CALENDAR

Tuesday November 1
9:30am

Board Meeting
Cape Cod Five, Dennis Branch

Tuesday November 8
7am - 8pm

ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 15
10am -

Third Week Coffee
Home of Amy Harris
4 Chapel Hill La., S. Harwich

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, December 3
9:30 am - Noon

Holiday Brunch
Riverway, S. Yarmouth

Tuesday, December 6
9am - Noon

Consensus Meeting, Charter Schools
Harwich Community Center
Please see details on P6

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

This marathon to the 2016 presidential election will finally end on November 8th. I will be relieved to wrap myself in the mylar blanket that is handed-out at the finish line of every marathon; to leave my binge watching of all politics all day and return to the Elena Ferrante novels. I plan to begin detoxing from the bile that has built up in my digestive system and to get a micro-derm abrasion treatment to reduce the lines that have appeared on my face in these last months of the "run to the White House". Then I plan to mount a full-out effort to celebrate my womanhood!

The League was founded on the work of suffragettes--brave, intelligent, women warriors who changed the world. More than ninety years later women are demeaned as a routine part of campaign rhetoric. I was disgusted to hear that "harmless locker room talk" was just boys being boys, reducing all men to morons who only pretend to respect women. We have made great progress yet we are still judged by our looks, our temperament (women are "bossy", men are direct), our husbands’ behavior. And, I can't forget "...such a nasty woman... ". I was wondering if a fact check or some other 21st century invention could check on the number of times in a presidential campaign the word “nasty” was called out by male candidates to discredit male opponents during a debate.

Many years ago I was discussing the line between core values and philosophical bias. Truth, integrity, respect of differences, you know, core values we should all aspire to. Perhaps you interpret my words as political bias, I hope not. The feeling expressed in my words is my disdain for racism, sexism, religious intolerance and intolerance of any kind. Whoever the winner is on Nov. 8 is important but our behavior as citizens and our commitment to the core values of our democracy is the only path to creating civilized and respectful political dialogue. I believe the League of Women Voters can lead this challenging and necessary work. Together we most definitely can help change the political narrative from hate speak to civilized discourse about issues that matter to all citizens.

I would like to wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving. We all have much to be thankful for as participating members in this great experiment called the United States of America.

Scotti
Holiday Brunch  
Saturday, December 3, 2016  
9:30-Noon  

From Phyllis Walsh

We will again have our holiday brunch at the Riverway Restaurant in South Yarmouth. This has been a special place for our league so we’ve returned year after year. The food is always delicious, the dining area is bright and spacious and the parking is easy. The date is Saturday, December 3, 9:30-Noon. Please get your reservation in early - deadline is Monday, Nov 28.

Our guest speaker will be Andi Genser, Executive Director of We Can of Cape Cod. Andi has served as the Executive Director of WE CAN since March 2010. This is a Cape Cod organization that empowers women to achieve lasting, positive change. Prior to her move to Cape Cod in 2008, Andi worked in the Boston area in a wide range of nonprofits that support children and families. In all of these roles Andi brought her passion social justice, commitment to working in collaboration with others and a focus on providing participant-centered services. Andi is a parent, grandparent and loves cycling the roads and bike paths of Cape Cod.

Please see AND SAVE the brunch menu, directions and reservation-payment coupon at the end of this VOTER.
The Youth Service Committee is pleased to announce that, in collaboration with The Cape Cod Foundation, we are able to award three grants to support civic education in area school districts. We have additionally given an extension to another school district whose proposal is very promising but needs further implementation details.

The grantees are Barnstable High School’s Advanced Placement (AP) U.S. Government and Politics class and AP Human Geography class, Dennis-Yarmouth Regional High School’s AP U.S. History class and Senior Honors Seminar class, and Nathaniel H. Wixon Innovation School’s Fifth Grade class. Grants will support transportation costs associated with an interactive simulation experience to the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate.

The Institute's Senate Immersion Module (SIM) is a program for middle and high school students that uses negotiation and debate skills to learn about the legislative process. Using advanced technology on tablets provided by the Institute, groups of students work together to create a bill on a historic issue or on current policies affecting the country.

The key objective is for students to learn about and participate in democracy. As students master this civic process they will have an enhanced understanding of the complexity of our government procedures and an increased knowledge and confidence enabling them to be more engaged and active citizens in the school and community.

This represents a distribution of $2,200 from the LWV Civic Education Fund of the Cape Cod Foundation with potentially an additional $750 to the school district that receives an extension.

We would like to thank our League members and friends who attended the Jimmy Tingle performance and all of our donors. While the Jimmy Tingle performance was not well enough attended to earn a great deal more than our costs, we were able to net between attendance and donations to the performance fund a total of $620. Additionally, we have received donations directly to the LWV Civic Education Fund of the Cape Cod Foundation and we would like to express our sincere appreciation to these additional donors:

- Ranney & Rimington Custom Carpentry
- Unique Properties Real Estate, Inc.
- The Cape Cod Foundation
- The Briggs Fund of The Cape Cod Foundation
- The Clifford Fund of The Cape Cod Foundation
- The Helen S. Aaron Educational Trust of the League of Women Voters of the Cape Cod Area
- The League of Women Voters of Falmouth
VOTER SERVICE REPORT

From Debbie Beal, Joan Grant, Chris Meade

Voter Registration at Cape Cod Community College
The college asked the League to assist students and staff with voter registration and education. On October 5, we set up in two locations from 11:00 to 1:30 and again at 5:00 to 6:30 for maximum exposure. Twenty five students and staff members registered. About 5 students were given the form to complete later and information for online registration. A majority of the students said they were already registered. Only a very few who said they were not interested. We shared information about the extended voting hours, ballot questions, upcoming debates, and answered general voting related questions. The Voter Service co-chairs would like to thank Betsy Gasek, Matilda Ligon, Anita Rogers, Renate Sands and Phyllis Walsh for participating in this event.

Candidate Debates
On October 15, the League cosponsored two debates with the Cape Cod Times at the Cape Cod Community College. The first debate was held with the two candidates running for the MA State Senate -- Julian Cyr (D) and Tony Schiavi (R). The second debate was held with 4 of the candidates running for the U.S. House of Representatives: Mark Alliegro (R), Chris Cataldo (I), Paul Harrington (I) and Bill Keating (D). It is estimated about 120 people attended. Nancy Carapezza moderated the debate.

On October 21, we sponsored a debate at the Media Center for the 4 candidates running for two County Commissioner seats--Ron Beaty, Linda Bond, Mary Pat Flynn and Mark Forest.

The Voter Service co-chairs would like to extend their thanks to the many League members who assisted at the debates. They are Betsy Bray, Nancy Erskine, Scotti Finnegan, Freddie FitzGerald, Betsy Gasek, Amy Harris, Karen Mazza, Anita Rogers, Pat Ryle, Renate Sands, Florence Seldin, Judy Thomas and Phyllis Walsh.

Both debates were taped by the Cape Cod Community Media Center. The following are the links to view the debates.
U.S. House of Representatives: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vBW0AYc1ips
MA State Senate: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UAGX5jHi9ds

Editor's note: the above events might be described as the swan song for outgoing Voter Service Chairs Chris Meade and Joan Grant ~ who have graciously served for an extended term in order to facilitate the many extra calls on the League in this election year. We extend our appreciation to Joan and Chris for their outstanding work. They are a hard act to follow, but incoming chair Debbie Beal has already proven up to the task and we wish her well.
CONSENSUS MEETING DECEMBER 6

From Scotti Finnegan, President

Coming to consensus is a time-honored League process. On Tuesday, December 6th, we will begin the process of developing our local League consensus that we will submit to the LWVMA study on Charter Schools. It is important that the policy statement that the State develop reflects the viewpoints of members across the state and that it reflects the diversity of our leagues. Let’s make sure that our views are represented.

Our study meeting has been moved to Tuesday, December 6th at the Harwich Community Center and will run from 9am to noon. The change was made in order that members will have more time to read the study material -- which totals 50 pages in all. We have printed copies of the material for everyone who will be participating in the study. Others who do not wish to participate, but would like to read the materials, can access them from the LWVMA website under member resources.

Please RSVP as soon as possible to scottifinnegan@gmail.com to indicate that you will be participating -- we will get the material to you. Thank you.
A WARM WELCOME TO . . .
From Phyllis Walsh, Membership Committee

Our newest member, Margaret (Peggy) Rose. Peggy was born on Cape Cod and has lived most of her life here. She currently lives in West Harwich and is employed by the town of Yarmouth where she is the secretary for the health department.

Peggy is an active member of the Harwich Voter Information Committee. It is through this committee that she met Judy Thomas at a local candidates debate. Judy extended an invitation to everyone there to join LWVCCA and Peggy responded to that invitation. Peggy was familiar with our league because her in-laws were friends of Helen Aaron, a former president of our league from 1980-1982 and the founder of our the Helen S. Aaron Educational Trust.

Besides the Harwich Voter Information Committee, Peggy is on the Brooks Academy Museum Commission (also a town committee). . . serves on the board of the Harwich Historical Society and volunteers for the Harwich Conservation Trust, the Yarmouth Food Pantry and at Harwich Chamber of Commerce events. She’s also on the advisory boards of the Cape Cod Baseball League Hall of Fame and the Cape Women’s Coalition.

Now Peggy is also looking forward to active participation in our league. She is interested in Voter Service, County Government and Youth Service. Please add Peggy’s information to your Handbook.

Margaret Rose
87 Grey Neck Rd., West Harwich 02671
508 432-6648 prose@yarmouth.ma.us
President Scotti Finnegan reported on the recent Massachusetts League’s Leadership Lunch which she attended. Subjects under discussion were the state’s upcoming Charter School Study, engaging more people in the work of the League, and finding partnerships with other like-minded organizations. The Board voted to seek out “purposeful invitees,” to our Charter Schools study -- people with special knowledge of the issues, who could add information to the morning study session. Debbie Beal and Amy Harris will find a location for the meeting originally scheduled for October 22 (but subsequently postponed to early December).

Total income for the month of September was $255.36, total expenses were $2,107.69 leaving a balance as of September 30, 2016 of $8,189.75. Income from the Jimmy Tingle fundraiser was deposited in the Cape Cod Foundation account. Ticket sales and contributions covered expenses and made money for the Civic Education project, enabling us to provide more grants to schools than last year.

At the strategic planning sessions in the spring of 2016, members proposed having a speaker series. The Board decided to add this topic to the November agenda. Suggestions for topics and speakers welcomed.

Scotti will seek a replacement for Phyllis Koppel, who had to resign as Communications Chair. Any volunteers? In addition, the State League is encouraging a social media presence and is offering help to set up and maintain it. Richard Utt offered to maintain our Facebook account. Suzanne Finney moved to appropriate $519 to acquire 100 “VOTE” signs for roadsides, sponsored by the LWVCCA and indicated that she would set them up and take them down. The Board rejected the offer for now but agreed to investigate and possibly support the idea for the future. At present there were too many complications to implement the plan for this election. Scotti Finnegan offered to contact the MA Dept. of Transportation to suggest “Vote” be the message on electronic highway signs before the election. Nancy Erskine suggested that local cable stations can drop in “Vote” signs with the LWV logo.

Amy Harris reported that Sir Speedy has changed its computer program, leading to many complications and undue costs in the printing of the 2016-2017 Handbook. She offered to investigate alternative printing possibilities, including Cape Cod Technical High School.
REMEMBERING . . .

Jane Colby, long-time LWVCCA member from Chatham who in recent years lived at Heatherwood in Kings Way, died last July in her 87th year. After graduating from Fordham (summa cum laude), she went on to earn a Master’s in Speech and Language from Northwestern and entered onto a fifty year career in working with speech-impaired students in five states, finally retiring from the Nauset Regional School system and embarking on numerous volunteer pursuits and world travel, especially with Elderhostel. Jane was a proud member of LWVCCA for 18 years, five of those as Membership Chair.

James “Jim” Curley, the husband of LWVCCA member and long-serving board member Nancy Curley, passed away on October 7 at Mayflower Place, where he and Nancy had moved just a few years ago because of Jim’s failing health. He was a career educator with degrees from Harvard (where he and Nancy met) and Middlebury, worked abroad with the USIA and Ford Foundation and was administrator of several independent high schools in North Carolina and Massachusetts. Our condolences go to Nancy and her family.
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LWVCCA

HOLIDAY BRUNCH & PROGRAM

Saturday, December 3
9:30-12:00

RIVERWAY LOBSTER HOUSE
1338 Route 28, South Yarmouth

SPEAKER: Andi Genser, Executive Director, WE CAN

BRUNCH BUFFET

Fresh Fruit
Pastries (mini muffins, mini Danish, scones)
Vegetable Quiche
Bacon and Sausage
French Toast
Coffee, Tea and Juice

Cost: $16.00/person, tax and gratuity included

Deadline for reservations ~ Monday, November 28. Please complete the form below and send with payment of $16/person made out to LWVCCA c/o Ira Seldin, 321 Deer Meadow Lane, Chatham, MA 02633.

Directions: From Route 6 take exit 8 south onto Station Avenue for two miles. Make a slight right onto Main St. (short distance) and then a right onto Rt. 28 at the traffic light. Destination is immediately on your right.

Reservation Form

Member Name __________________________________________

Guest(s)________________________________________________________________________

Number of persons________ @ $16. Check enclosed for $__________