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CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 2
9:30 am

LWVCCA Board Meeting
Cape Cod 5 Dennis

Monday, November 7
1:00pm

Health Care Committee
Home of Barbara Blanchard

Monday, November 14
1:30 pm

County Government Committee
Place to be announced

Saturday, November 19
9:30-Coffee 10:00-Meeting

Conversation With Kathy
Cobblestone Landing, Nantucket
Village

See Story inside for Directions

Thursday, November 24

Happy Thanksgiving

HOLIDAY BRUNCH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

November 2011

Dear Leaguers,

*You are cordially invited to
"A Conversation with Kathy"
(Schatzberg)
Saturday, November 19, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.
Clubhouse at Cobblestone Landing, Hyannis*

Dr. Kathy Schatzberg, president of Cape Cod Community College, has been a member *and* friend of the League of Women Voters of the Cape Cod Area since coming to the Cape in 1998. In June, she will be leaving the college for retirement. Before she leaves, the board and I thought it would be a great time and wonderful opportunity for us to have a conversation with Kathy about a wide range of subjects. To help us facilitate this conversation will be another League member, Naomi Ahrenberg, local NPR personality, member of the Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester League *and* a good friend if our League. Toward the end of the conversation, the floor will be open for you to ask your own questions of Kathy. The morning promises to be fascinating and stimulating

Over the years, Kathy has been most gracious in sharing the facilities of the college with us for debates and forums and was herself a key player in the development of our 2010 forum on civility. When we celebrated the 50th anniversary of our League's founding on the Cape, Kathy was with us as honored guest and speaker. She remains honored guest, but even more than that, she is a very special friend.

The board and I hope that November 19, Saturday morning, will be marked on your calendar for this special event. [Look inside for the directions and further details.](#)

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Have you visited the Massachusetts League website recently? Often times local Leagues feel a disconnect between what the League is doing locally and what is happening at the state and national levels of our organization. The newly refurbished home page of LWVMA is brimming with information about what the state League is doing and what many local Leagues are doing. The website is easy: HYPERLINK "http://www.lwvma.org" www.lwvma.org. Take a look and you'll be impressed just as I am.

Trusting I'll see you on Saturday, Nov. 19 for a "Conversation with Kathy" and wishing each of you a very special and grateful Thanksgiving, I am gratefully . . .

In League with you,

Judy Thomas

BOARD NOTES October 2011

Thanks to Teresa Martin and volunteer Larry Cole for their contribution in planning and executing the County Government Forum in September

Nancy Curley and Betsy Bray will fill the two Board vacancies on the Nominating Committee

Meetings will continue at Channel 17's new location: Shad Hole Road, Route 28 & Route 134

The MASS Conference for Women will be held on December 8.

The public forum held in September was successful. Two more forums are scheduled for January 2012 and May 5, 2012 at the Harwich Community Center

The "Conversation with Kathy" general membership meeting will be held on November 19 2011.

The Holiday Brunch is scheduled for Saturday, December 10, 2011 at the Back Nine Café, Cranberry Valley Country Club, Harwich. The cost is \$15 per person

The Youth/Outreach Committee will hold an organizational meeting in November

The Environment Committee will hold a forum on May 5, 2012 addressing Cape Cod Greening, National Seashore and Association for Preservation of Cape Cod.

The Health Committee will hold a forum January 21, 2012, at the Harwich Community Center. Topic: "Navigating the Cape Cod Health System."

The County Observer Corps continues observing meetings of the County Commissioner and Assembly of Delegates.

Jane Teixeira Henry, Secretary

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Jan Hively joined the League 50 years ago in Marblehead, and found her friends through LWV activities when she moved to Minnesota a few years later. After careers in public and non-profit planning and administration, she has focused the last ten years on organizing education and advocacy networks that support productive aging. Jan moved "back home" to Massachusetts a year ago and looks forward to meeting new friends through the LWVCCA. She lives in West Yarmouth.

Sherry Moran of Sandwich recently retired from the Federal Government as an Aviation Compliance and Enforcement Inspector. She transferred from Michigan to Massachusetts in 1996 and fell in love with Cape Cod, commuting to and from Logan until her retirement

in July! Sherry is interested in becoming more involved with the community now that she has the time, and feels that LWVCCA is a great place to start. She is concerned about the current state of the economy and the stress upon America as a whole, and feels it is important to become more involved with the issues that seem to have divided our country. In particular, she is interested in the problem of human trafficking in the United States, and the impact on young women.

THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

We continue to monitor the meetings of the Special Commission on County Governance. Members attended both of the Commission meetings held in October. The Commission at this point is scheduling presentations from relevant County officials and Departments as well as other sections of the political landscape. On October 6th the Commission heard from the Board of County Commissioners, the Assembly of Delegates, a local Selectman and a Town Administrator. The presenters discussed county functions, weaknesses and strengths, and relationships with other political bodies on the cape. Comments were fairly general, and primarily focused on need for leadership and faster action on the part of the county, while some officials felt the county functioned well, and needed only minor adjustments.

On October 27th, the Commission heard from the Cape Cod Workforce Investment Board, the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce, The Wastewater Regional Collaborative, and the Cape Cod Commission. The presentations were germane to the issues and provided strong substance to the Commission.

Andrew Gottlieb, head of the Wastewater Collaborative, described the problems the group has in developing regional approaches rather than town by town actions. His presentation illustrated current issues facing effective regional government and provoked many questions and responses from the Commission members.

Paul Neidzweicki, Director of the Cape Cod Commission, was direct in describing what he saw as weaknesses in the current structure, and while not presenting specifics, he made several suggestions. He questioned the effectiveness of a board of three Commissioners as the executive branch of the county and felt a single executive, responsive to the electorate, could move more efficiently. He also supported the value of a legislative branch, but felt that an Assembly would more effectively represent the citizenry if elected on a basis reflecting areas of population across town lines, rather than individual towns. He also made a case for involving town managers and administrators because their professional duties gave them real insight into the issues of regional government and the advantages of a regional approach. This presentation also drew Commission questions.

The League Committee on County Government will meet on Nov. 14, at 1:30. We will try to meet at the new offices of the Media Center in Dennis, but await confirmation from the Center after the completion of their move. If any league members would like to

join the committee or just come for a closer look at our activities, please call Jari or Nancy Curley for directions. We also encourage interested members to join our observation corps and attend our meeting on the 14th.

If you are curious about some of the organizations mentioned, you can find more information on their individual websites.

Jari Rapaport, Nancy Curley, Co-Chairs

Informative Chatham/Harwich Unit Meeting on Healthcare

Following up on recent events in healthcare, we invited new Healthcare Committee Chair Joan Bernstein to talk with us about the “Affordable Care Act” and were delighted to be joined by members of the Mid-Upper Cape unit as well as members of the Healthcare Committee. Working with the 2011 report from OWL – the voice of midlife and older women -- of which Joan is a board member, we looked at the Act’s major provisions or “Essential Health Benefits”.

Several of these are already in effect: extending coverage for adult children under their parents’ plans, prohibiting refusal of coverage for pre-existing conditions, tax credits for employers who offer coverage and coverage for many preventive services including screening .On another related topic, we conducted a “survey” of members’ supplemental insurance plans (all but one of us has Medicare) and were astounded at the variety of providers of “medigap”, pharmaceutical and long-term care plans even within our small group.

A January forum on healthcare was also discussed. Michael Lauf, new President of Cape Cod Healthcare, has agreed to be our keynote speaker. The Healthcare Committee will be working on recruiting a supplemental panel of experts to discuss healthcare services on the Cape.

IMPORTANT! Be sure to view our Holiday Brunch announcement following the directions to our meeting with Kathy Schatzberg.

**A Conversation with Dr. Kathy Schatzberg,
President of Cape Community College
Saturday, November 19, 9:30 A.M.**

LWVCCA members are invited to a stimulating and revealing morning of conversation with Dr. Kathy Schatzberg. at our November General Membership Meeting.

To facilitate the ease of this conversation, we've located a very comfortable and easily accessible clubhouse venue. There are sofas, chairs, tables, and a fireplace overlooking a beautiful glass enclosed swimming pool. There is ample parking and a handicap accessible ramp. The clubhouse location is a short distance from Rt. 6, Exit 6.

Please join us for this special occasion. Refreshments will be served.

Following are multiple directions to the clubhouse at Cobblestone Landing, Nantucket Village, in Hyannis off Phinney's Lane.

Directions from Rt. 6, Exit 6:

1. Drive 1.4 miles south on 132 toward Hyannis until you reach Phinney's Lane. This is the third stop light after you turn onto 132 (not including the lights associated with the Rt. 6, Exit 6 bridge. (Landmarks: Shootflying Rd. first stop light and Attucks Lane second stop light)
2. Turn right onto Phinney's Lane. 3. Drive .3 miles to a development on the left called Cobblestone Landing, Nantucket Village. (Landmarks: Arbor Terrace and Blueberry Place Developments on the left before Nantucket Village.)
4. Turn left into Cobblestone Landing, Nantucket Village on Sunnywood Drive. Bear to the right until the end of Sunnywood which is .2 miles.
5. Turn left onto Centerboard (which is at the end of Sunnywood Drive) and go .1 miles to Clubhouse Drive on the right.
6. Turn right onto Clubhouse, (Landmarks: stone walls and lots of shrubbery at the entrance. Skipjack directly across the street from Clubhouse; Square Rigger Lane just before Clubhouse on the right.)
7. The Nantucket Village Clubhouse will be at the end of Clubhouse Drive. Park your cars perpendicular to the lawn so there will be ample parking for everyone. Handicap accessible entrance is on the left.

Directions from the Hyannis Airport Rotary at Rt. 28:

Drive north on 132 from the airport rotary at Routes 28 and 132. It is 1.4 miles to Phinney's Lane which is the fifth stop light from the rotary. (Landmarks: stop light at Cape Cod Mall; stop light at Independence Drive; stop light at the Fiesta Plaza (just after Toyota); stop light at Bearses Way at the Cape Codder).

Directions from Rt. 28 and Phinney's Lane in Centerville

Driving east on Rt. 28 after the Bell Tower Mall, turn left at Phinney's Lane stop light. Drive 1.6 miles to Cobblestone Landing, Nantucket Village. (Landmarks: Lake Isle Woods Development on the left shortly before Nantucket Village; Midway and Old Strawberry Hill Rd. on the right immediately before Cobblestone Landing, Nantucket Village) Turn right off Phinney's Lane onto Sunnywood Drive at the sign for Cobblestone Landing, Nantucket Village and follow it for .2 miles until it dead ends into Centerboard. Then follow directions 5, 6 and 7 above.

HOLIDAY BRUNCH

BACK NINE CAFE

Cranberry Valley Golf Course
183 Oak St., Harwich, MA 02645

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2010

9:15 A.M

SPEAKER: Eva Valentine, New President, LWVMA

The breakfast will consist of juices, seasonal fresh fruit, assorted pastries and muffins, hot entrees and fresh brewed coffee. The cost is \$15.00 per person including tax and gratuities. The deadline for registration is Friday, December 2, 2011.. If you have questions please contact Phyllis Walsh at 508-4206111 or HYPERLINK "mailto:walshpf@comcast.net" \o "mailto:walshpf@comcast.net" walshpf@comcast.net

The Back Nine is a new venue for our area league. League members who have eaten there say the food is delicious so please come and enjoy. We'll start at 9:15 so members going to the opera will have ample time for both events.

Attendees are invited to bring a wrapped "shelf" book* to share in a holiday grab bag.

*Shelf book – a book you have read or will read from your shelf that you would like to pass on to someone else.

Directions: From Rt. 6, Exit 10 - Merge onto Rt. 124S/Pleasant Lake Ave.. Turn left onto Queen Anne Rd. (.3 miles). Take the third right onto Oak St.. The entrance to the Cranberry Valley Golf Course will be .5 miles on the left. The restaurant and golf shop are at the end of the drive. There is ample parking and a handicap accessible entrance.

Note: The Cranberry Valley Golf Course at 183 Oak St. is less than a mile east from the Harwich Community Center at 100 Oak St. where we've had many forums and meetings

Please detach the coupon below and send with your check payable to the LWVCCA to:
Debbie Aikman, 78 Water St., Chatham MA 02659

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Count me in and register me for the Holiday Brunch on December 10. I have enclosed my check for \$15.00.

Name: _____

