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LWVCCA CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

What we now celebrate annually as Women's History Month grew out of International Women's Day, begun in 1911 to promote women's rights. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter issued a presidential proclamation declaring the week of March 8 National Women's History Week. In 1986, Congress expanded recognition of women's achievements, creating the month-long Women's History Month.

But the impulse dates back farther in our history, perhaps starting with Abigail Adams' famously admonishing her husband John in 1776. as he met with other colonial leaders in Philadelphia, to "Remember the Ladies, and be more generous and favourable to them than your ancestors." He, and they, did not, and only after long decades of hard struggle we achieved the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution guaranteeing American women the right to vote.

The struggle is not over

 Black women continued to face barriers until the Voting Rights Act was passed in 1965. However, barriers to voting, such as www.lwvCapecod.org

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gerrymandering, continue to this day to make voting difficult.

•The 15th Amendment specifically excluded Native Americans from citizenship. They gained citizenship in 1924, but Native women were still barred from voting, and states continued for decades to bar Native men from voting. This meant that thousands of WWII veterans, including the Code Talkers, could not vote. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 finally outlawed obstacles to voting, but since the 2013 Supreme Court decision striking down parts of the Voting Rights Act, a number of states have passed new laws that impose significant barriers to Native voters.

 All Asian immigrants were excluded from citizenship by the Naturalization Act of 1790. And Chinese immigrants were specifically barred from citizenship by the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882. In 1925, Filipino men who served in WWI were granted voting rights; in 1952, The McCarran-Walter Act finally lifted all restrictions on Asian immigrants; and in 1965, the Voting Rights Act further expanded Asian-American voting rights.

• Latinx people were often excluded from voting rights because they spoke Spanish. A 1975 extension of the Voting Rights Act finally expanded voting access to women who rely on languages other than English.

• In all cases, minority, marginalized communities today may face long wait times, fewer polling places, and other barriers to voting. These barriers often seem to fall hardest on women.

The League of Women Voters is working on two important, ongoing initiatives toward breaking down barriers to voting equity.

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National Popular Vote Interstate Compact

The League of Woman Voters has long advocated for direct popular vote for president as essential for a true democracy. The Electoral College, rooted in racism and the three-fifths compromise, does not always put the winner of the popular vote in office. Indeed, the Electoral College prevented Hillary Clinton, the first woman to win the popular vote for president, from taking office in 2017.

In 2008 the League's Convention voted to conduct a study of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPVIC) proposal, which does not abolish the Electoral College but works with it to achieve a national popular vote by eliminating the state-by-state winner-take-all systems: "We support the use of the National Popular Vote Compact as one acceptable way to achieve the goal of the direct popular vote for election of the president until the abolition of the Electoral College is accomplished." (NPV Task Force)

Equal Rights Amendment

We have made significant legal and legislative advances, but women continue to face discrimination, particularly with the 2022 Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization Supreme Court decision that rolled back the Constitutional right to abortion: "Until women have equal rights under the law, our democracy will never be whole. That is why the League welcomes legislation that would move the Equal Rights Amendment across the finish line once and for all... Our democracy depends on women, and now is the time to finally reflect that in our nation's laws." (LWVUS press release) With the Virginia vote for the ERA, the only obstacle now is to remove the time limit on ratification. Massachusetts Representative Ayanna Pressley is the sponsor of the U.S. House resolution that could add the ERA to the constitution.

LWVCCA Planning

The LWVCCA DEI Committee and the Board of Directors encourage you to explore our rich history and on-going story. During February, we completed our annual program planning for 2023-2024 in which the Board voted to assert DEI priorities throughout all committees by addressing barriers to full participation in democracy: systemic racism, disabilities, language barriers including ASL, cultural barriers, youth and young adults, LGBQIA+ community, local Native American tribes, people of various faiths, age.

The <u>National Women's History Alliance</u> designates a yearly theme for Women's History Month. The 2023 theme is Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories. This theme recognizes "women, past and present, who have been active in all forms of media and storytelling including print, radio, TV, stage, screen, blogs, podcasts, news, and social media." (2023 Women's History Month Theme)

A remarkable story for this month (and last month!) is that of "Mumbet." She was one of several slaves in the household of a wealthy Sheffield, MA, family, whose patriarch was politically active. In 1773 he held discussions of the Declaration of Independence in his home. Mumbet's job was to stand by in case any of the men wanted food or drink. She listened, she understood the promise of "*all men are born free and equal*," and she successfully sued for and won her freedom. Her case likely marks the start of abolition of slavery in Massachusetts. Mumbet, freed, took the name of Elizabeth Freeman.

We urge you to check out this newsletter for news, forums, events, and meetings, and check your email for flyers and announcements. Democracy is not a spectator sport.

Jeanne and Mary

Jeanne Morrison Mary Hunter Utt Co-Presidents, LWVCCA

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CALENDAR

Women's History Month WEDNESDAY March 1 – FRIDAY March 31

Massachusetts Civic Learning Week MONDAY March 6 - FRIDAY March 10 See https://civiclearningweek2023.sched.com/

Board Meeting:

TUESDAY March 7 | 9:30 a.m. Zoom conference by invitation

Dialogue with your Cape Cod Legislators FRIDAY, March 24|12:30 2:30 p.m.

Cape Cod Community College https://tinyurl.com/LWVCCA-Legislative-Meeting

LWVCCA Health Committee forum PREVENTING YOUTH SUICIDE TUESDAY March 28 | 6:30 8:00 p.m. YMCA, and by Zoom: Register here



https://tinyurl.com/Youth-Suicide-Forum

UPCOMING

Board Meeting TUESDAY April 4 | 9:30 a.m. Zoom conference by invitation

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.

DID YOU KNOW-?

...that LWVCCA member Madeline Zevon has been invited to join a new brainstorming taskforce of League members from throughout the state who are tracking legislation regarding Medicare for All (M4A)? Madeline is a member of the LWVCCA Health Committee and has worked on healthcare reform for LWVNYS and the LWVUS (HCR4US).

Janice Goodell and Val Pasquantonio from the LWVMA's Legislative Action Committee serve as resources to this group. The group's purpose is to

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facilitate communication across Leagues, inform League members, neighbors, and communities about timely healthcare issues, and support M4A legislation. The LWVMA has been a member of the MASS-CARE Campaign for Single Payer Health Care since the 1990s. According to the LWVUS publication Impact on Issues, "The LWVUS supports a national [program] financed through general taxes in place of individual...premiums". Madeline was part of a two year effort updating the LWV NYS healthcare position which was then adopted by the LWVUS at the 2022 National Convention and supported by the LWVCCA delegates in attendance.

WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS

Introducing	
Tianka Taylor	by Jeanne Morrison
Jennifer Leonard	by Elaine Dickinson

Tianka Taylor is the youngest LWVCCA member. She joined the League last summer. She is 18, a Barnstable High School senior. Tianka was born in Jamaica and immigrated to the United States at age 14 with her parents, older brother and sister. The family started out in Connecticut but didn't like it there because they "wanted to be close to the beach and experience snow" so they moved to Cape Cod." She lives in West Yarmouth.

Tianka hadn't heard about the League of Women Voters until several members of the LWVCCA participated in the Barnstable High school's civics day celebration in the spring of 2022. Karen Mazza of the LWVCCA, Youth Services also presented an award to the school to recognize their youth civics education program. Tianka became interested in learning more about the LWV after sharing information about her civics project and engaging in a conversation about the LWV with Co-President, Jeanne Morrison. She decided to join because "Jeanne said we need young people in the League". Tianka googled the League and discovered that "the league does good work in the community" that she was "already interested in doing. Namely, to get more young people to vote, and educate them about the voting process, who's running for office and what the

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important positions are beyond the presidential election".

Tianka's interest in civic engagement began with her participation in DECA inc., formerly Distributive Education Clubs of America. It is a 501 not-for-profit career and technical student organization with more than 177,000 members in all 50 U.S. states, Washington, DC; Canada, China, Germany, Poland, Guam, Mexico, Puerto Rico and Spain. Tianka said, "as a participant in DECA, when I had to identify important issues in our community and across the county, voting stood out as a very important issue". She went on to say that voter education is important work to support democracy in America and if young people voted and were more involved in America's democracy the country would be different than it is today in regards to the way it operates and the laws we make". Tianka says the biggest difference she'd like to see is more young people stepping up. "One of the best ways to be represented is to run for office. If we can't run we can be involved by voting." She was inspired by Jaylen Smith, Mayor of Earl, Arkansas, the youngest black mayor ever elected in the US. Tianka said "When I saw that happen, I thought young people can get elected and are the best people to represent young people and our future. We are waiting for leaders to step up but in reality, we're waiting for ourselves".

Other issues that are important to Tianka are, the abject poverty in underserved communities around the world, voting rights, gun violence and the need for better gun laws in America. How she'd like to be involved in the LWVCCA is to attend and/or help organize candidates and education forums, voter registration, voter education and expanding voter literacy and civic engagement for youth. She'd like to host a mock election at her school and help with DEI initiatives. She has already engaged in the LWVCCA programs. She attended the informal July gathering, the May membership meeting and joined the Youth Services committee. She hopes to get involved with the Legislative work and to seek a leadership position in the future.

Tianka is also a member of the Massachusetts Women of Color Coalition and has volunteered for the Massachusetts Voter Table conducting phone banking to encourage voter turnout, providing information on voting and the fair share amendment. She is the founder of a grassroots political organization called Vote Now. A youthled initiative focused on getting more young people civically engaged, voting and involved in American Democracy.

It is important to note that Tianka is a high honors student in the top 10% of her class. She plans to attend college to study business administration, finance and/or political economics. She has applied for and has been accepted for "early acceptance" at five colleges (Assumption, Suffolk, Bryant, Stonehill, Merrimack). She has also applied for the regular admissions to three Ivy League schools (University of Pennsylvania, Columbia University and Harvard University) and is waiting for decisions expected in May. Her school activities include Student Ambassadors, ADL affiliated Peer Leadership Program, French Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, National Honor Society, DECA, Philosophy Club, Stress Relief Club and Model UN. She was a DECA state Champion and received highest honors for her school at DECA International.

Tianka was named Barnstable High School's Poetry Out Loud Champion for 2022 and won an Oratory Award at a Model UN Conference 2022 and a book award from Wellesley College for "Outstanding Academic Achievement and Leadership " 2021-2022

Tianka reads 3- 4 books per month that include a sundry of genres (i.e. literature, psychology, finance). Her favorite book is the Bible which she reads daily. She likes boating and enjoys the beach year round. Tianka feels "blessed and privileged to have a loving and supportive family" around her. She said that her family has a "strong work ethic and is hard working" and the person in her life who has inspired her the most is her mother.

Tianka says that she is happy with her life on Cape Cod and likes the town of Yarmouth because it has "the best beaches, period"! She was surprised coming from Jamaica to find that Cape Cod has been more welcoming than she'd expected, claiming, "it's even better than I was told because it

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has the nicest people in MA". They are warm and friendly. "Southern hospitality" is an American saying but "I say Cape Cod hospitality is the best".

Tianka Taylor

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Jennifer Leonard (Jenn) moved to Eastham from New Jersey a year and a half ago. She is new to the LWV, but has been politically active for decades. Most recently she was a poll worker in Eastham and a served as a delegate for now Governor Maura Healey in the last election. As a LWVCCA member, she joined several other members in the Get Out the Vote Rally at the Hyannis rotary that was sponsored by Grandmothers Against Gun Violence. Her past work experience includes television production and working in corporate immigration and employment law. Her areas of interest in League include Voter Service and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiatives. She is well versed in Microsoft apps which she is happy to use in her volunteer activities. Aside from her volunteer work, Jenn enjoys exploring, photographing, and working on Cape Cod. This summer, Jenn will be returning for a second year as Manager of Provincetown parking lots which gives her lots of opportunity to enjoy the light, ambiance, diversity and positive energy that makes that town so special.

Jenn and her wife have been married for 18 years and their family includes 2 cats, Harvey and Scout. You may have caught a glimpse of Harvey when Jenn attended a LWVCCA Board zoom meeting - he's always ready for a closeup

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# **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

The Legislative Committee has been busy gearing up to tackle the new legislative session, beginning with the "Dialogue with Our Legislators" meeting on Friday, March 24. The meeting is open to League members and some CCCC students and will focus on the League's legislative priorities. Members will have already received an invite and seven of our eight Cape legislators have responded positively that they will be attending.

The Legislative Committee has 13 members to date. They are myself, as Chair and Debra Dagwan, Eileen Elias, Elaine Dickinson, Jeanne Morrison, Nancy Skinner, Patricia Ryle, Rosemary Shields, Terri Bilodeau, Carole Young-Kleinfeld, Renate Sands, Susan Guill and Tamora Israel. Some of these are new members and I welcome them into the fold. If there are any other members, new or not, that would like to join us, please just let me know.

We have not been able to scrutinize the bills to be focused on. Hundreds of new ones have been filed along with hundreds of refiled bills from the previous session. The LWVMA Legislative Specialists have been busy trying to weed through the list and pull out the 100 that the state and local leagues can follow and advocate for or against in the coming two years. As soon as we get the list we will share it with the membership. In the meantime, those who have the interest can check out the bills themselves at:

### https://malegislature.gov/Bills

Please plan to join us at the March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. There is strength in numbers and our legislators will be there for a direct dialogue. If you have a question or concern, here is the opportunity to speak with your elected officials.

> Submitted by **Suzanne Brock** *Chair, Legislative Committee*

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# THE CAPE COD VOTER <u>SAVE THE DATE: Dialogue with</u> <u>your Legislators at CCCC</u>

# Friday, March 24 / 12:30 - 2:30pm

LWVCCA Legislative Meeting "Dialogue with Your Legislators" Cape Cod Community College In person.\_**Please sign up by March 17** to let us know you are coming.

You can see the flyer, and the link to sign up, here:

https://my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/invitation f or legislators event 2023.pdf

### YOUTH SERVICE COMMITTEE MASSACHUSETTS CIVIC LEARNING WEEK MARCH 6 – 10

Organized by the Massachusetts Civic Learning Coalition, the Massachusetts Civic Learning Week features virtual presentations by students, teachers, administrators and civic organizations focusing on important issues related to civic engagement and our constitutional democracy. The sessions are open to all and League members are encouraged to register for sessions that are of interest. Of particular note, The League of Women Voters of Needham will present their project "Teaching Civics Through Advocacy for Bills Before the Massachusetts Legislature." The presenters are Karen Price from LWV Needham and Cathy Dowd, AP History Teacher and League member at Needham High School.

This year, Civic Learning Week has also gone national so there is also a separate schedule of national events available. Please see the registration and schedule information below.

> Submitted by Karen Mazza Chair, Youth Service Committee and LWVMA Representative to the MCLC

# <u>Massachusetts Civic Learning Week</u> <u>March 6 – 10</u>





# 01. Register for Events

**Be a part of the experience!** Register now for Civic Learning Week events. Whether you're a



student, educator, parent, administrator, policymaker, or a member of the general public we have events for you. All events are free and virtual. You can take part in youth-led panel discussions, Q&A sessions with civic leaders, book readings, democratic simulations, curriculum and pedagogy workshops, and more.

Organized by the <u>Massachusetts Civic Learning</u> <u>Coalition (MCLC)</u> in conjunction with National Civic Learning Week, the virtual workshops and events are free and open to the public throughout the week of March 6-10, 2023. Check out the offerings:

<u>View full schedule and register today for 35+</u> <u>Massachusetts events!</u>

<u>View full schedule of national events in other</u> <u>states</u>

02. About Civic Learning Week



### Why are we organizing

**Civic Learning Week?** Civic education is needed more than ever to provide each and every person across this country with the necessary tools to engage as members of our self-governing society. The week's events will highlight the importance of civic education in sustaining and strengthening constitutional democracy in the United States through the voices of youths, teachers, administrators and policymakers. Civic Learning Week builds on the success of efforts that provided civic learning opportunities through programming that prompted participation by 20,000 students, teachers, and others in 2022.

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**Massachusetts Civic Learning Coalition** is a non-partisan coalition of nonprofits, educators, think tanks, universities, and other partners committed to preparing all students to become more civically aware and involved. We exist to make Massachusetts the national leader in ensuring that civics is a core component of every young person's educational journey. Learn more at <u>www.macivicsforall.org.</u>

<u>View the press release for Massachusetts Civic</u> <u>Learning Week</u>

Massachusetts Civic Learning Coalition 1035 Cambridge Street, Suite 21B, Cambridge, MA 02141

# DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE

Program Planning. Like all committees, the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee prepared its planning priorities at its January meeting. This process gave us the opportunity to review the concept of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Lens. The League of Women Voters US defines it as a

"way of examining a program, a process, a product with regard to how it's perceived by a variety of communities, voices, and perspectives and what if any barriers may exist that is preventing it from being equitable or inclusive of everything."

The League recommends we address the following questions while planning each and every activity or event:

- who is involved in the process,
- who will be impacted,
- what are the intended and unintended outcomes,
- does this align with our vision for an equitable and inclusive organization, and
- what changes could be made to make this more equitable?

Doing this can feel like "extra" work. But it is "important" work. As we integrate these questions they become more routine, which is the goal. The more often we look at activities from this perspective, the more likely we are to make participation in our membership and activities more diverse, more equitable and more inclusive.

Practice in this area might not make us perfect but it will make us more inclusive. This is a tall order as evidenced by the list included in one of our planning priorities:

Collaborate with other groups on Cape Cod that include diverse communities and organizations with a focus on addressing

- i. systemic racism
- ii. people with disabilities
- iii. language barriers, including American Sign Language
- iv. cultural barriers
- v. Youth and young adults
- vi. LGBTQIA+ community
- vii. Local Native American tribes
- viii. People of various faiths
- ix. Age

Submitted by Mary O'Connor, Chair, DEI Committee

# **VOTER SERVICE COMMITTEE**

### Spring Elections Are Coming!

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And so are Town Meetings! Check out below the Voter Service Committee's handy-dandy chart to find out when your town meeting and spring election are happening. Town meeting gives you a great understanding of the issues that are in the forefront of your town – affordable housing, waste water, land conservation, the school budget and so forth. Town election gives you an opportunity to put the right local candidate in the office where they will do the most good. The end of March is when most candidates will have to submit their papers to run. We'll have more information on that in April's Voter. **What can you do?** Bring a friend or two to town meeting and make a night of

it! For example, Elaine Dickenson and Rosemary Shields go to the Harwich town meeting and have a rollicking good time quietly commenting to each other about the proceedings. Look up in the Membership Directory and find others who are in your town and invite them to come along with you. It's keeping informed along with having fun - what could be better? What else can you do? Remind 3 or 5 friends that there's a spring election on the horizon and encourage them to go vote. Offer to pick them up and bring them to the polls or tell them how to get a mail-in ballot. Research has shown that if you also tell a friend that you'll call them later to find out how voting went - was there a line? Did you find your precinct okay? - they are more likely to vote when held accountable.

We want to give a special thank you to Lynne Pleffner, Patricia Burke, Tova Soyt, Carole Young-Kleinfeld, Mary O'Connor and Mati Ligon for their yeoman service for putting together all of the data.

| Town         | Town<br>Meeting | Last day<br>to register | Town<br>Election | Final date to<br>request mail-in<br>ballots |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Bourne       | May 1'          | May 6'                  | May 16'          | May 6'                                      |
| Brewster     | May 1'          | May5'                   | May 16'          | May 9'                                      |
| Chatham      | May 6'          | Apr 26'                 | May 11'          | Apr 20'                                     |
| Dennis       | May 2'          | Apr 21'                 | May 9'           | Apr 25'                                     |
| Eastham      | May 6'          | Apr 21'                 | May 16'          | May 9"                                      |
| Falmouth     | April 10'       | May 6'                  | May 16'          | ( )                                         |
| Harwich      | May 1'          | Apr 21'                 | May 16'          | May 9'                                      |
| Mashpee      | May 6'          | Apr 26'                 | May 6'           | Apr 28'                                     |
| Orleans      | May 8'          | May 5'                  | May 16'          | May 9'                                      |
| Provincetowr | Apr 3'          | Apr 19'                 | May 9'           | May 2;                                      |
| Sandwich     | May 1'          | Apr 21'                 | May 4'           | Apr 27'                                     |
| Truro        | Apr 25'         | Apr 15'                 | May 9'           | May 2'                                      |
| Wellfleet    | Apr 24"         | Apr 14'                 | May 1'           | Apr 24'                                     |
| Yarmouth     | Apr 25'         | May 2'                  | May 16'          | May 9'                                      |

**Barnstable**, which consists of 7 villages, is not on the above list because it is a considered a city and run by an elected Town Council rather than a town run by a Select Board. Barnstable never has Spring elections. In odd numbered years, Barnstable holds Municipal Elections and the next election will be November 7, 2023. This year 13 city council seats will be up for re-election. This happens every ten years, the result of the Census and redistricting. **Please note:** early voting is not required for local elections.

We also wanted to note how last November's mid-term election went via the TYPE of voting which took place. The VOTES Act passed in the last legislative session and basically codified all the voting reforms that worked so well during the COVID pandemic. And though a group of "protect the vote" people tried to have mail-in voting proclaimed unconstitutional, the courts ruled that they saw nothing in the new law that contradicted the state constitution. As the percentages below show, mail-in voting is very popular with the electorate.

| Nov 8        | 2022 ele | ction %:        | :                |
|--------------|----------|-----------------|------------------|
| Town         |          | Early<br>Voting | Electio<br>n Day |
| Bourne       | 36.7%    | 9.7%            | 53.6%            |
| Brewster     | 49.7%    | 8.3%            | 41.9%            |
| Chatham      | 38.7%    | 11.1%           | 50.2%            |
| Dennis       | 38.8%    | 10.8%           | 50.3%            |
| Eastham      | 47.7%    | 12.6%           | 39.6%            |
| Falmouth     | 41.9%    | 8.4%            | 49.7%            |
| Harwich      | 40.3%    | 9.9%            | 49.8%            |
| Mashpee      | 47.3%    | 14.2%           | 38.5%            |
| Orleans      | 51.4%    | 8.6%            | 40%              |
| Provincetown | 40.2%    | 14.6%           | 45.2%            |
| Sandwich     | 38.1%    | 9.7%            | 52.2%            |
| Truro        | 35.9%    | 8.7%            | 55.4%            |
| Wellfleet    | 41.3%    | 9.6%            | 49%              |
| Yarmouth     | 41.1%    | 7.6%            | 51.3%            |
| Barnstable   | 39.10%   | 5.40%           | 55.50%           |

The Secretary of the Commonwealth keeps all these statistics on his website. You dowload all the towns in MA and what TYPE of vote they casted here:

https://www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/elections/ download/research-and-statistics/2022-State-Election-Early-and-Vote-by-Mail-Statistics.xlsx

Finally, our town clerks are true resource. They are very helpful in giving you any information you'll need to vote – are you registered to vote? where the drop boxes are located? who's running

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for which office? sample ballot, etc. Here's how to contact them:

For Town Clerk websites, go to the LWVCCA website:

https://my.lwv.org/massachusetts/cape-codarea/voting#Town\_Clerks

Town Clerk phone numbers are below.

| Town Clerk   | Clerk Phone        |
|--------------|--------------------|
| Bourne       | 508-759-0600 X1351 |
| Brewster     | 508-896-4506       |
| Chatham      | 508-945-5101       |
| Dennis       | 508-760-6115       |
| Eastham      | 508-240-5900       |
| Falmouth     | 508-495-7360       |
| Harwich      | 508-430-7516 X5    |
| Mashpee      | 508-539-1418       |
| Orleans      | 508-240-3700 X2405 |
| Provincetown | 508-487-7000       |
| Sandwich     | 508-888-4910 X2    |
| Truro        | 508-349-7004       |
| Wellfleet    | 508-349-0300       |
| Yarmouth     | 508-398-2231 X1212 |

Barnstable 508-862-4044

Submitted by **Anita Rogers** and **Rosemary Shields** *Co-Chairs Voter Service Committee* 

# Health Committee

The LWVCCA Health Committee has been planning for and promoting the March 28, 6:30 PM Forum on Preventing Youth Suicide on Cape Cod and the Islands.

This Forum is timely and important. Though Massachusetts has a lower suicide rate in comparison with other states, the Cape and Islands suicide rate is above the State average. Thank you to all League members in helping to promote this Forum to ensure parents, teachers, guidance counselors, school administrators, students, health care providers, faith-based organizations, and other members of the Cape and Islands community know about the Forum and attend. A link to the Forum's flyer is included below:

https://my.lwv.org/sites/default/files/teen suicid e flyer mar 28 2023 english.pdf

> Submitted by **Eileen Elias** *Chair, Health Committee*

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# **LWVCCA Board & Contact information**

| LWVCCA BOARD 2022-2023 |                                        |  |
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| Officers for 2022-2023 |                                        |  |
| Co-Presidents          | Mary Hunter Utt and<br>Jeanne Morrison |  |
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