



THE CAPE COD VOTER

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CALENDAR

Tuesday, January 8
9:30am

Board Meeting
Cape Cod Five, Rte. 134, Dennis

Tuesday, January 15
9:30am - 1pm (bring lunch)

Consensus Meeting, Ballot Question Study
Harwich Community Center

Wednesday January 16 6pm

Public Meeting on Pilgrim, Plymouth

Monday, January 21

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Wednesday January 23
9:30 - Noon

New Members Welcome Brunch
Hyannis Golf Club, Iannough Rd.

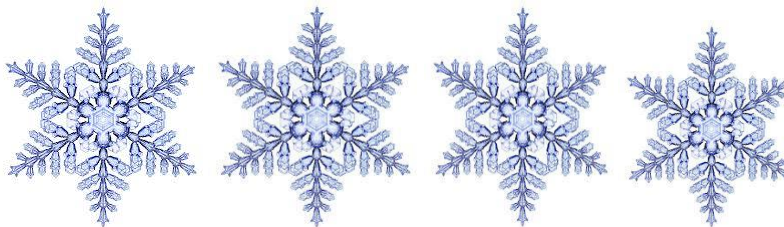
UPCOMING

Tuesday February 5
9:30am

Board Meeting
Cape Cod Five, Rte 134, Dennis

Monday February 22

Presidents Day Holiday



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A Busy Start to the New Year

Tuesday, January 15 -- Ballot Question Process -- Study and Consensus

From Florence Seldin, Study Leader

Help us achieve consensus ~ a method unique to the League for arriving at positions. Hope you read in last month's VOTER all the information about the Ballot Question Process Study in which 34 leagues around Massachusetts are participating. We are one of them! Thus far, 12 members have let me know they will participate in the process on January 15 at the Harwich Community Center from 9:30am to 1pm. Please bring a lunch ~ we will provide beverages and snacks. Meanwhile, for more information, go to LWVMA.org and click on Ballot Question Study. Look forward to seeing you.

Consensus Meeting on Ballot Question Process

Tuesday, January 15 9:30am - 1pm

Harwich Community Center, Oak Street

Please [RSVP--Florencecape@comcast.net](mailto:Florencecape@comcast.net) or 508 945 4464



Wednesday, January 23 -- New & Current Members

Coffee & Orientation

9:30am - Noon

Hyannis Golf Club--1840 Iannough Road/Route 132 Hyannis

Socialize. . .

Gain insight into the league at the local, state and national levels

Learn where you can participate and how you can make an impact

All attendees are asked to bring their membership handbooks

Cost is \$7 except for new members, who will receive personal invitations

Directions (from Exit 6 (Barnstable), Rte 132 East to first light (Shoot Flying Hill) and make a UTurn, going back west for few hundred yards -- Restaurant entrance on right.

-----Please reply by Wed., January 16-----

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

Name: _____ Check: (\$7 /person) _____

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Renate Sands & Elaine Dickinson, Co-Chairs

Are you interested in shaping our future? One way of having an impact is to communicate with your state Representatives and Senators by advocating for or against bills. **By joining the LWVCCA Legislative Committee**, you will receive information on whom to contact, how to advocate and how to follow the bills through the legislative process.

The new bills are presented to the State Legislature this January. The LWVMA reviews these bills and chooses ones that align with the League's positions. Our Legislative Committee selects the bills that have the most impact on Cape Cod. By joining this committee, you can influence **the future by helping to define the effect the bills will have on our community.**

If you are interested, please contact: Renate Sands | rhsands@comcast.net | 508-888-8349

PILGRIM UPDATE

In December, the Board was asked to sign on to a letter written by the Cape Downwinders Re: "Citizens' Petition for Investigation for Failure to Protect the Public" which would be sent to Sens. Markey and Warren, Rep Bill Keating, Gov Baker and Attorney General Maura Healy. The letter was endorsed by 26 organizations at the beginning of December and later in the month the LWV Plymouth also endorsed the letter. Our League decided to write its own letter which will come up for approval at the January 2019 Board Meeting.

The Downwinders letter had some success in that the Governor's office set up a meeting for the Downwinders with Mathew Beaton, Secretary of Energy. That meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 15.

A public meeting with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is scheduled for 6pm, Wednesday January 16 regarding Pilgrim's Post-Shutdown Decommissioning Activities Report (PSDAR) and to receive written questions/concerns from the public. The meeting will be held at **Hotel 1620, 180 Water Street, Plymouth.** All are welcome to attend.

A webinar is scheduled for January 8th. You can register online at <https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/4426325246394493187>.

BARNSTABLE COUNTY

County Government changed hands this month when newly elected County Commissioner **Ron Bergstrom** of Chatham was sworn in and then elected Chair, with Commissioner **Mary Pat Flynn** to serve as **Vice-Chair** and **Commissioner Ron Beaty** as **Clerk.**

In the Assembly of Delegates, Suzanne McAuliffe was elected to a second term as **Speaker.**

SUMMARY NOTES LWVCCA Board Meeting December 4, 2018

Attendees: Rosemary Shields, Florence Seldin, Nancy Erskine, Mary Hunter Utt, Richard Utt, Amy Harris, Anita Rogers, Suzanne Brock, Mati Ligon, Renate Sands, Phyllis Walsh, Paula Bacon

The meeting was chaired by Steering Committee member Suzanne Brock.

The Holiday Breakfast featured speaker Marie Gauthier, who started a LWV organization in Franklin County, MA, after the 2016 election. She outlined ideas about attracting new members and increasing member participation. The Board agreed to recap her ideas for potential adoption by the LWVCCA.

In January, Treasurer Amy Harris will convene a budget committee to draw up the budget for 2019-2020 (to be approved in the Annual Meeting in May). The committee will set the budget for events. Richard Utt (Steering Committee and Ed Trust Treasurer) will be on the committee; League members are welcome to join and, if interested, should contact Amy.

Steering Committee report: Scotti Fitzgerald

The goal of the Steering Committee is to share the president's responsibilities. Scotti will continue to handle phone calls and any task that involves a microphone. Suzanne Brock will run the December and January Board meetings, after which Richard Utt and/or Mati Ligon will take this on. Information should go to all four of them.

Phyllis Walsh reported on membership, which stands at 95.

To encourage greater turnout at events, the Board voted unanimously to identify liaisons in each town to relay to their town members, by personal email or phone call, information about events (such as the New Members Brunch in January). Committees running events should send information to the liaisons to disseminate in their towns.

In further discussion, the Board agreed to refer to these individuals as "contact persons" for each town. Scotti, Phyllis, and Mati will meet to identify contacts for each town, write a job description for contact persons, and report in January.

Committee Updates

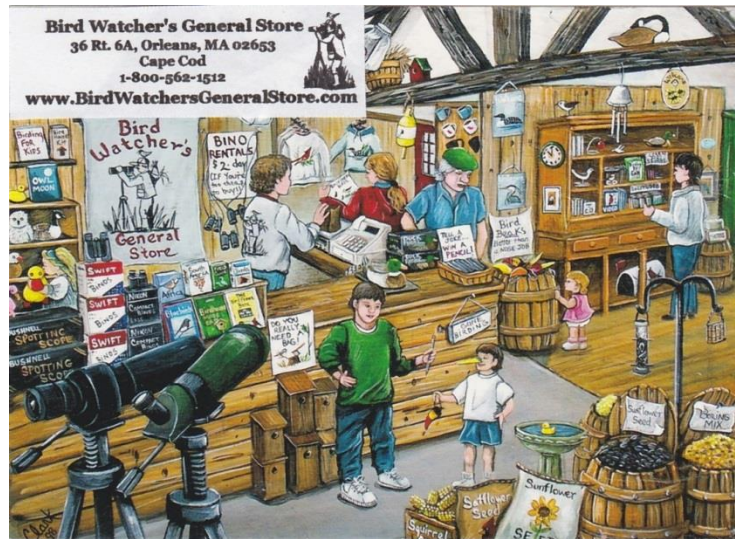
Youth Service Committee (Karen Mazza): On November 8th, Governor Charlie Baker signed bill S2631, An Act to promote and enhance civic engagement.

Legislative Committee (Renate Sands, Elaine Dickinson): Renate reported that local legislators contacted her with dates they are available for the legislative breakfast: this is a milestone and a tribute to Renate's hard work on this event! They agreed on March 22; final details in *The Voter*.

Renate also shared a letter composed by Cape Downwinders to petition Senators Markey and

Warren, Representative Keating, Governor Baker, and Attorney General Healey to investigate the public health risks of the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station. The Board was asked to sign onto it. After considerable discussion of signing on with partisan groups, the Board voted 5-3 to not sign the letter. Because the letter itself is nonpartisan, the Board also voted to compose our own letter; Suzanne Brock, Amy Harris, and Ann Ryan will draft the letter and submit it to the Board for approval.

Programs (Ann Ryan): As reported in *The Voter*, upcoming events include the ballot question process consensus meeting, January 15 and the New Members Brunch, January 23. In the planning stages: visas/immigration, February 9; legislative breakfast, March 22; Annual Meeting, May. Thus far, no events are planned for April. Any member who has a suggestion should use the “forum form” to submit it to Ann (contact Ann for the form). All members are welcome to help with events.



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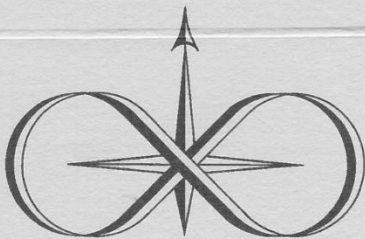
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