

BULLETIN

League of Women Voters
Arlington, Massachusetts
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March 2019

Calendar

3/4	Monday 5 p.m.	Deadline for submitting certified nomination papers to the Town Clerk.
3/5	Tuesday 7 p.m.	LWVA Board Meeting at Kim Haase's home, 88 Park Ave., Apt. 401. All members welcome. Directions on page 2.
3/15	Friday 8 p.m.	Voter registration deadline for the Town Election.
3/18	Monday 7 to 9 p.m.	Francis Moore Lappé speaks on climate change, First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 630 Mass. Ave. Co-sponsored by the First Parish's Social Justice Committee and the Arlington Democratic Town Committee. Details on page 8.
3/27	Wednesday 7:30 p.m.	Candidates' Night for the Town Election, Town Hall, 730 Mass. Ave. Town Meeting Candidates meet with voters at 7:30; forum starts at 8. See page 3 for more information.
	Friday April 1	This is the time to renew your membership in the LWVA. See page 9 for the renewal form. Thank you!
4/6	Saturday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Town Election. If you can work a shift as a driver, contact Phyllis Maddox; see last page for details.
4/7	Sunday 11:30 a.m.	Annual LWVA Legislators' Brunch at Kathy Fennelly's home, 97 Gray Street. Save the date! Details on page 5.
4/22	Monday 8 p.m.	Town Meeting begins.

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Co-President's Message

As I write this message, my home is being pelted with driving rain.

This year's Legislators' Brunch is to be held on Sunday, April 7th, hopefully under clear, blue skies. This is a great opportunity to hear from our state legislators and for us to lobby for a particular position. Please mark your calendar and come. A friend or neighbor would be most welcome.

Envision Arlington and the League are once again co-sponsoring Candidates' Night, which will be held on March 27 at the Arlington Town Hall. As questions from the audience are screened before being put to the candidates, there is a need for thoughtful and relevant questions to be crafted. Give some thought to topics that you would like to hear explored, bring a few questions, and enjoy the evening. Please contact Susan Born, seborn@gmail.com, to volunteer to help.

When I first decided to run for Town Meeting many years ago, I waged a write-in campaign, consisting of myself, my husband, and two neighbors, for an open slot in my precinct. I was elected by one vote. For this coming election precincts 3, 10 and 17 have open slots; precinct 20 has no candidates for a two-year term. A number of precincts do not have a contested race. You can go to the Town of Arlington website and click on Town Governance for a listing of all candidates by precinct. Consider adding your voice to the town government process by running for Town Meeting or contacting an elected Town Meeting Member with your thoughts on a particular warrant article.

I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

Carolyn Parsons

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

88 Park Avenue is the Locke School Condominium building at the corner of Park Avenue and Paul Revere Road, one block up the hill from Mass. Avenue. The building entrance is on Paul Revere Road; push the button for Apt. 401 to be buzzed in.

You should be able to park on the opposite side of Paul Revere, or on Park Avenue or Davis Road. The lot behind the building is for residents only.



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Candidates' Night: Call for Volunteers

By Susan Born, Voters Service Committee

Only one month until Arlington Candidates' Night! Can we count on you to volunteer?

Candidate's Night for Select Board, Town Meeting, and other Town offices is Wednesday, March 27 at Town Hall, 730 Mass. Ave. The event is co-sponsored by Envision Arlington and the League of Women Voters of Arlington.

From 7:30 to 8 candidates for Town offices, including Town Meeting, will meet informally with voters. Starting at 8, there will be a question-and-answer session with the Select Board candidates and candidates for other Town-wide offices.

We need volunteers for the following positions:

- **Timers** - We need at least three volunteers to keep time during the question-and-answer session, and to hold up time cards to keep all candidates within time limits so everyone gets a fair chance to speak. We will provide stopwatches and timing signs.
- **Greeters** - We need at least one more volunteer to greet people arriving at Candidates' Night and ask them to write down questions for the candidates. We will also need one volunteer to collect question cards and take them backstage for reviewers.

Thank you to those who have already volunteered! To sign up, contact Susan Born (seborn@gmail.com, 617-448-4179).

In Memoriam: Joan Gearin and Louise Ivers

Joan Gearin, a member of the LWVA since 1964, died on February 1. Louise Ivers, a former member and distinguished realtor in town, died on February 11.

Both Joan and Louise served on the Civil Rights Committee and were members of Zonta and the Arlington Historical Society. In 1992 Louise received the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Recognition Award in Arlington, citing how she used her visibility and prestige to advocate for the justice of fair and equal housing opportunities in Greater Boston neighborhoods. Louise's family asks that memorial contributions be sent to the Arlington Historical Society, designated to the Louise Ivers Education Fund. Joan's family asks that contributions be sent to the Friends of Robbins Library.

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ANNUAL LEGISLATORS' BRUNCH

& BRING A SPOUSE, FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR!

Sunday, April 7, 2019, 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.



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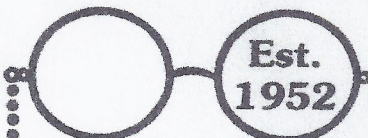


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Ideas from Others on Expanding Group Membership

By Nancy Gray

Late in November last year I called two friends who have worked to revitalize their organizations through membership or purpose. My question was, "What changed, what did you do?"

One is a friend who lived next door to me in Needham in the 60's when our children were growing up. Now she lives in Palm Beach County, Florida, and has been an active League member, president or treasurer for years. They have the same aging membership as we do – that we does not refer to all of us! Their revitalization came when the Leagues of Palm Beach County decided last fall, together, to have a goal of registering 1000 female students to vote. They did it, and she was so pleased that I had asked how it had gone.

The other friend and I were members of the American Association of University Women in Newark, Delaware, a college town. I lived there from 2009 to 2015. For years we wanted to get students interested. Two years ago, two of our Black members, both professionals, both busy, both with families, and much younger than our aging membership, decided they were going to do it. We were blessed with them because Newark has the same population mix as Arlington. They reached out to University of Delaware students and spent hours encouraging one at a time and meeting with them. They rolled their eyes – I could tell over the phone – about how many meetings. AAUW has an annual grant program, and each chapter decides to fund or not, to send a young woman student to a meeting in Washington, D.C. about leadership. That was a good start. Then, one student told another and another, and one female professor participated. This new membership is not self-sustaining yet, but it has come a long way since leadership had the spark of an idea.

McKibben to Keynote LWVMA Convention in June

From the State League



The 2019 LWVMA Convention, "100 Years: Looking Back, Moving Forward," will be held June 7 and 8, 2019 at the Westford Regency Inn and Conference Center in Westford, MA. Convention brings local League delegates together to hear distinguished speakers, approve the program for the next biennium, elect a new board of directors, approve the budget, and network with leaders from across the state. We encourage every local League to send their voting delegates, and other members are urged to come as observers.

Noted environmentalist Bill McKibben will be the keynote speaker at the Friday night banquet. McKibben is an author, environmentalist, and activist. He is a co-founder and senior advisor at 350.org, an international climate campaign that works in 188 countries around the world. He is the Schumann Distinguished Scholar in Environmental Studies at Middlebury College and a former staff writer for the New Yorker who continues to write numerous magazine articles.

More details about the agenda and registration will appear in future Bulletins.

**Frances Moore Lappé, Author of Diet for a Small Planet,
is coming to Arlington**

**Climate Change In Focus:
Finding Hope Through Democratic Action**

**Monday, March 18
7 to 9 p.m.**

**First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Arlington
630 Massachusetts Avenue**

Free to the Public

Presented by Arlington Democratic Town Committee and the Social Justice Committee, First Parish Church

This is the first of a series of programs focusing on climate issues and what we can do as individuals and as a community. 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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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

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

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*Some of these can be seen on cable TV

Drivers Needed for Town Election!

For the Town Election on **April 6**,
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