

CALENDAR

ANNUAL SCHATZBERG ENDOWMENT LECTURE:

Movement as Mosaic: Triumphs And Tensions In The Battle For Women's Suffrage
MONDAY March 2 | 7 p.m.
Tilden Arts Center | Cape Cod Community College

BOARD MEETING

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

MASACHUSETTS Primary Election

SUPER TUESDAY!!

March 3
7 a.m. – 8 p.m.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST

Wednesday, March 4
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
DoubleTree Hotel
Hyannis MA



A Fund of The Cape Cod Foundation

LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

FRIDAY, March 13 | 9:00 a.m.
Lorusso Solarium, | Cape Cod Community College

UPCOMING

BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY April 7 | 9:30 a.m.
Cape Cod Five, Route 134, Dennis

EARTH DAY 50th ANNIVERSARY

WEDNESDAY April 22



BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY May 5 | 9:30 a.m.
Cape Cod Five, Rte 134, Dennis

LWVCCA ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, May 20 | 5:30 p.m.
The Sea View, Dennis Port

STEERING COMMITTEE GREETINGS

Members.... Things are heating up in more ways than one. As League members, we must all realize how crucial it is to inspire voters to get out and vote. So much is at stake this year in 2020 and sometimes living in such a beautiful place, we may forget how different the lives of others may be and how important it is to model civility in our interactions with others.

Without a doubt, both your Legislative and Voter Service teams on the Board are doing a fabulous job in this endeavor. Their continuing interactions with our legislators on the Hill as well as their ongoing dialogue with voters makes me proud to be a part of this League.

I sincerely hope that we can all be champions of productive discourse in the months to come and lead the way towards the polls in a way that sets the stage for the next 100 years of Women's Suffrage!

Submitted by Suzanne Brock

Seconding what Suzanne says above about our Committees: see their reports in this *Voter!*

And we thank all our members who participated in the LWVCCA event survey and the four Program Planning meetings: your involvement and input are greatly appreciated.

Submitted by Richard Utt



WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS:

Welcome to new member, **Susan Starkey!** We are grateful to Jan Hively for encouraging Susan to join us. Becoming a resident of Yarmouth in 2015, Susan's key passions are issues regarding Climate Change. Susan is Chair of the Green Sanctuary at the Unitarian Church in Barnstable AND the Co-Chair of Faith Communities Environmental Network which is within the Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative. Susan is interested in the news and updates the LWVCCA provides. Susan's contact info:

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And welcome to these other new members: We'll tell you more about them in following issues of the *Voter*.

Janet Benjamins -----Eastham
Diane Turco -----Harwich
Janet Weatherbe -----East Dennis
Carole Young-Kleinfeld -----Marstons Mills

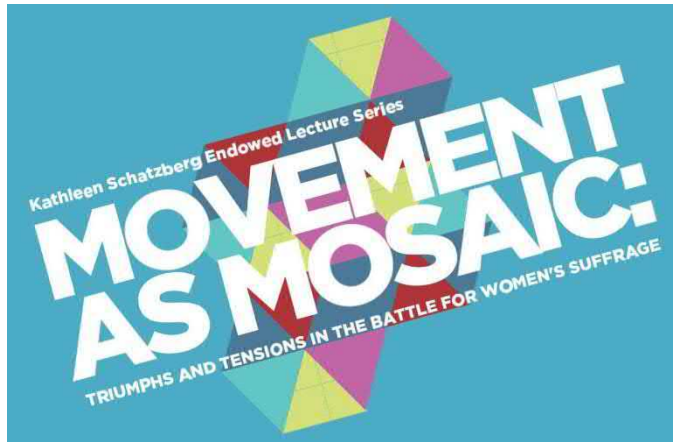
FEBRUARY 4 BOARD MEETING REPORT:

- Richard Utt and Amy Harris will continue as Co-editors of the *Voter*.
If you'd like to suggest articles for inclusion, please submit them to Richard or Amy.
- The nominating committee has contacted current board members and most will continue in 2020-2021. The two VP positions (programs and operations) and some committee chairs remain open. Ann Ryan will continue to help arrange events but is unable to fill the full VP programs position.
- Meeting results from the four Program Planning meetings will be presented at the March Board meeting. Local Program Planning will be voted by the Board for approval at the Annual Meeting in May.
- The Budget Committee will meet to prepare the 2020-2021 budget for approval at the Annual Meeting. Members are Amy Harris, Debbie Aikman, Richard Utt, and Scotti Finnegan.
- Membership stands at 80.
- Mati Ligon recognized Carolyn Richardson and Marie Stevens for their help at the Mashpee Public Library to ready the pocket constitutions for distribution.
Mati will set up events with churches, schools and organizations, with the emphasis on the under-served communities.



Complete minutes will be available next month on the members only web page. Members are welcome to attend Board meetings at any time – see the Calendar for dates.

ANNUAL SCHATZBERG ENDOWMENT LECTURE: MARCH 2



Sponsored by Cape Cod Community College and LWVCCA.

In recognition of the 100-year anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, enfranchising women to vote in the U.S.

A lecture by Dr. Stephanie E. Yuhl, Professor of History at the College of the Holy Cross.

March 2 | 7:00 p.m.

Tilden Arts Center | Cape Cod Community College

Free and open to the public

Go to [MovementAsMosaic_flyerLWVCCA.pdf](#) for full details.

LOBBY DAYS AT THE STATE HOUSE:



LWVCCA members joined others at the State House to advocate for bills that are before the legislature:

Jan 22 Pilgrim Bill H2064 (Elaine, Rosemary)

Jan 24 Safe Communities Act H3573/S1401 (Elaine, Rosemary, Renate)

Jan 28 Election Day Registration H.636 and S396 (Rosemary, Elaine)

Many thanks to Renate, Elaine, and Rosemary for this work.

100TH ANNIVERSARY DISPLAY AT ELDREDGE LIBRARY, CHATHAM



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SUZANNE BROCK'S "MY VIEW" in the CAPE COD TIMES

“This is a year to commemorate two wonderful events. 100 years ago, in 1920, after more than 70 years of effort, ridicule, protests and imprisonments, women finally won the right to vote in the United States. Shortly before this hard won victory became law, the League of Women Voters was established to provide women with the tools necessary to make informed choices once the right to vote was won. Over the years, the League’s history has become closely tied to the suffrage movement.....”

read more at this link:

[http://lwvcapecod.org/files/Suffrage centennial-Suzanne Brock-capecodtimes.pdf](http://lwvcapecod.org/files/Suffrage%20centennial-Suzanne%20Brock-capecodtimes.pdf)



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST



Suzanne Brock will be a speaker at the **Cape Women’s Coalition’s Seventh Annual International Women's Day Breakfast** “IT’S ALL ABOUT THE VOTE!”

Get details and sign up at

https://capewomenscoalition.com/international-womens-day-breakfast/?mc_cid=f745d3df1b&mc_eid=24f23d60c8

Wednesday, March 4 | 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m

[**DoubleTree Hotel, 287 Iyannough Rd, Hyannis, MA 02601**](#)

SUPER TUESDAY | MASSACHUSETTS PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY
MARCH 3



Remember – **YOUR VOTE COUNTS!**

Rock the Vote!

Every election is determined by the people who show up!

Your Vote, Your Voice!

View the list of candidates here:

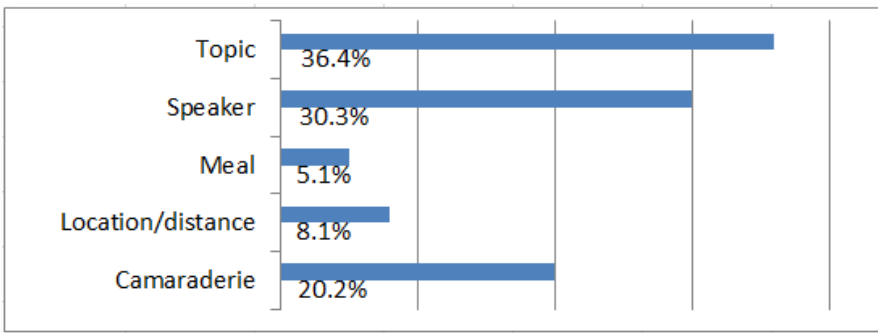
https://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/ele20/primary_candidates20.htm

And find your polling place here:

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/wheredoivotema/bal/MyElectionInfo.aspx>



OUR LWVCCA EVENTS SURVEY:



The results of our survey were discussed in the February Board meeting. We had a total of 40 responses, or over 50%.

This is an excellent result: 30-40% is considered good.

A brief summary of what we saw:

- Most members (92.5%!) want to attend LWVCCA events.
- None considered cost to be prohibitive.
- They did, however, prefer to keep brunch costs under or around \$21-25, and dinner costs under or around \$31-35
- Evenings and night-time driving, were not preferred.
- Topic, speaker, and camaraderie were the strongest attractions. Camaraderie and time to socialize were mentioned in comments for several questions.
- Distance wasn't an issue (I'll go anywhere if the speaker/venue/topic is interesting), but many preferred under 20 miles. And from comments, near Rte.6 is preferred
- For the Holiday Brunch, "Keep it as it is" (first Saturday in December) was preferred by over 50%, first Saturday after January 1 by 40%.
- Most (50%) learned about events from the Voter, and 27.5% from LWVCCA emails.

This is just a summary: there's a lot more detail. For all the responses, go to

http://lwvcapecod.org/files/LWV_CCA_Event_Survey_Results.pdf

Thanks to all who participated. Your responses will be an integral help with our event planning! We will do a follow-up survey to get a little more detail about times, venues, etc.

“DONATE” OPTION ON OUR WEBSITE!

We’ve added a new “Donate” button. You’ll see it at the top of the page at lwvcapecod.org/. So now you can donate any time the spirit moves you! And don’t worry; we’ll remind you of this option next fall when we ask for annual donations. Actually, we’re hoping that non-member visiting the page throughout the year may want to make a donation. We’ll see.



LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Legislative Highlights

The bills related to the Pilgrim Nuclear Plant were divided among three committees. The future of the bills in each committee are explained below.

1. Joint Committee on Public Health

All the bills listed below are in extension until April 1. Senator Comerford, Chair of Committee, is looking at consolidating the following bills:

H.1847 An Act incorporating the Public Health Fukushima Lessons for Nuclear Emergency Preparation

H.1970 An Act to increase funding for MDPH for monitoring

H.3492 An act to keep money in planning in place until fuel moved to dry casks

S.1248 An Act relative to public safety/notify police/fire of radiological event with 20 mi of Pilgrim.

This committee has passed Pilgrim related bills in the past.

2. Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy

S.1943 to keep the Emergency Planning Zone for 10 miles was voted out favorably. Holtec, the owner of the Pilgrim, was given an exemption by the NRC to only be responsible to their property fence beginning on April 1, 2020.

S.1946/H.2904, S.1992/S.1948 were put in "study." All the economic bills to protect the public from decommissioning shortfalls and funds for radiation monitoring, etc. failed.

S.2390 also failed. This bill was essential for the NDCAP (Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel) to respond to issues by votes of the panel. Now the panel remains unable to reach a majority given that the state officials on the panel cannot vote without senior administration approval. They abstain, which gives Holtec the votes to block anything.

3. Joint Committee on Public Safety:

Elaine Dickinson and Rosemary Shields went to the State House January 22nd to lobby for H.2064 a bill that asked for a study of Essex and Barnstable counties for emergency planning. This bill was not voted out of committee and will go no further this legislative session.

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SAFE COMMUNITIES ACT

Elaine Dickinson, Rosemary Shields and Renate Sands attended the Lobby Day for the Safe Communities Act on January 24th to a packed, standing room only crowd. The hearing lasted for 8 hours with testimony from immigrants and organizations going into the evening. About 800 supporters filled the Gardner Auditorium up to its balconies. An overflow space was set up in the Nurses Hall where people could watch the proceedings on TV. Testimony went into the evening. The good news is that the bill H3573/S1401 has been extended to May 1 but it still needs to be voted out of the Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION

Elaine Dickinson and Rosemary Shields attended the Election Day Registration (EDR) lobbying event in Boston at the State Capitol on Tuesday, January 28th. The LWV is part of an EDR coalition that includes Common Cause, MassVote, MassPirg, the ACLU, among others. There is bi-partisan support for EDR – H.636 and S396. The problem with passage is inertia, not enough constituents are telling their representatives in the MA House and Senate that this is a priority. The good news is that the bill has been extended to April 30th so it can be voted favorably out of the Joint Committee on Election Laws.

EDR is the next step to complement Automatic Voter Registration, passed in 2018 and being implemented this year. EDR helps secure our elections by requiring an oath and identification; violations carry significant fines and imprisonment; and officials on EDR states report virtually no problems with fraud.

There is still more work to be done on quite a few bills. We will keep you posted.

Submitted by Elaine Dickinson, Rosemary Shields and Renate Sands



SAVE THE DATE

LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

Friday, March 13, 2020
9AM

[Cape Cod Community College](#)
Solarium, The Lorusso Building

The cost of the breakfast is \$15.00 per person.
Feel free to bring a guest.

Sign up sheet is attached to this issue of the Voter, get it by
going to:
http://lwvcapecod.org/files/2020_Leg_Breakfast_Invitation_and_Payment.pdf



VOTER SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Voter Service Committee set up a Voter Information / Registration table at Cape Cod Community College during their Resource Fair in The Commons on January 23 from 10:30-12:30. We registered two students. Other students checked their registration status and found they were already registered. We gave out plenty of fliers on the upcoming election dates, had lots of good conversations with students, CCC staff and volunteers on voting and the upcoming election.

Tracy Morin, Director of Student Engagement, said they would like to invite the League to their Rock The Vote event, year-end April Block Party, Mid-August orientation and Roaring 20's party. She will get back to us with exact dates and times of these events.

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Pride Cape Cod contacted the Voter Service Committee to assist in registering people to vote at their June 27th event in Hyannis. More information will be upcoming.

The election season is in full throttle. As organizations finalize their plans, the LWVCCA will need volunteers to sit at information/registration tables. We will be in touch in the near future looking for help. Please consider volunteering.

Submitted by Anita Rogers and Rosemary Shields

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[The Sea View, Dennis Port](#)

CENTENNIAL "BIRTHDAY" TEA at the DUNBAR TEA ROOM



LWVCCA members had a great time on Friday, February 14 at the Dunbar Tea Room in Sandwich. We enjoyed tea, scones, and conversation with the 21 members who attended.

There were prizes for those who were best able to answer the questions in a brief quiz about the Suffrage movement (We learned a lot - and realized how much we didn't know about it!)


To enhance your knowledge: Florence and Scotti will be presenting a program "*Women's Suffrage: The Rocky Road to the Ballot*" in the Friends of Snow Library Lifetime Learning spring session: details are available at <https://friendsofsnowlibrary.org/womens-suffrage-the-rocky-road-to-the-ballot/>

You can register at <https://friendsofsnowlibrary.org/spring-2020-lifetime-learning-registration/>

Thanks to Scotti Finnegan and Florence Seldin – and to Rosemary Shields who made a grand entrance in costume.

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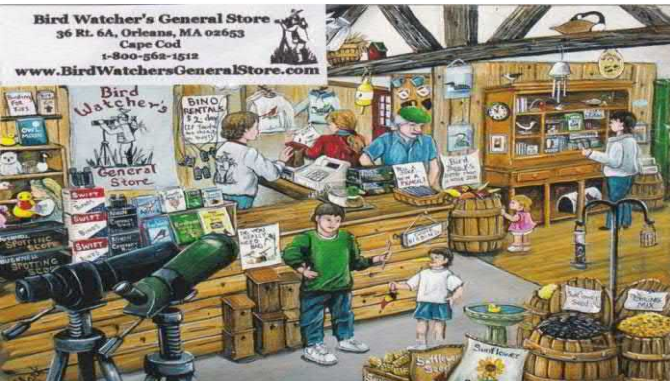


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