



BULLETIN

League of Women Voters
Arlington, Massachusetts
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May 2017

Calendar

5/16	Tuesday 7 p.m.	Democracy After Dark at Robbins Library Community Room, 700 Mass. Ave. See page 12 for details.
6/7	Wednesday 8 p.m.	Deadline to register for the State Senate election primary.
6/8	Thursday 6 p.m.	LWVA Annual Meeting and Potluck Party at Meredith Zona's home, 1 Andrews Way. Details on page 3. The Annual Meeting Workbook will be sent to all members by May 25. All are welcome! See page 3 for details.
6/27	Tuesday 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Primary for Special State Senate Election for the 4th Middlesex district. If you can give rides to the polls, please let Phyllis Maddox know. Details on last page.
7/5	Wednesday 8 p.m.	Deadline to register for the State Senate election.
7/25	Tuesday 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Special State Senate Election for the 4th Middlesex district. If you can give rides to the polls, please let Phyllis Maddox know. Details on last page.
8/29	Tuesday 7 p.m.	LWVA Board meeting at Patti Muldoon's home, 67 Smith St. Directions on page 2.

We extend a warm welcome to our newest member:

Mel Goldsipe, 1273 Massachusetts Ave., #2, 02476

Carolyn Parsons and Angela Olszewski: Co-Presidents
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Co-President's Message

The current political climate has spurred many people to raise their voices, stand up for causes, and run for political office. The state League has seen a seventeen percent increase in membership. A new chapter of the League of Women Voters has sprung up in Franklin County.

We have a few new members in the LWVA and have seen heightened interest in learning about the League at our events. Perhaps most significant in Arlington are the new faces at Town Meeting. Many precincts had contested races. Some first-time candidates unseated incumbents. While opposition to new and proposed policies may be the motivator, it is good to see that it is inspiring action.

Angela Olszewski

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

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 Smith.

67 Smith St. is the brick house on the cor-
ner.

LWVA LEADERSHIP 2016–2017

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**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND LWV ARLINGTON'S
ANNUAL MEETING & PARTY**

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2017

MEREDITH ZONA'S HOME

1 ANDREWS WAY

APPETIZERS AT 6:00 P.M., DINNER AT 6:30 P.M.

FOLLOWED BY A SPECIAL PROGRAM AND A BRIEF BUSINESS MEETING

The guest speaker for our program is Charles Tracy, an Arlington resident and landscape architect who works for the National Park Service, and is superintendent of the New England National Scenic Trail. Since 1988, he has been involved in organizing regional and community-based land conservation, recreation and heritage resource protection efforts throughout New England and New York. On the national level, Tracy specializes in advancing National Park Service art partnerships and artist-in-residence programs. He will be sharing how the National Park Service works with a wide range of artists across the country to connect visitors to the National Park experience. We invite you to come and learn more about this interesting topic.

Please RSVP by June 5 to Meredith Zona at 781-648-2753 or Meredith.Zona@stantec.com. Beverages will be provided. Please let Meredith know if you can bring a dish to share. If anyone needs a ride or would like to carpool, please call Carolyn Parsons at 781-646-9309.

Friends, neighbors, spouses, etc., are most 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 1st left onto Cherokee Rd., 1st right onto Old Colony Rd., and 1st right onto Andrews Way.

Andrews Way is a short street that looks like a driveway. 1 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, 1st left onto Old Colony Rd., and 1st left onto Andrews Way; see directions in italics above.

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LWVMA Convention 2017 Highlights

By Colleen Kirby

[*Editor's Note:* Colleen Kirby of the LWVA attended this year's League of Women Voters of Massachusetts Convention in Framingham on Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29. Her Convention photos are on page 7.]

The Convention was very exciting. We had a panel of millennial-aged new legislators, all of whom are dynamic and appear to be stellar additions to the State House: Sen. Eric Lesser (D-Longmeadow), Sen. Patrick O'Connor (R-Weymouth), Rep. Solomon Goldstein-Rose (D-Amherst), Rep. Natalie Higgins (D-Leominster) and Rep. Juana Matias (D-Lawrence). We will be hearing much about them in the Legislature, I am sure.

We also had an entertaining overview from the Editor of the *Boston Globe*, Brian McGrory, of his many interactions with various presidents over the years.

On Saturday morning, League of Women Voters of the US Chief Executive Director Wylecia Wiggs Harris spoke about the ongoing process of transformation that National is working through starting in 2015. There are initiatives afoot to grow the League in engagement and power. Since last year, State League membership has grown 17%. In addition, our democracy is being threatened in new ways by suppressing voting and casting aspersions on the voting process (fake voters?). Harris said the League is challenged to increase its visibility and take credit for the good work we are doing, increase our diversity, and focus on our core principles.

The League has a history of strong grassroots engagement, so we need to use the new tools available for engagement to bring us into the 21st century. How do we put new members to work immediately so that we retain them? Harris said we need to focus on our areas of strength, to be the organization that people look to when registering and turning out new citizens, to be the voice on election reform, to make sure our voters reflect the diverse population of our nation. She said we need to have white papers and testimony prepared to advocate strongly on these core issues.

The one sacred tenet of the League of Women Voters is that we are non-partisan. That is our strength. National is working on improving the national website, which will be ready in the near future. We spent a session of the convention broken into focus groups to give feedback on areas where we would like to see improvements. That information will be collated and sent out to us to see how the State and National Leagues can help Local Leagues become more effective.

The final speaker was Rachael Cobb, Associate Professor of Government at Suffolk University. She spoke about the challenges facing our democracy. The challenges we are facing are:

1. A breakdown in confidence and trust in our institutions and government
2. Is government serving citizens or not?
3. Income inequality and thus lack of voice for some groups
4. Do the rules we have encourage or suppress participation?
5. The polarization of our politics

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LWVMA Convention Highlights (Continued)

Prof. Cobb emphasized that if our politicians are complacent and are not fighting for us, the people, then there is a greater need for organized groups to hold their feet to the fire. This is why we need to teach individuals how and why to engage. With more than a tenth of Americans living below the poverty level, which correlates with their lack of engagement, it is time to reach out to new constituencies and bring them into the process.

Prof. Cobb said that voting rights change over time, and when rights are taken away, it is for political reasons, so someone can better win an election. We need improvements in the process, like independent commissions to draw district boundaries instead of putting that in the hands of politicians; election day registration; automatic voter registration; and voting machines with paper trails. She asked, Why isn't our election system overseen by an independent body as it is in other modern democracies?

Prof. Cobb said that when some people end up with more rights than others, that is not good for democracy. This breaks trust in the system. To counter that, people can organize, make demands, and run for office.



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Photos from the State Convention

(Photos from Colleen Kirby)

Wylecia Wiggs Harris, LWV-US Chief Executive Officer, who promises transformation at the national level.



Linda Matys O'Connell and Mary Ann Ashton, who'll become co-presidents of the LWVMA on July 1.



Colleen, outgoing League president Jean Cherdack, and speaker Rachael Cobb, Associate Professor of Government at Suffolk University.



Carole Pelchat, director of the LWVMA's Legislative Action Committee since 2006, who taught Colleen how to be a Legislative Specialist.

At Legislators' Brunch, Mourning and Looking Forward

By Kim Haase

This year's Legislators' Brunch on April 30 was haunted by Arlington's loss on April 2 of our State Senator, Kenneth Donnelly. Both Representative Sean Garballey and Representative David Rogers paid tribute to Sen. Donnelly as a legislator and friend. Two staffers from the Senator's office, David Swanson (General Counsel) and Christina Gaffny (Communications Director), spoke and answered questions about his legislative initiatives, and Cindy Friedman, his former Chief of Staff, present as an audience member, filled in some gaps.

It should be mentioned that Rep. Garballey and Ms. Friedman are both candidates in the June 27 Democratic primary election for the 4th Middlesex State Senate vacancy, but the election was not discussed at the Brunch, which was generously hosted by Kathy and Paul Fennelly.

After a delicious potluck, the Senate staffers and Representatives spoke about their legislative work.

Rep. Garballey, in his ninth year as a Representative for Precincts 1, 3, 5-7, 9, 11, and 13-21, serves on the Ways and Means Committee and is vice chair of the Joint Committee on Higher Education. His main focus is criminal justice reform, especially restorative justice and medical compassionate release. Another focus is renewable energy, specifically a bill to require the state to obtain all power from renewable sources by 2050. He is also concerned about the impact on Massachusetts if President Trump succeeds in any of his initiatives. He is interested in the Safe Communities Act on the state level, which he thinks will be helped if Arlington Town Meeting passes its Trust Act resolution, though it will be hard to pass. He is also concerned about any loss of health care funding (now 45% of the state budget).

Rep. Rogers, who represents Precincts 2, 4, 8, 10, and 12, is also concerned with defending the Commonwealth against Pres. Trump's plans. He supports (as a co-sponsor) the Safe Communities Act but noted that legislators' deference to local control of public safety makes it unlikely to pass. He also supports criminal justice reform. The first step is to pass the Council on State Governments (CSG) bill, which is also supported by Gov. Baker. However, this bill does not cover bail reform, mandatory minimums, or reform of the felony larceny definition, among other things, so he will be pushing for those afterwards. He has also introduced the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, requiring employers to make accommodations for pregnant employees, and believes it has the support to pass.

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Christina Gaffny and Dave Swanson from Sen. Ken Donnelly's office, Rep. Sean Garballey, Rep. Dave Rogers, and hosts Paul and Kathy Fennelly.

(Photos by Phyllis Maddox)

Legislators' Brunch (Continued)

Dave Swanson said that Sen. Donnelly's staff is focusing on helping constituents navigate the state bureaucracy. On policy, they are talking to other Senators about moving forward with Sen. Donnelly's bills. The most important concern workers' rights and protections. One bill would raise the minimum wage to \$15 by 2021 (2025 for tipped workers) and would index it to inflation. Another focus is on work-force training. On criminal justice, Sen. Donnelly focused on bail reform (changing the basis from cash to flight risk) and on the intersection of mental health and substance abuse issues with criminal justice, moving from incarceration to treatment centers (currently 10-15% of those in prison have serious mental health issues).

Colleen Kirby, the LWVMA Justice Specialist, thanked all the legislators for co-sponsoring most of the 11 bills supported by the LWVMA. Rep. Rogers explained that the Speaker wants to pass the modest reforms in the CSG without amendments and then move on to additional items later. Rep. Garballey said he is considering voting against the CSG bill if amendments are not included.

The legislators and staff then took questions from attendees. Rep. Garballey had to leave early and did not participate in all of the Q&A.

Q: Would the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act apply to transgender pregnant workers?

A: Rep. Rogers believed so and offered to get back to the questioner.

Q: Could we raise the gas tax to make up for a loss of federal funds?

A: Rep. Garballey replied that the gas tax is regressive. (Another attendee agreed, noting that residents of western Mass. have few public transit options.) A small increase would have little impact, and a large one would be unfair. However, we need to raise revenue before the Fair Share Amendment has a chance to pass in a couple years.

Q: What kinds of federal funding might we lose if we became a sanctuary town?

A: Rep. Rogers said that in established case law, there must be a connection between the fund cutoff and the legislation (for example, tying highway funds to the drinking age years ago). So only DHS immigration-related funding could be cut off. Dave Swanson added that if the federal government tried to cut unrelated funding, the ACLU would support our town and others in a lawsuit. Carolyn Parsons of the LWVMA added that our police receive no funding from the federal government.

Q: What's happening with marijuana legislation?

A: Rep. Rogers, who first introduced the legalization bill, reported that the legislature is working on correcting some flaws in the original law, has held hearings, and hopes to pass a corrected bill in the not too distant future. Issues concern the tax rate, impaired driving, and business issues. They want to avoid the problems that arose with the medical marijuana bill.

Q: Does the reversal in the Probation Department hiring case mean that nepotism and other favoritism in hiring is legal?

A: Rep. Rogers said it doesn't. The conviction was reversed because the prosecution showed insufficient evidence of a quid pro quo; simply facilitating meetings between constituents and officials is not illegal. Cindy Friedman added that state ethics law does prohibit hiring family members.

Q: What about affordable housing?

A: Rep. Rogers said that brownfields and low income tax credits help a bit, but this is a huge and difficult issue in the state. Attempts to use the Chapter 40B law to build affordable housing bump up against environmental and open space concerns, as with the Mugar property.

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Host Kathy Fennelly and other members of the attentive audience.

Legislators' Brunch (Continued)

Q: What about encouraging non-college career development and removing the stigma for careers that don't require a college degree?

A: Rep. Rogers and Dave Swanson both spoke about a middle skills initiative to encourage vocational education and other workforce training. Sen. Donnelly filed a Middle Skills Solutions Act, as well as a workforce data quality bill to encourage the sharing of education and employment data between agencies to identify what forms of training work best. Many states are far ahead of us on this.

Q: What can happen with Sen. Donnelly's bills before the Senate vacancy is filled?

A: Dave Swanson and Cindy Friedman said the staff cannot advocate for his bills in hearings, but they are asking other Senators to act on behalf of the bills. The next Senator will choose which bills to pick up and which to drop.

Q: Is there any legislation on the issue of revenge porn?

A: Rep. Rogers did not know of any, but said that Rep. Jeff Roy of Franklin was interested in this issue. Rep. Rogers introduced a bill to add media literacy to the educational curriculum.

Q: Town Meeting passed some articles that accept state legislation allowing veterans and seniors to work off part of their property taxes. Would this model work for banning plastic bags, to foster uniformity as more towns pass these (including Arlington last week)?

A: Rep. Rogers said there is a statewide plastic bag ban bill working its way through the legislature, though he is not yet following it closely.

The League of Women Voters of Arlington

Warrant Article Recommendations

Carolyn Parsons (TMM, Pct. 18) and Angela Olszewski (TMM, Pct. 17)
Co-Presidents, League of Women Voters of Arlington

The League of Women Voters of Arlington supports the approval of the following warrant articles to be considered at the 2017 Annual Town Meeting: 15, 17, 19, 22, 23, 24, 37, 40, 44, 48, 49, and 59. We support articles 3 and 4 in the Special Town Meeting.

The League supports Article 15, Bylaw Amendment/Pride Commission, in the belief of equal treatment of all persons without regard to sexual orientation or gender identity.

The League supports Article 17, Bylaw Amendment/Regulation of Plastic Bags as it has long lobbied for comprehensive solid waste management programs.

The League supports Article 19, Vote/Appointment of Town Treasurer. Consistent with the principle of representative government this article will allow citizens of the town to vote in the 2018 Annual Town Election as to whether the Treasurer shall be elected or appointed.

The League supports Articles 22, 23 and 24, Acceptance of Legislation which permits a Senior Property Tax Write Off Program (Art.22), Veteran Property Tax Work Off Program (Art. 23) and Elderly and Disabled Taxation Fund (Art. 24). These programs have been established by the State by legislative action and the League agrees that the Town should accept such legislation.

The League supports Article 37, Appropriation for Public Art. The League supports measures to improve the aesthetic environment within the Town.

The League supports Article 40, Appropriation/Capital Budget/Gibbs School Renovation, as it is in favor of improvements to education and the facilities that support it. (This is also Article 4 of the Special Town Meeting.)

The League supports Article 44, Appropriation/Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical High School & Out of District Vocational Placements. Vocational education is an important part of higher education for many students. The League is in favor of equal access to a quality education for all students.

The League supports Article 48, Appropriation/Water Bodies Fund, which will provide an appropriation for maintenance, treatment, and oversight.

The League supports Article 49, Appropriation/Community Preservation Fund. These funds enable the Town to acquire and preserve open space, create and restore land for recreational uses, preserve and rehabilitate historic buildings and sites, and create and support affordable housing.

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Warrant Article Positions (Continued)

The League supports Article 59, Resolution/Sanctuary Town. Chris Carson, the president of the League of Women Voters of the United States, has issued the following statement. “The League supports cities, towns, counties, and states that make a decision not to cooperate with federal deportation and enforcement actions that include non-criminal undocumented immigrants.”

The League supports Article 3 of the Special Town Meeting. Appropriation/Capital Budget/Hardy School Capacity Expansion. School facilities must be expanded to accommodate the growing school population.

When board members of the League of Women Voters of Arlington decide which articles of the warrant we support or oppose, we utilize principles that the League at the United States, Massachusetts or town level have already endorsed after careful study. These principles are **Representative Government, International Relations, Natural Resources and Social Policy**. At the local level the League has positions on conservation and recreation, education, human resources, the library system, town government, town planning, and cable television and related media.

We gather information to establish the intent and probable outcome of an article and determine whether it promotes better governance and public policy as expressed in existing League principles. Most articles fall outside the scope of our existing principles, so we do not comment on them.

Library Kicks Off Citizenship Program with Immigration Session

Democracy After Dark: Immigration
Tuesday, May 16
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Robbins Library Community Room

From the Robbins Library website (<https://www.robbinslibrary.org/event/democracy-after-dark-immigration/>):

We are kicking off a new series of programs to educate, inform and inspire Arlingtonians with the tools for civic engagement. The Library is a place for dialogue and information sharing, and this series will bring together area experts to provide facts and information for an informed citizenry.

The immigration session will feature Sarah Sherman-Stokes, a professor of Immigration Law and in the Immigrants' Rights Clinic at Boston University School of Law, and Jeffrey Thielman, President and CEO of the International Institute of New England. They'll provide information about their direct work with immigrants and refugees. For more information, please contact Maura Deedy at mdeedy@minlib.net.

In Memoriam: Bernice Jones

Bernice Jones, a longtime active member of the League of Women Voters of Arlington, died on April 21 in the care of her husband Victor, according to the *Arlington Advocate*. She leaves three sons and four grandchildren. See <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/wickedlocal-arlington/obituary.aspx?n=bernice-jones&pid=185195698>.

The *Advocate* notes, "Starting with her involvement in the League of Women Voters, Bernice was engaged in many aspects of local and state politics, focusing on public land access and parks development. She was a long-time town meeting member and served as board member or chair of the Arlington Park and Recreation Committee for 27 years. Her group was instrumental in creating the first master plan for town recreational facilities that led to the development of landmark parks at Robbins Farm, Reeds Brook, Spy Pond and the Reservoir."

Elizabeth Thompson recalls, "What I remember most about her League years, back to when I became active in the mid-70's, was that when the Board did its research and review of the Town Warrant articles each spring, the person we knew we could always get the full picture from was Bernice Jones. She would point us toward the people to fill us in, and she also knew what the most relevant LWV positions were at the local, state, and national levels that would be applicable for us to use in advocating for local warrant articles. I was new to New England and to the town meeting form of government. I often felt that the way I could learn was simply to curl up at her feet and listen to her stories about what and whom we needed know in order to take the best approach to town affairs. Farewell and God speed, Bernice."

Note: The LWVA has made a donation to the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts in honor of both Bernice Jones and the late Carma Forgie.

Town Election Day Report: Rides to the Polls

By Phyllis Maddox

Thanks to Nancy Gray, Anne Fitzgerald, and Wendy Forgie, who offered to drive voters to the polls.

We had three calls. One came in early before I was up and around. When I called her back she had found another ride and had already voted. Another call requested a ride for two voters. Ann FitzGerald heroically braved the snow storm and took them to their polling places. The third came at 5:30 after we had stopped. I tried to send her to the Democratic Committee, who sometimes offer rides.

Voter Turnout: This was a record low turnout; just under 9% of the registered voters voted. Not surprising considering the weather and the shortage of contested offices.

However, almost 24% of the voters in Precinct 15 voted. They had 8 candidates for Town Meeting.

A new candidate for Town Meeting in Precinct 16 won most of the votes by a large margin. He was the only candidate from that precinct who came to Candidates' Night.

“Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will.” – Frederick Douglass

Making Massachusetts Government Work For You

1. Get to know your legislators.

- Who are my legislators? You can look up your State Senator and Representative at <https://malegislature.gov/Search/FindMyLegislator>.
- Sign up for their email list, if they have one, so you know what they’re thinking and doing.
- Go to their office hours in your community. Look for the dates on their website or email list, or in your local newspaper.
- Set up a meeting with them or their aide at the State House.
- Call them, or send them a personal letter or email. Mass media like tweets, Facebook posts, online petitions, and mass emails are much less effective.
- Invite them to an event to speak or to learn about your issues of concern.
- Introduce them to people directly affected by an issue. Make hidden constituencies more visible.

2. Ask your legislators to support legislation and move it through the process.

- Ask them to support an issue or bill. Find out whether they are a cosponsor at <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/Search> – use a keyword or bill number.
- If they support a bill, ask them to:
 - Tell the relevant committee chair that they want it to move this session.
 - Tell the Speaker of the House or Senate President that they want a vote this session.
 - Testify at a hearing or speak to the press.

3. What can you or your organization do to support an issue?

- Write letters to the editor in your local paper or state-wide papers.
- Meet with the editor of your local newspaper to inform them about the issue.
- Show up at a hearing – see the calendar at <https://malegislature.gov/Events/Hearings>.
- Testify at a hearing, either as an individual or representing an organization.
- Hold informational events, with a film, speaker, or panel. Invite your legislators.
- Stay informed and be a resource for your legislator.
- Be in it for the long haul.

4. Work with others and be creative.

- Join local or statewide organizations that share your goals.
- The Coalition for Effective Public Safety brought a traveling play, “Mariposa and the Saint,” to their legislators’ districts and invited them to attend.
- The group Black and Pink is setting up a solitary unit at the State House for legislators to experience.
- Have a Day on the Hill lobby day.

“If you're not hopeful and optimistic, then you just give up. You have to take the long hard look and just believe that if you're consistent, you will succeed.” – Rep. John Lewis

Prepared by Colleen Kirby, criminal justice legislative specialist for the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts and member of the Mass Incarceration Working Group of the First Parish Unitarian Universalist of Arlington.

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FOLLOW ISSUES, KEEP LEAGUE AND COMMUNITY INFORMED

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- 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 Special Elections!

Because of the sad loss of State Senator Kenneth Donnelly, a special election will be held to elect a State Senator for the 4th Middlesex District.

For the primary election on Tuesday, **June 27** and the general election on Tuesday, **July 25**, 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 on one or both dates, please call Phyllis Maddox at 781-646-4362 or email her at phyllismaddox@rcn.com.

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