

BULLETIN

League of Women Voters
Arlington, Massachusetts
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October 2019

Calendar

10/1	Tuesday 7 p.m.	LWVA Board meeting at Kim Haase's home, 88 Park Ave., Apt. 401. All members welcome. Directions on page 8.
10/17	Thursday 10 a.m to noon	LWVMA's Day on the Hill. Details on page 5.
11/12	Tuesday 7 p.m.	Save the date for a meeting with Middlesex County Sheriff Peter Koutoujian at the Angier Elementary School in Newton. The LWVA is a co-sponsor. More information will appear in the November Bulletin.

We extend a warm welcome to our newest member:

Barbara Thornton, 223 Park Avenue

Carolyn Parsons and Angela Olszewski: Co-Presidents
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Ann FitzGerald: Membership AnnFitz@rcn.com

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Co-President's Message

As I wrote this message last year and as I write this year, it is still decidedly sticky outside. I am looking forward to crisp, cool evenings and a fall excursion to pick out pumpkins and to gather lots of apples for baking.

Phyllis Maddox, my husband George, and I were on Mass. Ave. quite early to unload a car full of stuff for the Town Day booth. Samantha Dutra, a relatively new league member, also arrived early to help raise the canopy. Samantha is taller than I am; I spent a bit of time entertaining her ten-week old son, Benjamin, while Samantha and Phyllis put up banners, etc. Volunteers from surrounding booths also offered to help, making the task go relatively smoothly. Registering people to vote, providing information on State League positions, and handing out membership material in the League gives the community a human link with these activities. Thank you to all who volunteered their time. A special thank you must be given to Ann FitzGerald's son-in-law, Juan, who aired out the tent and then refolded everything. Showers do not come at the most convenient times.

Samantha Dutra has also joined the Board. Her portfolio is local action and she has been observing the meetings of the Arlington Redevelopment Board. Proposed zoning changes are certainly a hot issue in Arlington.

The Arlington League has accepted an invitation to join with other leagues in sponsoring a talk on November 12 with Middlesex County Sheriff Koutoujian. The location of the talk in Newton has not yet been determined but please mark your calendars.

Members of the Arlington League will be helping to facilitate the Cambridge Tenants Association election on October 19. League member, Patricia Lieberman, has joined the town's Complete Count Working Group, a committee organized to ensure all Arlington residents are counted in the 2020 census. Angela Olszewski, Co-President of the League, has become a member of the Capital Planning Committee.

Happy fall!

Carolyn Parsons

League Engages Voters at Town Day

The League of Women Voters of Arlington registered a dozen or so voters at this year's Town Day on September 14. The day was cloudy and comfortable, except for a downpour towards the end of the day that soaked our canopy. Many stopped by to ask questions, change their voting address, or join the League.

Thanks to the many volunteers who helped: Janice Bakey, Susan Born, Samantha Dutra, Kathy Fennelly, Ann FitzGerald, Wendy Forgie, Kim Haase, Pat Lieberson, Anne Linn, Phyllis Maddox, Carolyn Parsons, Peggy Reiners, and Meredith Zona.

Town Day volunteers Meredith Zona, Samantha Dutra, Wendy Forgie (standing), Phyllis Maddox and Carolyn Parsons (seated).

Photo by Samantha Dutra



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Join Us at Day on the Hill and Help Enact League Priority Legislation



From the State League

Democracy is not a spectator sport! It's time to take the field and make the League's voice heard loud and clear at the State House.

Our Day on the Hill lobby day, Time to Act, will be **Thursday, October 17**, in Room 428, with coffee at 9:30 a.m. and the program starting promptly at 10. After the program ends at noon, plan to meet with your own Senator and Representative.

Senate President Karen Spilka is our keynote speaker.

The program will also focus on legislation in four priority areas:

- Election Day Registration
- The climate crisis
- Education funding reform
- Women's reproductive rights

Please register in advance by going to <https://lwwma.org/senate-president-spilka-keynotes-lwwma-day-on-the-hill/> and clicking the link provided. The office will let legislators know to expect visits between noon and 1 p.m. from their League constituents for the League members who register before October 11. You can also contact your legislators directly to let them know you will be on Beacon Hill that day.

Visits from constituents are a powerful force for legislator action. We need you at the State House on October 17.



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Help Collect Signatures for League-Supported Ballot Questions

From the State League

The Board of the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts voted to begin support now for two of the ballot question initiatives: the petition to implement **ranked choice voting** in the state, and the Constitutional amendment to **restore the right of incarcerated prisoners to vote**.

The League's name will appear as a supporter of those two efforts, and we encourage local Leagues to participate in the signature-gathering process, perhaps with petitions at your fall events.

For information on working on the ranked choice voting ballot initiative, go the Voter Choice Massachusetts dedicated website for the effort, <https://voterchoice2020.org/>. For more information on ranked choice voting generally, including hosting a speaker in your community, go to <https://www.voterchoicema.org/>.

For information on working on the prisoner voting issue, see the Mass POWER tab on the Emancipation Organization website at <http://emancipationinitiative.org/>. To volunteer, click <http://emancipationinitiative.org/ballots-over-bars/>.

For more information on the LWVMA positions on ballot questions, go to <https://lwvma.org/lwvma-guide-to-2020-ballot-question-petitions/>.



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Directions to Kim Haase's home, 88 Park Ave., Apt. 401:

88 Park Avenue is the Locke School Condominium building at the corner of Park Avenue and Paul Revere Road, one block up the hill from Mass. Avenue. The building entrance is on Paul Revere Road; push the button for Apt. 401 to be buzzed in.

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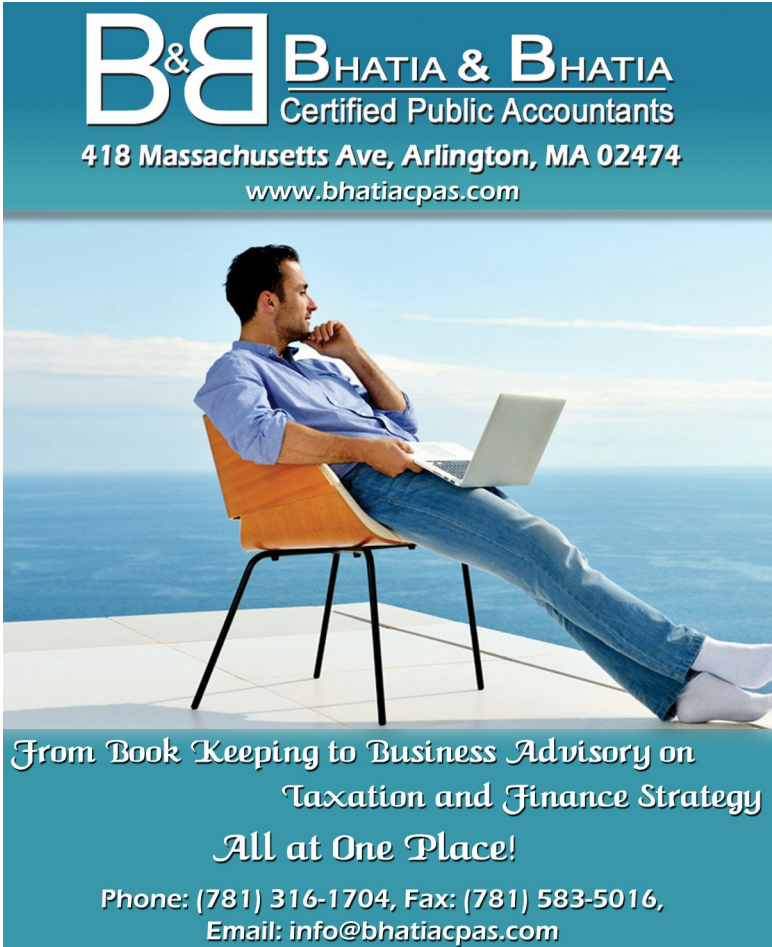
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Membership Application/Renewal Form

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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

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