



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FALMOUTH

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The League of Women voters, a nonpartisan national organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Any person of voting age, male or female, may become a League member.

Bulletin – February 2011

Member Events Calendar

February 2011

- 17 7:30 p.m. **Meeting: Legislative Program,**
Falmouth Town Hall (Dinner at Peking Palace at 6:00 p.m.)
- 22 7:30 p.m. **Board Meeting** (Board Room, Falmouth Hospital)

March 2011

- 17 7:30 p.m. **Meeting: Local Program Planning**
Falmouth Town Hall (Dinner at Peking Palace at 6:00 p.m.)
- 22 7:30 p.m. **Board Meeting** (Board Room, Falmouth Hospital)

Looking ahead

- March 5 **Massachusetts League – Women’s Health in the 21st Century** (more info inside)
- March 18 **Cape Cod League’s Annual Legislative Breakfast** (flyer and registration form inside)
- April 13 **Day on the Hill – Massachusetts State House**
- May 17 **Falmouth Town Election**
- May 20-21 **Massachusetts League State Convention**

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If you wish to join the League, membership dues are \$50.00 for an individual membership and \$25.00 for an additional household member.

Send your check made out to *LWV of Falmouth* to the address shown above.

Please include your name, address and phone number.

You do not have to be a resident of Falmouth to join.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Kathy Mortenson

LWVF Membership Directory 2010-2011 updates

Correction - email for Joanne Voorhis - jvoorhis@gmail.com

U.S. Government - House of Representatives

Delete - Rep. William Delahunt and

Add:

Rep. William Keating

10th Congressional District

315 Cannon House Office Building

Washington DC 20515-2110

Phone: 202-225-3111

Website: keating.house.gov

Local Office:

297 North Street, Suite 312

Hyannis, MA 02061

Phone: 508-771-0666

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Delete - Rep. Matthew Patrick and

Add:

Rep. David T. Vieira

Falmouth Pcts. 3,4,7,8,9,

State House, Room B2

Boston, MA 02133

Phone: 617-722-2425

Local Office:

346 Gifford Street, Unit 3

Falmouth, MA 02540

Phone: 508-548-8683

Email: david.vieira@mahouse.gov

LWVF BOOK GROUP

Kathy Mortenson

Please join us for the next book discussion on Wednesday, March 16 at 3:00pm.

We will be discussing the book - *At the Dark End of the Street: Black Women, Rape, and Resistance-- A New History of the Civil Rights Movement from Rosa Parks to the Rise of Black Power* by Danielle L. McGuire. You can reserve a copy of the book through CLAMS at the Falmouth Public Library's website www.falmouthpubliclibrary.org. I have a copy of the book already and I will pass it around to anyone who would like to read the book right away.

Kathy Mortenson mortensonk@aol.com or 508-457-4410. Discussions will take place at Kathy's house - 116 Pin Oak Way (downtown near Mill Road) - last house on the left.

LWVF FRIENDS FOR 2010-2011

Dorothy and Duncan Aspinwall

Frank Egloff

Sally Fritz

Avery Funkhouser

Avis and Marv Grosslein

Christina Jacobi

Susan Kingwill

Winnie and Bill Mackey

Polly Montgomery

Dorothy Ryder

Robert Schneider

Deborah G. Senft

John and Freddy Valois

Helen Wilson



STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

Barbara Kanellopoulos

Twenty-six chilled League members gathered on the evening of January 20 to find out what's been going on at the national and state levels of our organization.

Coaching help for local Leagues

LWVUS has a new president, elected at the 2010 Convention. She is Elizabeth MacNamara, a retired trial attorney. In her acceptance speech, she reaffirmed the National Board's commitment to support local Leagues. The Board has established a Leadership Foundation to help us increase membership, gain visibility, and develop leaders. National coaches, known as Ruth S Shur Fellows, will conduct state-level training for selected members who will, in turn, share successful strategies with local Leagues. For sure, help from skilled coaches is always welcome. Even so, we take pride in those imaginative members who are already devising ways to engage the Falmouth community, recruit new members, provide leadership, and streamline operations.

Our State Board

Kathy Mortensen and Meg Borden attended a State focus group in Weymouth where they learned that the State Board is working through some financial difficulties. The Board has strong leadership in President Marcia Hirshberg who is also a Ruth S. Shur Fellow. We can assume that she and her colleagues have straightened things out by now.

Arms Control update

A concern for the well being of all people is a common thread running through the League's State and National Positions. Nowhere is that concern more urgent than in our National Position on Arms Control, written in 1983. Since then, countries with nuclear capability have increased as has traffic in nuclear materials by non-state agents. After months of exhaustive study, the Arms Control Task Force presented its findings at Convention. The proposed changes were accepted and are available on the LWVUS website. In part, they emphasize the need for United States leadership and the importance of international institutions and multilateral agreements in achieving arms control.

National Studies

The Federal Role in Public Education is our National Study for 2010-2012. President Obama's call for education reform in his State of the Union address underscores its timeliness. Issues of equity, funding, standards, and assessment are the Study's central concerns. We'll have more information by Spring of this year. The expectation is that we'll participate and reach consensus by the Fall of 2011.

A second study, *The Impact on Local Communities of Privatizing Government Services*, was not recommended by the National Board but was accepted by a majority vote at Convention. The National Board is forming a Committee to plan the Study and will announce the process soon. The Seattle League mounted a strong argument for this Study. Their own exemplary study of privatization, available on their website, traces the history of the trend and its ideological roots, gives examples of successes and failures, and provides a rationale for why LWVUS should take a position on the issue of privatization.

As we work to help make democracy work, at a time when nothing seems permanent but snow, keep in mind the poet Shelley's cheering observation: "If Winter's here, can Spring be far behind?"

Happy Valentine's Day.

2011 Annual Town Election Schedule
Information provided by Falmouth Town Clerk

Wednesday	February 23th	Nomination papers available
Friday	March 25th	Last day to obtain nomination papers
Tuesday	March 29th	Last day to return nomination papers
Monday	April 4th	Drawing for ballot position
Thursday	April 14th	Last day to withdraw from Election
Wednesday	April 27th	Last day to register to vote for Annual Town Election
Tuesday	May 17th	ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

TOWN WIDE OFFICES

Selectman	(elect two)	for three years
Trustee of the Public Library	(elect three)	for three years
Planning Board	(elect two)	for three years
School Committee	(elect three)	for three years
Housing Authority	(elect one)	for five years

TOWN MEETING MEMBERS

Elect nine in each Precinct for three years

Town wide offices are required to collect 50 signatures from registered voters of the Town of Falmouth.

Town Meeting Members are required to collect 10 signatures from registered voters in the Precinct they are registered to vote.

Town Meeting Members who are candidates for re-election do not need to take out nomination papers, but must return Notice mailed to them by the Town Clerk.

The order in which names of candidates, including incumbents, appear on the ballot will be determined by a public drawing on April 4th at 10 a.m. in the Town Clerk's Office.

A CONVERSATION WITH OUR LOCAL STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Meg L. Borden, Legislative Liaison

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." -Margaret Mead, American Cultural Anthropologist

The 187th Session of the State Legislature has just commenced and we have an opportunity to chat with our local representatives David T. Vieira and Timothy R. Madden. Thursday night February 17th, 7:30 p.m. at Falmouth Town Hall citizens will be able to sit side by side with our representatives and engage in conversation about the issues that we would like them to focus on during this legislative session. What are your priorities? Please be prepared to share at least one concern or suggestion so that you can participate in this conversation. Citizen participation is essential.

WANTED: A LWVF VOLUNTEER TO EDIT AND PRODUCE THE MONTHLY BULLETIN

Judy Fenwick

My commitments on the Falmouth School Committee and at WHOI's Deep Submergence Lab don't leave me with the time to continue editing and producing the League's monthly Bulletin. The Bulletin requires about 6-7 hours at the end of each month: collecting articles from League members, word processing and formatting the input during the last weekend, and creating a pdf files with Adobe Acrobat for the League's website and the print version. If you or someone you know might be willing, please contact me (jfenwick@whoi.edu) or Kathy Mortenson (mortensonk@aol.com).



LWVCCA ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST
Friday, March 18, 2011, 7:30-9:30 am
Ardeo at Kings Way, Rt. 6A, Yarmouth Port

(If LWVF members want to carpool to Yarmouth Port, contact Kathy Mortenson (508) 457-4410.)

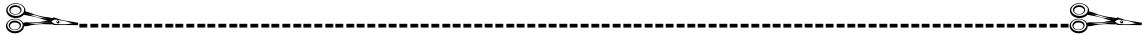
This is a special annual opportunity to meet and hear our state legislators speak on timely issues of importance to League members. Spouses and guests welcome! Don't miss it!

Coffee will be available starting at 7:30 am. Buffet breakfast will be served at 8 and includes freshly baked muffins, danish, fruit, scrambled eggs, bacon & sausage, home fries, waffles, coffee, herbal teas, and assorted juices. Cost is \$20.

Directions to Ardeo at Kings Way (via Rt. 6):

Take Rt. 6 to exit 8 (Union St./Station Ave.). Go north on Union St. about a mile until road comes to a T (gas station in front of you). Go right onto 6A, following 6A for about a mile, passing two pizza restaurants on the right and a small plaza and Manchester Rd. on the left. Kings Way is on your left (small white sign. (If you reach Peterson's/RiteAid plaza or the Dennis town line, you've gone too far.) Go past the guard house and the tennis courts on your left. Take the next left into the parking lot of Ardeo.

Fill out and send in the coupon below, along with your check. **Reservations must be received by March 11. No refunds after March 11.** Any questions? Call Elaine Bono, 508-375-9421.



REGISTRATION FORM
LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST
FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2011, 7:30 AM

Please note the location—Ardeo at Kings Way, Rt. 6A, Yarmouth Port. Cost is \$20 per person and includes a full buffet breakfast, tax, and gratuity. Make your check payable to LWVCCA and send to:

Elaine Bono, 19 Pine Grove, Yarmouth Port, MA 02675

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: _____ (in case we need to call you for weather cancellation)

Attending: _____ Amt. enclosed: \$_____

Please note: no-shows might be billed.

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Women’s Health in the 21st Century: What We Need to Know

March 5, 2011
McPherson Hall in
Medical Arts Building
MWMC, Framingham Campus
85 Lincoln Street, Framingham, MA
Snow Date: March 26, 2011
9:30 Registration and Refreshments
10:00 Impact of Media on Women’s Health
Keynote speaker,
Judy Norsigian, Executive Director of
Our Bodies Ourselves
11:00 Disparities in Access and Treatment
Cheryl Hamlin, MD
11:30 Mental Health Issues for Women
Georgia Sassen, PhD
12:00 Health Fair

March 12, 2011
Wesley United Methodist Church
98 North Maple Street, Hadley MA
Snow Date: April 2, 2011
9:30 Registration and Refreshments
9:50 Welcome – Ellen Story, State Rep.
10:00 Why Should We Talk About Women’s
Health? - Katherine Reeves, PhD, MPH
10:20 Vitamin D and Women’s Health
- Elizabeth Bertone-Johnson, ScD, SM
10:40 The Impact of Physical Activity
on Women’s Health - Erin Snook, PhD
--- Break ---
11:10 More is not Always Better: Why
Comparative Effective Research Should
be Your Friend - Arlene Ash, PhD
11:30 Lesbian & Transgender Health: Needs &
Disparities in Care - J. Mary Sorrell
11:50 Our Bodies Ourselves: Women
Growing Older - Joan Ditzion, MSW
12:10 Discussion Sessions with Speaker of Choice
Health Fair

Free and open to the public. There will be a question and answer period after each speaker.

Free parking at both facilities. For more information go to: lwmvma@lwmvma.org

Directions to Framingham: By car from the west: Take Route. 9. Turn left onto Main St. Continue about .02 of a mile to Union Street (a slight turn right). Go about 1.88 miles and turn left onto Lincoln Street. Turn left into a parking lot in front of Framingham Union Hospital or across the street from it. McPherson Hall is in the Medical Arts Bldg. at 85 Lincoln St. From the east: Take Route 9. Turn right onto Main St. and follow above directions.

By train: Take train to Framingham. Walk 2 blocks east to Union Street; turn left onto Union Street; walk 3 blocks (on the right). Turn right onto Henry St., walk one block. The Medical Arts Bldg at 85 Lincoln St. will be across the street.

Directions to Hadley church: Take Route 9 to Hadley. At the intersection with N. Maple St. (Taco Bell, Home Depot), turn at the lights toward Home Depot. Continue straight thru the next lights at the Rocky Hill Rd. intersection. The church will be on your left just a short distance past that intersection.

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