at the last minute and haven't pre-registered, you are more than welcome. The more people who attend, the louder our voice is on the Hill.

## Remembering the Ladies

Cokie Roberts, a contributor to National Public Radio's Morning Edition and political commentator for ABC News, will celebrate the contribution of women in American history as part of a forum sponsored by the Pioneer Institute, a public policy research organization. LWVMA is a co-sponsor of this exciting program.

"Remember the Ladies: Women in U.S. History, Literature and Schooling" will be held at the Omni Parker House in downtown Boston **Monday, March 24**, noon to 3p.m. The forum is free and open to the public, but reservations will be required. The LWVMA will post information on reservations on its website as soon as it is available.

Roberts, author of two books, *Founding Mothers* and *Ladies of Liberty*, about women during the Colonial and Revolutionary eras, will discuss the role of women in American history.

The other keynote speaker is Valerie Boyd, biographer of the African-American writer, Zora Neale Hurston.

The keynote speakers will be followed by a panel of historians, academics and experts on K-12 education.

## Forum on Family Homelessness

LWVMA is a co-sponsor of the tenth annual Forum on Family Homelessness to highlight the problem and explore solutions. The forum is **Sunday, March 2**, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Trinitarian Congregational Church, 54 Walden St., Concord. It is free and open to the public.

The keynote speaker is Aaron Gornstein, undersecretary of the Department of Housing and Community Development. Other speakers will be Kelly Turley, director of legislative advocacy, Mass Coalition for the Homeless, Sen. James Eldridge and Rep. Ken Gordon.

Sixteen homelessness prevention organizations will have information available on ways individuals and organizations can help deal with a record number of families in shelters and motels each night.

### **Housing Corporation of Arlington Forum: Ending Homelessness — What You Can Do**

Come find out what you can do to end homelessness in Arlington, Somerville and Cambridge!

**When: Sunday, March 30**, 2014, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.

**Where:** Arlington Senior Center, 20 Academy St., Arlington

**Keynote Speaker:** State Sen. Byron Rushing

Other speakers include Diane Sullivan, Policy Director for Homes for Families; Danny LeBlanc, CEO of the Somerville Community Corporation; area State Legislators; homelessness prevention, housing and service organizations.

For more information, contact Christine Elliott at 781-646-8679 or [pastor@calvaryarlington.org](mailto:pastor@calvaryarlington.org).



**Our Fiscal Year begins April 1, so this is the month to renew!  
Thank you for your support.**

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ARLINGTON  
Membership Application/Renewal Form**

*\*\*Fiscal Year runs from April 1 to March 31\*\**

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\_\_\_\_ Please indicate if you do NOT want your contact information sent to Arlington League members

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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 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 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

**Artist Winfred Rembert  
to Present Work at Town Hall**

Winfred Rembert, artist and subject of a recent film, will be in residency at Arlington High School in March.

There will also be a special event for the public held at the Town Hall on **Saturday, March 29th**, beginning at 4:30 p.m. So mark your calendars now for this special event.

Rembert has crafted a technique of tooling and painting on leather where his intensely autobiographical paintings have preserved an important time in our troubled history in the segregated South.

Transforming painful memories, Rembert's work is a celebration of beauty and meaning, a triumphant saga of race in contemporary America as well as a triumph of the human spirit.

— *Janice Bakey*

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