

CALENDAR

BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY June 1 | 9:30 a.m.

[Zoom conference by invitation](#)



Pride Month

June 1 - June 30

<https://www.loc.gov/lgbt-pride-month/about/>



Flag Day

MONDAY June 14



Independence Day

SUNDAY July 4

UPCOMING

BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY September 7 | 9:30 a.m.

[Zoom conference by invitation](#)

Go to

<https://tinyurl.com/LWVCCA-calendar>

to see our entire Google calendar. Click on any calendar listing to see more detail.

LWVCCA PRESIDENT'S GREETINGS

Members:

For June's message I decided to rely on others to create a thought provoking moment for the summer slowdown. There is no reason to reinvent the wheel. There are numerous issues that the League and our country will have to deal with over the next year all of which pertain to retaining and strengthening our Democracy. Consider the following...

"...In 1933, Berlin, Germany... How did the city look, what did one hear, see, and smell and how did diplomats and other visitors interpret the events occurring around them? Hindsight tells us that during that fragile time the course of history could so easily have been changed. Why, then, did no one change it?"

Eric Larson

"Evil thrives when good people do nothing."

Anonymous

First They Came

By Martin Niemöller

First they came for the Communists and I did not speak out because I was not a Communist.

Then they came for the Socialists and I did not speak out because I was not a Socialist.

Then they came for the trade unionists and I did not speak out because I was not a trade unionist.

Then they came for the Jews and I did not speak out because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for me and there was no one left to speak out for me.

Remember how important citizens are for fostering change.

Be the change,

Suzanne

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CONGRATULATIONS to
☞ JEANNE MORRISON ☞

We congratulate Jeanne Morrison for being nominated to serve on the LWVMA Board. The slate of nominees will be voted in at the June Convention. We all appreciate Jeanne's leadership in the LWVCCA, and know that she will continue her excellent advocacy work on the LWVMA Board. Besides all her other volunteer work, Jeanne will also continue to serve as Co-Vice President for Programs on the LWVCCA Board.

Thank you, Jeanne, for all your outstanding work.
 LWVCCA Board Members

MAY 4 BOARD MEETING

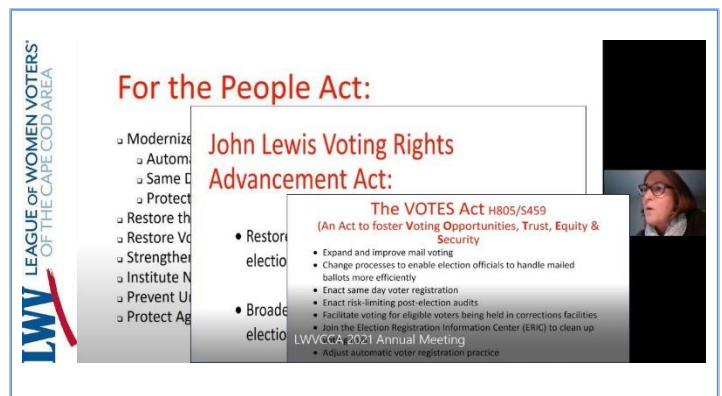
- Minutes of the April 6 Board meeting were approved.
- Our membership is now up to 107. We hope to see all membership renewals by June 30.
- LWVMA Convention (June 26th). One more voting seat is open: let Suzanne Brock know if you would like to take it. Any LWVCCA member can attend to observe; five can attend as voting members. For more information and to register, go to <https://lwmvma.org/2021-lwmvma-convention/>.

ANNUAL MEETING

LWVCCA held our Annual Meeting on May 13. This was our second Annual Meeting conducted as a Zoom “Virtual” meeting.

We began with a 15 minute “social hour,” to let members talk informally and catch up a little -- enjoyable, but not the same as meeting in person, which we hope to be able to do next year.

Suzanne Brock then introduced our speaker for the evening, LWVMA Executive Director Patricia “Patty” Comfort, who spoke on expanding access to the ballot - nationally (For the People Act, John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act), in other states (Georgia, Arizona, Iowa, etc.), and in Massachusetts (VOTES Act). A recording of Patty’s talk is available at [LWVCCA 2021 Annual Meeting Ballot Access Presentation - Patty Comfort, LWVMA.](#)



We then proceeded to the Annual Meeting itself, with Florence Seldin as Parliamentarian. We took the following important actions:

- We approved the Local Program for 2021-2022: this will direct all of our actions for the coming year.
- We approved the 2021-2022 Budget as Proposed and Voted by the Board: this will govern our fundraising, and how we will pay for the adopted Program.
- We approved the Report of the Nominating Committee: this establishes the Officers, Board of Directors, and Committee Chairs who will implement the Program for the coming year.

All of this is outlined in the 2021 Annual Meeting Workbook, sent to all LWVCCA members previously.

In addition, members presented the following Directions to the Board:

Directions to the Board

- Discuss when to meet in person and when to meet via Zoom. How do we want to operate going forward? Add this discussion to the June 2021 Board agenda.
- Write MA Secretary of the Commonwealth William Galvin insisting that he join the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) as directed by the legislature.
- Suzanne asks that we all brainstorm ways to attract more members who can be groomed for positions going forward.
- Talk with younger folks to bring their attention to the LWVCCA and membership.
- Brainstorm fundraising ideas. Add this discussion to the June 2021 Board agenda.
- Send a letter of condolence for Richard Costello, former owner of the Chatham Squire and longtime LWVCCA supporter.

A note about the Annual Meeting:

This year we had to scramble to achieve the required quorum of 30 members.

The Annual Meeting is an essential – and legally required – part of our work. It may seem mundane - even boring - but without it we cannot carry out our work for the year. In this meeting, LWVCCA members have the opportunity to set the agenda for our entire year's work: they can modify the proposed program and budget, they can make nominations from the floor for officers, board members, and committee chairs.

Your participation is important. Thank you to all who joined us! We hope to see you all, in person, next year.



PRONOUNS

League Members,

In keeping with our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) mission, the League is making a transition towards being more inclusive with our language beginning with the introduction of gender friendly pronouns. Pronouns are used in place of proper names and have traditionally included he/she, him/her and they/them. Our shift will allow members to self-identify instead of having people make assumptions about their gender identities. You will begin to see changes on our League brochures and will be given the option of specifying which pronoun you would be comfortable with.

Over time you will also see a shift away from binary language such as male and female, ladies and gentlemen, and guys and gals: possible changes may include League members, friends, folks, or all. The League is moving away from using binary language so that persons of all gender identities feel welcome.

As with all change, members will need to practice using gender neutral terms. The more practice we have the easier it will become. As we move forward and change our internal and external messaging, preferred pronouns will become more familiar and eventually, when we return to in person events, we can begin to use pronouns on our name tags for members and participants. Our aim is to make the League open to passionate individuals of all genders. With all of us working together, we can remove one more barrier to full inclusivity. If any of you have any questions or concerns regarding this transition, please do not hesitate to contact any Board member.

For more information, see this guide from LWV: <https://www.lwv.org/league-management/dei-resources/pronoun-and-gender-guidance>

WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS

Submitted by Matilda Ligon,
Chair, Membership Committee

"I am interested in any legislation that deals with voter suppression."

Gloria Hanson

Gloria Hanson proclaims she is an activist who wants to work with legislative efforts aimed at avoiding gerrymandering of voting districts. She is interested in promoting voter registration. Even though she is a new member to the LWVCCA she is an experienced Leaguer inasmuch as she belonged to the League in Philadelphia for several years. Gloria grew up in Brooklyn, Connecticut. Her undergraduate work was completed at the College of New Rochelle in New York. She continued during her graduate studies as a biology major at Brown University where she met and later married a fellow biology major Richard Hanson in 1961. It was in Cleveland where Gloria and her husband raised their three children: two sons and one daughter. Her daughter resides on the Cape. Gloria's husband died seven years ago and she moved to the Cape in 2018. She also has a granddaughter who lives on Cape Cod. Gloria had spent most of her life in Ohio due to her husband's appointment as Chairman and Professor of Biology and Chemistry at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. While raising her family Gloria returned to graduate school and earned her Master in Social Work degree at Case Western; and later worked as a clinical social worker in various agencies in Cleveland.

Currently Gloria Hanson is actively working with Project Connect, a group that she and a friend started. Project Connect is an organization that focuses on diversity, equity, and inclusion issues on Cape Cod. Gloria has also joined the DEI Committee in the LWVCCA. Writing is a major point of interest in Gloria Hanson's life. She states: "I write every day." Her professional writing includes her work with journals and periodicals regarding clinical social work. She is a member of The Cape Cod Writers Studio. She is also an author who has published nine books. Two of her books

are: *Coping: Embracing Change and Loss* (2020); and *The Secret of the Trunk* (2019).

Gloria Hanson

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**DEI COMMITTEE****DEI Committee Report, May 2021**

The committee announced its selected books for summer reading and general plan for discussions. The announcement will be in the newsletter and emailed to LWVCCA members.

Mati and Mary attended the LWVMA DEI Peer Group meeting (via Zoom) May 15, attended by about 12 League members from across the Commonwealth. Among points made and discussed about League DEI work were:

- Amherst is working with the town's DEI commission.
- Boston is taking an Asian focus.
- Berkshires has reached out to the local NAACP to collaborate.
- Concord/Carlisle has similar concerns to ours: white, senior membership.
- Several leagues have book groups going.
- Mati reported on the Constitution project; Mary reported on the summer reading project. Falmouth would like to be included in this project.
- Some interesting links that were shared:
 - Falmouth's FCTV production called, "The Conversation," people talking to each other honestly about topics like Black Lives Matter and racial disparities in healthcare. Episodes are available in YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=the+conversation+fctv

- [White dominant culture & something different: a worksheet](#)

Submitted by Mary Hunter Utt,
Co-chair, Voter DEI Committee

Summer reading!

For summer reading, the DEI Committee has selected two books that address racism and inequality in America. We are planning discussion sessions, with the first one to be held by the end of September.

Along with being informative about issues rarely taught in school, these books include useful suggestions to begin healing the racial divide. Our intent in choosing these books is to build on the necessary conversations the DEI Committee has begun.

The books are:

1. *Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man*, Emmanuel Acho (available at BJ's and in the CLAMS system).
Based on Acho's [YouTube episodes](#) of the same name, the book builds on those conversations and goes further. He frames a series of questions on racism in each chapter of the book, explores how we as a country got here, talks about the uncomfortable but necessary conversations we need to have around those questions, and then talks about what we can do to educate ourselves about those issues and change things for the better going forward.
2. *Waking Up White*, Debby Irving (available in the CLAMS system).
This book is a wake-up call for white people who want to consciously contribute to racial justice rather than unconsciously perpetuate patterns of racism. With honesty and humility, Irving shares her own story of transformation—a journey of opening herself to learning about the realities of racism and the unintended impacts of white privilege.

We invite you to join us in reading and discussing these books. Please let us know at LWVCCA@gmail.com by the end of July so we can plan the September discussion.

And contact us if you have any questions.

Note: selecting the two books wasn't easy! There are many excellent books on DEI topics. For readers who would like more depth, here are four books that were serious contenders for the summer reading list:

1. *A Future without Walls: Confronting Our Divisions*, Richard Snyder.
2. *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together*, Heather McGhee.
3. *Everyday Bias: Identifying and Navigating Unconscious Judgments in Our Daily Lives*, Howard Ross.
4. *Blindspot: Hidden Biases of Good People*, Mahzarin Banaji.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The VOTES Act Public Hearing—May 19,
2021
LWVCCA Was There!

The Massachusetts Joint Committee on Election Laws held its first public hearing of the year—via Zoom—on May 19 to hear input on a variety of election-related bills, such as *An Act Fostering Voter Opportunities Trust, Equity, and Security (VOTES Act)*. This bill will make permanent the election reforms which produced record voter turnouts in last year's elections and will enact several additional election modernization items. The VOTES Act includes early and mail-in voting, risk-limiting audits, joining the ERIC coalition for updates to voter lists, voting materials for eligible voters in correctional facilities, and same day registration to correct errors on the voter lists. To date, more than 120 legislators have endorsed the VOTES Act.

The Committee heard testimony for 2½ hours from MASSPIRG, MassVOTE, the Massachusetts

Voter Table, the LWV of Massachusetts, Common Cause, the Racial Justice Program of the ACLU, Lawyers for Civil Rights, and the LWV of the Cape Cod Area—the only local League to testify in person at the public hearing.

Testimony was overwhelmingly supportive of the VOTES Act proposals and for passing the VOTES Act intact, with all its sections. According to Patty Comfort, Executive Director of the LWV of Massachusetts, “... We are Massachusetts. We believe in increasing the access to our elections for all eligible voters. And in these frightening times for our democracy, we need to make that clear.”

Additional comments for the Committee focused on upfront funding for officials to enact the VOTES Act provisions, kudos to local elections officials for last year’s election accomplishments, voting access for caregivers, mobile and blockchain voting for active service members, involvement of more young voters in the election process, and improvements in the automatic voter registration system.

LWVCCA President Suzanne Brock was the wrap-up speaker at the public hearing. In a recent email, she credited the staff of the Joint Committee on Election Laws for an excellent job in orchestrating the virtual Zoom participation of those who signed up to appear in person. Her testimony re-emphasized the need to make voting fair and accessible to all, regardless of medical conditions, age, disabilities, transportation, address changes, or work schedules. Suzanne remarked personally on her own rewarding experience working at the polls last year and hoped that the Massachusetts legislature will “lead the way” by quickly passing the VOTES Act. “Voters rights organizations and members of the public have devoted extensive time and energy into sharing their views and expectations with the Committee. That’s what public hearings are for. However, it was difficult from my experience to determine whether the Committee was sincerely interested in gathering additional information or fulfilling the requirement of holding a public hearing for this legislation. Were they actually listening to us? Let’s hope so,” Suzanne said.

We applaud Suzanne for taking the time to speak for the members of the LWVCCA—the only local League present at this hearing—and thank all our

LWVCCA members who submitted written testimony to the Committee and to their own legislators. Let’s watch for the next steps for the VOTES Act!

Carole Young-Kleinfeld
LWVCCA Legislative Committee

VOTER SERVICE COMMITTEE

Redistricting Part 2 – People Powered Fair Maps (Part 1 is in your May, 2021 Voter)

The Massachusetts Special Joint Committee on Redistricting is charged with designing district maps based on the 2010 Census. They will determine the Federal Congressional districts, State Senate and State Representative districts and the Governor’s Council districts (* - see Note). On Monday, April 26 the U.S. Census Bureau released its initial population numbers. Both California and New York will each lose a congressional district. The number of Massachusetts congressional districts remains the same.

The next meeting of the Special Joint Committee on Redistricting was held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 24th for Congressional District 2, Congressman Jim McGovern’s district. District 2 is in Western Massachusetts, from the Blackstone Valley to the Pioneer Valley. Worcester, MA’s 2nd largest city, is in this district but much of Western MA is rural. With a shrinking population it was acknowledged several times during the evening that changes in the district will have to be made but at least MA didn’t lose a Congressional seat as we did back in 2011. Elected officials, individual citizens, and representatives from the following organizations testified: Drawing Democracy, NAACP, Worcester Interface, the MA Alliance, the Labor Assembly of the United Auto Workers, Lawyers for Civil Rights, and MA Voter Table. It was reiterated during the evening that the districts must be contiguous and congruous – a compatibility with all citizens – majority and minority neighborhoods; immigrants and refugees; the disabled, blind and physically challenged, the incarcerated. Both Co-Chairs Sen. William Brownsberger and Rep. Michael Moran voiced their desire that this be an opportunity to make the disenfranchised included and engaged.

In later hearings they will have translators for citizens more comfortable in their native language so they can be part of the process. As Beth Huang, of MA Voter Table, summed it up, "This is a grassroots conversation. We all eagerly anticipate the final Census data."

Rosemary Shields, co-chair of the Voter Service Committee, will be monitoring these meetings. Rosemary will look for other volunteers for back-up and discussion on the action and concrete steps Cape Cod needs to take. Since LWVMA Co-President Judy Zaunbrecher has been working on this issue since last year and has held several webinars on the subject, we will also be looking for guidance from the LWVMA.

Here is the link to the Committee:

<https://malegislature.gov/Committees/Detail/SJ41>

The goals of the LWVMA for redistricting are:

- Ensure the 2021 redistricting in Massachusetts is a transparent process and includes public participation.
- Educate the public and advocate for restoration of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 through the passage in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate of the Voting Rights Advancement Act, the For the People Act, and other legislation.

Our campaign will include diverse voices and points of view to set goals and strategies and be equitable and inclusive in the organizing and execution of the plan. This campaign will be built on collaboration—between the national, state, and local Leagues and with other civic, good government, and civil and voting rights organizations.

Background:

In 2011 the LWVMA found the Massachusetts redistricting to be a fair and open process. In fact, it was brought up by Chairman Moran at the Joint Committee's May 4, 2021 hearing that MA was one of only five states that was NOT sued after the process of redistricting was completed. That is why the LWVMA did not work towards an independent state commission for redistricting.

The rules for drawing up district maps is that a district must be contiguous, with an equal number of inhabitants. No county, city or town will be split. In 2011 the maps were released in October / November and were approved in late November. There is more of a time constraint in 2021 because official Census results will not be available until September 30 (vs. April 1, when it's usually released). The state Constitution states that candidates for State Representatives must live in their district for one year before the following year's election. The redistricting maps, therefore, must be approved by November 8, 2021.

Summary of the LWVMA testimony before the Special Joint Committee on Redistricting, April 14, 2021:

The League urges the Committee to conduct at least 12 hearings in 2021. The League encourages using open meeting law standards for the Committee's work. The Special Joint Committee on Redistricting should design its public facing website and process to encourage unbiased testimony by citizens-at-large, representatives of public interest groups, and members of historically underserved communities. Providing the information in a variety of languages representative of the diverse communities in Massachusetts, making hearings easy to attend for residents with limited access to broadband and transportation, and ensuring access for people with disabilities is important so these communities feel welcome to participate in the process. LWVMA recognizes that the current health emergency due to COVID-19 limits the Committee's ability to hold hearings in person. We encourage the Committee to work to ensure fair and equal access to virtual hearings and to hold in-person hearings as soon as public health officials determine it is safe to do so.

***Note:**

The Massachusetts Governor's Council, also known as the Executive Council, is composed of eight individuals elected from districts, and the Lieutenant Governor who serves ex officio. The eight councilors are elected from their respective districts every two years. The Council meets weekly to record advice and consent on warrants

for the state treasury, pardons and commutations, and recording advice and consent to gubernatorial appointments such as judges, clerk-magistrates, public administrators, members of the Parole Board, Appellate Tax Board, Industrial Accident Board, notaries and justices of the peace. Source: www.Mass.gov.

Co-Chairs of the Special Joint Committee on Redistricting:
 State Senator William Brownsberger,
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 State Representative Michael Moran,
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Submitted by Rosemary Shields,
Co-chair, Voter Service Committee

**Talking with Legislative Staffers
 from the Cape Delegation**

**Thursday, June 17th, 2021 - 9:00 to
 10:30 AM**

A Virtual Event



Cape Women’s Coalition, in partnership with the Cape Cod & Islands Commission on the Status of Women and the League of Women Voters of the Cape Cod Area, will co-present “Talking with Legislative Staffers from the Cape Delegation” on June 17, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM. This zoom event is a complement to our most recent Roundtable where we talked with the newest members of the House and Senate from the Cape. The participants will be:

- Sarah Ferrara, Budget & Policy Director, Rep. Sarah Peake
- Elizabeth Ganz, Chief of Staff, Senator Julian Cyr

- Kathleen Palmer, Legislative Aide, Rep. David T. Vieira
- Moderator: Sue Rohrbach, former Senate Staffer and CWC Board Member

The session will be a discussion among the staff members and include topics such as:

- What it’s like to work in the State House.;
- How their offices work and what their specific role is;
- What they see as key legislative priorities in the year ahead;
- How to access your own legislator and work with staff productively.

The session will close with a question-and-answer session with the attendees. Hope to see you there!

This session is the third in a series on the topic of the Cape Delegation of State Legislators.

What:

CWC, CCICSW and LWVCCA joint zoom event

Topic:

Talking with Legislative Staffers from the Cape Delegation.

When:

Thursday, June 17, 2021, from 9:00 to 10:30 AM.

Location:

Zoom Virtual Event

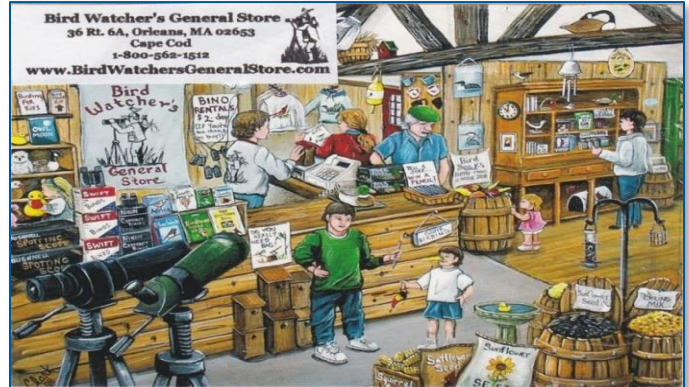
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