

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CONCORD-CARLISLE

BULLETIN

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CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

29 Wed LWVCC Book Group, Trustees Room, Concord Library 10-11:30 am

OCTOBER

6 Wed LWVCC Board Meeting (Louise Haldeman) 9 coffee, 9:30 mtg
16 Sat LWVCC U.S. House of Representatives Candidates Forum, Alcott School 3-4:30 pm
20 Wed LWVCC ESC meeting (Becky Shannon) 8-9:00 am
20 Wed LWVCC Candidates Forum for State Senator & Representative, Alcott School 7:30 pm
22 Fri LIFE IN THE BALANCE: TROUBLED WATERS – Screening of “Tapped” 7:00 pm
Alcott School, Concord

NOVEMBER

2 Tues General Election polls open 7 am – 8 pm
3 Wed LWVCC Board Meeting (Becky Shannon) 9 coffee, 9:30 mtg
5 Fri LIFE IN THE BALANCE: TROUBLED WATERS – Speaker Forum 7:00 pm
Alcott School, Concord
17 Wed LWVCC ESC meeting (Lauren Bakewell) 8-9:00 am
17 Wed LWVCC Book Group, Trustees Room, Concord Public Library 10-11:30 am

DECEMBER

1 Wed LWVCC Board Meeting & Holiday Pot Luck Lunch 9 coffee, 9:30 mtg
(Nancy Beeuwkes) 12:00-1:30 pm lunch
4 Sat Concord Town Meeting Coordination Meeting, Town House 8:00 am
15 Wed LWVCC ESC meeting (Cindy Nock) 8-9:00 am

JANUARY

3 Mon Concord Town Warrant closes
5 Wed LWVCC Board Meeting (Betsy Sluder) 9 coffee, 9:30 mtg
12 Wed LWVCC Membership Breakfast, topic TBA 9:00-11:00 am
19 Wed LWVCC ESC meeting (Erin Pastuszenski) 8-9:00 am

FEBRUARY

2 Wed LWVCC Board Meeting (Barbara Lewis) 9 coffee, 9:30 mtg

*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 political 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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Becky Shannon and Paula Vandever, Co-Presidents

September 2010

Dear League Members,

We are now turning the corner on our term as your LWVCC Co-Presidents and have the pleasure of looking back at a wonderful year of action and education that produced many local successes. However, this has been tempered by the frustration of seeing our lobbying efforts on the State and National level fall short. We enter our new season ready with new programs and wiser from the reminder that taking serious action and providing education and information in our own community must continue to be dynamic. Our programs have rippling effects that promote the changes the LWV endorses and can eventually lead to the success we seek. The need for perseverance was reaffirmed by past LWVUS presidents at the LWV National Convention in June. LWV work has never been easy but often we do succeed. It was displayed on the placards we carried in Concord's 375th Birthday parade that illustrated some of the legislative successes in our 90 year history. Never easily won, they highlighted legislation that often took years and decades to pass.

Making democracy work is a simple slogan but it sure isn't easy. Unfortunately, we saw little come from our efforts this past year in climate change legislation, the Bottle Bill, the E-Waste Bill, or the DISCLOSE Act – all legislation that the LWVCC spent considerable time working on. Our effort to promote single payer health care was a non-starter even though the LWVUS endorsed health care bill was eventually signed by President Obama. We were out there striving to bring about important changes, doing the hands-on work that leads to civic improvement.

And we'll be out there again this year. On October 16th we will hold a Candidates Forum for the Massachusetts 5th Congressional District seat; on October 20th we will have a second Candidates Forum for State Representative and State Senator. We hope League members will participate by providing questions to us as soon as possible. November 2nd is an important election for the direction of our country.

On October 22nd and November 5th we continue our Life In The Balance Series with "Troubled Waters." Life In The Balance is a partnership with ConcordCAN, Carlisle Climate Action and the LWVCC that focuses on sustainability of the planet as a consequence of our actions and those of our government. We will also begin studies of the Carlisle and Concord governments this year possibly leading to *Know Your Town* documents; it will be an opportunity to educate ourselves and the public.

The LWVCC is an important community resource. Please join us in this hands-on democracy by becoming involved in one of our programs; or attend a Board meeting to see the Board at work on the issues you care about. We need your ideas and energy to make the League's voice heard! Call us anytime: Becky – (978) 371-1806 and Paula – (978) 369-9268.

Sincerely,

Becky Shannon and Paula Vandever, Co-Presidents

LWVCC MEMBER NEWS

Our Autumn Membership Coffee on September 15 was a great beginning to the season of renewed activities and commitment to League goals. We heard presentations about upcoming League forums and meetings, and from our state legislators, Rep. Cory Atkins and Sen. Susan Fargo, about ongoing work on Beacon Hill. It was a very informative and enjoyable gathering. Check out the calendar of events to see all that is planned in the coming months.

Speaking of renewal, we have a strong start to the membership renewals that need to take place at this time of year. At the board meeting and especially at the Coffee, many have already submitted their forms and dues. We will be working over the next month or so to get all members renewed as quickly as possible, hoping to consolidate this process over previous years. If you are in doubt about whether your dues are due, please call me at 978-287-0049 or email membership@lhwcc.org. Annual dues for individuals are \$55 and for households \$80, and are due by the end of 2010. We are always very grateful for additional contributions that often come with the membership renewals which help to cover expenses over the course of the year. You will find a renewal form in this Bulletin to use when sending in your dues.

One thing that came to my attention last year is that while a few of our members make it an annual practice to include a guest membership along with their renewal, in an effort to expand the circle and bring in friends and acquaintances, it may not always be easy to come up with that right individual who has the time or is interested in being a member. At the same time, over the course of the year as we engage with others in our communities in the work of the League, we may come across someone to whom we wish to offer a guest membership. There may also be people in the League who,

because of personal finances, find the full amount of dues to be a strain on their budget. So, if the idea of including a guest membership appeals to you but there is no one you can think of to give it to, you can decide to add an unspecified guest membership to your renewal form and payment, and we will keep you informed of action that is taken as a result of your generosity.

Barbara Lewis, Membership Chair

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The League of Women Voters does not lack for strong leadership. Many committed and very capable individuals have been doing some incredible work to carry out the mission of the League and its positions. Even so there are important things that are not being accomplished because so many on the board are already doing as much and often more than should be expected. And of course there are always transitions in any organization that bring in new energy and ideas which help to keep work moving forward and in fresh directions.

Two years ago Erin Pastuszewski took on the new board position of Communications Chair and has developed a system that has become an essential factor in the impact we can have in our communities. Erin is now looking for one or more people to form a committee that will assist her with this valuable work. See Erin's article on the next page for more information and details on how to contact her.

Also, I am looking for someone who would like to work with me on membership activities this year and then potentially take over the job for the following year. (And I definitely look forward to assisting her!) Please email membership@lhwcc.org if you would like to become involved in the work of keeping membership information organized and members informed and involved.

Barbara Lewis, Membership Chair

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

LWVCC.org. Over the summer, LWVCC updated its web address to reflect its status as a nonprofit organization. Our web address now ends with “.org” instead of “.com.” You can catch up with the latest Concord-Carlisle League news anytime at <http://lwvcc.org>. With most browsers, simply entering “lwvcc.org” will get you to the website. Check out the homepage and the Calendar first, and then explore the site for information on elections, contacting elected officials, League forums and projects, past Bulletins, membership and donations. Send your comments and suggestions to wm@lwvcc.org.

State and National Websites. Our website links you to the state and national websites, which are treasure troves of League news and resources. The state League’s site is www.lwvma.org, and the national League’s site is www.lwv.org. As a member of LWVCC, you are also a member of the LWV of Massachusetts and LWVUS, so take full advantage of the wealth of information they offer online.

Link to 375th Parade Photos. You can view a collection of photos taken by League members at Concord’s 375th Birthday Parade at <http://lwvofconcordcarlislephotosite.shutterfly.com/pictures/149>. The photographers include Dee Ortner, Erin Pastuszynski and Paula Vandever. You can view the photos as a slideshow on the site, and even order prints. If you have photos to add to the online album, or if you’d like the original files of any of the photos, email Communications@lwvcc.org.

New Communications Committee. This year, LWVCC is launching a Communications Committee and we’d love to have you join that team. If you are interested in helping out with our website, press relations, cable TV programming, or publicity, please email

Communications@lwvcc.org or call 978-369-3842. Join in to support LWVCC in a way that fits your talents and time.

Food for Thought Newsletter. Though it is not a League group, Food for Thought is a community action group that grew out of the forums we co-sponsored last fall. If you are interested in keeping up on Food for Thought news, visit its website at <http://concordfood.ning.com>, where you can sign up for the new Food for Thought newsletter.

Erin Pastuszynski, Communications

REMEMBERING GAYLE KAUFMAN

In August we lost a longtime and committed member, Gayle Kaufman, who passed away August 10 after a three month battle with cancer. Gayle served as Treasurer on the LWVCC board for a time, and even as her commitment to her profession of real estate took more of her time and she was no longer able to continue serving on the board, she never lost interest in the work of the League and always maintained her membership in the years that followed. Her work at Barrett Real Estate in Concord included developing their technical and online capabilities as well as serving in charitable roles, becoming their Meals on Wheels coordinator and working with Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless.

Gayle is remembered by her League colleagues as someone who was positive and enthusiastic, a great source of energy, terrific at getting any job started and then carrying it through to completion. She was a wonderful asset and a remarkable person of great ability. She was also a dear friend to many in Concord and will be missed greatly by her husband Andy and their two sons, and by many friends and co workers.

Barbara Lewis, Membership Chair

**LWVCC TO HOST
STATE CANDIDATES FORUM**

The LWVCC will host a **Candidates Forum on Wednesday, October 20, 2010, from 7:30-9:30 pm at the Alcott School Auditorium, 93 Laurel Street.** The candidates running for State Senator (3rd Middlesex District) – Senator Susan Fargo (D-Lincoln) and Sandi Martinez (R-Chelmsford) – and for State Representative (14th Middlesex District) – Representative Cory Atkins (D-Concord) and K.C. Winslow (I-Concord) – have agreed to participate.

The candidates will answer questions from the League of Women Voters and audience members. Nancy Carapezza of Wayland will moderate the forum.

To vote in this election voters must be registered by October 13. The forum will be taped for broadcast on local cable CCTV Channel 8. For more information, visit www.lwvcc.org, call (978) 254-1598, or email communications@lwvcc.org.

Erin Pastuszewski, Communications Chair

**LWVCC TO HOST 5TH
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
CANDIDATES FORUM**

The League of Women Voters of Concord-Carlisle (LWVCC) will host a **Candidates Forum on Saturday, October 16, 2010, from 3:00-4:30 p.m. at the Alcott School Auditorium, 93 Laurel Street, Concord, MA.** All of the candidates running for the U.S. House of Representatives seat in the Massachusetts 5th Congressional District have agreed to participate: Dale E. Brown, (I-Chelmsford), Bob Clark (I-Bolton), Jon Golnik (R-Carlisle) and Niki Tsongas (D-Lowell).

Candidates will answer questions from both the League and audience members. The forum will be moderated by Risa Nyman from Brookline. Leagues in surrounding towns, including the Acton Area, Harvard,

Sudbury and Westford, will take part in the forum. Please send your prepared questions to Louise Haldeman at VoterService@lwvcc.org.

This should be an interesting forum as there is a great deal at stake for the direction of Congress and the country. Voters must be registered by October 13 in order to vote. For further information or to assist with the arrangements, please call (978) 254-1598 or email Communications@lwvcc.org.

**TOWN GOVERNMENT IN
CONCORD AND CARLISLE**

At our annual meeting in May, we voted for a proposed initiative that would focus on educating League members and the public about town government operations in Concord and Carlisle and increasing public engagement with and participation in town government through education and advocacy.

This initiative may include League fact-finding or investigation as a step in preparation for education or advocacy. Any advocacy undertaken as part of this initiative would be approved by the Board of Directors and would rely on existing local, state, and national League positions.

A committee of League members will devise a plan to carry out this initiative, which may include in its scope (a) issues such as communications, transparency, efficiency, staffing, fairness and citizen participation, (b) local topics such as housing, and (c) outreach through a variety of vehicles such as informational forums, educational publications (including online publications), video broadcasts and letters to the editor. Some members have already signed up to participate, but we hope that others will join us as we build a framework. For more information contact Erin Pastuszewski, Susan Sekuler, or Ardis Bordman at communications@lwvcc.org or secretary@lwvcc.org.

**SAFER ALTERNATIVES, UPDATED
BOTTLE & E-WASTE BILLS:
HURRY UP AND WAIT (SOME MORE)**

There was plenty of activity in June and July related to environmental legislative initiatives of interest to our group, specifically the Safer Alternatives, Updated Bottle (UBB) and E-Waste bills. Both the Safer Alternatives and Updated Bottle Bills represented expansions of existing legislation to close regulatory gaps and better reflect current reality.

In the event you're not aware of the legislative outcome of these bills, I'm sorry to report that the Safer Alternatives Bill did not make it out of Committee, and while both UBB and E-Waste made progress, they both failed to make it to the floor for a vote.

This was due to the deadlock and political brinkmanship related to the Casino Bill, a matter that sucked all the oxygen out of the legislative session during the final months of the legislative session not only for these bills but for many others, as well.

It's interesting to note that while the Updated Bottle Bill had considerable opposition from bottlers and retailers (as with the original bill enacted in 1983), opposition to the E-Waste Bill had all but evaporated. There was a groundswell of grassroots and municipal support for passage because of the clear financial and environmental benefits of these common sense measures. Thanks to all who made calls and sent emails and letters as part of that groundswell.

So, here we are at sixteen years since the start of the effort to update the Bottle Bill and eight years for E-Waste and Safer Alternatives, and still counting. No legislative activity is expected until the new session begins in January, so we face another two year campaign. The fight for passage of these or equivalent bills will continue. Coalitions working on behalf of all

three bills are already working on new campaigns. So, don't hold your breath, but do stay tuned for updates in future League Bulletins and LWVMA news.

*Launa Zimmaro,
Trash and Toxins Guru*

LWVCC BOOK GROUP

The first meeting for this year will be on Wednesday, September 29, 2010 in the Trustees Room in the Concord Public Library from 10-11:30 am. We will be discussing *Paris 1919: Six Months That Changed the World* by Margaret MacMillan. This book is about the peace agreements that were reached by the world powers after World War I. For six months, US president Woodrow Wilson, British prime minister David Lloyd George, and French premier Georges Clemenceau met with other world leaders to refashion Europe and the Middle East and as a result set into motion the conflicts that would consume the world for the next one hundred years.

Our second meeting will be on Wednesday, November 17, from 10-11:30 am in the Trustees Room at the Concord Library. For this meeting we will be discussing several books about Africa. The primary book is *Middle Passages: African American Journeys to Africa, 1787-2005* by James T. Campbell. Other suggested titles include *Love in the Driest Season* by Neely Tucker, *When a Crocodile Eats the Sun* by Peter Godwin, *The House at Sugar Beach* by Helen Cooper, and *West with the Night* by Beryl Markham.

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.org or (978) 369-8526.

Anne Hayden, Book Group Chair

LIFE IN THE BALANCE

A Public Forum Series

At Annual Meeting in May of 2010, the LWVCC committed to continue Life in the Balance, the successful citizen education series our League co-sponsored in 2009-2010, which focused on issues related to environmental sustainability. A forum planning committee was established and has worked hard over the summer to develop a set of programs on water issues. The planning has resulted in a cooperative effort with other local groups which will help share the workload and help spread the word about the forums. The LWVCC is co-sponsoring this year's forum with Concord Climate Action Network (ConcordCAN), Carlisle Climate Action (CCA) and the Alliance for Democracy, North Bridge chapter.

TROUBLED WATERS

Mark Friday, October 22 and Friday, November 5 on your calendars for our fourth **LIFE IN THE BALANCE** (LITB) forum. Last year we brought you "Let's Talk Trash" about solid waste issues, "Food for Thought" about agriculture and nutritional issues, and "Powering the Future" about energy issues.

This year we are bringing you "Troubled Waters" about water issues. Part 1 will be a public showing of the movie "Tapped" on Friday, October 22 followed two weeks later on Friday, November 5 by Part 2 which will

be a keynote speaker, panel and breakout local action group discussions.

What questions or concerns do you have about your drinking water? Do you know where your water comes from? Do you know if your water is treated or not and with what? Do you know if your drinking water is regularly tested? Do you know the impact of bottled drinking water on the environment? Do you know what threatens our drinking water? What is the relationship between waste, food, energy and water? Put your thinking cap on and come to the forum!

NOVEMBER BALLOT QUESTIONS

Here is background on the ballot questions. All were established by initiative petition.

Question #1 Repeal of the state sales tax on alcoholic beverages.

The law adding alcoholic beverages to the list of items affected by the state sales tax was voted by the legislature as a way of raising revenue to reduce the state budget deficit. It was passed to fund substance abuse treatment programs which otherwise would have been severely cut. A vote for this question is projected to cut \$110 million of revenue for this purpose.

Question #2 Repeal of Chapter 40B.

Chapter 40B is the law that allows qualified developers who plan to build government-subsidized low and moderate income housing to apply for a single comprehensive permit from a city or town's Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) instead of applying for separate permits from several local agencies. A ZBA may grant such a permit if at least 20-25% of the planned housing has long term affordable restrictions and if it meets certain other conditions. If a municipality's housing stock contains 10% government-subsidized affordable housing, it may be exempted from this law.

The LWV supports Chapter 40B and recommends a NO vote on this

question. In 1969 the LWV of Massachusetts helped to pass the original 40B legislation. Some changes have been made in how the law operates, and more may be needed, but without this law there would be no major incentive for developers to build affordable housing in Massachusetts. Under the law 58,000 affordable homes

– both rental and homeownership – have been built, 8,000 of them in the last ten years. This equals 80% of all affordable housing built outside the major urban areas in the last decade. As of April of last year 6% of the subsidized housing stock (363 units) is affordable in Concord and 1.2% (20 units) is affordable in Carlisle. For more information on Question 2 go to protectaffordablehousing.org, the coalition that the LWVMA has joined.

Question #3 Reducing the state sales tax from 6.25% to 3%.

The sales tax rate was increased by the legislature as a way of reducing the state budget deficit for Fiscal 2010. According to Michael Widmer, president of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, passage of this question would cut state revenues by \$2.5 billion or 9% of the state budget. Widmer and others project a \$2 billion deficit in the upcoming Fiscal 2012 budget, and such a cut in the sales tax would compound the already huge deficit.

Question #4 A non-binding question on single payer health care in Massachusetts.

The single payer ballot question will have non-binding, single payer questions on the ballot in fourteen representative districts including the 14th Middlesex District. The language of the initiative is:

“Shall the representative from this district be instructed to support legislation that would establish health care as a human right regardless of age, state of health or employment status, by

creating a single payer health insurance system like Medicare that is comprehensive, cost effective, and publicly provided to all residents of Massachusetts?”

Under Massachusetts’ present health care system, many residents who are insured are unable to pay the high deductibles and co-pays required to get the health care they need, and too many are resorting to emergency-room care at a great cost to the insured and to the Commonwealth. Furthermore, insurance premiums are rising each year. But the real crisis now is the rising cost of health care.

With a single payer system, the Commonwealth would collect the premium payments and pay the providers who would continue as either non-profit or for profit businesses and professionals as they currently are. This

system would reduce administration costs and cut the total cost of health care spending by estimates of 10% according to researchers at the Boston University School of Public Health. With a single payer plan Massachusetts residents will have no penalties, no waivers needed and no gaps in care because of illness, injury, or unemployment.

Last March, LWVCC sent a resolution to the LWVUS supporting their work for single payer legislation at the national level, a stated goal for health care reform. The LWVMA has been working for single payer legislation at the state level for about twelve years. This current ballot question now gives us the opportunity to further affirm the LWVUS and LWVMA single payer positions by urging our state representative to support single payer legislation in Massachusetts.

*Nancy Cronin, State Issues
Paula Vandever, Co-President*

LWVCC MARCHES IN CONCORD'S 375TH PARADE

The League of Women Voters of Concord-Carlisle has been an important part of the Town of Concord's civic life since 1931. The Concord-Carlisle League is celebrating its 80th birthday this year, on the heels of the national League's 90th birthday last February 14th. The League, a nonpartisan, issues-oriented political organization, was founded in 1920, shortly before ratification of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which gave women the right to vote after a 72-year struggle.

The League's parade float featured the elegant Wayside Inn carriage drawn by two mares, Molly and Dolly. Seated in the carriage were several Concord residents, all of whom joined the League over 50 years ago. Each of these women – Barbara Anthony, Nancy Beecher, Erica Morrison, Alma Ring, and Betsy Sluder – has a long record of involvement with the League of Women Voters and of service to the Concord community.

Marching with the carriage and/or assisting with the day's activities were 16 League members: Anita Barker, Nancy Beeuwkes, Ardis Bordman, Nancy Cronin, Louise Haldeman, Nancy James, Peggy Lawrence, Cindy Nock, Dee Ortner, Erin Pastuszenski, Shawna Reid, Janet Rothrock, Becky Shannon, Paula Vandever, and Launa Zimmaro.

League members carried placards displaying League issues past and present:

- Child Labor Laws
- Women on Juries
- Protect Water Resources
- Open Meeting Laws
- Health Care Reform
- Campaign Finance Reform
- First Study, Then Vote!

We felt a great welcome from the crowds along the route, and had a good time representing our organization!

*Ardis Bordman & Erin Pastuszenski
LWVCC Parade Coordinators*

LWVUS NATIONAL CONVENTION

ATLANTA, GA JUNE 2010

Members attending from the LWVCC were Nancy Beeuwkes, Cindy Nock, Becky Shannon and Paula Vandever. It was exciting to watch democracy at work at the LWVUS National Convention and to play an active role in the process by educating and lobbying other Leaguers about our convention priority issues: Campaign Finance Reform and Health Care Reform. Our LWVCC group was instrumental in creating a last minute caucus called Corporate Power in Elections After Citizens vs. FEC. In addition, we participated in creating two caucuses relating to the Health Care For All Resolution which the LWVCC Board had previously reviewed and approved.

On Saturday, Sunday, and Monday there were workshops and caucuses each day generally from 7:30 AM until the Plenary Session and again after the Plenary Session until 10 pm at night. Between the four of us, we attended most of the interesting and timely sessions including: Sustainable Water and Food Supplies; Improved Medicare for All; Safe Drilling and Mining; The Federal Role in Public Education; Concurrence on National Popular Vote; and Working for Sustainability.

Outgoing LWVUS President Mary Wilson among various Atlanta and Georgia dignitaries welcomed the conventioners. The highlight was a rousing speech given by US Representative John Lewis who spoke of his time growing up in Georgia during segregation and stated enthusiastically:

“stand up, get in the way and make noise” about the issues that are important to the League. His call to action was repeated many times by LWVUS Board members during the convention. There was an address by the Honorable Kathleen Sebelius, US Secretary of Health and Human Services, presenting the directions for the new health care law: the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA).

After being elected the new LWVUS President, Elisabeth MacNamara, addressed the convention. One important point she made was: “No one joined the LWV to write the newsletter and attend board meetings, do bookkeeping or record keeping. They joined to learn and study, to observe, to connect with their community. We must look at how we run our leagues and streamline and keep to our core values.” Past LWVUS presidents spoke of the diligent work it took to bring about significant legislation.

Ultimately two studies were passed: the LWVUS Board recommended study of the Federal Role in Public Education and the non recommended study on Privatization. Other motions passed included: update of the Arms Control position; concurrence on Marriage Equality; the National Popular Vote Compact; a resolution in support of Safe Drilling and Mining for Energy Resources; a resolution that LWVUS ask the US Senate to limit the use of the filibuster; a resolution for LWVUS to advocate strongly for Improved

Medicare for All; and an Emergency Resolution of Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill to demand our government hold those responsible accountable. And finally, we gave Guidance to the LWVUS Board asking that the LWVUS consider working for an Amendment to the Constitution in order to restore the First Amendment to the people retracting the new and dangerous influences given to corporations by the SCOTUS ruling

Citizens vs. FEC. All this and we had fun too! We thank you for sending us.

For more specific information or to watch videos of speeches that took place at National Convention, check the website www.LWV.org. The next LWVUS National Convention will be held in Washington, DC June 8-12, 2012.

LWVMA Membership and Training

Membership Plus! Workshops

You are invited to join us for a great new Membership Plus! workshop. We will cover everything you need to know on outreach to potential new members, partnering with groups in your community, working with the media, social networking (websites, blogs, Facebook), and becoming a modern and visible League. Learn how to:

Attract new members

Reach out to your community

Make your League modern and visible

Choose a date or location that works for you:

Saturday, Oct 2, 2010 - Shrewsbury Library - 10:30am - 2pm

Sunday, Oct 3, 2010 - Haverhill UU Church - 1:30pm - 5pm

Please RSVP to:

Pam Holland, 978-692-4144

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

September 2010 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 [DVSN]**
(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.

Network for Women's Lives now a part of the **Domestic Violence Services Network**, continues its primary mission to provide education and outreach. For more information, please visit www.networkforwomenslives.org.

October 14 A Candlelight Vigil **Remembering victims of domestic violence**

A remembrance of this year's victims of domestic violence at the annual candlelight vigil. It will be held at the **First Parish Church in Concord**, MA, 20 Lexington Road, on **Thursday, October 14 from 6:45 pm to 9:00 pm**. The keynote speaker will be State Senator Jamie Eldridge, Coffee and Dessert will follow.

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The candlelight remembrance will commemorate all the victims who lost their lives to domestic violence in Massachusetts over the past year.

Last year, domestic violence calls to police in the ten partner towns served by DVSN jumped nearly 40% to 10 reported incidents per week, while victims helped by DVSN rose 55% to nearly 50 per month. This year, reported incidents increased by another 20% to over 12 reported domestic violence incidents per week. .

We urge residents to get involved directly with the campaign against domestic violence. Join our community's efforts for a zero tolerance approach to domestic violence in our communities. Help us focus on addressing domestic violence prevention, education, and intervention throughout the year.

This event is co-sponsored by the **Domestic Violence Services Network** and **The Sudbury Wayland Lincoln Domestic Violence Round Table**. For more information on volunteering, or to learn more about the vigil, e-mail dvvap@concordma.gov or call 978-318-3421.

By: Nancy P. James

9/22/2010

978-369-2771



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CONCORD-CARLISLE
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM 2010**

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OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.LWVCC.COM

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Address/Town _____

Email (print): _____ Phone _____

The League does not release membership lists. Members: Please respect this policy.

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	\$ _____
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