

CALENDAR

BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY November 3 | 9:30 a.m.
Teleconference by invitation



ELECTION DAY!!

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THURSDAY November 26

UPCOMING

BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY December 1 | 9:30 a.m.
Teleconference by invitation



DEI "ZOOM" MEETING

MONDAY December 7 | 6:30-8 p.m.
"Understanding how racism is experienced on Cape Cod"



LWVCCA PRESIDENT'S GREETINGS

Members....

Without a doubt the next few weeks will be filled with frenetic energy... energy to write post cards, to make phone calls, to network with at least 5 uncertain voters and encourage them to vote. In addition, there are a number of issues swirling around the Cape that citizens and League members should be paying attention to. Some of these issues are the proposed Machine Gun Range at Joint Base Cape Cod, the Cape Cod Commissioners race, food insecurity on the Cape, ongoing affordable housing issues, water quality issues and climate change dangers facing the Cape. On top of that we have an ongoing police accountability issue facing the state and nation as well as the pervasive onslaught of voter suppression spreading throughout a number of states not to mention the possibility of a much more conservative shift in our Supreme Court.

Why am I being so seemingly pessimistic? I am actually eternally optimistic and hopeful that our membership will grow, that we will continue to network with other organizations on and off the Cape, such as the Cape Cod Young Professionals, Cape Women's Coalition, the NAACP, the Wampanoag Council, Barnstable No Place for Hate and Lower Cape Indivisible to name a few so that we can mobilize after this exhausting and confrontational election to begin rebuilding our local communities and our nation's democracy. So, even in the shadow of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic, please keep the faith, continue your activities involving voter education and engagement and then..... after the election, take a short rest because we have lots more work to do!

Thank you all for your ongoing efforts in all areas of moving democracy forward.
Stay engaged and keep the peace,
Suzanne Brock - President

OCTOBER 6 BOARD MEETING :

Minutes of the September 1 Board meeting were approved.

Karen Mazza and Jeanne Morrison developed a list of follow-up questions for the Oct 22 *Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion* Zoom meeting. Responses will be used in developing a DEI learning series for LWVCCA members (see below).

The Board discussed a DEI forum for the December members meeting. Program Planning Vice Presidents Jeanne Morrison and Karen Mazza will develop a proposal for this, to be presented at the November board meeting. This meeting would be in lieu of the usual “Brunch” meeting.

Youth Service Committee: Jeanne Morrison is on the Steering Committee of *Brewster No Place for Hate* and Karen Mazza has also joined. The student members produced the Youth Listening Session last month: it was recorded, and the recording will be made available when it is complete.

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 currently, because of the Covid-19 crisis and concerns about group meetings, we will be conducting the meetings as a teleconference by invitation for Board members only.



DEI SURVEY RESULTS

Thank you to the thirty-six members who responded to the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion survey that we sent to members following our September opening meeting program. We were pleased that we heard from twenty-three people who had not been able to participate in the program. The primary reason given indicated that they had a conflict with the meeting.

We asked people to identify topics they would like to learn more about to increase our understanding of how we can advance diversity, equity and inclusion. We meant to allow people to

check all responses that were of interest, but unfortunately, we did not fix the controls to the survey in a way that allowed people to check more than one response. As a result, we ended up with people’s first choices. The top vote getter for future topics that members would like to learn more about was, “Understanding how racism is experienced on Cape Cod and resources for addressing it.” Coming in second was “Increasing my understanding as a white person about implicit bias, white privilege, and how to become a better ally. The third highest vote getter was “Understanding systemic racism and how it operates in a variety of institutions.”


Since our first-choice selection was “Understanding how racism is experienced on Cape Cod”, we have selected that topic as our December program. We will have a panel discussion by community representatives of Cape Cod organizations that address racism and hear their thoughts about the issues and ways that we can be helpful. It will be a very informative and timely program so please stay tuned for announcements about this **upcoming Zoom event scheduled for Monday, December 7 from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. SAVE THE DATE!**

In other findings, most people (fourteen) selected speakers as the way they preferred to learn and eight selected readings as their first choice for learning. Thirty-four of the thirty-six respondents indicated that they would be likely to participate in future DEI learning events.

Analysis of the open-ended response questions will take more time, so we will provide insight about those responses in a future article.

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WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS

Carolyn Noering joins LWVCCA with her wealth of international and USA experiences. Due to her husband's corporate assignments in Hong Kong, the Philippines, and Malaysia, Carolyn's family moved about 18 times. Most of her 22 years living overseas were spent in Asia. Her children were ages 4, 3, and 2 when her family moved to Hong Kong. Today her adult son Jared lives in London with his 4 children, daughter Jennifer resides in Mattapoisett with her 3 children, and son William lives in Hingham with his 3 sons.



Audubon Long Pasture Sanctuary in Cummaquid growing vegetables, flowers, chickens and pigs as part of her commitment to environmental concerns and promotion of local food entrepreneurship. She has now scaled back to producing food simply for her family. Prior to embarking on her farming enterprise, she helped to found the Hyannis Main Street Business Improvement District (BID), for downtown Hyannis, serving as its head for 10 years. Cynthia joined LWVCCA out of concern for fair elections,

having admired the League and its mission and wanting to get more involved. She has signed on to be a poll worker at Barnstable's 4th precinct for the upcoming election.

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Susan Quinones joins The League of Women Voters of the Cape Cod Area with a strong desire to work with its Legislative Committee. Susan was an active member of the League of Women Voters in New York during her many years of working and residing in New York City before she moved on to Boston. She was born in Brooklyn, New York. She graduated from Academia Santa Maria in Ponce, Puerto Rico. She is a graduate of Hobart and William Smith College in Geneva, New York. Later she did graduate work at Columbia University before moving on to Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. where she earned her Doctor of Laws degree. Susan is currently Coordinator of the Barnstable County Human

*"I knew that the LWVCCA would be committed to get out the vote."
 Carolyn Noering*

Carolyn and Cape Cod are not strangers to each other. As a young child Carolyn grew up during summer vacations at her parents' summer home in Brewster. She is a graduate of Emmanuel College and a former teacher in Malaysia where she served on a school board for one year. She worked as a real estate broker in Wellesley where she also taught school. She continues to work with the Brewster Historical Society during her retirement.

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Cynthia Cole lives in Barnstable Village. She grew up in Buffalo, NY, and moved to Cape Cod 45 years ago. She previously farmed at the Mass

Rights Advisory Commission. Part of the Commission's mandate is to receive and review complaints of alleged civil rights and human rights violations.

"If you are going to make lasting change, then the vehicle available to the public for doing so is legislation."

Susan Quinones

She is married to Alexander Jackson IV, a retired stockbroker who was born in Harlem, New York City. Her husband is a third generation African American graduate of Harvard University. Both Susan and her husband wanted to retire to Cape Cod after enjoying many years of vacationing on the Cape. They happily reside in Mashpee.

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After attending a recent voter registration event sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Cape the Cod Area, **Anna Marie Johansen** made up her mind to join the League. Actually, she rejoined the League because she had been active with the League of Women Voters years ago in New Jersey.

"Today's political climate has prompted me to not sit back."

Anna Marie Johansen

Anna Marie grew up in Silver Lake in Westchester County, New York. She graduated from Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio as a music major specializing in vocal performance. She attained a Master's degree in Education as she pursued a rich variety of contrasting jobs.

She worked in New York City at The New Yorker Magazine in its advertising department where she arranged entertainment for advertisers. She did on-stage performances as well as producing concerts and play performances. She has performed for audiences in New York State, Connecticut, and Massachusetts in community theater productions. She was employed as a music teacher in Longmeadow, Massachusetts for three

years. She has also taught elementary school students language arts with a focus on writing. She has two adult sons: Christian and Conrad, and currently resides in Chatham with her husband Roy.

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Lucille (Lucy) Cundiff moved to Cape Cod eight years ago from Texas, although she had visited and had many connections to Massachusetts and Cape Cod prior to that. A son and grandchildren who live here provided some of the impetus for moving to Cape Cod. Lucy had a long career in real estate as a manager, but is now semi-retired and works simply in real estate sales "without the management headaches!" She joined LWCCA out of a concern for fair elections in our current political climate. At this time because of the pandemic, she would be interested in participating in League efforts that can be done by phone or computer, and she appreciates already the many programs offered by our local chapter as well as the state and national LWV via Zoom.

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We also wish to welcome new members **Cheryl Kyle** of Brewster, **Karen McPherson** of Chatham, and **Debbie Winnick** of Orleans. We hope to tell you more about them in coming issues of the *Voter*.



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE: TAKE ACTION

We urge you to register for the conference *Net Zero 2020*. Last year's conference was at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Chatham and there was a sellout crowd. This year you do not need to leave the comfort of your own home.

The Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative (<https://Capecodclimate.org/>) brings the issues of climate change front and center with an impressive virtual conference on Friday, October 23, running from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

NET ZERO 2020: REIMAGINE REBUILD RENEW is the Cape Cod Climate Change Collaborative's third conference, and its first virtual one. The website <https://netzeroCapecod.org> details the agenda and activities of the day. The conference theme, "Jumpstarting a Clean, Green and Inclusive Economy for Cape Cod and the Islands," will address economic programs, clean energy impacts, jobs and training, and opportunities for growth and activism to help kick-start the economy while moving the region toward a carbon-free future.

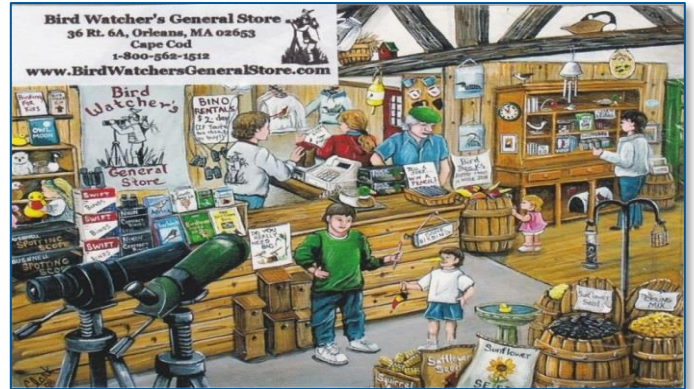
On another topic the Cape Cod Commission is developing a Climate Action Plan. The Commission as a regional planning agency is taking steps to develop a Climate Action Plan for Cape Cod to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help Cape towns plan for adaptations that will be needed to protect property, businesses and lives.

Recently the Commission's Natural resources Manager, Heather McElroy, laid out disturbing changes MA has already observed due to global warming and what scientists think the future will look like. We're warmer – MA average annual temperatures are up nearly three degrees since 1985 and the growing season is now two weeks longer. With warmer temperatures the ocean is expanding and combined with glacial melting is responsible for nearly a foot of sea level rise over the past century.

But flooding won't be confined to sea level rise because there has been a 55% increase since 1958

in number of rain events with heavy precipitation over 2 inches.

There have been meetings with town officials from each of the Cape's four regions and eventually meetings with other stakeholders. For more information on the Climate Change Initiative go to Capecodcommission.org.



VOTER SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

Elections in the time of COVID - what a long, strange trip it's been!

...but first a reminder that when you receive the Voter, there will probably be a couple of days until the election -- please connect with friends/family members/neighbors who may still need information or a ride to the polls.

And remember that LWVMA and LWVCCA support ranked choice voting so we can recommend a **Yes vote on Ballot Question #2**. (If you need more information, please check on LWVMA or call Rosemary Shields or Anita Rogers.)

Now for what Voter Service has been up to this past month:

1. The LWVCCA, in collaboration with Cape Cod Young Professionals (CCYP) and the Cape Cod Community Media Center (CCCMC) presented a series of virtual Candidate Forums: On October 1st candidates were presented for State Representative races in the 1st Barnstable District (Rep Timothy Whelan / Josh Mason), 2nd Barnstable District (Rep William Crocker /

Kip Diggs), and 5th Barnstable District (Steven Xiarhos / James Dever).

On October 15th the candidates for Barnstable County Commissioners (Mark Forest / Abraham Kasparian / Sheila Lyons) were presented. You may watch or skim the recorded video for these forums on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/LWVCCA>).

The forums were informative and good ideas were shared. We want to thank Florence Seldin and Karen Price of the LWV of Needham for moderating our events.

The League of Women Voters of Falmouth also hosted a Candidates Meeting for the Plymouth Barnstable District State Senate race (Susan Moran / James McMahon) with Falmouth Community Television (FCTV) on October 12. The video of this candidates meeting will be put up on FCTV in the very near future.

2. Limited public engagements - we had 3 public, masked, socially distant events: Main St Hyannis (in 40 mph winds) and the Cape Cod Mall for National Voter Registration Day Sept. 22, and Main St. Chatham outside long-time League supporters and the owners of Yankee Ingenuity on October 10.



New members Anna Marie Johansen and Karen McPherson at Yankee Ingenuity

Thanks to Automatic Voter Registration, only 4 new voters signed on, but we heard from and gave out lots handouts on mail-in voting, voting dates and ballot questions. Most impressive were the 7 hardy volunteers who assisted in the 3 events and most encouraging was the positive energy of people who stopped by the tables, especially women and young people.

3. Other volunteers have manned phone banks, letter and postcard campaigns (mostly on their own rather than through the League). Other volunteers posted voting information on public bulletin boards and senior residences, are working with St. Joseph's to reach the homeless population, and are contacting friends and family to make sure they have a plan to help to offer any information they need.
4. LWVCCA members collaborated with a state-wide effort led by Common Cause to increase access to voter information and ballots for those incarcerated for misdemeanors. In the past, each County Sheriff set guidelines for their counties which were inconsistently communicated. The LWVMA and LWVCCA were co-sponsors on a letter to MA Secretary of State Galvin's office asking for state wide guidelines for Sheriffs. The SOS issued specific guidelines October 6. LWV's volunteers were able to work with Barnstable County Correctional Facility to insure that posters of Voting Rights for those incarcerated were posted in each unit and the Reintegration Coordinator will help anyone who requests forms and will hand deliver voter registration applications and ballot to the Town Hall. We're unsure of what the results will be, we've established relationships with the Sheriff Cummings and the Bourne Town Clerk that are promising for the future.

Submitted by Rosemary Shields and Anita Rogers, Co-Chairs for the Voter Service Committee.



LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT
NOVEMBER 2020

Police Accountability Zoom Meeting (October 20, 2020)

Our League was joined by members of the Barnstable County Human Rights Advisory Commission, the Vice President of the NAACP, and members of the MLK Police Task Force for this event. Our guest speaker was Matthew Allen, Field Director of the ACLU of Massachusetts.

Below are some of the issues addressed at this meeting. Matthew Allen did an excellent job of engaging the audience to participate.

Police Reform Legislation

The accountability legislation presented by the House and Senate is now languishing in a conference committee made up of six legislators.

Police need to be licensed. Many professionals already have to be licensed.

Any investigations into police misconduct should be done by impartial parties.

Face surveillance technology poses a problem with identification and liberty. Black women especially are often misidentified.

Qualified Immunity shields police officers if there is no previous exact same pattern. In one case a dismissal occurred because the police officer kicked a man who was sitting whereas in a previous case, the person kicked was lying down.

Indemnity is somewhat misunderstood and there is fear that it will disappear if this bill passes. Indemnity will not be affected. The town where the police officer works will be financially responsible.

Some observations.

Many police organization are opposed to police reform including some in the Conference Committee. Timothy Whelan, a former police officer and a Cape Cod Representative, opposes the reform bill.

The Black and Latino Caucus have experienced a groundswell of support. They were instrumental in creating the House Bill which did not include Qualified Immunity.

Metro areas are more supportive of the bill but the conference committee members are from other areas.

The Speaker of the House, who has quite a bit of power and control, uses it to influence Chairs of Committees.

Nothing about Community Policing is in the bill.

ACLU

The ACLU has created a map that shows more than 100 cases of misconduct by police. MA is not immune to misconduct by police officers.

A Certified Training Program needs to be created to train police to better protect themselves and others. In the Netherlands, the training for police officers is 1 ½ yrs.

The ACLU is opposed to militarization of the police.

Better data collection is important but complicated. It depends on the consistency of method.

Some suggestions from Attendees

Since Doctors face liability and get malpractice insurance, police officers could do the same.

Many police have biases. Their attitudes should be looked into, what they are like, before they become officers.

Background checks are done on officers but how do you deal with systemic racism. Many take their racist attitude to the streets.

There is wide support for certification and more training from the police. A certified training program is needed for “de-escalation” so situations don’t turn deadly.

A huge “Thank You” to Richard Utt, Suzanne Brock, Karen Mazza and Jeanne Morrison for their support and help in organizing and presenting this Zoom Meeting.

Submitted by Co-chairs Renate Sands and Elaine Dickinson



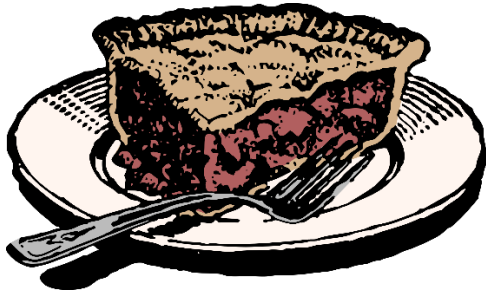
MEMBERS DIRECTORY AND HANDBOOK

By now you should have received your copy of the 2020-2021 members directory and handbook.

If you do not have yours, you may not be correctly listed in our mailing lists.

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