

BULLETIN

League of Women Voters
Arlington, Massachusetts

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November/December 2015

Calendar

11/2	Monday 7 p.m.	LWVA Board Meeting at Phyllis Maddox's home, 55 Hillside Ave. All members welcome. Directions on page 2
11/6	Friday 7-9 p.m.	Books in Bloom, co-sponsored by the Arlington Garden Club and the Friends of Robbins Library, at the Library, 700 Mass. Ave. See https://www.robbslibrary.org/events/details/3333 for more information.
11/7	Saturday 9 a.m. to noon	LWVUS Constitutional Amendment Study Consensus Meeting, Sanborn House, 21 High Street, Winchester. All members are encouraged to attend. The consensus questions appeared in the October Bulletin.
11/17	Tuesday 7-8:45 p.m.	Forum on Money in Politics, Winchester Public Library, 80 Washington St., Winchester. Details on page 5.
12/3	Thursday 7:30-9 p.m.	Forum on Carbon Pricing, First Parish UU Church, Mass. Ave. and Pleasant St. The LWVA is a co-sponsor. All are welcome. Details on page 6.
12/9	Wednesday 6 to 9 p.m.	LWVA Holiday Party potluck at Joan Robbio's home, 4 Bradley Road. Members, family, and friends welcome. See page 3 for details.
	Sunday 1/10	LWVUS Money in Politics Study Consensus Meeting. Details will appear in the January Bulletin.
1/18	Monday 7:30 p.m.	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday Observance at Town Hall. Details will appear in the January Bulletin.

We extend a warm welcome to three new members:

Ruth Benedikt, 1 Watermill Place
Mary Cummings, 135 Jason Street
Nancy Gray, 30 Mill Street

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

The weather has become cooler, but the League's schedule is heating up!

We will be joining with the Winchester League for two consensus meetings. Please check the Calendar in this bulletin for more information.

Planning is well underway for our annual holiday party, once again, graciously hosted by the Joan and Jim Robbio. Fire Chief Robert Jefferson will be our guest speaker. Join us for great food and conversation on December 9. Details are on page 3. Please bring a guest and share holiday cheer with fellow League members.

An upcoming non-League event of note is Books in Bloom, co-sponsored by the Garden Club and Friends of the Library. The event will be held on Friday, November 6. The LWVA has a position to support the library system in Arlington. For more information, see <https://www.robbinslibrary.org/events/details/3333>.

I wish you a wonderful holiday season and look forward to seeing you at a League event soon!

Angela Olszewski

Directions to Phyllis Maddox's home:

55 Hillside Ave. is between Appleton St. and Florence Ave.

Follow Mass. Ave. to Park Ave. in Arlington Heights. Take Park toward Rt. 2 for 2 blocks to Appleton. Turn right on Appleton for one block to Hillside, then turn left on Hillside. 55 is the 3rd house on the right with a front porch and a large yew bush in the front yard.

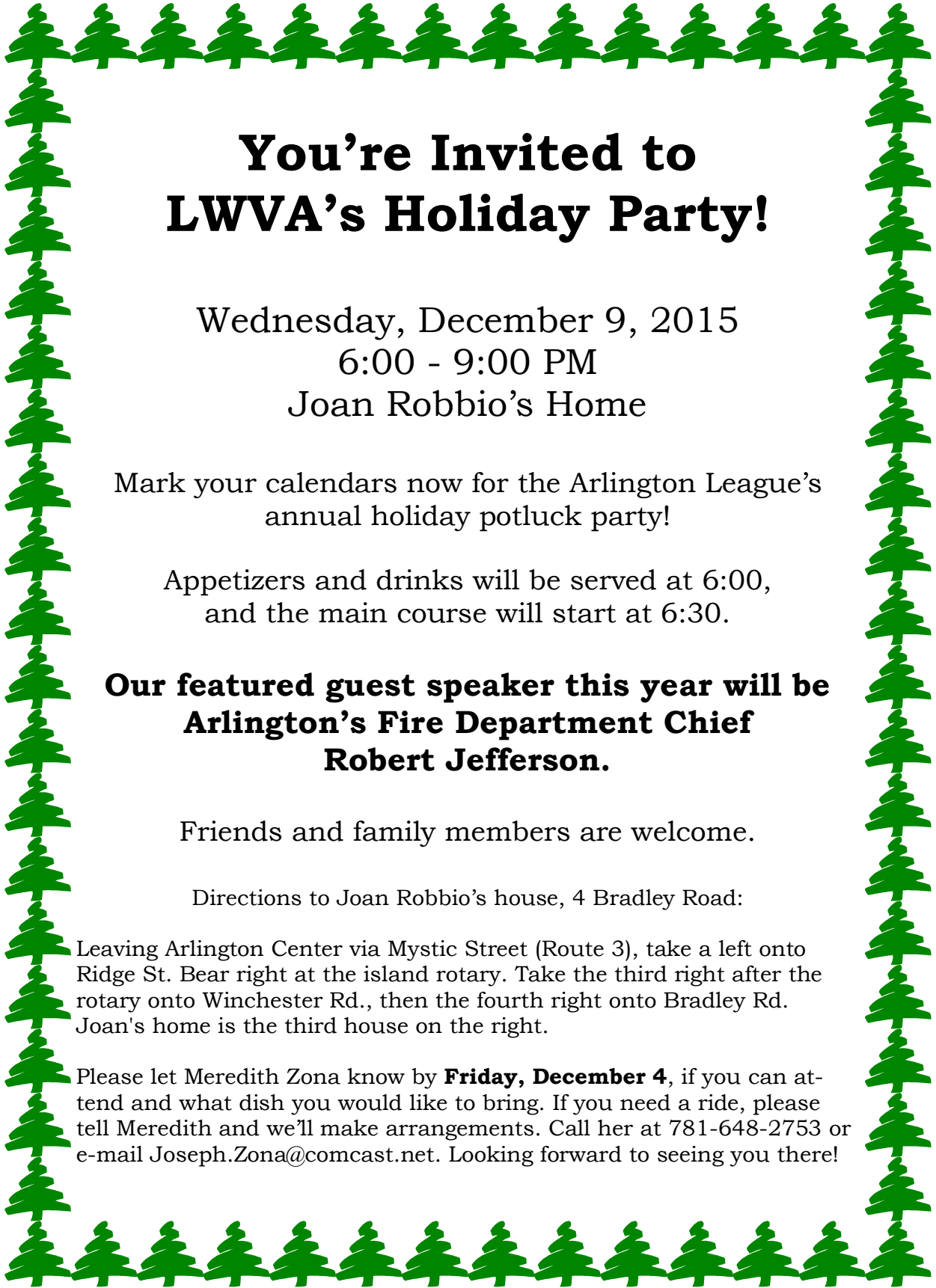
If you are coming down Park Avenue from the south, take a left on Florence, then the first right on Hillside. 55 is about 8 houses down on your left.



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You're Invited to LWVA's Holiday Party!

Wednesday, December 9, 2015
6:00 - 9:00 PM
Joan Robbio's Home

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.

**Our featured guest speaker this year will be
Arlington's Fire Department Chief
Robert Jefferson.**


Friends and family members are welcome.

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.

Please let Meredith Zona know by **Friday, December 4**, 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 Joseph.Zona@comcast.net. Looking forward to seeing you there!

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Initial Free Consultation for League Members

***Are you concerned about the role
“Big Money” is playing in the elections
this year? Come to the Winchester
LWV's forum to learn more!***



MONEY IN POLITICS

Tuesday, November 17

7:00-8:45 PM

at

WINCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Smith Room

80 Washington St.

Winchester

Guest Panelists:

Senator Pat Jehlen

Representative Michael Day

Kim Whittaker, Fundraiser

LWVA Co-Sponsors Carbon Pricing Forum December 3

By Downing Cless

A community forum on carbon pricing in Massachusetts will be held on Thursday, December 3 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at First Parish Unitarian Universalist of Arlington, 630 Mass. Ave. Doors will open at 7:00, when cosponsor representatives will be at tables with literature and information. Aimed at Arlington, Belmont, and Cambridge residents, the forum is presented by 350 Massachusetts for a Better Future in association with nine cosponsoring organizations.

Several advocates with expertise will clearly and accessibly explain carbon pricing, with ample time for questions or comments from the audience. Putting a price on carbon is increasingly in the news as a key way to curb emissions that would be fair to the state's citizenry and economy alike, with support from many businesses as well as environmental groups for bills currently before the state legislature.

Forum co-sponsors are Massachusetts Sierra Club, Arlington and Belmont chapters of the League of Women Voters, Green Cambridge, Sustainable Arlington, Sustainable Belmont, Green Sanctuary Committee at First Parish UU of Arlington, and Arlington and Belmont Mothers Out Front.



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Thank you for your support.**

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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 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

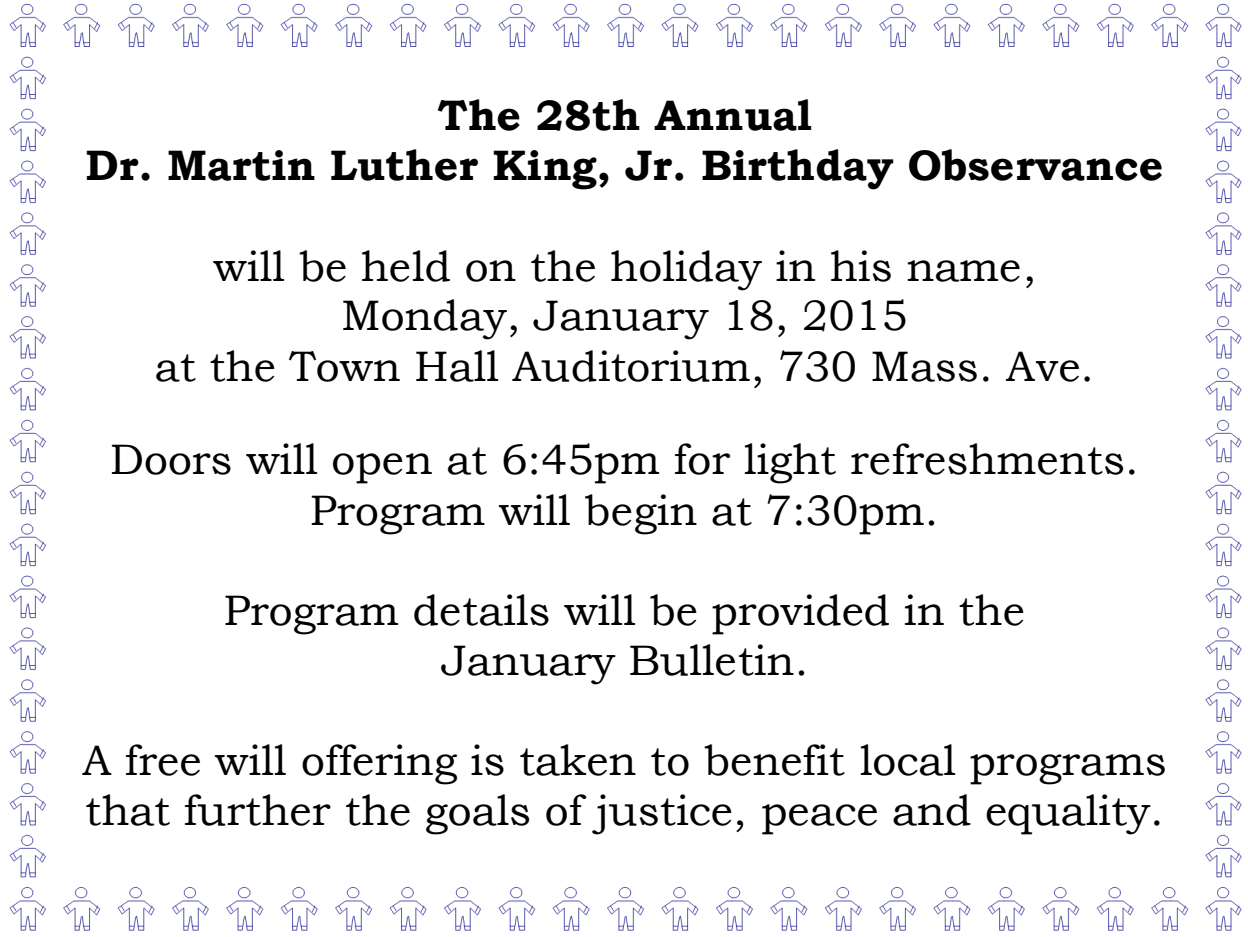
SKILLS LEAGUE COULD DRAW ON

- ___ Computer database
- ___ Graphic design
- ___ Desktop publishing
- ___ Web site maintenance
- ___ Membership development
- ___ Moderating meetings
- ___ Fundraising
- ___ Writing articles
- ___ Other

BEST TIME TO CALL YOU:

(for phone tree reminders) Call before _____ o'clock

*Some of these can be seen on cable TV



**The 28th Annual
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observance**

will be held on the holiday in his name,
Monday, January 18, 2015
at the Town Hall Auditorium, 730 Mass. Ave.

Doors will open at 6:45pm for light refreshments.
Program will begin at 7:30pm.

Program details will be provided in the
January Bulletin.

A free will offering is taken to benefit local programs
that further the goals of justice, peace and equality.

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