

BULLETIN

League of Women Voters
Arlington, Massachusetts
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October 2016

Calendar

10/4	Tuesday 7 p.m.	LWVA Board Meeting at Patti Muldoon's home, 67 Smith St. Directions on page 2.
10/8	Saturday 7:30 p.m.	"Hopes and Fears in an Election Year," True Story Theater workshop, Arlington Center Yoga, 369 Mass. Ave. LWVA is a co-sponsor. Details on page 5.
10/13	Thursday 4 to 5:30 p.m.	Retirement reception for Barbara Muldoon, 32-year Library Trustee and longtime LWVA member, Reading Room, Robbins Library.
10/19	Wednesday 5 p.m.	Last day to register for the November 8 election.
10/19	Wednesday 8 p.m.	Special Town Meeting.
10/24	Monday 7 to 8:30 p.m.	"The Role of the Sheriff in our Community Justice System, LWVA public forum with Middlesex County Sheriff Peter Koutoujian, Robbins Library Community Room. Details on page 6.

Early Voting Starts This Year in Massachusetts

The last day to register to vote in the November 8 election is Wednesday, **October 19**. The Clerk's Office will be open 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. that day.

But November 8 is not the only day you can vote! Recently passed legislation allows for early voting, which occurs for 10 days before Election Day. See <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elev/evidx.htm> for more information. You can vote early by mail.

Early voting will take place in the Arlington Town Hall Auditorium, Monday, **October 24** until Noon Friday, **November 4**.

Hours of Early Voting:
Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Thursday: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. - noon
Saturday, 10/29: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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Co-President's Message

We engage in voter service activities because we are the League and consider it our role. We plan, volunteer our time, and evaluate our events. We enjoy doing it and we think it makes a difference. It is great when we KNOW it makes a difference.

I spent about one hour at our Town Day booth. In that time, Kim Haase and I received two compliments on our efforts and in particular, Candidates Night. One woman who expressed appreciation made a comment that I knew I would want to share. She doesn't actually get to Candidates Night, but she watches a re-broadcast on cable. She depends on it to learn about the candidates. Without it, she said, "They would just be names on the ballot and it would just be a guess." So, KNOW that you make a difference when you volunteer for the League. Your efforts are appreciated and valued.

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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Town Day Brings Enthusiastic Voters

By Kim Haase

The League of Women Voters of Arlington's Town Day booth once again served many new and experienced voters on September 17. Great weather brought out great crowds.



We registered a good many new Arlington voters as well as some who were changing their party affiliation or address in town. We provided information about online registration, pre-registration for 16- and 17-year-olds, and early voting, which is new this year. We also displayed a precinct map and supplied information about voting locations.

The level of interest in the League was so high that we ran out of all the LWVA brochures and Bulletins we'd brought.


Thanks to all our Town Day volunteers: Nancy Gray, Kim Haase, Colleen Kirby, Anne Linn, Joan Martin, Phyllis Maddox, Angela Olszewski, Carolyn Parsons, Kim Siebert, and Meredith Zona. Carolyn and Phyllis set up the booth, while Kim Haase and Joan Martin took it down at the end of the day.

Carolyn Parsons and Anne Linn put the finishing touches on the LWVA booth setup on the morning of Town Day, September 17.

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LWVA Co-Sponsors True Story Theater Event Focused on Voting

On Saturday, October 8, True Story Theater presents “Stories of Hope and Fear in an Election Year” in partnership with the League of Women Voters of Arlington.

The event runs from 7:30 to 9:15 p.m. at the Arlington Center Yoga Studio at 369 Massachusetts Ave. The space is wheelchair accessible.

Discounted general admission tickets are available online at Brown Paper Tickets (<http://truestorytheatershow.bpt.me/>). At the door, tickets are \$20 general admission, \$10 for students, and \$5+ (pay what you can).

True Story Theater is a nonprofit theater company that transforms stories from the audience’s lives into theater. In performances, volunteers from the audience are helped to share what’s important in their lives. On the spot, actors then portray the heart of what they heard using music, movement, and dialogue. From this simple interaction, people laugh, cry, share fresh insights, and bond. True Story Theater events create a respectful atmosphere where every voice can be heard and any story told — however ordinary or extraordinary, difficult or joyful. True Story Theater offers audiences fresh perspectives, deeper connections, and a renewed appreciation for our common humanity.

True Story Theater performs monthly in Arlington plus additional shows around the Boston area.

For more information, visit <http://truestorytheater.com/> or call 781-646-1705.

LWVA Reaches Out to New Voters

Members of the League of Women Voters of Arlington are conducting voter education classes in both Billerica and Arlington.

On Monday, October 3, Patricia Muldoon and Colleen Kirby of the LWVA, along with Doris Orellana of Arlington, will be teaching a new voter class at Middlesex Jail and House of Corrections for individuals in custody. They will also register new eligible voters. Anyone not in jail for a felony is allowed to vote, and everyone can vote once they are out of jail or prison.

On Wednesday and Thursday, October 5 and 6, at 7 p.m. Patricia Muldoon, Colleen Kirby, and Doris Orellana will teach two classes, “How To Vote,” in English and Spanish, for new voters, through Arlington Community Education. The classes will take place at Arlington High School.

At around the same time, Anne Linn and Elizabeth Thompson expect to register new voters at Arlington High School, as they have done in previous years.

Sheriff to Speak at Library October 24

By Colleen Kirby

On Monday, October 24th at 7 p.m. at the Robbins Library Community Room, Sheriff Peter Koutoujian will speak about what services the Sheriff's office provides for individuals in our community who end up in custody. Do these individuals come out of custody with the tools they need to successfully navigate living in our community? Learn about the Middlesex Jail and House of Corrections in Billerica and the growing need for mental health care and substance abuse treatment for those in custody, in diversion programs, pre-trial or post-release. Come and ask questions before the election.

In July, Sheriff Peter Koutoujian spoke at a White House Forum on Disability and Criminal Justice about the large number of individuals with mental health needs in custody and the need for expanded pretrial diversion.

Come learn about the Middlesex Sheriff's Office Medication Assisted Treatment and Directed Opioid Recovery (MATADOR) Program and other initiatives serving our community members in custody and continuity of care upon leaving.

This event is hosted by the League of Women Voters of Arlington and many other cosponsors, including the Mystic Valley NAACP, Mass Incarceration Working Group of the First Parish Unitarian Universalist of Arlington, Massachusetts Community Action Network, and the Jobs NOT Jails Coalition.



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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 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 for November Election

For the election on Tuesday, November 8,
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, please call Phyllis
Maddox at 781-646-4362 or email her at
phyllismaddox@rcn.com.

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