

BULLETIN

League of Women Voters
Arlington, Massachusetts
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March 2020

Calendar

3/3	Tuesday 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Presidential Primary Election. If you can help with rides to the polls, please let Phyllis Maddox know. Details on last page.
3/8	Sunday 2:30 p.m.	"We Did It For You!" Women's Journey Through History, McCall Middle School, 458 Main Street, Winchester. Co-presented by the League of Women Voters of Winchester. Details on page 7, with other nearby events.
3/10	Tuesday 7 p.m.	LWVA Board meeting at Patti Muldoon's home, 67 Smith St. Directions on page 2.
3/25	Wednesday 8 p.m.	Candidates' Night for the Town Election. Please volunteer! See page 3 for more information. See below for a Town Election calendar.
3/29	Sunday Noon - 2 p.m.	LWVA annual pot-luck Legislators' Brunch, Kathy Fennelly's home, 97 Gray St. Note that we are starting a little later this year. Members and friends welcome! Details on page 5.
	Wednesday April 1	LWVA Fiscal Year begins. Please send in your dues using the form on page 9. Thank you!

Town Election Calendar

3/2	Monday 5 p.m.	Deadline for submitting certified nomination papers to the Town Clerk.
3/13	Friday 8 p.m.	Voter registration deadline for the Town Election.
4/4	Saturday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Town Election.
4/27	Monday 8 p.m.	Town Meeting begins.

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Co-President's Message

As I write this message, it is decidedly cold outside. My husband has gone for what seems to me a rather long bicycle ride.

This year's Legislators' Brunch is to be held on Sunday, March 29, hopefully under clear, blue skies and a warmer temperature. 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 25 at the Arlington Town Hall. There is a need for thoughtful and relevant questions to be crafted for the contested town-wide offices. Give some thought to topics that you would like to hear explored, bring a few questions, and enjoy the evening. As of now, all of the town-wide offices are contested, unlike last year, when a few offices had one candidate and the candidate decided not to come to Candidates Night. Please contact Susan Born, seborn@gmail.com, to volunteer to help. We always need backups as unforeseen circumstances do crop up.

League members will be providing rides to the polls and putting up signs announcing the date of upcoming elections. A few weeks ago Anne Linn, Paulette Schwartz, and I registered students at Arlington High School. This will probably be the last time that the LWVA will do this. A few students were interested, but most simply took the information to register to vote via the internet. Also, legislation has been enacted that, when one applies for a license at the registry, you automatically are registered to vote. You have to opt out. It is a different world!

I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

Carolyn Parsons

*Directions to Patti Muldoon's home, 67
Smith Street:*

Take Mass. Ave. to Arlington Heights, then

Left up hill on Dundee (across from Trader
Joe's)

Right on Arnold

Left up hill on Williams

Right on Smith St.

If you're coming down Park Avenue, you can
take Wollaston to Wilbur to Williams to
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67 Smith St. is the brick house on the corner.

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Come Help with Candidates' Night!

By Susan Born

Mark your calendars: Arlington Candidates' Night is Wednesday, March 25. There will be a question-and-answer session with the candidates for all town-wide offices, and informal sessions with candidates for Town Meeting. But it can't happen without you! I would like to thank all League members who have already volunteered to help at Town Hall Auditorium.



Many town offices are contested this year, so it should be a busy and exciting evening.

Starting about 7:30 PM, the candidates for Town Meeting 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 need volunteers for the following positions:

- **Timers** - We need two more 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 two volunteers to greet people arriving at candidates' night and ask them to write down questions for the candidates.

Thank you for your help! Contact Susan Born (seborn@gmail.com) to sign up.

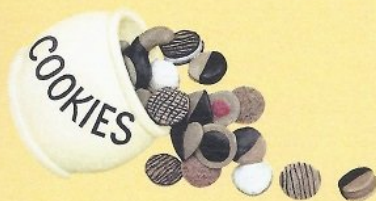
And whether you can help or not, come if you can, and tell your friends about this important event.

In Memoriam: Beatrice Shriver

Beatrice Shriver, a member of the LWVA since 1998, died in January 2020 at the age of 93. A New York city native, she graduated from Barnard College and earned a doctorate in psychology at the University of Rochester. She was a research psychologist in the Washington, D.C. area for many years before moving to Arlington to be closer to family. She was active in First Parish Unitarian Universalist as well as the League. See legacy.com for the very informative Boston Globe obituary.

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LWV ARLINGTON'S ANNUAL LEGISLATORS' BRUNCH
& BRING A SPOUSE, FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR!

Sunday, March 29, 2020, 12 – 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. 781-540-4473, 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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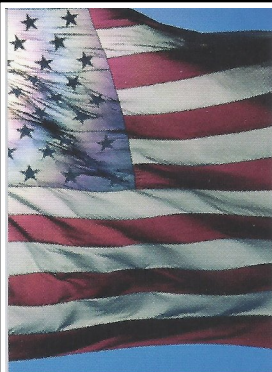
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Women's History Event in Winchester and Lexington

"We Did It For You!" Women's Journey Through History, is being presented **Sunday, March 8th at 2:30** at McCall Middle School, 458 Main Street in Winchester, and on **Saturday, March 21 at 7:30** at Cary Memorial Library, 1874 Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington. It is the story of how women got their rights in America, from the 17th century to the present day.

The Winchester event is presented by the Winchester League and the Winchester Historical Society (with support from the Winchester Cultural Council, the LWV Scharfman Citizen Education Fund and the network for Social Justice). The Lexington event is sponsored by the Munroe Center for the Arts and supported in part by a grant from the Lexington Cultural Council.

Admission is FREE! For information about the performances, see <https://www.wediditforyou.org/>.

Women's Suffrage Anniversary Celebrations in Other Towns

Marblehead:

In celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage (1920-2020), the Friends of the Abbot Public Library and the League of Women Voters of Marblehead are presenting a free public event, featuring guest speaker Susan Zimet, on **Wednesday, March 4th at 7:00 pm**, at the Abbot Public Library. Zimet is a unique combination of author and activist, a person who has dedicated her professional life to key public policy issues such as the environment and women's rights. She wrote, "Roses and Radicals: The Epic Story of How American Women Won the Right to Vote," -- her first book -- to provide a full picture of this effort, especially for young people.

Light refreshments, including 100th Anniversary cake, will be served! Please sign up, at the Library's Main Desk or by calling 781-631-1481, to help us ensure we have cake for all attendees! Copies of "Roses and Radicals," provided by the Copper Dog Books, in Beverly, will be available for purchase and signing at the event. This program is made possible through the generous support of the Friends of Abbot Library.

The Abbot Public Library is located at 235 Pleasant Street, Marblehead, MA 01945. For additional information, please call 781-631-1481 or visit www.abbotlibrary.org.

Brookline:

On **Thursday, March 5, at 7 pm**, author Anne Gass will speak on Women's Suffrage at the Brookline Main Library, Hunneman Hall. She will also speak to students at Brookline High School. Anne recounts the cross-country journey of four women who drove a petition to President Wilson in 1915, demanding an amendment to the United States Constitution enfranchising women.

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_____ 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
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_____ 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

SKILLS LEAGUE COULD DRAW ON

_____ Computer database

_____ Fundraising

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_____ Membership development

_____ Moderating meetings

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_____ Housing Authority

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Drivers Needed for Primary Election!

For the Presidential Primary Election on Tuesday,
March 3, 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
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her at phyllismaddox@rcn.com

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