

# *BULLETIN*

League of Women Voters  
Arlington, Massachusetts

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## October 2010

### Calendar

10/7	Thursday 7 pm	LWVA Board Meeting at Carolyn Parsons' home, 23 Brewster Rd. All members welcome. See page 2 for directions.
10/8	Friday noon to 1 pm	October First Friday Lunch with Maryellen Remmert-Loud, Robbins Library Director, at the ACMI Cable Studio, 85 Park Ave. See below for details. All are welcome.
10/19	Tuesday 7:30 pm	Candidates' Forum for 24th Middlesex District (Rep. Will Brownsberger, Lalg Musserian). Chenery Middle School, Belmont. See page 5 for details.
11/2	Tuesday 7 am to 8 pm	State Election.
11/8	Monday 7 pm	LWVA Board Meeting at Anne Linn's home, 7 Linden St. All members welcome.

### First Friday Lunch at Cable Studio Sets New Course for LWVA

This year for the first time, the League's First Friday lunch series will take place at the cable studio run by Arlington Community Media, Inc. (ACMI) at 85 Park Avenue. The goal of the series is to inform the broader Arlington public about our Town's institutions, in addition to attendees and League members.

The first lunch, on October 8 starting at noon, will feature Maryellen Remmert-Loud, Director of Robbins Library. She will talk about current and planned activities at the Library as well as the opportunities and challenges the Arlington library system faces.

Bring your own brown-bag lunch and beverage at noon. We'll have a brief informal lunch, followed by the formal taping, where our speaker will give a presentation and then answer questions. The length of the taping will be about half an hour.

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## Co-President's Message

Greetings,

Election season is upon us. It's time to remind our friends and neighbors to get out and vote. The League plays an active role in encouraging people to engage in this very important civic duty. At Town Day, we registered people to vote and provided information about polling locations. We offered rides to the polls for the primary in September and will do this again for the November election. The Belmont League welcomes us to its Candidates Night on Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. More information about this event can be found on page 5.

The State League opposes Question 2, to repeal the state's Affordable Housing Law, and as we go to press is considering positions opposing Question 1 (to repeal the sales tax on alcohol) and Question 3 (to roll back the sales tax from 6.25% to 3%). Watch your email or [lwvma.org](http://lwvma.org) for more information.

Voter service is a cornerstone of the League's mission. Please consider volunteering in our outreach efforts.

Remember to vote on Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>!

*Angela Olszewski*

Directions to Carolyn Parsons' home, 23 Brewster Road, Arlmont:

At St. Camillus, the large Catholic church adjacent to the access road for Route 2, go under the overpass, stop at the stop sign, cross the access road on the other side, and proceed straight ahead onto Sagamore Rd., which curves to your right. Go the end of Sagamore, turn left. The house, on your right, has natural cedar shingles and black shutters.

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## LWVMA Continues \$90 for 90 Drive for 2010

*By Marcia Hirshberg, President, League of Women Voters of Massachusetts*

This year the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts has been celebrating 90 years of making a difference and making democracy work. The accomplishments of those 90 years are extraordinary and depend on the support of League members like you.



Representative John Lewis of Georgia welcomed the delegates to the 2010 National Convention of the League of Women Voters in Atlanta in June. His remarks were truly inspiring and even demanding as he acknowledged and recognized the work of the League's founders and members through 90 years of setbacks and successes that were not unlike those of the civil rights movement. He urged us to continue to "get in the way," because getting in the way is how to get things done.

Last year, we asked you to contribute \$90 for 90 years and we are asking the same for 2010, though any amount is greatly appreciated. There will be limited Phonathon calling by members who choose to make calls to support the LWV of Massachusetts and their local League. Make your contribution by October 15 and you will not be called.

Your contribution will support the mission of the LWVMA and these activities:

- We are embarking on a strategic plan and we will seek input from you during the next year. This exercise will guide our work and priorities for the next several years.
- The Voter Service Committee is facilitating communication among local Leagues across the state to leverage the best ideas and to provide support to Leagues who are holding candidates' forums. We are collaborating with local Leagues to hold forums for statewide offices including Lt. Governor, State Treasurer and State Auditor.
- The Membership & Training Committee is hosting three training sessions to introduce "Membership Plus" to Leagues around the state to encourage members to learn and share exciting ideas for membership recruitment and more.
- The Program & Action Committee follows LWVMA legislative priorities, lobbies for them and requests action from you when it is appropriate. As a multi-issue organization, we have many irons in the fire and this committee keeps us involved throughout the legislative session.
- The Transportation Restudy Committee is underway to revise and update this important position that affects many LWVMA priority areas, including natural resources and social policy.

The League is a reliable resource for voters and potential voters who call and email seeking nonpartisan, factual information on registration, voting locations, absentee voting and the voting process. The volume of voter information calls increases through Election Day. Members also rely on our staff for information about membership recruitment and organizational matters, voter service and our legislative priorities and action. Whether from a member of the LWV or of the general public, questions are answered in a timely manner.

As we look forward to our next 90 years, be a part of the LWV "getting in the way." Please contribute today to support the LWVMA and to ensure your local League receives 10% of your contribution.

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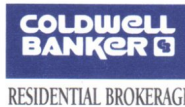


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Election Day is Tuesday, November 2, 2010

## Candidate and Local Ballot Question Forum

Tuesday, October 19, 2010

Chenery Middle School Auditorium  
95 Washington St., Belmont

7:30 pm

Candidates for State Representative

Will Brownsberger, Democrat  
and  
Lalig Musserian, Independent

24<sup>th</sup> Middlesex District  
Presentations and Questions

8:30 pm

Local Ballot Question  
Community Preservation Act  
Presentations and Questions

Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Belmont  
Voter Education Fund

### Rides to the Polls

*By Carolyn Parsons*

A few people called for a ride to the polls for the state primary election. There were a number of other calls with people asking for information on where to vote and for directions to the polls. The League thanks Kathy Fennelly, Ann FitzGerald, Victoria Ford, Pat Lieberson, Phyllis Maddox, Bill Maytum, Patti Muldoon, and Nancy Sweeney for volunteering to help those who would otherwise find it difficult to get to the polls and home again in a safe and expeditious manner. Everyone is always very appreciative.

It is expected that there will be quite a few more requests for rides for the state election on Tuesday, November 2. If you can volunteer an hour or two, please call Carolyn Parsons at 781 - 646 - 9309.

### Town Day 2010 Draws Crowds September 25

As usual, the League's Town Day booth drew many visitors who took the opportunity to register to vote or to find out about the Arlington League's activities.

Clare Gordon and Ann Fitzgerald greet a local citizen, while Patti Muldoon and Bill Thompson look on.



Photo by Phyllis Maddox



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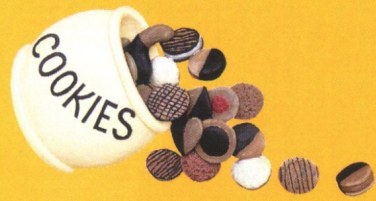
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Membership Application/Renewal Form

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\_\_\_\_\_ 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: Kathy Colwell, 60 Claremont Ave., Arlington, MA 02476

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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 Tuesdays)
\_\_\_\_\_ 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

# Drivers Needed!

The State Election is

**Tuesday, November 2**

The League will need drivers to take voters who otherwise are unable to get to the polls.

**If you can give an hour or two on Election Day to help with this community service, please give Carolyn Parsons a call at (781) 646-9309.**

This service is very much appreciated by voters who find that they need it.

*Thank you!*

**October 2010**

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