

**CALENDAR**

**BOARD MEETING**

**TUESDAY February 4, 9:30 a.m.**  
Cape Cod Five, Rte 134, Dennis

**PROGRAM PLANNING**

**WEDNESDAY February 5, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**  
home of Mati Ligon, Mashpee

**OR**

**WEDNESDAY February 19, 11:00am-1:00 p.m.**  
home of Barbara Wellnitz, Brewster

**LWVMA: Day of Action**

**Thursday, February 6, 10:00 a.m.**  
State House, Room 428

**LWVUS: National Day Of Action**

**LWV CCA: Centennial / Birthday Tea Tea**

**FRIDAY, February 14, 11:00 a.m.**  
Dunbar Tea Room, Sandwich, MA

**PRESIDENTS DAY Holiday**

**MONDAY February 17**

**UPCOMING**

**ANNUAL SCHATZBERG ENDOWMENT**

**LECTURE: "Movement as Mosaic: Triumphs And Tensions In The Battle For Women's Suffrage"**

**MONDAY March 2, 7 p.m.**  
Cape Cod Community College

**BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday March 3, 9:30 a.m.**  
Cape Cod Five, Rte 134, Dennis

**MASACHUSETTS Primary Election**

**EARLY VOTING**  
Feb 24 to 28  
**ELECTION DAY**  
**TUESDAY March 3**



**LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST**

**FRIDAY, March 13, 9:00 a.m.**  
Lorusso Solarium, CCCC

**STEERING COMMITTEE GREETINGS**

The Holidays are over and we have merged back into our harried routine. Sometimes it seems that the world moves very quickly and that we are always just trying to catch up. That may, in fact, be the pattern for this year. This is a big year for the League and women in general. But more on that in a few moments.

This year we are celebrating two huge anniversaries: the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the League, on February 14<sup>th</sup>, and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women's right to vote, on August 26<sup>th</sup>.



We've started planning a number of events to celebrate:

- We're co-sponsoring a lecture with the Cape Cod Community College Educational Foundation on March 2. Stephanie Yuhl will be speaking of the suffrage movement.
- We're planning to have 100 women (and men!) march as suffragettes in the Barnstable 4th of July parade dressed in white, complete with sashes. Plan on joining us. Include your daughters and granddaughters (or sons and grandsons)!
- As more activities are organized we will fill you in! – Watch this space.

Finally, this is a very important election year as well as a census year. Both items are crucial to our democracy and present wonderful opportunities for the League to educate, advocate and become involved. Talk to your neighbors, your friends, people in the super market, where you work and where you hang out. Remind them that many people, men and women worked hard and put themselves in harm's way to secure the right to vote for all citizens. We need to exercise that right, always.

Submitted by Suzanne Brock

## **HELP WANTED – VOTER NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

Writing, editing and computer-design skills are priorities. People skills helpful. Curiosity, determination, accuracy always needed.

Our *VOTER* editor for the past five (or more) years, Nancy Erskine, has announced her retirement. She may show up from time to time, but she feels it's time for someone else to take up the ongoing monthly responsibilities.

These include

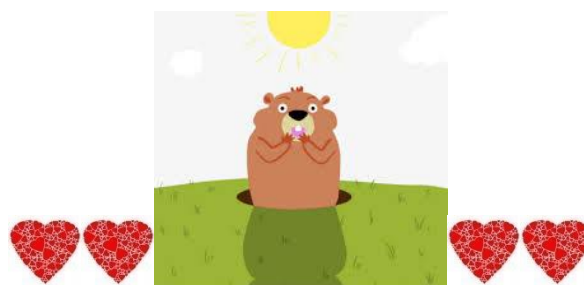
1. Attend monthly board meetings, publish summary of board minutes, provide coverage of past League events and previews of upcoming events.
2. Receive and edit regular reports from LWVCCA Steering Committee and other committee chairs (Legislative, Voter Service, Youth Service, Membership).
3. Write articles on subjects of interest on your own initiative, or based on suggestions from other members.
4. Produce a monthly calendar for the *VOTER* (items from Committee reports, scheduled LWV events, holidays, community events, etc.).
5. Provide copies of the year's *VOTER* for archiving.

2020 will be a busy year for the League in all its endeavors. If you have experience ~ or interest in gaining such ~ our League needs you. There are those, including Nancy, ready and willing to help if needed.

## **January 7 Board Meeting Summary:**

Some of the items discussed are:

- We voted to approve some Bylaw changes, to be presented to the membership at the annual meeting in May.
- We continue our search for a new *VOTER* editor. In the meantime, Amy Harris and Richard Utt are acting as co-editors.
- Our Nominating Committee is working on the slate of Board members and Officers for 2020-2021
- We'll be updating our website with a whole new design in June.
- Local Program Planning is to be carried out in four sessions, two in January and two in February. Join in one.
- Complete minutes will be available next month on the members only web page.



## **From LWVMA: Nine Leagues Receive Scharfman Grants**

“Nine local Leagues received Lotte E. Scharfman Citizen Education grants in October. They are Bedford, Cape Ann, Cape Cod Area, Greater Haverhill, Melrose, Norwood, Plymouth, Westford and Winchester. You can read more about the Scharfman grant program and the projects these Leagues proposed at <https://lwwma.org/october-2018-scharfman-grants-to-ften-local-leagues-2/>.”

Thanks to Rosemary Shields, Mati Ligon, and Anita Rogers, LWVCCA will be distributing pocket Constitutions at registration events being held at Cape Cod Community college and high schools on Cape Cod. Other distribution opportunities will be at under-served communities.

## **Our Survey about LWVCCA Events:**

In January we sent out two emails to all members with a set of questions about members’ preferences for LWVCCA events such as the Holiday Brunch, the Opening Meeting in September, the Legislative Breakfast, and the Annual Meeting.

We have to date gotten a response rate of over 50%!

If you haven’t responded, you can still go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7NPFYM6> and fill out the survey. We need your opinion to help us better plan future events!

## **LAST CALL ~ PROGRAM PLANNING WORKSHOPS** **If you missed them in January -There are still two dates remaining!**

What should be the LWV CCA focus and programming be in 2020-2021? What do you think of the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts’ priorities? We need your input. Our Program Planning sessions are spread out geographically and timewise so we may attract as many members as possible. Please choose one that fits your schedule and come and let us know your priorities for your League.

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| Wednesday<br>February 5, 2020<br>6:00-8:00 p.m.    | Mashpee  | Mati Ligon<br>rsvp 508-539-4233  | 43 Gold Leaf Lane, Mashpee |
| Wednesday<br>February 19, 2020<br>11 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Brewster | Barbara Wellnitz<br>rsvp <a href="mailto:barbarawellnitz2@gmail.com">barbarawellnitz2@gmail.com</a><br>508-896-2023<br>bring a brown bag lunch | 8 Woodward Road, Brewster  |

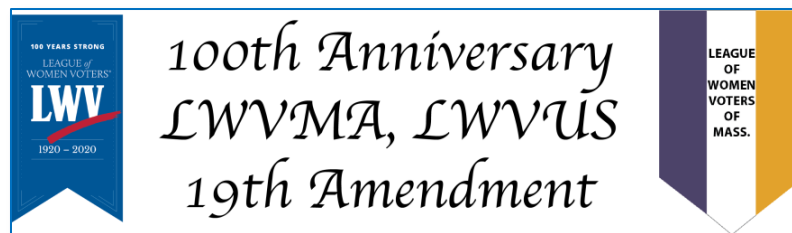
**LWVMA: Day of Action****Thursday, February 6, 10:00am - State House, Room 428**

LWVMA is planning a State House Day of Action to celebrate the League Thursday, Feb. 6. We invite all members to join us in Room 428 at the State House at 10 a.m. We've invited Governor Baker, Speaker DeLeo and Senate President Spilka to speak, and will honor those legislators who are members of the League. We will also distribute reminders that passing Election Day voter registration is a good way to celebrate this anniversary. And there will be birthday cake.

**LWVUS: Women Power the Vote Day of Action****Friday, February 14, 2020**

On February 14, the League of Women Voters will celebrate the actual 100th birthday of our founding. To celebrate our legacy, support the anniversary plans already scheduled, and amplify our League voice, LWVUS is holding an official Day of Action. Many local Leagues also have events scheduled to mark this important date.

Check out the [LWVUS Day of Action Toolkit](#) to help your League plan its local event!

**“Centennial / Birthday” Tea****Friday, February 14, 11:00 a.m.**

The League of Women Voters of the Cape Cod Area, would like to invite all members of LWVCCA to celebrate this centennial birthday at Tea at the Dunbar Tea Room in Sandwich MA. The cost of the event is \$25.00 which includes the menu below, tip, and \$1.20 donation to the LWVCCA to support programs.

Seating is limited: Reservations required  
 RSVP to Scotti Finnegan, Membership Chair 508-208-0799  
 Send checks for \$25/person to  
 LWVCCA, c/o Amy Harris 4 Chapel Hill Lane, Harwich, MA 02645  
[scottifinnegan@gmail.com](mailto:scottifinnegan@gmail.com)

Dunbar Afternoon Tea  
**Dunbar Tea Room, 1 Water Street, Sandwich 02563**  
 Assorted Finger Sandwiches, Fresh baked scone with strawberry jam & cream  
 Decadent dessert selection. (Includes Tea)

Submitted by Scotti Finnegan

## Annual Schatzberg Endowment Lecture



**Dr. Stephanie E. Yuhl**

**“Movement as Mosaic: Triumphs And Tensions In The Battle For Women's Suffrage”**

**Monday March 2, 7 p.m. Cape Cod Community College**

This year’s Annual Schatzberg Endowment Lecture is being co-sponsored by LWVCCA and the Cape Cod Community college and is offered in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of women’s suffrage. It was on Aug. 26, 1920 that the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote became official and women could finally register to vote in national elections. Please attend what promises to be a most interesting lecture.

Dr. Stephanie E. Yuhl is Professor of History at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. A specialist in Twentieth-century social, political and cultural history, she regularly teaches courses on social movements, gender and sexuality, war and memory, and public history. Yuhl is the author of the prize-winning book *A Golden Haze of Memory: The Making of Historic Charleston*, and numerous scholarly articles and reviews.



### SAVE THE DATE

### 2020 LWVCCA LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

**LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST  
Cape Cod Community College  
Solarium, Lorusso Building  
Friday, March 13, 2010  
9 AM to 11 AM**

### Legislative Committee Board Report January 7, 2020

The deadline to report bills out of committee is Feb 5, 2020. Those not reported out of committee are no longer active in this session unless they receive an extension.

Several Lobby Days at the State House have been scheduled. For further information please see the [Mass. League Action Newsletter](#).

- Jan 14 Climate Action
- Jan 21 Youth Justice Lobby Day
- Jan 24 Safe Communities Act
- Jan 28 Election Day Registration

The Legislative Committee had a meeting on Jan 5. The legislation that was discussed is listed in the latest issue of the *VOTER*. The committee and other attendees had a discussion about Senator Cyr and we decided to contact him and ask for a meeting in Hyannis. Jeffrey Soares, his Scheduler, said he would try to get us a meeting in January.

**Voter Service Committee Board Report January 7, 2020**

**2020 Election Dates**

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| <b>January 1</b>         | Automatic Voter Registration begins in Massachusetts   |
| <b>February 12</b>       | Last day to register to vote before the March 3 presidential and state primary elections                       |
| <b>February 24 to 28</b> | Early voting for the March 3 primary, check with your town hall  |
| <b>March 3</b>           | State Presidential Primary Elections   |
| <b>March 11</b>          | Last day to register to vote before the March 31 Special State Election  |
| <b>March 31</b>          | Special State Election for Plymouth and Barnstable Counties (to fill vacancy of Senator Vinny deMacedo's seat) |
| <b>August 12</b>         | Last day to register to vote for the State Primary Elections   |
| <b>September 1</b>       | State Primary Elections  |
| <b>October 14</b>        | Last day to register to vote for the general election  |
| <b>October 19 to 30</b>  | Early voting for the general election, check with your town hall   |
| <b>November 3</b>        | General Election   |

Automatic Voter Registration is now the law of the land. If you are a Massachusetts citizen conducting business through the Registry of Motor Vehicles, MassHealth, and the Commonwealth Health Connector and you do not opt out of registering to vote you will automatically become a registered voter. Tah-dah!

Re the March 3<sup>rd</sup> Presidential Primary – the ballot order was established on December 20, 2019 when Secretary of State William Gavin drew names at random from a tombolla – a revolving drum. The three candidates listed in order on the Republican ballot will be Former Governor William Weld, Joe Welsh and Donald R. Trump. The Democratic candidates will be listed in this order: Former Governor Deval Pagtrick, Amy Klobuchar, Elizabeth Warren, Michael Bennet, Michael R. Bloomberg, Tulsi Gabbard, Cory Booker, Julian Castro, Tom Steyer, Bernie Sanders, Joseph R. Biden, John K. Delaney, Andrew Yang, Pete Buttigleg and Marianne Williamson. Secretary Gavin says if a candidate withdraws from the race before the ballots are printed, their names will be removed from the ballot but there will be no new drawing to redetermine the ballot order. At this writing, Julian Castro has left the race.

(Note: since this was written, Corey Booker and Marianne Williamson have also left the race.)



## SUFFRAGE PARADE

**March 3, 1913 - and July 4, 2020**



*Inez Mulholland led the 1913 parade.*

Less than a century ago, women in the United States were not guaranteed the right to vote. Many courageous groups worked hard at state and local levels throughout the end of the 19th century, making some small gains toward women's suffrage. In 1913, the first major national efforts were undertaken, beginning with a massive parade in Washington, D.C., on March 3—one day before the inauguration of President Woodrow Wilson. Organized by Alice Paul for the National American Woman Suffrage Association, the parade, calling for a constitutional amendment, featured 8,000 marchers, including nine bands, four mounted brigades, 20 floats, and an allegorical performance near the Treasury Building.

Though the parade began late, it appeared to be off to a good start until the route along Pennsylvania Avenue became choked with tens of thousands of spectators—mostly men in town for the inauguration. Marchers were jostled and ridiculed by many in the crowd. Some were tripped, others assaulted. Policemen appeared to be either indifferent to the struggling paraders, or sympathetic to the mob. Before the day was out, one hundred marchers had been hospitalized. The mistreatment of the marchers amplified the event—and the cause—into a major news story and led to congressional hearings, where the D.C. superintendent of police lost his job. What began in 1913 took another seven years to make it through Congress. In 1920, the Nineteenth Amendment secured the vote for women.

LWVCCA is planning to gather 100 women dressed in white blouses and blue or white skirts wearing a hat and proudly sporting a *Votes for Women* sash to march in the Hyannis 4th of July parade. We will be enlisting women (and men!) from many Cape organizations to join us. We have already registered with the parade committee.

If you are interested please email Florence Seldin: [florencecape@comcast.net](mailto:florencecape@comcast.net).

Submitted by Florence Seldin

### **BOOKS ABOUT WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE:**

To learn more about the seven decade struggle for women's right to vote, these books may be of interest:

Berenson, Barbara, 2018. *Massachusetts in the Woman Suffrage Movement: Revolutionary Reformers*

Cassidy, Tina, 1918. *Mr. President, How Long Must We Wait?: Alice Paul and the Fight for the Right to Vote*

Dutton, Faye, 2011. *Fighting Chance-The Struggle Over Woman Suffrage and Black Suffrage in Reconstruction America*

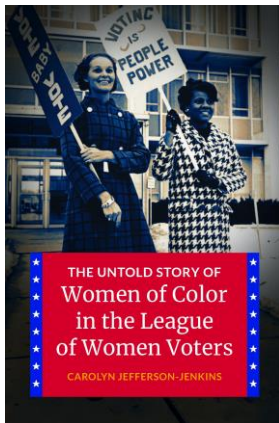
Kimberley, Hannah, 2017. *A Woman's Place Is at the Top: A Biography of Annie Smith Peck, Queen of the Climbers*

Terborg-Penn, Roslyn, 1998. *African American Women in the Struggle for the Vote, 1850-1920*

Ware, Susan, 2019. *Why They Marched: Untold Stories of the Women Who Fought for the Right to Vote*

The League must learn from the past and make intentional decisions to change for the future to remain relevant in the next phase of history.

## *The Untold Story of Women of Color in the League of Women Voters*



by Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins

On February 14, 2020, the League of Women Voters of the United States will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its founding. Although women of color have always made significant contributions to women's suffrage and the women's movements, their contributions, particularly as they relate to the League of Women Voters (LWV), have been marginalized and relegated to the footnotes of the organization's history.

This 100th anniversary milestone provides a unique opportunity to move the story of these courageous women out of the footnotes and into the main narrative to provide a comprehensive history of this grassroots membership organization and its role in the women's movement and beyond.

Conversations around the universal themes of race and gender and how organizations reconcile their action or inaction regarding these issues are more important now than ever. *The Untold Story of Women of Color in the League of Women Voters* adds a new dimension to these conversations.

The book is structured to show the progression of the relationship between the League of Women Voters and its members of color as manifested in changes to its policies, practices, symbols, and messaging. It begins with the suffrage movement and continues until the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the League and uses actual correspondence, convention minutes, existing League histories, and personal accounts to tell the League story. Chapter titles disclose the philosophical shifts in attitude at each stage of the organization's evolution.

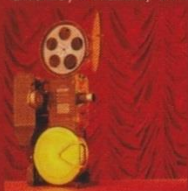
**Carolyn Jefferson-Jenkins**, PhD, served two terms as the 15th President of the League of Women Voters of the United States and Chair of the League of Women Voters Education (1998–2002). Her career in public school and higher education spanned more than 40 years, and she continues to be an activist for civil rights and social justice, advocating for educational excellence and stronger citizen participation in the electoral process for underrepresented populations. She is currently adjunct assistant professor in the School of Education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. [https://www.lwv.org/sites/default/files/2019-08/The Untold Story Flyer 8 2019.pdf](https://www.lwv.org/sites/default/files/2019-08/The%20Untold%20Story%20Flyer%208%202019.pdf)

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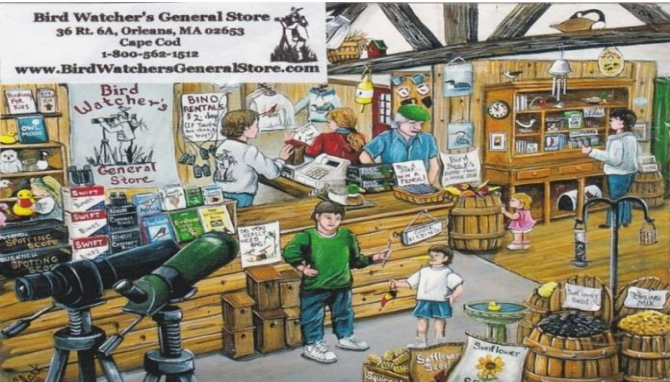


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