

CALENDAR

BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY April 7 | 9:30 a.m.
Teleconference by invitation

SUSTAINABLE PRACTICE ALL-CAPE BEACH CLEANUP

SUNDAY, April 19 | 9:00 a.m.
Multiple Locations

EARTH DAY 50th ANNIVERSARY

WEDNESDAY April 22
Multiple Locations



UPCOMING

BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY May 5 | 9:30 a.m.
Teleconference by invitation

LWVCCA ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, May 20 | 5:30 p.m.
The Sea View, Dennis Port
NOTE: this may change. TBD



STEERING COMMITTEE GREETINGS

League members,

Much has changed since the Board meeting and we are now dealing with the Coronavirus issue. How our plans will be altered going forward remains to be seen.

The following report was written before the developing crisis around the Novel Coronavirus / Covid-19.

I hope that all of you are being responsible, but get out into the sunshine.... take a walk, even if by yourself, and take up a new hobby.

Spring seems to be making a grand attempt to bring us sunshine and flowers in the midst of the gloom and doom that we hear scattered all around. I hope that all of you voted and are looking forward to working hard to get the vote out for November. Keep on washing your hands and remaining positive as we move through this barrage of Corona Virus warnings. I remain ever optimistic that we will all find other things to focus on in the coming months!

One of those topics that we should all have in our sights is April 22nd, Earth Day. Earth Day was a unified response to an environment in crisis — oil spills, smog, rivers so polluted they literally caught fire. On April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans — 10% of the U.S. population at the time — took to the streets, college campuses and hundreds of cities to protest environmental ignorance and demand a new way forward for our planet.

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The first Earth Day is credited with launching the modern environmental movement, and is now recognized as the planet's largest civic event. So in this year, the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day, I ask you to reflect on how far we've come, how far we have fallen back and how much more there is to do.

I hope that no one on Cape Cod denies that we have seen tremendous change in our environment. We have a responsibility to leave this world a better place for children and our grandchildren. To do that we must all participate in whatever way we can.

Below is a link to the Earth Day website and there you will find many activities that you can join to learn more, plan more or engage in some activity. I will list a few, but please do not be complacent about this issue. There are so many things we can protest and march about, but this one, unfortunately, may not allow for undoing if we wait too long. The Suffragists worked for over 70 years to achieve success..... I fear we do not have that long for this issue.

Finally: at our March meeting the Board discussed the results of the Program Planning meetings as well as the survey that we did with our local membership. These results will be discussed at the Annual meeting so please put a save the date for May 20th on your calendars!

Your Steering Committee: Submitted by Suzanne Brock

EARTH DAY 50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS:

Find out more about Earth Day at <https://www.earthday.org/> We hope to see you at one of the Earth Day events. Go to <https://www.earthday.org/earth-day-2020/>, scroll down to the map and search for "Cape Cod".

NOTE: check to see if these events are still happening!

- **The Cape Cod Museum of Natural History Celebrates the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day!**

Brewster

April 22, 2020

11:00

Length: 3 hours

Organizer: Teresa Izzo

Phone: 508-896-3867, ext. 133

Email: tizzo@ccmnh.org

- **Sustainable Practice All-Cape Beach Cleanup**

Sandwich, Falmouth, Mashpee, Bourne, Dennis, Yarmouth, Barnstable, Harwich, Chatham, Brewster, Orleans, Wellfleet, Eastham, Truro and Provincetown

4/19/2020, 9:00 AM

Length: 2 hours

Beaches across Cape Cod

This event is organized by a conservation group

Organizer: Madhavi Venkatesan

Phone: 917-496-0440

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- **Film & Discussion: The Human Element**
Sandwich Public Library, 142 Main St
Sandwich
4/22/2020, 6:00 PM
Length: 6:00 - 7:45pm
This event is organized by a conservation group
Organizer: Linda Lancaster
Phone: 1 617 584 5304
Email: lancaster@rcn.com
- **Plant Based Pot Luck**
East Dennis, MA
This event is organized by a conservation group
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4/22/2020, 5:00 PM
Length: 2 hours
Organizer: Linda Crosby McCuskey
Phone: 9199283647
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- **Plastic Free Earth Day Challenge**
All day 4/22 and extending for 30 more days, if interested.
- **Earth Day - 50th Anniversary - Mashpee Local Actions**
Mashpee Public Library - Events Room
Mashpee
4/16/2020, 4:30 PM
Length: 2 Hours
Organizer: Mary Waygan
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SAVE THE DATE: LWVCCA ANNUAL MEETING

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Wednesday, May 20, 5:30 p.m.

The Sea View, Dennis Port

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MARCH 3 BOARD MEETING REPORT:

- Minutes of the February Board meeting were approved and have been made available on the members only webpage.
- Treasurer's report: donations from League members and from businesses are down from previous years. We will try to make a stronger effort this year.
- Membership stands at 82, with 10 new members. We hope to see the newer members become involved in League activities!
- Voter Service has been very busy with many activities coming up in the next few months. Parades are planned as well as speaking events, voter registration and voter encouragement for the primaries.
- Youth Service is working on plans for a Model UN Day at D-Y High School.
- The Legislative Committee continued plans for the Legislative Breakfast.

Note that since the Board meeting many of these activities have been canceled!

- We reviewed the results of the four Program Planning meetings and agreed on a Program Planning agenda to be voted on at the annual meeting in May.

Complete minutes will be available next month on the members only web page.

Under normal circumstances members are welcome to attend Board meetings at any time – see the Calendar for dates.

But for the April meeting, because of the Covid-29 crisis and concerns about group meetings, we will be conducting the meeting as a teleconference by invitation for Board members only. We will have to decide about how to handle future events as the situation develops.

WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS:

The LWVCCA welcomes new member Carole Young-Kleinfeld. Carole is a new resident of Marstons Mills coming from Wilton, CT. Though new to the Cape, Carole is very well acquainted with the League of Women Voters. In Connecticut, Carole served on several local and state LWV study groups, edited the League newsletter, attended several national conventions, and served on the Board of the LWV of Connecticut.

Looking forward to participating in the League's legislative activities and voter service, especially in elections issues, Carole will bring her professional experience as the Registrar of Voters in Wilton where she also testified at the CT Capitol on implementing Election Day Registration and early voting. Carole's undergraduate degree is from Wellesley College and her Masters is from UConn. Carole likes to swim laps, kayak and "commune with nature." Welcome Carole!

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And welcome to new member, Karen Boujoukos, who moved here from Wexford, PA, where she was a member of the League of Women Voters of Greater Pittsburgh.

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SCHATZBERG ENDOWMENT LECTURE: MOVEMENT as MOSAIC

“I always feel....the movement is a sort of mosaic. Each of us puts in one little stone, and then you get a great mosaic at the end.”

Alice Paul
National Women’s Party

Cape Cod Community College, March 2nd

Dr. Stephanie E. Yuhl, Professor of History at the College of the Holy Cross, led us on a whirlwind tour of the struggle leading up to passage of the 19th Amendment.

We heard not just about the icons of the movement, but also about others, prominent and unknown, who have been left out of popular history ~ countless women of color, immigrants, working women and housewives ~ all of whom formed what was at the time a radical activist uprising. All of whose concerns and passions made up the intricate parts of the mosaic—marching, protesting, speaking out, being arrested and finally, being heard.

Dr. Yuhl’s talk covered an amazing amount of territory in just over an hour and could have gone on for several more hours, leaving us still enthralled.

The audience included a contingent of students from Nauset Regional High School.

The Kathleen Schatzberg Endowed Lecture was free and open to the public thanks to this endowed fund and a donation from the Helen S. Aaron Educational Trust of the LWVCCA.

To support LWVCCA activities of this sort, you can make a donation to the Ed Trust. Make your check out to H. S. Aaron Ed Trust, and send it to

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST**"IT'S ALL ABOUT THE VOTE!"****The Cape Women's Coalition held their 7th annual International Women's Day Breakfast on March 4 at the Doubletree Hotel in Hyannis**

Britt Beedenbender, Sara Gould, Suzanne Brock, and Hilda Haye were speakers.

Photo courtesy of Salty Broad Studios, LLC

[See more photos at the Facebook post by Salty Broad Studios](#)

Read all the speakers' comments at the Barnstable Patriot article

<https://www.barnstablepatriot.com/news/20200305/cape-womens-coalition-rallies-for-continued-change>

From the article:

“Wednesday’s 7th annual International Women’s Day Breakfast, whose timely theme 100 years after the passage of the 19th Amendment was “It’s all about the vote,” rallied some 350 attendees to seek public office, be modern-day activists, and at very minimum, keep voting....”

“Suzanne Brock, co-chair of the League of Women Voters Cape Cod and a member of the Dennis Wastewater Implementation Committee, described how her experience serving in the Peace Corps in Kuada Lumpur, Malaysia taught her to not be afraid of taking risks.

The issues facing women “are the same all over the world,” Brock said. “It’s important to build support. One’s stepping forward benefits all.”

Upon returning home to Springfield, Brock said, she channeled her experience into more than two decades of working to make municipal government more demographically representative of the community at large.

“Changes takes a long time,” she said, urging education and advocacy. “Choose an organization that you feel comfortable with and get involved. Take a risk. Motivate people to vote. Let’s work together to build stronger communities...and build a better democracy.”



LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST - CANCELLED

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We were sad to announce that the LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST on March 13, 2020 at Cape Cod Community had to be cancelled. The committee felt that due to the uncertainty of what is happening with COVID-19 virus, cancellation was the best option.

This has traditionally been one of the highlights of the year for LWVCCA, and certainly a unique opportunity for LWVCCA members and Cape Cod Community College students to meet and hear from their

Thanks to Renate Sands and the Legislative Committee for their hard work setting up what would, we're sure, have been another successful edition of this event. And thanks to them for stepping up to make the difficult decision to cancel.

LWVCCA and the Legislative Committee apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you. We wish all of you good health.



VOTER SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

ATTENTION: Due to the Corona Virus state of emergency, many of the voter service information / registration events that we scheduled have been cancelled. Those are:

The "Credit for Life Fairs"

March 13 Wareham HS
 March 20 Falmouth High
 March 24 Cape Tech

The May Bloom Parade May 3 Brewster Historical Society

Rock the Vote Block Party April 28 Cape Cod Comm. College

Voter Registration on Tuesdays Cape Cod Comm. College

Here's hoping we can still participate in:

Pride Cape Cod Festival, June 27

Pride Cape Cod Festival will be held from noon to 5pm on Saturday, June 27th on the Hyannis Village Green. We will be setting up a voter registration / information table. Come join the festivities. Feel free to volunteer for just an hour or two. Just let us know what time increment you want.

Hyannis 4th of July Parade – save the date

LWVCCA are asking as many members as we can to join us as Suffragists in the Hyannis July 4th parade. Let us know if you're interested. We'll be getting more details soon.

Contact Anita or Rosemary if you have any questions or wish to volunteer at our information/registration tables.


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Rosemary Shields, shields_rosemary@yahoo.com

Submitted by Anita Rogers and Rosemary Shields

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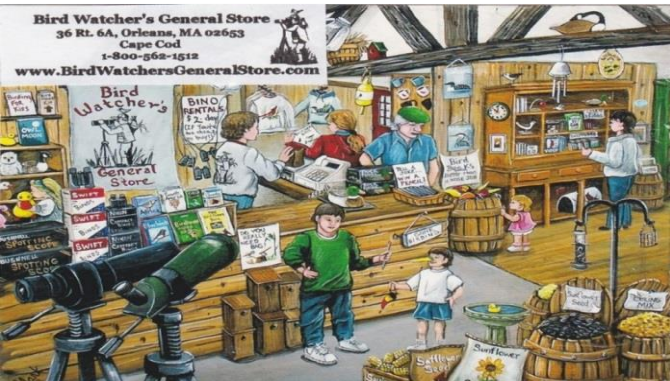


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