

# THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CONCORD-CARLISLE

# BULLETIN

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## CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

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|----|-----|--|--------------------|
| 9  | Wed | LWVC Board Meeting (Nancy Beeuwkes)                                | 9 coffee, 9:30 mtg |
| 16 | Wed | LWVCC Autumn Member Coffee, Concord Green Club House               | 9:30-11:30 AM      |
| 23 | Wed | LWVCC ESC (Becky Shannon)  | 8:00-9:30 AM       |
| 30 | Wed | LWV Massachusetts Board Mtg, Harvey Wheeler, 1276 Main St. Concord | 7:00-9:00 PM       |

### OCTOBER

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| 7  | Wed | LWVCC Board Meeting (Anne Hayden)  | 9 coffee, 9:30 mtg |
| 14 | Wed | LWVCC Fall Open Meeting - LIFE IN THE BALANCE:LET'S TALK TRASH<br>Concord Academy Chapel, Main St, Concord | 7-9:00 PM          |
| 21 | Wed | LWVCC ESC (Barbara Lewis)  | 8:00-9:30 AM       |
| 21 | Wed | LWVCC Book Group, Trustees Room, Concord Library   | 10-11:30 AM        |
| 24 |     | Regional Energy Revolution Rally, Old North Bridge, Concord  | 2:00 PM            |

### NOVEMBER

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| 4  | Wed | LWVCC Board Meeting (Betsy Sluder)  | 9 coffee, 9:30 mtg |
| 6  | Fri | LWVCC Program – LIFE IN THE BALANCE: FOOD FOR THOUGHT<br>Alcott School, Concord | 7:00 PM            |
| 20 | Fri | LWVCC Program - LIFE IN THE BALANCE: FOOD FOR THOUGHT<br>Location TBA, Concord  | 7:00 PM            |

### DECEMBER

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| 2 | Wed  | LWVCC Board Meeting & Holiday Pot Luck Lunch<br>(Nancy Beeuwkes) | 9 coffee, 9:30 mtg<br>12:00-1:30 PM lunch |
| 5 | Sat  | Concord Town Mtg Coordination Meeting, Town House                | 8:00 AM                                   |
| 8 | Tues | Special Primary for US Senate Seat                               | Polls open 7 AM – 8 PM                    |

### JANUARY

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| 8  | Fri | LWVCC Program – LIFE IN THE BALANCE: POWERING THE FUTURE<br>Location TBA, Concord   | 7:00 PM |
| 22 | Fri | LWVCC Program – “LIFE IN THE BALANCE: POWERING THE FUTURE”<br>Location TBA, Concord | 7:00 PM |

*Members are invited to attend monthly Board meetings.  
Please contact Becky or Paula if you would like to attend any of them.*

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan grassroots organization of men and women formed in 1920 and dedicated to the principles of self government established by the Constitution of the United States. The League works to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

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# EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

Becky Shannon and Paula Vandever, Co-Presidents

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September 2009

Dear League Friends,

Feeling a sense of change in the air, and directed by LWVCC Annual Meeting, LWVCC members met throughout the summer to outline a LWVCC 2009-10 Public Forum Series—one that fulfills the LWV mission of working to increase the understanding of issues, and influencing public policy. The group of over 15 concerned members formulated plans for three forums to alert, engage and inform the public on topics relevant to creating a sustainable town, state, nation and world.

It was an ambitious task and timetable. But, stirred to action by our strong LWVUS Positions dating from the 1980's and confronted with today's growing crisis in sustainability, three topics quickly rose to the forefront: Waste, Food, and Energy.

We kick off our series at the LWVCC'S Opening Meeting on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM at Concord Academy with a program titled, **"LET'S TALK TRASH."** Then on November 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM at Alcott School, we begin our Food Series with the movie, **"Food, Inc."** This is a disturbing film about the changes in the production, preparation, and delivery of food and its impact on our nation as our food sources have evolved from small family farms to enormous factory farms. Two weeks after the film is shown, on November 20<sup>th</sup>, we will have the opportunity for an open discussion of the issues raised. The third program is planned for late winter and will be on Energy. We will explore the Smart Grid and find out what "Stretch Codes" are—yes, we know, all the moms thought they already knew!

Throughout this same time, using our strong LWVUS Health Care position, the League has been lobbying at all levels for health care reform legislation that guarantees quality, affordable health care to all U.S. residents, including the choice of a quality, affordable public insurance plan. The information coming across the news and out of the five committees that have been working on the legislation has been dynamic to say the least. By the time this Bulletin has been mailed, things will have evolved yet further.

LWVCC members attended two Town Hall Meetings in Chelmsford and Hudson from which one Leaguer's testimony was printed in the Lowell Sun asking: why, when we have several government-financed health care programs already, do many members of Congress think that the public option is controversial? We wrote letters to the editor of the Concord Journal and the Carlisle Mosquito encouraging citizens to contact their legislators. The letters inspired other letters in response. We participated in conference calls with both Senator Kerry and Congresswoman Tsongas. We attended the Woman's Forum with Congresswoman Tsongas. We also attended the rally in Boston to support the public option in health care reform. And on the state level, we testified before the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing to encourage the reduction of health care costs by limiting administrative expenditures of for-profit health insurers.

It's great to see so many Leaguers using our Positions to try to advance our agenda in these issues that we so thoroughly studied and came to consensus on. Many thanks to those who have lent their time and opinions this summer. Please join us and share the fun. Please read the related articles on all these topics.

Sincerely,

Becky Shannon and Paula Vandever, Co-Presidents

## LWVCC MEMBER NEWS

Now is the time to renew your membership in the League. You can send in the form that you will find in this Bulletin, or print out the attachment that came with the email sent out last week and offer this form to a friend who might like to become a member. Already we have had quite a few members send in dues and I thank them for being so prompt.

We have three new members to welcome, Ellen Quackenbush of Concord, who attended several of the planning sessions for local programming this summer, Susan Lehotsky of Carlisle, who tells us that she was a member in the past in Lexington, and Mary Hall, a National Member who joined us over the summer. We certainly look forward to meeting them both, and working with them on some of the interesting and exciting programs we have coming up this year.

If you have any membership questions just send an email to Barbara Lewis, [Membership@lwvcc.com](mailto:Membership@lwvcc.com) or call 978-287-0049.

*Barbara Lewis, Membership Chair*

## LWVCC BOOK GROUP

The first meeting for this year will be on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 in the Trustees Room in the Concord Public Library from 10:00-11:30 AM. We will be discussing Thomas L. Friedman's books *The World is Flat* and *Hot, Flat and Crowded*. Both are ground-breaking works that have opened up new ways of looking at how individuals and countries have been and will continue to be affected by each other in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The League's book group meets four to six times a year to discuss current nonfiction books on a variety of pertinent and thought-provoking topics. If you would like more information please call or email Anne Hayden at [Book\\_Group@lwvcc.com](mailto:Book_Group@lwvcc.com) or (978) 369-8526.

*Anne Hayden, Book Group Chair*

## LWVCC TO HOST STATE LEAGUE BOARD

LWVCC will host the next LWV of Massachusetts Board meeting on Wednesday, September 30, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Clock Tower Room at the Harvey Wheeler Community Center, 1276 Main St., Concord. The room can accommodate 25-35 people, so LWVCC is inviting all members to attend. We hope to see you there.

LWVMA has advised us that audience participation will follow rules similar to public meetings. There will be a participation period for anyone in attendance, and the meeting will also be structured to allow for the LWVMA Board to conduct its business. LWVCC has submitted several questions or topics for the state League Board to consider.

### How LWVCC members can get involved:

- Attend the meeting on September 30. RSVP by September 28 to Erin ([Communications@lwvcc.com](mailto:Communications@lwvcc.com), 978-369-3842).
- Contact Erica Morrison (978-369-5744) to help with refreshments (light dinner for the LWVMA Board and light refreshments for the other attendees).

*Erin Pastuszewski, Communications Chair*

# LIFE IN THE BALANCE

## A Public Forum Series

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At Annual Meeting in May of 2009, the LWVCC committed to hold an Education and Action series of Informational Forums related to Sustainability and Climate Change. A forum planning committee has been established and has worked hard over the summer to develop the series. The effort has resulted in a collaboration with other local groups which will help share the workload and help spread the word about the forums. The LWVCC is co-sponsoring this series with Concord Climate Action Network (ConcordCAN), Carlisle Climate Action (CCA) and Concord Carlisle Adult and Community Education.

**LIFE IN THE BALANCE:  
LET'S TALK TRASH  
October 14, 2009  
7:00-9:00 PM  
Concord Academy Chapel**

Ever wonder what happens to all that stuff you throw away? “Out of sight” may be “out of mind”, but not the end of the trail for trash. Once the barrels and bags leave our hands, discarded trash enters the solid waste stream destined for one of two disposal sites: a landfill or an incinerator. In both cases, the story does not end there. Leachate<sup>1</sup> from decomposing trash in older or improperly built and maintained landfills infiltrates and pollutes soil and water supplies and toxic emissions from incinerators pollutes our air.

In spite of heightened efforts to recycle and compost over the past 4 decades, the mountains of trash continue to grow, a reflection of the growth of the population, products, and packaging. The Mass Department of Environmental Protection reports that in 2006<sup>2</sup> the combined waste from Massachusetts residents, businesses and institutions amounted to approximately 13.9 million tons, equivalent to 12 pounds

per day for each of the 6.35 million people residing in Massachusetts<sup>3</sup>.

The League began working on the issue of solid waste management at the local and national level in 1971, concluding in 1973 that “solid waste should be regarded as a resource”.

Recognizing that the problem of trash cannot be solved through recycling and composting alone, the League embraced a “reduce, reuse, recycle” hierarchy in the 1990’s. Reducing trash at the beginning of the cycle is essential to effective treatment of this growing problem.

**Let’s Talk Trash**, the first in the LWVCC publicprogram forum series on sustainable practices, will provide an overview of the present reality and potential promise of trash. Join us on October 14<sup>th</sup> to learn how individual, state and national practices and policies impact our ability to reclaim resources, restore the environment and reduce the financial burden of waste in our world.

For more information on the League’s position on solid waste management, go to: [http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Waste\\_Management&CONTENTID=8](http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Waste_Management&CONTENTID=8)

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<sup>1</sup> Noxious liquid that drains from landfills. While the composition of leachate varies, it often contains toxic pollutants and high concentrations of organic contaminants and ammonia.

<sup>2</sup> The last year in which complete data are available

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<sup>3</sup> MassDEP website: How Much Solid Waste Does Massachusetts Produce?

**LIFE IN THE BALANCE:  
FOOD FOR THOUGHT  
Friday, Nov. 6, Alcott School  
Friday, Nov. 20, TBA  
7:00 PM**

Corn and soybeans dominate America's modern industrial food system, are a major cause of obesity, offer less nutrition and depend on fossil fuels for production and distribution from the distant corporate farmlands. These inexpensive and pervasive monocultures are also depleting the soil of fertility due to current farm practices.

"Food For Thought," is a two-part program and the second in the LWVCC's public forum series, "Life In The Balance," through which we will explore achieving a sustainable future.

"Food For Thought" begins November 6<sup>th</sup> with a Friday Night Movie, "Food, Inc." Two weeks after the film, we regroup on November 20<sup>th</sup> with a keynote speaker, a panel and audience discussion on how we can move toward a more sustainable food system and what that might look like.

The LWVUS began looking at US Agricultural practices over 20 years ago! In 1988, the League took a position to support policies for sustainable agriculture that reduces the use of toxic chemicals on the farm. In 1988-1991, the LWVEF worked with Public Voice for Food and Health Policy and state and local Leagues on a citizen education project on agricultural issues, including pesticide residues in food and water, sustainable agriculture, and research and technology.

In fall 1989, the League opposed legislation that would have preempted stricter state laws on the regulation of pesticides. In 1990, the League urged the House to pass a farm bill that would protect land and water

resources, reduce the use of toxic chemicals, and target research and technical assistance to developing environmentally sound agriculture practices. The League called for measures to strengthen conservation provisions, continue the conservation reserve, and permit retention of base payments and deficiency payments when farmers file and implement an approved plan for farming with environmentally beneficial practices. The League also called for national standards of organic production and against the export of pesticides that are illegal in the United States.

Twenty years later and after a decade of enormous government subsidies to agribusiness, deregulation and misguided oversight, our food system is now efficient but at what expense? It is time to dust off the LWV positions and view them in a new and urgent light as we consider the future health of our nation and our families. From nationwide e-coli and salmonella outbreaks, to the obesity and diabetes epidemics, to the killing of our waterways, it is clear that the food system is not working.

We hope you will join us in this important discussion guaranteed to provide plenty of Food For Thought.

**LIFE IN THE BALANCE:  
POWERING THE FUTURE  
Jan 8 & 22, 2010**

As part of the **Life in the Balance** series, the third Forum will focus on Energy. **What is the Smart Grid? How is it being implemented in Concord and Carlisle? What is the Energy Stretch Code? How might it affect our communities?** Mark your calendars for a showing of an Energy awareness raising movie on January 8, 2010 and a Panel discussion on January 22, 2010 to learn about the smart grid, the stretch code and other efforts to address our energy future.

## WHAT DO YOU DO WITH YOUR DISCARDED ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS?

### LWV MA submits testimony in support of H. 833: An Act Relative to Producer Responsibility for Discarded Electronic Products

In keeping with League policy regarding the safe disposal of hazardous materials<sup>4</sup>, the LWV MA submitted testimony to the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture (JCENA) on August 31<sup>st</sup>, supporting passage of H. 833, also referred to as the “Smizik e-waste bill”.

Nineteen states and New York City have already enacted Extended Producer Responsibility e-waste legislation while many others, like Massachusetts, are considering such laws. E-waste legislation has come before the state legislature since 2001. From 2000 through 2008, 180 cities and towns, representing over 60% of the state population, have adopted a Producer Take Back Resolution and urged passage of a state e-waste bill. The current bill is also endorsed by the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) as well as major environmental groups such as Clean Water Action and MassPIRG.

A hearing on the bill was held on May 14<sup>th</sup>. The JCENA is awaiting additional testimony and is expected to report the bill out to Ways and Means soon. In order to come up for a vote this legislative session, the bill needs to make its way through Ways and Means and to the floor of the legislature by July 2010, a timeline narrowly missed during the last legislative session.

Why is this bill important? In its testimony in support of the bill, the MMA reports that “Discarded electronics make up the fastest growing portion of the municipal solid waste stream in the Commonwealth. It is estimated

that less than 20 percent of the approximately 183,000 tons of e-waste generated in Massachusetts is recycled. The problem with this is that many e-waste products contain toxic chemicals and heavy metals such as lead, cadmium, mercury and PVC, which leach into our environment when these products are put into landfills instead of being recycled. . . . E-waste recycling costs communities hundreds of thousands of dollars per year just for the recycling and disposal charges, in addition to the uncalculated cost of administrative, collection, and transportation expenses. In 2007, Massachusetts municipalities reported spending a total of \$1.8 million on e-waste processing<sup>5</sup>.”

Passage of H. 833 would effectively address many of the most serious issues associated with disposal of electronic products. Shifting responsibility for the collection and safe disposal of discarded electronics from local governments to producers would result in the following positive outcomes:

- Reduction of environmental pollution from improperly disposed e-waste,
- Relief to cities and towns of the responsibility for the cost of collection and disposal of discarded e-waste, freeing funds for support of essential public services,
- Encouragement of responsible product design to control waste of resources and energy,
- Increase in safe recycling of electronics through registered processors.

Link to the bill:

<http://www.mass.gov/legis/bills/house/186/ht00pdf/ht00833.pdf>

*Launa Zimmaro*

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<sup>4</sup> LWV US, Issues: Solid Waste

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<sup>5</sup> MMA: Advocacy/Letters to State Leaders, May 19, 2009



## MOVIES ON SUSTAINABILITY

In the coming months the Concord Carlisle League of Women Voters will be previewing and evaluating films on food, water and energy to determine which we might show publicly during the next several years as part of a program on sustainability.

Screenings will take place Tuesday evenings and require signing up as space is limited. Please email [Communications@lwvcc.com](mailto:Communications@lwvcc.com) if you would like to receive notices about the film dates. The titles include:

Inconvenient Truth  
The American Southwest: Are We Running Dry?  
Fast Food Nation  
The Real Dirt on Farmer John  
Global Dimming  
Supersize Me  
Running Dry  
King Corn  
Flow  
The Power of Community  
What's Growing in Concord?  
Fresh  
Nova – Global Dimming  
The Future of Food  
Nicholas Stern- Climate Change  
A River of Waste  
Tapped  
John Sterman - Climate Change: Challenges and Opportunities for Business and Society  
John Sterman - Climate Change: The Economics of and Prospects for a Global Deal

*Janet Rothrock, Movie Chair*

## LWVCC HELPS CMLP LAUNCH PEAK NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

The LWVCC Board of Directors agreed this summer to assist the Concord Municipal Light Plant (CMLP) in distributing Peak Hour notices, which are designed to reduce energy usage and costs. The goals of the CMLP's notification program align with the LWV's positions on the environment and energy.

The CMLP formed Concordians Addressing the Peak, a Google Group (CMLP-CAP) that notifies participating residents of imminent high electricity demand so that they can temporarily reduce energy usage. LWVCC designated a Board member to receive the CMLP alerts and pass them along to League members by email. The alerts, which the Light Plant issues infrequently, encourage recipients to defer the use of electricity during a three-hour period to help reduce the Town's peak usage. Your participation should result in lower electric rates and a cleaner environment. At the end of July, CMLP reported that peak notices seemed to have a positive effect on at least one of the days they were issued. We look forward to receiving more data from CMLP.

If you would like to receive future peak notices directly, you can join the Google Group by sending a blank email to [cmlp-cap+subscribe@googlegroups.com](mailto:cmlp-cap+subscribe@googlegroups.com). When Google Groups sends you a reply requesting verification, follow the directions to complete the joining process. For more information about the CMLP's peak notification program, visit [http://www.concordma.gov/Pages/ConcordMA\\_LightPlant/index](http://www.concordma.gov/Pages/ConcordMA_LightPlant/index), and click on "CMLP's Google Group – CAP." If you do not want the LWVCC to forward CMLP-CAP notices to you, please email Erin at [Communications@lwvcc.com](mailto:Communications@lwvcc.com).

*Erin Pastuszewski, Communications Chair*

## **ANTI-IDLING:**

### **SORTING FACT FROM MYTH**

Following the lead of Concord, LWVCC members Cindy Nock and Launa Zimmaro joined forces with Carlisle resident and Carlisle Climate Action member, Susan Stamps, to raise awareness in Carlisle of the state's anti-idling law, enacted in 1972<sup>6</sup>. This grassroots campaign began with a presentation to the Carlisle Board of Selectmen on August 11<sup>th</sup> that included a request that the BoS adopt a policy to “eliminate unnecessary idling . . .to reduce the community’s exposure to exhaust from gasoline and diesel engines” and “to educate and inform municipal employees and residents about the health and environmental effects of gasoline and diesel exhaust.”

The BoS endorsed the idea of a community awareness campaign and committed to contacting school administration regarding enforcement of anti-idling regulations on school grounds. The issue will be revisited during the September 22<sup>nd</sup> BoS meeting. In addition to Concord, the neighboring towns of Lexington and Belmont have established no-idling policies, with particular focus on school grounds where noxious emissions are particularly high due to idling school buses. The heavy concentration of diesel emissions on school grounds poses an increased health risk to school-aged children who breathe in 50% more air per pound of body weight than adults<sup>7</sup>.

Turning off car, bus and truck engines to avoid unnecessary idling is an easy win-win for us and the environment, saving rather than costing us money while reducing emissions and pollutants into the atmosphere.

Below is some myth busting info from the California Consumer Energy Center (<http://www.consumerenergycenter.org/myths/idling.html>) that just might be news to you!

### **SHOULD I SHUT OFF THE MOTOR WHEN I'M IDLING MY CAR?**

**HERE'S THE RULE OF THUMB:** If you're in a drive-through restaurant/business line or waiting for someone and you'll be parked and sitting for 10 seconds or longer... turn off your car's engine. Why??

For every two minutes a car is idling, it uses about the same amount of fuel it takes to go about one mile. Research indicates that the average person idles their car five to 10 minutes a day. People usually idle their cars more in the winter than in the summer. But even in winter, you don't need to let your car sit and idle for five minutes to "warm it up" when 30 seconds will do just fine.

But you're not going anywhere. Idling gets ZERO miles per gallon.

The recommendation is: If you are going to be parked for more than 30 seconds, turn off the engine. Ten seconds of idling can use more fuel than turning off the engine and restarting it. And when you start your engine, don't step down on the accelerator—just simply turn the key to start.

*Launa Zimmaro, Carlisle Affairs Chair*

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<sup>6</sup> [M.G.L. Chapter 90, Section 16A](#)

<sup>7</sup> The NE Asthma Regional Council: ARC



## **UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE: CAN WE ACHIEVE IT NOW?**

Throughout the current health care reform debate, we have been presented with brief histories of efforts to create universal health care in the United States. Many begin with:

- President Roosevelt's unsuccessful attempt to include universal health insurance with the Social Security Act.
- President Truman's failure to create universal coverage.
- President Johnson's success with the passage of Medicare and Medicaid.
- President Clinton's ultimate failure with universal coverage.
- Senator Edward Kennedy's efforts on aspects of health care reform throughout his life and resultant significant improvements, such as the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act, (COBRA) and the State Children's Health Insurance Program, (CHIP).

The League's history in working for health care reform is shorter. The LWVUS began a study of health care reform in 1990 which resulted in our strong Health Care Position in 1993. The position states that "Every U.S. resident should have access to a basic level of care that includes the prevention of disease, health promotion and education, primary care ... acute care, long-term care

and mental health care ... financed through general taxes in place of individual insurance premiums." We began to lobby for health care reform immediately. In 1997 the LWVUS began working on the Patients' Bill of Rights which was finally passed, in a weakened form, in 1999. In 2009 we saw SCHIP pass after years of lobbying.

During the 2008 U.S. primary election period, with nearly all the U.S. presidential candidates calling for health care reform, members of Leagues at national, state and local levels stepped up their efforts to lobby for reform that reflects the LWVUS Position. The LWVCC spent considerable time on advocacy throughout the summer. And we are fortunate that our own legislators hold positions that are nearly congruent with the LWVUS Health Care Position.

So, what now? Now is the time to reach out to everyone we know who lives outside of our area and encourage them to lobby their legislators for quality health care reform that includes a robust public option. We are closer than we have been in decades to passing quality health care reform. Now is the time to push towards the goal with all our effort!

*Paula Vandever, Co-President*

## *September 2009 Domestic Violence Prevention activities*

*Introduction: national and state **League of Women Voters** chapters have made a significant commitment to domestic violence prevention with reports in every **Concord-Carlisle League** newsletter. Included:*

- **Rachel's' Box Project**
- **Domestic Violence Services Network [DVSNI]** (including **DVVAP**)
- **Network for Women's Lives [NWL]**
- other timely area projects

***Rachel's Box Project*** serves victims of domestic violence, as well as child and elder abuse, in **50 locations around the western suburbs**. Please notify Nancy James 978-369-2771 if you notice boxes in disarray or needing materials. ***The Network for Women's Lives*** Rachel's Box Committee tends the boxes and provides updated materials and *Network* newsletters.

***Domestic Violence Services Network*** through ***DVVAP*** trains community volunteers to become advocates who "offer empowering knowledge and gentle compassion." DVVAP's services are provided by staff and highly-trained volunteer advocates. To be a DVVAP volunteer advocate:

*Complete an application*

*Participate in a personal interview*

*Submit three references*

*Consent to a criminal background check*

*Take 30 hours of classroom training*

*Participate in 13-16 hours of supervised shift work and in-service advocate commitment*

To become an advocate, email ***DVVAP@Concordma.gov*** or go to web site ***www.dvvap.org***.

***Network for Women's Lives*** now a part of the ***Domestic Violence Services Network***, continues its primary mission to provide education and outreach. Ongoing programs include:

***Support Groups for Women with Controlling Partners:*** Twelve-week programs help women achieve safety and self-care, examining the more insidious and coercive behaviors of abuse to understand how the control affects their lives. Held in a safe environment with other women in similar situations, the sessions are led by experienced and trained social workers who have been working in the field of domestic violence. For more information call 978-287-4089. All conversations are confidential. ***The Network for Women's Lives*** underwrites the cost of the sessions and babysitting services as needed.

***DV Hotline Tear-off Notes:*** An easy-to-conceal tear-off sheets including state hotline numbers are mounted on small laminated cards containing information about healthy and unhealthy relationships. These cards/tear-offs are found in restroom stalls where a victim is likely to feel safe taking the information.

***"The Safety Net"*** Quarterly newsletters are mailed to members and located in Rachel's Boxes. The Newsletter Committee determines and researches newsletter content, publishes the newsletter, and distributes it to the Rachel's Box committee volunteers, mailing list, all area police departments, libraries, schools, places of worship, and town agencies.

For more information on programs and services, please visit ***www.networkforwomenslives.org***.

By: Nancy P. James  
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**A Public Forum Series**

## **Let's Talk Trash**

**A fresh look at Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**  
**Wednesday, October 14, 7pm**  
Concord Academy Chapel

## **Food for Thought**

**Part 1: "Food, Inc." screening and dialogue**  
*What's happened to our food?*  
**Friday, November 6, 7pm**  
Alcott School, Concord

**Part 2: Speaker, panel and breakouts**  
*Moving toward a sustainable food system*  
**Friday, November 20, 7pm**  
Location TBA, Concord

## **Powering the Future**

**Part 1: Film screening and dialogue**  
**Friday, January 8, 7pm**  
Location TBA, Concord

**Part 2: Speaker, panel and breakouts**  
*You and tomorrow's energy*  
**Friday, January 22, 7pm**  
Location TBA, Concord

***Learn, connect & act on climate change issues that affect us all!***

**Sponsored by:** League of Women Voters of Concord-Carlisle, ConcordCAN (Concord Climate Action Network), Carlisle Climate Action, and Concord-Carlisle Adult & Community Education  
**Contact:** [Green\\_Initiatives@lwwcc.com](mailto:Green_Initiatives@lwwcc.com) or 978-369-3842



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CONCORD-CARLISLE  
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM**

**JULY 1, 2009 TO JUNE 30, 2010**

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Please note your preferred means for us to communicate with you:  Mail  Phone  Email

**MEMBERSHIP LEVELS**

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR LEVEL OF MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT FOR THE CONCORD  
CARLISLE LEAGUE. *Membership is open to both men and women over eighteen.***

Individual \$55.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Household \$80.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Student \$25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*I wish to be a member; however, I can only afford* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Contribution\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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