THE CAPE COD VOTER
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CALENDAR

Tuesday October 6
9:30am
Board Meeting
Cape Cod Five, Dennis

Sunday, October 18
3:00 - 5:00pm
Jazz on a Sunday Afternoon
First Congregational Church
329 Route 6A, Yarmouth Port

Friday October 23
10:30 - Noon
Consensus Discussion on LWVUS
Study on the Constitutional Amendment Process
Brewster Ladies Library
Please see steering committee report for details

LOOKING AHEAD . . .

Tuesday November 3
9:30am
Board Meeting
Cape Cod Five, Dennis

Tuesday November 17
Third Week Coffee
Money in Politics
Review & update of LWVUS campaign finance position
Time & location tba
FROM THE LWVCCA STEERING COMMITTEE

A busy season of LWVCCA events is underway! We got off to a good start with our September 24th coffee and discussion on the Pilgrim nuclear power plant. The full-year's calendar is included elsewhere in this issue and, as always, in the LWVCCA Member Handbook, which is “hot off the press.” Those of you who attended the September 24 coffee and discussion already have yours. We will distribute them at the October 6 board meeting…and the remainder will be mailed on October 7.

Our first-ever fundraiser is coming up on Sunday, October 18 in Yarmouth Port and we hope to see many of you there. You’ll enjoy a unique, private jazz concert presented by Jamie Bryce (husband of Kay) and his ensemble, share delicious food and spend time getting to know one another socially. Special thanks to Kay, Marilyn Gullett, and Bobbi Rennie-Greer for their leadership on this special event. Further details and a ticket order form are included elsewhere in this issue. Remember, funds from this event go directly to our programs and activities. Please join us!

Another important date: October 23. The LWVUS has instituted a study and consensus process to consider methods of amending the U.S. Constitution. Article V of the Constitution provides two methods of amendment: (A) Congress may propose amendments by a 2/3 vote of both House and Senate or (B) the legislatures of 2/3 of the states may call a convention for proposing amendments (commonly called an Article V Convention). Amendments proposed by either method must then be ratified by 3/4 of the states.

The League’s study of amendment is in three parts: 1) developing guidelines for evaluating amendment proposals; 2) considering aspects of an Article V Convention that may be important in calling for such a convention (an Art. V Convention has never been successfully invoked); and 3) how the League might put its guidelines into practice.

We have scheduled our discussion on this important issue for 10:30 a.m., October 23, at Brewster Ladies’ Library. There are 15 consensus questions posed by the LWVUS that seek to identify the shared values and beliefs within the League that might endorse an amendment or an Art. V Convention. The League has provided an extensive bibliography for background. More detailed information will be sent to members early in October. Please plan to attend. It’s important! (Coffee will be served.)

The League is only as strong as the activity of its members ~ so your work on a committee adds greatly to our effectiveness. The LWVCCA Voter Service, Healthcare, County Government, Legislation, Fundraising, Membership, Youth Service and Economic Opportunity Committees would all welcome your help!

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Afternoon of Traditional Jazz
With
Jamie Bryce, Mike Hashem, Paul Nossiter
& Friends
Music, Conversation, Stories (embellished)
Instrument Display:
Banjos of the Jazz Era
*Private Collection

\ Sunday October 18th 3-5 pm
First Congregational Church
329 Main Street
Yarmouthport, MA

Refreshments
Tickets: $20
Proceeds benefit:
League of Women Voters® of the Cape Cod Area
HEALTH COMMITTEE  
Submitted by Amy Harris, Chair

Your Health Committee is ready to meet and we hope you may join us. Our next meeting is Thursday, October 1, 2015 at 1 PM at 4 Chapel Hill Lane, South Harwich.

We are planning a forum for late winter or early spring. As a follow-up to last Spring’s forum we are looking at health issues and their coverage under ACA, particularly mental health aspects. We are also following the pending legislation re the decriminalization and the regulation of production and distribution of marijuana.

New members are always welcome. Please contact Amy Harris for any questions, concerns, ideas, or interests – amyharrisjge@gmail.com or 508-432-0763

(Directions: from Harwich Center (Exit 10), take Rte 39 east about half a mile and take right fork onto Chatham Road. Follow this road several miles until you see “Outer Cape Health Services” on right and old colonial churchyard on left. Immediately past the churchyard’s iron fence, turn left onto Mohawk Road. Chapel Hill goes off Mohawk. If you come to the junction with Rte 28, you’ve gone too far.)

VOTER SERVICE  
From Joan Grant & Chris Meade

Candidates’ Workshop: The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, January 23 from 10:00 to 12:00. It will be held at the Cape Cod Community Media Center in Dennis Port. Linda Cebula, from Cape Women’s Coalition, and Julie Quintero, from Cape Cod Young Professionals, have joined the committee. Their organizations are cosponsors of the workshop.
LEGISLATIVE REPORT

From Renate Sands, Legislative Chair

Following is a chart showing bills presently making their way through the Legislature. The first eight bills concern the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station and have been introduced to the legislature. The Zoning Reform bill was re-introduced again this year because last year it did not pass but it did move forward. The three mental health bills listed had the most likelihood of passing according to one of our local legislators. The last act H.3665, an Act to Improve Public Records, has made it to the House Ways and Means Committee. Newspapers are very much in favor of this act and the Cape Cod Times has been very active in advocating for it through articles and editorials.

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<td>Increase funding for monitoring and testing</td>
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<td>Install radiological air monitoring stations</td>
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<td>Create public education zones near nuclear plants</td>
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<td>H.2167</td>
<td>Assess preparedness for radiological accident</td>
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The LWVMA suggests that a quick phone call or e-mail to the legislators, giving your name, address and stating your support or opposition to the bill in question makes a huge difference. A long statement is not necessary. The LWVMA also encourages local Leagues to invite Legislators to meet with members, perhaps at a regular meeting, a coffee one morning or over wine and cheese. If the schedule does not allow for a formal meeting, two or three members could meet with legislators during their in-district office hours.
MEMBERSHIP NEWS

From Helen Bresnahan, Membership Chair

Phyllis Koppel - Chatham

After winter/summer commuting between Sarasota and Cape Cod for ten years, Phyllis has decided to re-establish permanent roots in Chatham ~ in the home she has owned since 1977. With two grown daughters and grandchildren living in Connecticut and Alaska, she has taken opportunities to keep in touch and visit them often. Back on the Cape Phyllis enjoys walking, hiking, travel, tennis, and boating to North Beach Island. Culturally, she enjoys opera and symphony.

With a B.A. from New York University and an M.A. from Wesleyan, Phyllis taught English for some years at Conrad High School in West Hartford. Since retiring in 1996, she has taught at Fisher College, Cape Cod Community College and State College of Florida. She is member of AAUW.

Having originally joined LWV in West Hartford, Phyllis was also a member of LWVCCA some ten years ago and now has renewed that membership. She is looking forward to meeting with us and participating in our activities.

Welcome back, Phyllis!

OUR CONDOLENCES

To the family of Alyce Favreau, who died recently in Brewster. A lifetime member of LWV in both Virginia and on the Cape, Alyce served as our president 1986-1987. She also served on the Brewster Conservation Commission, Board of Health and Brewster Garden Club as well as many other appointed positions.

NOTES from SEPTEMBER 8 LWVCCA BOARD MEETING

1. Joan Bernstein is the steering committee member following activities of LWVUS.
2. The October 20 coffee meeting will discuss LWVUS study questions on the Constitutional Amendment Process. Material is available on the LWVMA website.
3. The Economic Opportunity committee is tentatively planning a forum for spring 2016, focused on growing the Cape Cod economy in a manner that benefits all.
4. The Civic Education Fund holds $3500 in grant funds to be awarded on a competitive basis to high schools applying
5. Please “Like” our Facebook page.
6. Nancy Curley has resigned as chair & member of the county committee and the board for personal reasons. The committee needs a new chair/co-chairs.
7. We currently have about 72-73 LWVCCA members.
8. CCod Community College has the ability to archive our important documents.
9. Jari Rapaport has been appointed to the Board as a member at large.
REPLY AND PAYMENT COUPON

“AN AFTERNOON OF TRADITIONAL JAZZ”
Treat yourself, family and friends to a wonderful Fall Sunday afternoon of traditional jazz ~ while you help support LWVCCA ongoing activities. Member Kay Bryce’s husband and his friends* have managed to assemble a notable collection of fine instruments from the Jazz Age ~ and now perform with them at venues across the Cape and far afield. They will be coming to us fresh from a performance at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston ~ so don’t miss the opportunity to enjoy some fine jazz and help LWVCCA at the same time.
Tickets are $20 and will be held at the door.

Name: _____________________________(Phone)____________________
Number of guests: ______________________
Payment enclosed @ $20 per person $__________________Check made out to LWVCCA
Send to: Ira Seldin, 321 Deer Meadow Lane, Chatham MA 02633

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Artists’ Biographies

Jamie Bryce took up the banjo “in self-defense”. His father was a player and avid collector of banjos. Banjos all over the house, in every room, banjo cases in every closet. Banjo music was a constant. By his teens, Jamie had realized it was either learn to play or go mad. Beginning at Your Father’s Mustache nightclubs in the late 1960s he has continued to play in various groups from New Orleans to New England, none very famous (he says).

Mike Hashem calls himself a “journeyman banjo player” and avid collector who has performed from Hawaii to New Orleans and lately from Ossipee, New Hampshire. He worked at Sweeney’s Gay Nineties in the ‘70s…won the 1985 U.S. Open Banjo Championship…and now performs regularly with the Connecticut Festival Jazz Band and his own group, “Dixieland Strollers” Among his prize banjos is an All-American Tenor Banjo, of which only about ten were made.

Paul Nossiter--clarinet has been playing and teaching jazz for nearly 75 years, and on Cape Cod for many of those. He learned the old-fashioned way--by ear--from clarinetist Rod Cless of the great Muggsy Spanier Ragtime Orchestra, who taught Paul the melodies first and then improvised over Paul’s playing. After a year, Rod said, “I’ll play melody and you improvise.” “What do I do?” said Paul. “Haven’t you been listening?” Rod replied. After that it was simple, says Paul. He has since worked with most of the jazz greats, in most of the great jazz venues, in the US and Europe. *Ask him about the night he opened Storyville on Cape Cod--with Louis Armstrong and Phyllis Diller.

The LWVCCA is fortunate to have the benefit of the time and talent of these fine musicians. We are enormously grateful.