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LWVCCA CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Every election season we prepare ourselves and kick into high gear. Supporting voting rights and educating voters is the cornerstone of League. Likewise, “voting at its core is the core of democracy. The more people participate in elections and exercise their right to vote, the more important it is for politicians to represent voter interests. An active voting population protects democracy,” as Emmaline Soken-Huberty outlines in this article, **Ten Reasons Why Voting Is Important.**

Voter Services is continuing their work as they prepare three candidate forums for the fall elections. On Wednesday October 12th, the League will host, 6:00-7:00 pm, a Barnstable County Sheriff forum followed, at 7:00-8:00 pm, a Cape and Islands District Attorney forum at Cape Cod Community College. The committee will also host a forum for State Representative of the 1st District Barnstable on October 18th, at 7:00-8:00 pm at the Cape Media Center. Earlier, on September 20th, Voter Services set up information and registration

at Cape Cod Community College for National Voter Registration Day.

In addition, Karen Mazza is planning the first event of the Florence Seldin “Democracy Is Not a Spectator Sport” Speaker Series. This will be a Zoom webinar on October 25th from 7:00-8:00 pm to motivate and engage young people to vote. The program will feature a keynote speaker from **CIRCLE (Tufts University)** talking about their report "Growing Voters" as well as a panel of four local young adults to speak about why it is important for youth to vote.

Finally, all members are welcome to join Grandmothers Against Guns “Get Out the Vote Rally” at the Hyannis Airport Rotary October 14th, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. Please support all of these efforts and help reach out to voters to encourage their participation.

The LWVMA supports Ballot question 4, “The Work and Family Mobility Act” which ensures that all qualified state residents, regardless of immigration status, can apply for a standard Massachusetts driver’s license starting on July 1, 2023. The law was enacted on June 9, 2022, making Massachusetts the 17th state to pass this type of law. Read more at **LWVMA Statement on 2022 Ballot Questions.**

We had a successful opening meeting on September 15th with over 30 members participating. People shared a delicious meal prepared by the **Island Café and Grill** followed by keynote speaker, Margy Mahrtdt, from **Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America**, a subgroup of **Everytown for Gun Safety**. It was an enlightening presentation that sparked a lively discussion. More details are in this issue. We bid farewell and best wishes to Judy Thomas a longtime board member and former LWVCCA President, who is moving to Maryland. She shared her gratitude for her experiences with the League and living on Cape Cod. She will continue as an At-

Large board member, participating as much as possible remotely.

As we come into the final month of this voting season, it is important to remember the impact that the history of voting has had on people in the United States. Although all American citizens over the age of 18 are entitled to vote and many view voting as a privilege, it has not always been a privilege for every American and some still face challenges to freely exercising their right to vote. Massachusetts has passed a new voting rights act to help address some of those challenges. Still some people take voting for granted and decide not to. Others view voting as an irrelevant task or have become apathetic to the value of their vote. The LWVUS/MA and LWVCCA work hard to educate voters and encourage people not to take voting for granted. It is still very important for League members to motivate people to register and get out to vote! Remember to consult the LWV's [Vote411](#) website for all your voting information needs and candidates' guides.

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DID YOU KNOW—?

...that, according to LWVMA's Immigration Specialist Jen Muroff in her testimony in the 2021-2022 legislative session, the 215,000 undocumented people in Massachusetts pay \$252.5 million in state and local taxes and \$593.6 million in federal taxes. Their total spending power in the Commonwealth is \$4.9 billion. They own businesses, care for our children, work in our restaurants, and study at our universities.

The LWVMA and the LWVCCA wholeheartedly supported the Safe Communities Act which never made it to a floor vote in the 2021-2022 legislative session. It would have ensured that immigrants are offered due

process rights, and that local resources are not used to enforce federal immigration law.

The League also supports a YES vote on Question #4 on this fall's ballot—an effort to safeguard a law passed by our legislators this year against an attempt to repeal it. The law—the Work and Family Mobility Act—promotes safety on our roads and protects us all by requiring drivers' education, testing, licensing, and insurance of all drivers, regardless of immigration status. Vote **YES** to support this law.



CALENDAR

No Place for Hate 3rd Anniversary

SUNDAY Oct 2 | 2:00-4:00 p.m.
The Unitarian Church of Barnstable,
3330 Main St., Barnstable Village

Board Meeting

TUESDAY Oct 4 | 9:30 a.m.
Zoom conference by invitation

D.A. & Sheriff Candidates' Forums

WEDNESDAY Oct 12 | 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Cape Cod Community College & by Zoom
Register at
<https://capecod-candidate-forum.eventbrite.com>

Grandmothers Against Guns "Get Out the Vote Rally"

FRIDAY Oct 14 | 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Hyannis Airport Rotary

Candidate forum: State Representative for the 1st Barnstable District

TUESDAY, Oct 18 | 7 PM TO 8 p.m.
Cape Media Center & Channel 98 & 99

LWV Falmouth: Candidates Night

WEDNESDAY, Oct 19 | 7 PM TO 8:30 p.m.
Cape Media Center & Channel 98 & 99

Seldin Speaker Series: YOUTH POWER: CLAIMING Our FUTURE With Our VOTE

TUESDAY, Oct 25 | 7 PM TO 8 p.m.
Zoom Webinar: Register at
<https://Seldin-Series-Youth-Power.eventbrite.com>

UPCOMING

Board Meeting

TUESDAY Nov 1 | 9:30 a.m.
Zoom conference by invitation

US & Massachusetts State General Elections

TUESDAY Sept 6 | 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

To see our entire Google calendar, go to

<http://lwvcapecod.org/lwvcca-calendar>.

NOTE: Click on "Agenda" to see a list of all events

Click on any calendar listing to see more detail.



September Membership Opening Meeting

On Thursday, September 15, LWVCCA met at the Clubhouse at Cobblestone Landing in Hyannis for the September Membership Opening Meeting. It was well attended with more than 30 members.

Judy Thomas



We bid farewell to longtime board member and former LWVCCA President Judy Thomas who is moving permanently to her winter home in Maryland. She shared her experiences with the League and living on Cape Cod and expressed her gratitude. In appreciation of her service, she was presented with a beautiful glass art piece from Sandwich Glass Co. We wish Judy well, and we're also very pleased that she will continue as an At Large board member, participating as much as possible remotely.

Dinner catered by the Island Café and Grill

The [Island Café and Grill](#) of Hyannis provided a wonderful menu of salmon, BBQ chicken, and red beans and rice. Owners Patrick and Erica Sterling are active with [Amplify POC Cape Cod](#) which is committed to eliminating the racial wealth gap by removing barriers created by systemic racism.

Margy Mahrtdt spoke on gun violence



We were fortunate to have Margy Mahrtdt, a local leader for [Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America](#), a subgroup of [Everytown for Gun Safety](#), to speak at our dinner. She provided statistics on the tragic use of firearms, as well as some ways to become more involved in gun safety and preventing gun violence. A lively question and answer session followed her talk. It was affirming to see the intense interest in the subject.

If you thought you knew about gun violence in America (editor's note – I thought I did!) Margy recited some statistics that may surprise you.

- There are about 40,000 gun deaths in the United States each year
- Suicide is the leading cause of gun deaths – 24,000 per year
- There are more than 200 non-fatal gun injuries *per day* in the US
- Guns are the leading cause of death among children and teens: Annually, more than 3,500 children and teens (ages 0 to 19) are shot and killed, and 15,000 are shot and wounded

Below are some of Margy's suggested organizations and ways to become involved.

Websites:

[Moms Demand Action](#) provides information and ways to become more involved in the gun violence prevention movement.

[Every Town for Gun Safety](#) provides statistics; e.g., "Every day, more than 110 Americans are killed with guns."

[Every Town Research](#) Everytown Research & Policy conducts independent, methodologically rigorous research, supports evidence-based policies, and communicates this knowledge to the public.

[Every Town Support Fund](#): donate to reduce gun violence in America.

[Be Smart for Kids](#): The Be SMART framework helps parents and adults normalize conversations about gun safety and take responsible actions to prevent child gun deaths and injuries.

[Sharing Kindness](#) focuses on suicide prevention.

[Mass Men](#) This project provides resources for suicide prevention and mental health for men.

The [Gun Owners Action League](#) provides quality training for individuals interested in the proper use, handling, and safe storage of firearms, lobbies for and writes legislation that improves our gun laws, grades current legislators on their gun voting records, and more.

Books:

[Gone Boy, A Walkabout: A Father's Search for the Truth in His Son's Murder](#) by Gregory Gibson

[Fight Like a Mother](#) by Shannon Watts

[Deadly Consequences](#) by Deborah Prothrow-Stith

Documentaries:

[Making a Killing: Guns, Greed, and the NRA](#) (2018)

[Under the Gun](#) (2016)

Margy also reminds us that the Hidden Wounds Memorial Monument was installed in May 2021 and dedicated on Veteran's Day later that year at Hyannis Village Green. This is a project of the [Cape Cod Veterans for Peace, Corporal Jeffrey M. Lucey Chapter 041](#).



COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

2022-23 HANDBOOK and

DIRECTORY



The Handbook has been printed, and distributed. Thanks to Tova Soyt for doing much of the work!

Many of the Handbooks were picked up at the Members' Opening Meeting on September 15. The remainder have been mailed.

Of course, there are already additions and corrections! Details about those will be coming soon.

Members Only Section of the Website

Several of you have asked about access to the Members only page. The fact is, many members had difficulty signing up when it was created, so we haven't put a lot of effort into content for that page.

But we've now created member accounts for all current members. If you were already able to log in, the following information shouldn't affect you. If you haven't logged in in the past, read on!

For all members who didn't have access, we've created a username and temporary password. Log in using the email you used when you joined.. And your temporary password is change@me!

If that works, go to "My Account" on the top right, and then "Edit". Set a new password by entering it in the fields below your email address, marked "Password" and "Confirm Password"

Try logging in with your email address: if you have any problems, notify me at lwvcca@gmail.com.

When you have all successfully registered, and

logged in, you'll see a "Members" heading on the right hand side of the menu: we'll work on updating and adding new content to the "Members" section!

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

THE CONVOLUTED JOURNEY OF A BILL—

VOTE YES FOR SAFER ROADS

"Work and Family Mobility Act"

- After almost two decades, the bill passed this year.
- Governor Baker vetoed it.
- The bill went back to the legislature
- The bill passed with overwhelming support from both branches.
- The bill is now a law.
- A group of people in opposition gathered enough signatures to put the bill on the ballot.
- Ballot Question 4 will be on the November ballot. Vote YES to defend this bill.

What is the "Work and Family Mobility Act"?

The bill addressed the problem of undocumented immigrants who live in Massachusetts and are unable to obtain drivers licenses. This bill would allow any qualified driver, regardless of immigration status, to obtain a driver's license in full compliance with Massachusetts law, including passing drivers' tests and meeting insurance requirements.

One concern many people have expressed is that undocumented immigrants would obtain voting rights by getting a driver's license. However, other states with similar legislation have shown this objection to be unfounded. Drivers' licenses issued under this law are kept in a separate data base, not accessible for voter registration. According to the ACLU: *This bill requires minimal changes to Massachusetts law, while keeping our Commonwealth in full compliance with Real ID requirements. In March 2018, our Commonwealth instituted a two tier system for driver's licenses and identification cards—the REAL ID, and the Massachusetts standard license. Only the latter would be affected by this legislation, which*

means Massachusetts would remain in full compliance with federal REAL ID requirements.

The bill promotes safety because roads will be safer when all drivers are tested and insured. Law enforcement officials support the bill. Sixteen other states have already passed similar bills.

According to the Driving Families Forward Coalition, of which the LWVMA is a member, as soon as the bill was passed, money came pouring in to gather signatures to put a measure on the ballot to overturn the bill. Unfortunately, they were successful, and Ballot Question 4 will be on the November ballot.

The Driving Families Forward Coalition is starting a new public information campaign. **Vote Yes on 4 for Safer Roads** is up and running to defend the Work and Family Mobility Act. Stay tuned, more information will be coming from the LWV.

**Carole Young-Kleinfeld,
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Co-Chairs, Legislative Committee

WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS

"I have been very interested in being a part of an organization that encourages people to vote."

Nancy Dick

As the final quarter of the calendar year 2022 rapidly approaches, the League of Women Voters of the Cape Cod Area is experiencing a 20% surge in enrolled membership thus far. One eager-to-learn 2022 new member is **Nancy Dick**, R.N.

Now retired and residing in Mashpee with her husband John, Nancy expresses her strong desire to learn more about current socio-political issues via LWVCCA. She realizes, however, that her first step in getting proactively involved will be her initiating an ongoing self-educating process regarding The League itself. Nancy appreciates the fact that The League offers a profusion of learning opportunities through forums, panel discussions, candidates' presentations, symposia as well as the future Florence Seldin Speakers Series which is being planned to start this fall.

Nancy Dick and her family are not strangers to proactive involvement in controversial current events. She and her husband were asked by the Board of Trustees of their residential complex to remove their "BLACK LIVES MATTER" sign from their front porch. The sign actually had other slogans among which were "WATER IS LIFE", "WOMEN'S RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS", "INJUSTICE ANYWHERE IS A THREAT TO JUSTICE EVERYWHERE". The reason given for the removal request was that Nancy's residential complex did not allow any signs on the premises of the complex. The sign had received a few days of exposure to many neighbors prior to Nancy's family complying with the Board's request to remove it from their front porch; or to place it in a less prominent location. Nancy Dick's family and other white American families across the United States clearly demonstrated courage in their efforts to display their "BLACK LIVES MATTER" signs.

Nancy grew up in a small town in upstate New York : Saquoit. Her father was a welder. Her mother was a hospital operating room technician. As Nancy was growing up in her parents' household, she often heard her mother express how absolutely shocked and dismayed she was regarding how her white hospital staff members spoke about patients who were people of color. According to Nancy's mother's accounts, the patients who were people of color received a lower standard of care and treatment from a predominantly white medical staff.

Nancy Dick graduated in 1970 from the Crouse Irving Memorial Hospital School of Nursing on the campus of Syracuse University. Her professional nursing career was filled with per diem and temporary assignments due to her husband's international employment as an engineer. In the United States Nancy worked on medical services including orthopedics, surgery units, and pediatrics. As a home-care registered nurse she was responsible for patient discharge planning and utilization review for patients. Nancy and John Dick are both retired. They are the parents of two adult sons and three very active grand-daughters

(all under the age of seven). Nancy Dick strongly states, "Equality and democracy are for everyone."

Nancy Dick

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New member **Amanda Wayne** is heartily welcomed by the entire membership of the League of Women Voters of the Cape Cod Area. As a recent Cape Cod resident, Amanda states that her reason for joining The League is that she wants to become involved in her new community. Throughout her career Amanda has attained a wealth of professional experience (25 years+) as a clinician in the field of social work. Amanda earned her undergraduate degree from New York University and her Master of Social Work degree from Columbia University's School of Social Work. She has served in hospital settings in both New York and New Jersey. Amanda Wayne is originally from Manhattan and is a former Pilates instructor. She is very interested in keeping herself informed regarding politics as well as maintaining reading as one of her hobbies.

She vividly remembers her first job with Project Help in N.Y.C. (1960s). It was a challenging assignment for a fresh-out-of-graduate-school MSW. Project Help assisted clients who were both mentally ill and homeless. After four years with Project Help, Amanda moved on to a similar position in a New Jersey hospital setting for 12 years. She also was Clinical Director for Catholic Charities Intensive Out-patient Program for 4 years. Her jobs often required that Amanda worked night shifts during the years she and her husband Marvin raised their son. Their adult son is now residing in Pennsylvania.

Amanda Wane served *pro bono* during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic as she offered her services as professional clinician to traumatized hospital workers and medical staff members. Amanda's community service efforts have always been centered around community

mental health. Her job titles have included Psychiatric Clinical Director during her years of professional service. With her new membership in the LWVCCA, Amanda anticipates having a series of profound learning experiences. She acknowledges, however, her personal time constraints due to the fact that she is currently working.

Amanda Wayne

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ABOUT the LWVCCA'S NEW MEMBERS

We make every effort to welcome all new members in a timely manner — to learn a little about who they are, and to introduce them to the membership.

But this last year, we've had a large influx of members — 28 in all, 12 just this summer — who have joined. Counting those who have left us, we have a net increase of 10 for the year. As a result, we've fallen behind on our 'welcome' interviews for the *Voter* — we've published 10 interviews, but there are still many more who have not been introduced.

We're making a commitment to remedy this: we look forward to talking to all of our new members in the coming months: watch this space!

—LWVCCA

VOTER SERVICE COMMITTEE

Voter Information tables, redux



On September 1, student orientation day at Cape Cod Community College, Tova Soyt, Lynne Pleffner, Gloria Hanson with her granddaughter, Lucca, shared information on the Sheriff and District Attorney races with over 100 students. Our QR Code cards with voter registration information were a big hit.



Likewise, on September 14 at CC Community College, we were invited to their “Club Day.” We were thrilled that the League is now considered “a member of the club.” Lots of voter registration QR code cards were passed out. We even registered one student, who didn't have a driver's license, the old-fashioned way, with a paper registration card. Anita Rogers, Rosemary Shields and Carole Young-

Kleinfeld kept vigil. It was fun because we got to go around and look at the other clubs to see what interested students. There was a creative writing club, the radio club (WKKL, the campus radio station), the LGBTQ club, the STEM club (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), among many others.

Finally, on September 20, we were invited back on the day the College celebrated Constitution Day (typically September 17). While students were in the auditorium of the new Science building playing “Constitution Jeopardy,” Rosemary and Anita were busy setting up our new QR codes for everything from Vote411.org to a new program that the LWVMA has set up to sign up high school and college students for a free membership. We were so busy setting up the QR codes so students could just shoot them with their camera phones, we forgot to take our own picture for this event. Instead, I have put the QR codes below, so you can read all about what the League is doing for students, and voting.

How students can participate



Why Join the League?



Vote411 - Massachusetts



Liaisons at Work

We would like to thank the liaisons who helped the Voter Service Committee put together the data on how many votes were cast in Barnstable County during the primary elections. The liaisons plus one volunteer called their town clerk and asked 3 questions: how many people voted on September 6; how many registered voters do you have in your town; what percentage of voters voted. Here are the results:

Cape Cod Primary Election Turnout Results September 6, 2022			
City/Town	Overall Turnout	Total Ballots	Registered Voters
BARNSTABLE	27.0%	9,610	35,568
BOURNE	24.8%	3,907	15,746
BREWSTER	35.1%	3,007	8,562
CHATHAM	28.9%	1,795	6,208
DENNIS	33.1%	4,257	12,861
EASTHAM	37.8%	1,752	4,638
FALMOUTH	31.3%	8,428	26,938
HARWICH	32.6%	3,673	11,274
MASHPEE	31.3%	3,841	12,482
ORLEANS	36.4%	2,048	5,633
PROVINCETOWN	39.3%	1,334	3,391
SANDWICH	27.3%	4,600	16,857
STOW	34.1%	1,913	5,616
TRURO	37.5%	794	2,115
WELLFLEET	34.5%	1,060	3,071
YARMOUTH	28.6%	6,077	21,434
OVERALL TOTALS	30.2%	58,096	192,394

So, only 25 to 39% of voters voted in the Primary election. Big decisions were made in the primary. There were competitive races for statewide offices of governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, auditor, and secretary of state.

On the Cape there was only one contested Democratic State Representative race. On the Republican side the candidates for District Attorney, State Senator and Congress were

decided in the primary. All other races were uncontested. With low turnout your vote is worth 3 to 4 times more than it would be ordinarily. And that may seem powerful – but it actually is not. Low voter turnout lulls our officeholders into an entitled sense that they can just slide into their offices, per usual. We need and can shake the system up a bit. Make our government representatives more beholding to their constituents when they can't be sure whether the status quo will hold. We need the wisdom of the crowd. Better decisions are made when more people are involved. With tools like Vote411.org and talking to friends and neighbors about getting out and voting, we can make a difference. And, of course, is what the LWV is all about. Educating people about what is at stake and how important each office is.

And this gets me to the next topic, the upcoming races for District Attorney and Sheriff. The LWV of the Cape Cod Area has done tremendous work in getting the word out on how important these offices are:

<http://lwvcapecod.org#Know Your Sheriff>

<http://lwvcapecod.org#WADADAM>

We now have a candidates forum set up:

October 12 DA & Sheriff Candidates Forum



CAPE COD TIMES

**Invite you to a candidates' forum on
Wednesday, October 12**

At the Main Theatre of the Tilden Arts Center at Cape Cod Community College

For the first time in over 20 years, both the incumbents for Sheriff and District Attorney are not running for re-election.

This presents voters with wide-open races to choose the directions these offices will take.

Attend this forum and learn about the candidates.

Barnstable County Sheriff 6 to 7 p.m.



Donna Buckley (D)



Timothy Whelan [R]

Cape & Islands District Attorney 7 to 8 p.m.



Rob Galibois (D)



Dan Higgins (R)



Register here to attend in person or to attend the Zoom webinar: <https://capecod-candidate-forum.eventbrite.com>

You may watch the live stream feed, via the Cape Media Center on Comcast Channel 98 and Channel 99, as well as, www.cape-media.org via the menu item 'watch/listen'

If you wish to submit a question before the meeting, send your question to lwvcca@gmail.com.

Masks are required in the main theater of the Tilden Arts Center.

This is a nonpartisan, informational meeting to inform the voter. Campaign brochures, posters, buttons, t-shirts, signs, and the like will not be permitted into the building.

Seldin Speaker Series: YOUTH POWER: CLAIMING Our FUTURE With Our VOTE™

The Dr. Florence Seldin
“Democracy Is Not a Spectator Sport” Speaker Series:



**YOUTH
POWER:
CLAIMING
Our FUTURE**
With Our VOTE

Webinar Presentation and Discussion
October 25, 2022 ----- 7 p.m.- 8 p.m.

Available on the day of the event as a Zoom webinar, with a recording to follow at lwvcapecod.org

REGISTER here: <https://Seldin-Series-Youth-Power.eventbrite.com>



Keynote:

Ruby Belle Booth, Election Coordinator, CIRCLE (Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement at Tufts University) speaking about the importance and the power of the youth vote and data about how it is making a difference. Ruby will also preview the report “Growing Voters” to explain how schools and the community can work together to prepare young adults for voting. Ruby Belle Booth is also a fellow at the non-partisan Brennan Center for Justice at NYU Law School, where she focuses on civic learning and voter engagement.

Panelists: Our panelists speak about what motivates them to vote and why they think other young adults should vote. They will share their thoughts about making voting more accessible to young people.

- **Maryanna Crawley**, Junior at Barnstable High School
- **Ben Stoloff**, First year law student, resident of Needham, and grandson of Florence and Ira Seldin
- **Allison Carter**, Young professional and League member
- **Asher Hamilton**, Coordinator of Life Fitness Department, Cape Cod Community College
- **Rosemary Shields**, LWVCCA Co-Chair of Voter Service, speaking about resource information for voters

Intended Audience: Young adults, Students, Teachers, School Administrators, Election Officials, Local News Media, Parents, Civic Organizations

The Dr. Florence Seldin “Democracy Is Not a Spectator Sport” Speaker Series:



Dr. Florence Seldin was a beloved member of the League of Women Voters for more than 55 years, with 28 of those years serving in the leadership of the League of Women Voters of the Cape Cod Area, and as LWVCCA President in the years 1997 – 2000 and as President of the Helen S. Aaron Education Trust for the LWVCCA. She also served on the LWVMA Board and on the LWVMA Legislative Action Committee. Florence’s life exemplified the statement that “Democracy is not a spectator sport.” In the community, Florence was on the Chatham Select Board, including serving as Chair, and also served on the Finance Committee. She served on multiple community organizations to improve government, housing, the social safety net and the environment. For many years she served as a masterful moderator for candidate forums.

This speaker series is made possible through a generous donation of the Seldin family and through donations from friends of Florence Seldin. The series is administered through the LWVCCA.

League of Women Voters Mission Statement

“The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, grassroots organization working to protect and expand voting rights and ensure everyone is represented in our democracy. We empower voters and defend democracy through advocacy, education, and litigation, at the local, state, and national levels.” (Mission statement from LWVUS)

As part of this overarching mission, The League of Women Voters of the Cape Cod Area will organize a democracy education program with coalition partners to support democracy-based education for all levels of voters. LWVCCA will initiate one component of that education through the presentation of the Dr. Florence Seldin lecture and community discussion series, “Democracy is Not a Spectator Sport”.

The purpose of this series is to:

- Engage the community in learning about democracy and ways to protect and strengthen it.
- Increase participation in our democracy by promoting understanding of how informed, civically engaged people can impact positive change that can benefit everyone.