

BULLETIN

League of Women Voters
Arlington, Massachusetts

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November/December 2012

Calendar

11/6	Tuesday 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.	General Election. If you can give rides to the polls, please contact Phyllis Maddox — details on last page.
11/12	Monday 7 p.m.	LWVA Board Meeting at Patti Muldoon's home, 67 Smith St. All members welcome. See page 2 for directions.
11/9	Friday 4 p.m.	Reception for Woman Suffrage Exhibit on second floor of Town Hall. The exhibit is currently open; see page 7 for details.
11/15	Thursday 7:30 to 9 p.m.	Post-election roundtable with MIT Professor Andrea Campbell at Arlington High School. See page 9 for details.
11/29	Thursday 7:30 to 9 p.m.	Conversation on the role of science in US policy with Kevin Knobloch, Union of Concerned Scientists, at Arlington High School. See page 9 for details.
12/6	Thursday 6 p.m.	LWVA Holiday Party at Joan Robbio's home, 4 Bradley Rd. Friends and family welcome. See page 3 for details.
12/22	Saturday 5 p.m.	Deadline for articles for the January Bulletin. Thank you!
1/7	Monday 7 p.m.	LWVA Board Meeting at Angela Olszewski's home, 1 Watermill Place. All members welcome. Details in the January bulletin.
1/21	Monday 6 p.m.	25th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday Observance, Town Hall. Mark your calendars for a special event! Details in the January Bulletin.

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Co-President's Message

Dear League members and friends,

On October 17th, Arlington held its first public meeting in a process that will culminate in writing a master plan, which will help to guide the town's future. The meeting was attended by more than one hundred residents. League members were among the group; see page 10 for Pat Lieberman's report. This event was just the beginning of the process, so there will be additional opportunities for input and participation.

November is election time! The League will again be providing rides to the polls on Tuesday, November 6th. If you are interested in helping as a driver, need a ride, or know someone who might need one, please read the notice at the end of this bulletin. Thank you to everyone who is volunteering! Please remember to encourage your neighbors and friends to vote.

It's not too early to start planning for the holidays! Mark your calendar for the League's annual holiday party. It will be held on Thursday, December 6th. Our speaker will be Ryan Livergood, Arlington's new library director. Our potlucks are known as the best in town and we look forward to hearing from Ryan about his views and plans for our libraries. More information about this event is on page 3 of the bulletin. I hope to see you there!

As I write this, we are hearing news of the high probability of Hurricane Sandy hitting the east coast. I hope that when the notice of this bulletin arrives in your inbox, that we, along with family and friends, have made it through the storm safely.

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 corner.

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Join Us at LWVA's Holiday Party!

Thursday, December 6
6:00 - 9:00 pm
Joan Robbio's Home
4 Bradley Road

Mark your calendars now for the Arlington League's annual holiday potluck party!

Appetizers and drinks will be served at 6:00, and the main course will start at 6:30.

**This year our featured guest speaker will be
Arlington's new Library Director, Ryan Livergood.**

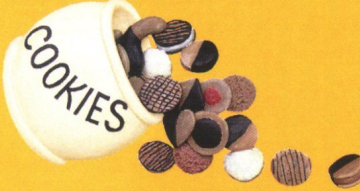
Friends and family members are most welcome.

Please let Meredith Zona know by Sunday, December 2nd if you can attend and what dish you would like to bring. If you need a ride, please tell Meredith and we'll make arrangements. Call her at 781-648-2753 or e-mail mzona@fstinc.com.

Directions to Joan Robbio's house, 4 Bradley Road:

Leaving Arlington Center via Mystic Street (Route 3), take a left onto Ridge St. Bear right at the island rotary. Take the third right after the rotary onto Winchester Rd., then the fourth right onto Bradley Rd. Joan's home is the third house on the right.

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Initial Free Consultation for League Members

Editor's Note: A number of League members joined a large gathering in Town Hall on October 2 to celebrate Jane Howard's many gifts of her time and talents to Arlington. Joseph Curro read the following Proclamation on behalf of the Board of Selectmen.

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Jane Howard and her husband, Pete, moved to Arlington in 1964, and raised their four children here; and

WHEREAS: Jane Howard was the Parmenter School observer of the School Committee for twelve years and was active in the PTO; and

WHEREAS: Jane Howard held various leadership roles in Cub and Girl Scout activities; and

WHEREAS: Jane Howard was a board member and regional ticket coordinator of Adventures in Music, a children's music enrichment program serving nine neighboring communities; and

WHEREAS: Jane Howard was the coordinator of volunteers in Arlington High School's guidance office, arranging after school tutoring and college fairs, and supporting the college application process; and

WHEREAS: Jane Howard taught Sunday school for 18 years at St. Agnes Parish, became a Eucharistic minister in 1973, and is a member of Voice of the Faithful; and

WHEREAS: Jane Howard has had a longstanding and committed leadership role as a full-time volunteer community activist in many sectors of Arlington life, including being a Town Meeting Member since 1986, a member of the League of Women Voters of Arlington, a member of the Community Read Selection Committee for the Robbins Library; and

WHEREAS: Jane Howard was a leader in the development of Vision 2020, a partnership of townspeople, town leadership, and employees to promote a vibrant and welcoming community; and

WHEREAS: Jane Howard has sustained a strong leadership role as co-chair of the Vision 2020 Standing Committee for more than twenty years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Members of the Board of Selectmen, do hereby declare that this 2nd day of October 2012 be hereby declared Jane Howard Day throughout the town and ask all residents to give recognition thereto.




Margaret Potter
Director

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Woman Suffrage Exhibit at Town Hall

By Oakes Plimpton

Did you know the men of Arlington cast their votes on the Woman Suffrage amendment to the Constitution back in November, 1915, YES 857, NO 1410? The Amendment was defeated in Massachusetts by 132,000 votes. Mr. C. S. Parker, editor and owner of the *Advocate* approved, having earlier editorialized against passage, warning of the swelling of undesirable voters in the electorate.

The *Advocate* changed its tune when the first vote was held after passage (Nov. 1920): “We have only words of praise for the way Arlington women for the first time exercised this important duty of citizenship.” Interestingly the presidential vote totals for 1920 were 5,303 cast for the Republican ticket of Harding and Coolidge, 1,390 for Democrats Cox and Roosevelt.

Town Hall Gallery has an exhibit of Woman Suffrage cartoon posters by artist Blanche Ames (grandmother of Arlington resident Oakes Plimpton) along with a few anti-suffrage cartoons and posters of the *Advocate* articles and editorials. A September 1915 *Advocate* in twin articles describes an “Anti-Suffragist Rose Tea” (Ida Robbins in attendance) and “Equal Suffrage Open Air meetings” (Margaret Foley, speaker). The gallery is on the second floor of Town Hall.

Due to the use of the great room at Town Hall for the mechanics of voting November 6th, the Reception has been postponed until **Friday, November 9th at 4 p.m.** Otherwise the Exhibit on the 2nd floor of Town Hall is open during Town Hall business hours. **Note that you may purchase the cartoon posters for a dollar and two dollars (different sizes), with the proceeds to go to the League; an Honor Box is there to collect.**

We are grateful to Oakes Plimpton for his thoughtful donation to the Arlington LWV of proceeds from the sale of women's suffrage posters drawn and designed by his grandmother.

Blanche Ames, a well-known artist, was one of the leading organizers in the state of Massachusetts to get women the vote. In addition to her editorial cartoons, she led strategy meetings at her house, spoke at rallies, and lobbied leading political and community leaders. After male citizens first voted against giving women the vote, Blanche decided to ring a large bell on the roof of her house every day until women got the vote. That bell was rung every day for five years. It is quiet now, but can be seen by visitors to her estate which has since become the Borderland State Park.

With Oakes Plimpton's permission, we reproduce one of the posters on the next page.

For background on the fight against giving women the vote, go to <http://www.massmoments.org/moment.cfm?mid=316>.

Patti Muldoon

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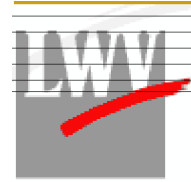


Blanche Ames, 1915

1920 - 75th Anniversary of Woman Suffrage - 1995

Drawn by Blanche Ames (1878-1969). Published in the Boston Transcript Sept., 1915
and the pamphlet *Blanche Ames and Woman Suffrage* by James Kenneally (1993).
Original at the Sophia Smith Collection, Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts.

November Conversations Co-Sponsored by LWVA



Join *Fortune* magazine editor-at-large and Arlington resident David Whitford as he engages influential thinkers, writers and leaders in discussions about topics that shape our world. Pre-registration is encouraged; walk-ins are welcome as space allows. Each event is \$5.00.

Thursday, November 15, 7:30 to 9 pm

What Now? A Post-Election Roundtable

MIT's Andrea Campbell and Guests

How do we explain voter choice in the 2012 election? And what does the election mean for the future of the economy and jobs, health care, entitlement reform, tax policy, and immigration? In this post-election roundtable, we will analyze the outcome of the election and discuss the implications for public policy. With the nation's fiscal future hanging in the balance, the 2012 presidential and congressional races offered voters two starkly different visions for the role of government. We will discuss the choices made by different groups of voters, and how those groups are likely to fare going forward.

Andrea Campbell is professor in the political science department at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She will be joined by colleagues in the field.

Thursday, November 29, 7:30 to 9 pm

Making Evidence Matter: The Role of Science in US Policy

Kevin Knobloch, Union of Concerned Scientists

In recent years, a partisan political climate and noisy media landscape together have created an environment where science is easily drowned out by misinformation or manipulated by private interests. Meanwhile, our leaders grapple with some of the most complex and daunting problems in history, such as climate change, the spread of nuclear weapons, and transition to a clean energy economy. Kevin Knobloch, Arlington resident and president of the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS), will discuss how the UCS's Center for Science and Democracy works to restore the essential role of science, evidence-based knowledge, and constructive debate in US policymaking.

Kevin Knobloch became president of the Union of Concerned Scientists in 2003. He has also served as UCS's Legislative Director for Arms Control and National Security and has led UCS delegations to the United Nations International Climate negotiations. He is a graduate of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Arlington Master Plan Workshop

By Pat Lieberson

The first step in developing a comprehensive master plan for Arlington took place on October 17. A community-wide interactive workshop to begin developing goals and policies was attended by 150 residents. The workshop followed the unique "world café" format. Participants sit at six-person round tables to discuss a group of related open-ended questions. All but one then move on to different tables to discuss a new set of questions with five moves during the evening. This process allows for more interaction among participants and a more in depth sharing of ideas.

Among the questions discussed were:

- What do you like best about Arlington?
- What do you want more or less of?
- What is possible?

It gradually emerged that one of the things most valued is Arlington's diversity – not just diversity of ethnicity but age, background, economic status, occupation and interests. Other highly valued qualities were volunteers and engagement in the community, school system, open spaces including parks, water bodies and wildlife, historical, cultural and artistic features, and the eclectic mix of businesses, stores and restaurants. Arlington's location was also considered a positive factor because it has easy access to more urban resources but has a "more but not too" suburban quality of living. Participants wanted more affordable housing, clean industry, open space, and parking, but less automobile traffic.

A comprehensive master plan includes goals and policies for land use, housing, economic development, natural and cultural resources, open space and recreation, public facilities and services, and transportation and a program of actions to achieve these objectives. Each of these elements interacts with and has consequences for all of the others. Which brings up the question of what is possible? For example: to maintain Arlington's diversity you need a mix of housing that is affordable for an economically diverse population. Yet Arlington is a fully built-out town, so there is no room for more housing without giving up open space or building higher buildings, both actions considered undesirable by workshop participants.

A master plan will help the Redevelopment Board and other Town officials encourage and guide inevitable change that will keep Arlington the kind of place its residents value. Communities with master plans have better bond ratings, get bonus points on grants, and encourage desirable businesses to locate there. There will be many more opportunities for all Arlington residents to be involved in the master plan process through in-person and online surveys and future workshops and events.

We welcome new members and renewals. Thank you for your support.

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 \$50 2nd member in household \$23 Student (full-time) \$20 Contribution to help the LWV in Arlington, add \$ TOTAL ENCLOSED \$

If \$50 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 Fundraising Graphic design Writing articles Desktop publishing Other Web site maintenance Membership development Moderating meetings

BEST TIME TO CALL YOU: (for phone tree reminders) Call before o'clock

*Some of these can be seen on cable TV

Rides to the Polls

We will be offering rides to the polls for the November 6th election from 9 to 3.

If you can drive any time during that day, please call or email Phyllis Maddox at 781-646-4362 or 781-354-0907, PhyllisMaddox@comcast.net.

Those who need a ride should call Phyllis at 781-354-0907 the week of the election.

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