



# *BULLETIN*

League of Women Voters  
Arlington, Massachusetts

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## October 2013

### Calendar

9/30	Monday 7 p.m.	LWVA Board Meeting at Elizabeth Thompson's home, 74 Yerxa Rd. Directions on page 2.
10/15	Tuesday 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Special state primary for the 5th Congressional District. If you can help with rides to the polls, please contact Phyllis Maddox (see last page).
11/14	Thursday evening	Save the date for a meeting with Ted Fields, Arlington's new Economic Development Planner, at Meredith Zona's home, 1 Andrews Way.
12/10	Tuesday 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Special general election for the 5th Congressional District.

### Putting the Updated Bottle Bill on the Ballot

The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts sends **a big thank you** to all the local Leagues participating in the signature-gathering campaign for the Updated Bottle Bill. We have had a great response to this call to action. Materials have been sent to the League Coordinators and signature collection has begun.

Arlington League members should call Carolyn Parsons to arrange to get petitions; see page 3 for details, including a report on the start we made on Town Day.

Materials for the signature-gathering campaign are posted at <http://lwvma.org/member-resources/updated-bottle-bill-resources/>.

Signatures will be collected from now until Nov. 3.

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## Co-President's Message

League members,

I write this on the day after yet another successful Town Day for the LWVA. Thank you to the volunteers who helped register people to vote, looked up addresses to identify polling places, gathered signatures for the updated bottle bill, and provided other helpful information.

Last spring, I wrote about the person who realized there was an upcoming local election when he noticed the sign for Candidates Night outside Town Hall. Yesterday at our booth, we registered people who will now be able to vote in Arlington in the upcoming election. While the League is a membership organization, our goal of providing voter service becomes a mission of community service, which is appreciated in Arlington. Residents look to us as a resource for information and other important services.

As a group, we are active in League activities and those of other organizations throughout town. Thank you to everyone who took time yesterday and takes time throughout the rest of the year to help the League perform its important public service.

*Angela Olszewski*

### Directions to Elizabeth Thompson's home, 74 Yerxa Road:

Note: Walkway is uneven. Use safety handrails.

#### From intersection of Summer St. and Brattle St.:

Go uphill, immediately bearing left onto Hemlock St. Continue uphill on Hemlock to Yerxa Rd. Turn right onto Yerxa Rd. and go to end of block to 74 Yerxa Rd., which is the last house on the left (a ranch house) and park near that corner. Yerxa Rd. forms a T-shaped intersection with Ridge St. in Arlington.

#### From intersection of Mystic St. (Route 3) with Ridge St.:

Turn left onto Ridge St. Continue uphill (stay to right side of the little rotary) all the way to Yerxa Rd. and park. 74 Yerxa Rd. will be on the corner on the right side of the street as you walk onto Yerxa Rd.



### LWVA LEADERSHIP 2013–2014

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## Town Day 2013

*By Carolyn Parsons*

The beginning of the day is always a hassle. Where is our spot? Who owns the car that is sitting in our spot? Why is the tent so heavy and awkward to erect? Phyllis Maddox and I prepare as best we can for whatever we can envision being a problem. A small stool is now part of the necessary gear to erect the tent. A piece of burlap is tied to one side so that information may be attached with safety pins. The burlap is used because the open weave allows the wind to blow through. Phyllis has made a lovely tablecloth with the League of Women Voters lettering on the front. The booth looks festive and put together. Stuff may be stashed under the table and is not seen by anyone walking by. Rocks are stuffed into glittery red pouches; these are used to prevent papers from blowing all down Mass. Ave.

A number of people registered to vote. The effort to gather signatures for an Updated Bottle Bill was quite successful. People eligible to sign were quite willing to do so. I was speaking to Pat Lieberson today about gathering more signatures. She was silent for a moment and then said that she was so busy at the League booth gathering signatures that she thinks she forgot to sign. It would be wonderful if each Arlington League member were to sign a petition. Think of family members also. They do not have to live in Arlington. Each individual petition lists the municipality at the top and bottom. The voter signs the petition associated with the city/town in which they live. Just give me a call at 781-646-9309 and arrangements will be made.

Thank you to Phyllis, Anne Linn, Kathy Fennelly, Ann FitzGerald, Kim Haase, Pat Lieberson, Angela Olszewski, Patti Muldoon, and Meredith Zona for volunteering to spend some time at the booth. Thanks also to Elizabeth Thompson for obtaining a voter service flyer and getting it printed and folded. It is a pleasure working with all of you!



Meredith Zona and Carolyn Parsons set up the League's Town Day booth on Saturday, September 21.

*Photo by Phyllis Maddox*



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## A Year of Studies

*From the LWVMA*

The LWVMA **Campaign Finance Study** and the LWVUS **Agriculture Update Study** will both be ready for local League consensus meetings this year. Leagues should consider partnering with other League(s) to have regional consensus meetings. For example, one League could take the lead on one study and another League the other. Invite smaller Leagues in your area to both. At the end, break out into your League groups to complete the consensus questions.

### Key Dates and Contacts

#### **LWVMA Campaign Finance Study**

Committee Chair, Becky Shannon, LWV Amherst

Date materials will be available: Phased release of study materials with final study materials for consensus meetings available by January 2014.

Date range to schedule consensus meetings: February and March

Date consensus meeting report is due: May 1, 2014

Website: In progress, stay tuned!

#### **LWVUS Agriculture Update Study**

Committee Chair, Norman Turrill, LWV Oregon

Date materials will be available: Phased release beginning in September 2013

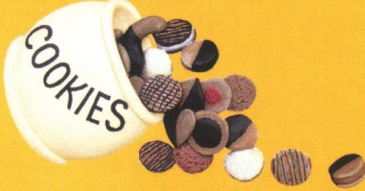
Date range to schedule consensus meetings: January, February, March

Date consensus report due: April 4, 2014

Website: <http://lww.org/content/about-agriculture-update-and-committee>

**Note:** The League of Women Voters of Arlington Board voted at our Annual Meeting to conduct a local study, too. Information will be in the November Bulletin.

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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

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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 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

After a summer hiatus, it begins again. The LWVA will be offering rides for the

## **U.S. 5th Congressional District Primary Tuesday, October 15**

from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you can help as a driver at any time during those days, please let Phyllis Maddox know by calling 781-646-4362 or emailing [PhyllisMaddox@comcast.net](mailto:PhyllisMaddox@comcast.net).

The General Election will be December 10. After that, we get a few months off till the April Town Election!

*Phyllis Maddox*

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