



BULLETIN

League of Women Voters
Arlington, Massachusetts
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March 2018

Calendar

3/5	Monday 5 p.m.	Deadline for submitting certified nomination papers to the Town Clerk for the Town Election.
3/6	Tuesday 7 p.m.	LWVA Board meeting at Kim Haase's home, 88 Park Ave., Unit 401. All members welcome. Directions on page 2.
3/16	Friday 8 p.m.	Voter registration deadline for the Town Election.
3/27	Tuesday 7 to 9 p.m.	"A Crisis of Democracy: A Forum on Elections and Voting Rights," Arlington Senior Center. Open to all members of the public. Details on page 5.
3/28	Wednesday 8 p.m.	Candidates' Night for the Town Election. See page 3 for information about volunteering.
	Sunday 4/1	LWVA Fiscal Year begins. We invite members to pay annual dues by April 1 using the form on page 9.
4/7	Saturday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Town Election. If you can give rides to the polls, please let Phyllis Maddox know. Details on last page.
4/8	Sunday 11:30 a.m.	Annual Legislators' Brunch at Kathy Fennelly's home, 97 Gray St. Save the date! Details on page 5.
4/23	Monday 8 p.m.	Town Meeting begins.

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Co-President's Message

As I write this, we are looking forward to the possibility of record-setting temperatures. An early spring would work well with all the activities the League has planned!

Local election season is now in full swing. There will many opportunities for you to attend, volunteer, and introduce friends or neighbors to the LWVA. We will co-sponsor Candidates Night with Vision 2020 on March 28th and offer rides to the polls on April 7th.

On April 8th, we will host our annual Legislators Brunch, an event renowned for good conversation and delicious food!

The board is already making plans for Annual Meeting in June; we hope to have information next month.

Please mark your calendars and look inside the bulletin for information on how you can help.

Angela Olszewski

Directions to Kim Haase's home, 88 Park Ave., Apt. 401:

88 Park Ave. is the Locke School Condominium building at the corner of Park Ave. and Paul Revere Rd., one block up the hill from Mass. Ave. You should be able to park on the opposite side of Paul Revere, or on Park Ave. or Davis Rd. The lot behind the building is for residents only.

The building entrance is on Paul Revere Road; push the button for Apt. 401 to be buzzed in.

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Local Candidates' Night
Wednesday, March 28, 2017
7:30 PM
Town Hall Auditorium, Arlington, MA

Co-sponsored by
Arlington's Vision 2020
and the
League of Women Voters of Arlington, MA

I would like to thank all League members who have already volunteered to help the LWVA at Town Hall on March 28.

Starting about 7:30 PM, the candidates for major town offices will attend to say hello to members of the public before the televised event begins. League members will post precinct number signs in the corridors for candidates for Town Meeting and existing Members to chat with their constituents.

We will be happy to have you and other League members help that night for the following activities:

- Post precinct number signs (please arrive before 7:15 PM so they will be in place before the Town Meeting Member candidates arrive)
- Greet candidates and members of public on night of event
- Help set up before and/or pack up after the event

If you would like to lend a hand, please email me and let me know what you would like to do. See you at Candidates' Night!

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Voter Service Chair

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**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR:
LWV ARLINGTON'S ANNUAL LEGISLATORS'
BRUNCH**

& BRING A SPOUSE, FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR!

**Sunday, April 8, 2018, 11:30 AM – 2:00 PM
@ Kathy and Paul Fennelly's Home, 97 Gray St., Arlington**

Here's your chance to meet and hear what's happening with our current State Legislators – Senator Cindy Friedman and Representatives Sean Garballey and Dave Rogers.

**Please contact Meredith Zona, Meredith.Zona@stantec.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 4th 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 4th 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.

Voting Rights Forum at Senior Center March 27

The Arlington Democratic Town Committee is sponsoring a public forum, "A Crisis of Democracy: A Forum on Elections and Voting Rights," at the Arlington Senior Center, 27 Maple St., from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27. Panelists will include Cheryl Clyburn Crawford of MassVOTE and Greg Dennis of Voter Choice Massachusetts. Although the forum is sponsored by only one of the local parties, the LWVA agreed to inform members about it because it concerns issues fundamental to the League's mission.



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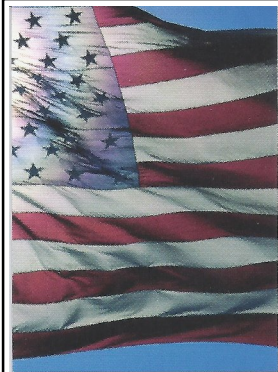
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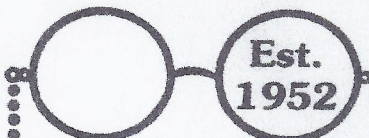


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Celebrating Progress on Justice

The League of Women Voters of Arlington staffed a table at the February 11 celebration of the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church’s Mass Incarceration Working Group’s fifth anniversary. They collected signed cards from legislators’ constituents thanking them for their support of recently passed criminal justice reform bills (which are still in conference).

At the February 11 celebration, Paulette Schwartz, Mary Cummings, and Ann FitzGerald of the LWVA collect signatures on #LoveJustice Valentine cards from constituents to their state legislators.

Photo by Colleen Kirby



On February 14, Colleen Kirby and Nancy Gray of the LWVA present #LoveJustice Valentine cards from constituents to Sen. Pat Jehlen, thanking her for her support of criminal justice reform.

They delivered the cards to the offices of 11 Senators and 21 Representatives, including Arlington’s Sen. Cindy Friedman and Reps. Sean Garballey and Dave Rogers.

Photo by Colleen Kirby

Save the Date: LWVMA Spring Conference April 28

Join LWVMA and a lineup of inspiring speakers at our Spring Conference, "Beyond the March: Massachusetts Women as Agents of Democracy," April 28 from 9:30 until 2:30 at Clark University in Worcester. Registration and speaker details will be shared shortly.



The focus of the conference will be on the serious challenges facing our democratic norms, institutions, and processes and on steps that ordinary citizens can take to repair and protect our democracy. In the current political moment, women in particular are feeling energized to "do something" to fix political institutions that are widely perceived as broken. The Women's Marches captured much of that energy in an inspiring way, but the question now is how do we harness that energy to effect change and bolster our democracy at the national, state, and local levels.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF ARLINGTON
Membership Application/Renewal Form

Fiscal Year runs from April 1 to March 31

Name _____ Precinct _____ Date _____
Address _____ Zip _____ Occupation _____
Telephone _____ Email _____

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

____ Basic Membership Dues..... \$60
____ 2nd member in household \$23
____ Student (full-time) \$20
____ Contribution to help the LWV in Arlington, add \$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

If \$60 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

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

Drivers Needed for Town Election!

For the Town Election on **April 7**,
the LWVA will provide rides to the polls
from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If you can work a shift as a driver,
please call Phyllis Maddox at 781-646-
4362 or email her at
phyllismaddox@rcn.com

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