



THE CAPE COD VOTER

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CALENDAR

**Tuesday June 4
9:30am**

Thursday, June 6

Friday June 14

Sunday June 16

**Tuesday June 25
5-7pm**

****Friday June 28
8am - 10am,
Optimist Café, YarmouthPort**

BOARD MEETING

Cape Cod Five, Dennis

30th anniversary Tiananmen Square

75th Anniversary of DDay

FLAG DAY

FATHER'S DAY

Suffrage Centennial Kick-Off

Faneuil Hall, Boston

*"Why Does County Government Exist
in Barnstable County?"
Sponsored by Cape Women's Coalition*

Summertime

**July 29 - 30
Wequasset, Harwich**

Cape Cod Commission/OneCape Summit

info@capecodcommission.org

September

Massachusetts Democratic & Republican Conventions

Primaries will be in March 2020

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2019-2020

Receipt of MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL by **JULY 1st** will ensure that you are included in the 2019-2020 Directory.

League membership is open to anyone, male or female, who subscribes to the purposes and policies of the League. Voting members must be citizens at least 18 years of age.

Dues are **\$55 for a single membership** and **\$85 for two or more members residing in the same household**. Another available membership category is a single \$30 reduced amount available to those who wish to be active in the LWVCCA but for whom the full amount would be an impediment to joining.

Mail to Treasurer Amy Harris, 4 Chapel Hill Lane, Harwich, MA 02645

If you have any questions about membership,
please contact Membership Chair Matilda Ligon at 508-539-4233

Name(s) _____

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Comments (e.g. how you heard about the League, interests):

I am interested in the following committees:

Voter Service ____ Legislation ____ Fundraising ____ Health ____ Environment ____

Communications ____ County Government ____ Youth Service ____ Membership ____

Other _____

THANK YOU!

**2019 ANNUAL MEETING & 60TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE CAPE COD AREA
“Empowering Voters & Defending Democracy - Past, Present & Future”**

The SeaView restaurant in DennisPort was once again the venue as members and friends of LWVCCA gathered to mark our Diamond Jubilee, followed by a short annual meeting. Helping us celebrate were keynote speaker, **Barbara Berenson**, author of just-published *Massachusetts in the Women’s Suffrage Movement*. . .special honoree **Wendy Northcross**, retiring CEO, Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce. . .LWVMA President **Mary Ann Ashton** on *Championing Support for Democracy in Modern Times*. . .and our own **Karen Mazza** speaking on the future of civic education in our schools. Retiring Membership Chair **Phyllis Walsh** was recognized and thanked for her years of work.



Florence Seldin introduces 2019 Honoree Wendy Northcross, retiring CEO Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce



Guest speaker Barbara Berenson, author, Massachusetts in the Women’s Suffrage Movement



LWVMA President Mary Ann Ashton brought greetings from the State League.

Photos Mark Ameres

LWVMA CONVENTION 2019

100 Years--Looking Back, Moving Forward”

On Friday and Saturday, June 7th and 8th, delegates from local Leagues around Massachusetts will gather at the Westford Regency Inn to hear distinguished speakers, approve the program for the next two years, elect a new board, approve the budget and network with members and friends old and new. They'll enter into panel discussions, hear LWVUS CEO Virginia Kase and, during a cocktail reception, meet the candidates for incoming Board positions.

Keynote speaker will be Bill McKibben, noted author, environmentalist and Distinguished Scholar in Environmental Studies at Middlebury... and **Saturday Luncheon featured speaker** will be **Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham**, Chair of the Department of History at Harvard and new Board President of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. Attending the convention on behalf of LWVCCA will be **Suzanne Brock, Mati Ligon, Florence Seldin and Rosemary Shields**. We look forward to their reports!

Former LWVCCA President awarded Mercy Otis Warren Woman of the Year Award



Juliet Bernstein, of Chatham, who served as 11th president of LWVCCA, will be 106 years old on July 2nd. She still lives in her own home and keeps an eye on events in town and in the world and still writes the occasional Letter to the Editor of the Chronicle or the Globe.

EYES ON BARNSTABLE COUNTY

**Do you know--Why a Barnstable County? Where is it? Who runs it? What does it do?
Who is your delegate to the County Assembly?**

Monitoring the activities of Barnstable County government has long been a local priority issue for LWVCCA. In addition to attending sessions of the Board of County Commissioners (the executive branch) and of the Assembly of Delegates (legislative branch), we often hold candidate forums and other public events. At a recent board meeting, members felt the role of the League in monitoring County government may have been somewhat overlooked in recent months and needs to be reinvigorated. As a result, starting in September, we will be asking all members to sign up to attend county meetings. **Both Commissioners and Assembly meet weekly**, Commissioners Wednesdays at 10am...Assembly Wednesday afternoons at 4. *If you are able to attend a county meeting during the summer, please notify either Ann Ryan or Suzanne Brock.*

Details at <https://www.org/regionalgovernment/countycommissioners> or
<https://www.barnstablecounty.org/calendar> .

BUT FIRST...PLAN TO ATTEND. . .

...the Cape Women's Coalition roundtable discussion on Friday, June 28 at 8am at the Optimist Café in YarmouthPort. Topic: *Why Does County Government Exist in Barnstable County?* Speakers will include County Administrator Jack Yunits and Mary Chaffee, Brewster rep to the Assembly of Delegates and LWVCCA member. It sounds like an excellent primer in County Government!

REGISTER AT: www.capewomenscoalition.com

The Cape Cod Commission announces

ONECAPE 2019

July 29 - 30, Wequasset Resort, Harwich

The Cape Cod Commission is pleased to announce that the annual OneCape Summit, hosted annually by the Commission, will be held this year on Monday-Tuesday, July 29-30. The event provides an opportunity for a regionwide conversation on the unique intersections of Cape Cod's environment and economy. This year's theme will explore the natural, built and community systems of the Cape and ongoing efforts to become a more resilient region.

The Commission has called for proposals for presentations on: water quality and wastewater management; local climate change mitigation and/or coastal resiliency efforts; creative placemaking and planning for vibrant and sustainable communities--economic development, affordable housing and community design projects and initiative.

YOUTH SERVICE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES 2019 GRANT AWARDS

from Karen Mazza

In 2015, LWVCCA formed an agreement with the Cape Cod Foundation to create the League of Women Voters Civic Education Fund of the Cape Cod Foundation. **The 2019 grant awardees are Dennis Yarmouth Regional High School and Barnstable High School.**

D-Y used its \$700 grant to send Grade 8 teachers to a workshop with *Facing History, Facing Ourselves*, regarding development of an action civics curriculum for Grade 8 students in preparation for the new requirement of a Grade 8 civics course. Barnstable High School applied for \$350 to transport students in their *Law, Society and Criminal Justice Curriculum Pathway*, specifically designated for seniors in the Student Police Academy and Street Law program, to attend a two-day program with the Barnstable Police Department. Both applications are for programs in new curriculum areas we have not supported before and we are pleased to assist with these programs.

During the four years we have sponsored this grant program we have awarded 9 grants and offered 2 workshops for teachers from several Cape area school districts. The first workshop introduced schools to the programs of the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate; subsequent grants supported transportation to the EMK Institute in Boston. The second workshop focused on motivating students to vote -- and encouraged student teams to promote student voter registration and engagement in voting. We are pleased that this effort *to have students take responsibility for voter registration in high schools* is a new feature of the recently passed civics education legislation.

The Youth Service Committee has decided that this is the right time to conclude the LWV Civic Education Fund of the Cape Cod Foundation. The new Civics Education bill included creation of the *Civics Project Trust Fund* that will be used to give schools grants to support curriculum and professional development in civics education. The State Senate recently and unanimously passed a budget amendment to fund the Civics Project Trust in the new budget and we are hopeful that the Senate-House conference committee this will approve and include in the final budget. We believe this will create greater resources to help schools and that districts should be looking to the state grant program to assist with their work.

We are very proud of the work our League has done to support civic education on the Cape and the opportunity it has created to develop a collaborative and supportive relationship with school districts. The Youth Service Committee thanks all LWVCCA members for your support of this work. We look forward to continuing our supportive relationship with schools to promote civic education in new ways, focused on supporting their student-led civics projects, their new Grade 8 curriculum, and their strengthening of student voter participation. As we go forward we look forward to welcoming new members to our committee. **Please contact Karen Mazza at mazzak1623@gmail.com if you are interested in participating in these occasional and not too demanding activities.**

Congratulations and thanks to Karen and her committee members!

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT -- June 2019

From Renate Sands

SAFE COMMUNITIES ACT

The purpose of the Safe Communities Act is to provide due process for all, including undocumented immigrants. This year, the bill is being presented again. A growing number of communities on Cape Cod, nine towns in all, have passed Safe Community Resolutions. They are Provincetown, Truro, Wellfleet, Eastham, Dennis, Brewster, Harwich and Mashpee. Orleans already had a strong civil liberties resolution passed in 2003 and a 'welcoming values' resolution was passed this year.

So, what is the Safe Communities Act? The following information is from a document published by *MIRA, Massachusetts Immigration and Refugee Advocacy Coalition* and forwarded by Cape Cod Coalition for Safe Communities.

H.3573/S.414 An Act to protect civil rights and safety of all MA residents.

The purpose of the bill is to restore community trust in police by avoiding entanglement in immigration matters and making sure everyone's civil rights will be respected.

No questions about immigration status: Bars law enforcement and court personnel from asking people about their status unless required by law.

Protects due process: Before Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) questions someone in local custody, requires police to obtain their consent using a form that explains their right to decline an interview or have their own attorney present.

Limits notifications to ICE: Bars police, court officers and jail officials from notifying ICE that someone is about to be released. (ICE would still be notified if a person is being released after serving a criminal sentence)

No more 287(g) agreements: Ends contracts with ICE that allow state and county personnel to act as federal immigration agents, at taxpayers' expense. MA is the only state in New England to have such agreements: Bristol, Barnstable, Plymouth counties, and the Dept. of Corrections.

Provides crucial training and accountability: Requires law enforcement agencies to train their personnel about this law.

PILGRIM BILLS

The committee discussed the importance of getting other LWV Leagues to advocate for Pilgrim legislation, especially the Leagues who are from the same area as the chairs of the committees where present bills are located. Since none of the Pilgrim bills have been approved by the LWVMA Legislative Action Committee, we have to submit a Legislative Research Sheet for each bill that complies with LWV positions on nuclear energy. We are presently reviewing the Pilgrim legislation and LWV positions. The Research Sheets need to be completed by the next Legislative Action Committee (LAC) meeting on June 13th.

The committee selected the following two bills because they had the most support from the Cape legislators: *(continued)*

Legislative Committee cont.--Pilgrim bills

H.1847 An Act incorporating the public health Fukushima lessons for nuclear emergency preparation.

If the bill passes the legislature, the following three provisions shall remain in effect until all fuel rods have been removed from a nuclear power plant reactor and the spent fuel pool. Continued...

1. Monitoring stations shall be set throughout a 20 mi radius of the nuclear power plant and will provide real-time information by wireless connection to a publicly accessible website.
2. The Dept. of Public Health shall stockpile thyroid-protecting agents for cities and towns located within 50 mi of Pilgrim. The department shall also distribute thyroid-protecting agents to each resident within 10 mi and stockpile sufficient amounts for public schools, day care centers, hospitals, city halls and other government building within 50 mi.
3. Brochures shall be distributed yearly to each household within 50 mi of Pilgrim that explain (a) what to do in the event of a nuclear disaster (b) how official information will be distributed and how to obtain official information (eg electrical outages) .

H.2004/S.1949 An Act protecting the taxpayers of the Commonwealth (Pilgrim)

This bill would protect the taxpayers of the Commonwealth from financial responsibility for the nuclear power plant decommissioning.

The bill stresses that keeping the land, zoned for nuclear power generation but no longer in use, for a long period of time has devastating economic impact on the community. The prompt decommissioning and release for unrestricted use of these parcels will have tangible economic benefit.

“Decommissioning” means closing and decontamination of a nuclear power station and nuclear power site including

- Dismantling the facility,
- Removing all coolant and nuclear waste from the site
- Removing all nuclear fuel from the spent fuel pool, placing it in long term dry cask storage
- Releasing the site for unrestricted use, terminating the license and receiving certification from the Dept of Public Health that the site meets all state regulation regarding radiological release.

Sale, lease, exchange or other disposition of assets requires approval of the corporation’s shareholders. (An entity must retain 25 percent business activity to be considered a significant continuing business activity). When a disposition of assets becomes effective, all liabilities of said corporation will transfer to the acquiring corporation.

NEXT YEAR: LWV CENTENNIAL

The League of Women Voters is turning 100 in 2020 and the Massachusetts League is busy formulating plans to celebrate the founding of the LWV, LWVMA, and passage of the “right to

vote” 19th amendment. A 100th Anniversary Committee has been formed, charged with working with the State Board to develop a set of priorities and activities to guide the celebration.

The Committee’s recommendations and subcommittee opportunities include:

1. Fund Development – Develop and conduct a fund development program while building a culture of philanthropy and working to establish a major donor program to sustain LWVMA into the next century, setting a target to raise \$100,000.
2. Major Events – Organize two major events: 1) a Fall 2019 event (low cost or free) focused on expanding the electorate and reducing barriers to participation in civic life in Massachusetts and 2) a Spring 2020 celebration and fundraising event. *Cont...*
3. Civics Education – Focus on Civics Education for school-age populations and adults throughout Massachusetts about the significance of the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment, and continuing work to increase and protect the franchise and citizen engagement in all levels of government.
4. Local League Engagement – Encourage and engage local Leagues to develop plans to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment and LWVMA in their communities. Develop a framework to share ideas and resources using new and existing resources (LWVMA website, Field Service meetings, LWVMA newsletters, etc.). Consider developing and promoting a single event or type of event (e.g., cake cutting) for participation by local Leagues across the Commonwealth.
5. Collaborations – Explore and develop collaboration opportunities with other organizations planning exhibits and displays celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment, in lieu of specific exhibit(s) or display(s) created by LWVMA.

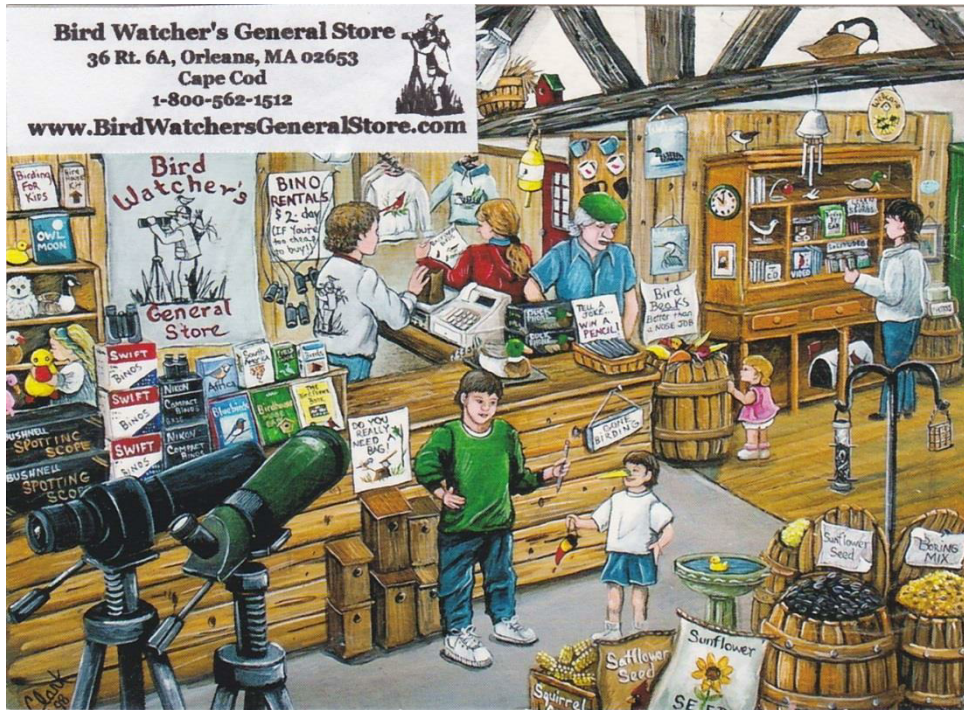
The 100th anniversary is fast approaching. We welcome your input and participation! Contact us at 100thanniversary@lwwma.org.

- Volunteer to be a member of a sub-committee. We would love to have members representing all of Massachusetts. The committee meets via Zoom conferencing, so you do not need to travel to meetings.
- Send us your thoughts and ideas for activities LWVMA or local Leagues might consider to celebrate the 100th Anniversary.
- Let us know what your League has planned. The Committee plans to set up a way to share these events and ideas with other Leagues.

We look forward to working with you to make the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the LWVMA and the passage of the 19th Amendment an exciting and informative year.

100th Anniversary Committee: Donna Hooper and Judy Zaunbrecher (co-chairs), Mary Ann Ashton, Robin Chen, Scotti Finnegan, Karen Price, Courtney Rau Rogers.

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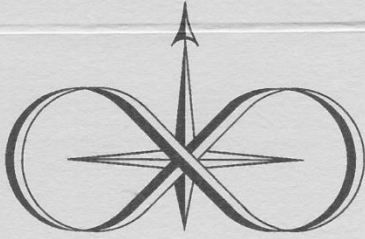
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