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LWVCCA CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Women's History Month was bookended with two important LWVCCA events. The first, on March 8, was the International Women's Day Breakfast, held at the Hyannis Resort and Conference Center. The event --entitled The Power of Women and Girls Creating Change -- featured two panels: Celebrating Women Elected Leaders Making a Difference, moderated by WCAI's On Point host Mindy Todd; and Celebrating Young Women and Girls Making a Difference at the Local Level, moderated by Erica Tso Haidas, owner of Belonging Books. Twenty-five local organizations staffed resource tables with information about the services they provide; seven generous donors ensured that the food, venue, and technology expenses were more than covered. We charged \$15 per person to attend and were sold out at just over 200 attendees. The inspiring and diverse speakers, moderators, and panelists ensured success. Be sure to read the story, with photos, about the breakfast in this

issue, captured by Jeanne and Kate Kane. If you missed it, we hope to see you next year.

The second March event, on the 22nd, was our annual Legislative Meeting, held at Cape Cod Community College and featuring all members of our Cape Cod delegation. This was a lively and informative event, ably moderated by Legislative Chair Sue Brock. The Legislative Committee report in this issue provides details, and the recording will be posted on our YouTube channel shortly.

Coming up in April is our forum, in collaboration with Compassion and Choices Massachusetts, Talking about Death Won't Kill You, The Massachusetts End-Life-Options Act, April 11, 7:00-8:30PM. Register at <http://tinyurl.com/MA-End-of-Life-Options-Act>. The [flyer](#) is attached to this issue.

And then it will be May and our Annual Meeting, 5:30-7:30PM on Wednesday May 8th at the Family Table Collaborative. The speaker will be Andrew Gottlieb, Exec. Dir of APCC (Association to Preserve Cape Cod), speaking about environment, clean water, and the intersection with housing. We hope you'll join us and vote for the new Board which will take the reins in September.

Meanwhile, spring is here! Enjoy!

Jeanne and Mary

Jeanne Morrison
Mary Hunter Utt
Co-Presidents, LWVCCA

IN CELEBRATION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH:

Dr. Debra Dagwan Recognized by Governor Healey



Representative Kip Diggs, Governor Healey, and Dr. Debra Dagwan

In collaboration with Governor Healey’s Black Empowerment and Advisory Council, one of our own (LWVMA board and LWVCCA member, AmplifyPOC board and MAWOCC member, Political and Civic Leadership committee), Dr. Debra Dagwan was recognized by Governor Healey at the Statehouse on February 27th for Exceptional Leadership, and for her Contributions and Impact on Black Communities in the Commonwealth.

Here is a YouTube link: Dr. Dagwan at 41:19: [Governor Healey Celebrates Black History Month with the Black Empowerment Advisory Council](#)

Governor Healey’s introduction [\(Link\)](#):

*And next we have Dr Debra Dagwan
Dr Debra Dagwan has worked for many years on Cape Cod as an Outreach worker for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and for people experiencing homelessness. She was the first black woman ever elected to the Barnstable Town Council where she served for 12 years. Congratulations Debra.*

CALENDAR

APRIL

Board Meeting

TUESDAY APRIL 2 | 9:30—11:30 a.m.
Zoom conference by invitation



Talking About Death Won’t Kill You

The Massachusetts End-of-Life Options Act
THURSDAY, April 11, 2024—7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
[See the attached flyer](#)

UPCOMING

Board Meeting

TUESDAY MAY 7 | 9:30—11:30 a.m.
Zoom conference by invitation

Annual Meeting



WEDNESDAY, May 8, 2024—5:30 p.m.
Details to follow...

**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.***

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST 2024

**League of Women Voters of the Cape Cod Area
Celebrates 2024 International Women's Day
with the Community...**



The enthusiastic and diverse audience
of over 200 members of the community

On March 8, the League of Women Voters Cape Cod Area (LWVCCA) in a joint venture with Amplify POC, Inc., Cape Cod Cape Verdean Museum and Cultural Center, Wampanoag Herring Pond Tribe, League of Women Voters Falmouth, and the Women and Girls Fund of The Cape Cod Foundation hosted its first Cape Cod International Women's Day Breakfast. Thank you to all of the planning organizers, speakers, and attendees for a successful event.

LWVCCA spearheaded the planning of the event at the request of League member Scotti Finnegan and Andi Genser, former member of the Cape Women's Coalition (CWC). The breakfast was previously planned and hosted annually for nine years by CWC until they disbanded in 2020. After a post COVID hiatus, the revived event was well attended and by many accounts, an illuminating celebration. Over 200 members of the community attended, including multiple state, county, and local elected officials as well as other community leaders, business owners, and corporate sponsors.

The event was generously funded by multiple sponsors, including Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank, The Cape Cod Foundation, The Cooperative Bank of Cape Cod, Eastern Bank, Cape Air, LWVCCA Helen S. Aaron Educational Trust Fund, Rockland Trust, and the LWV Falmouth. Several women-owned businesses were hired to provide services for the event including Minuteman Press of Centerville, Magic Mirror Cape Cod, International Business Relations, and Communi-T Productions. Twenty-five non-profit community organizations set up resource tables with information about services and programs for women and girls, including those focused on advocacy, business development, self-help, education, health and, wellbeing. The LWVCCA and LWV Falmouth shared a Voter Services table emphasizing voter registration and Get-Out-The-Vote 2024. The Magic Mirror digital photobooth was a big hit. Attendees took individual and group selfies with decorative backgrounds commemorating Cape Cod's 2024 International Women's Day.

The program theme was *The Power of Women and Girls Creating Change*. In the words of Serena Williams, "The success of every woman should be the inspiration of another. We should raise each other up," and to that end, our speakers were powerful examples of this belief in action. The inspiring program was introduced by Jeanne Morrison, LWVCCA Co-President as emcee. Opening remarks from Tara Vargas Wallace, President and CEO of Amplify POC, Inc. set the tone to inspire and amplify the contributions of women and girls in our community.

Bobbi Rose Brown, a Monomoy High School junior, gave a stunningly clear and uninhibited invocation about the importance of working together across differences to build community and the need for women's health equity. She cited that the United Nations states that gender equity remains the greatest human rights challenge and is still decades away from being a reality. Much advocacy, action, and support continue to be needed, and Bobbi shared how this motivated her to actively engage in advocacy for women, especially women of color. She exemplified Maya

Angelou’s words, “Each time a woman stands up for herself, she stands up for all women.”

The invocation was followed by two wonderful panels of women from diverse backgrounds discussing what motivates them to lead and what they are doing in their communities to have a positive impact on other women and girls. The speakers ranged in age from 19 to 60+.



Mindy Todd, of WCAI’s *The Point*, moderated the first panel
Elected Leaders Making a Difference

Each shared the experiences that led them to run for office, explained how they use their power to advocate for others, and the support they need to build a better community.



Erica Tso Haidas moderated the second panel
Young Women and Girls Making a Difference at the Local Level

The second panel celebrated women and girls making a difference in their communities at the local level. It was moderated by Erica Tso Haidas, activist and founder of Belonging Books. Four amazing young women including a community organizer, student/activist, entrepreneur, and business owner captivated the audience as they shared their life stories and how and why they developed the courage to be a changemaker in the

community. We then had time for brainstorming conversations at each table and were able to capture the essence of those conversations on paper and will be transcribing them and getting them out to attendees in the weeks ahead.

Mary Hunter Utt, Co-President LWVCCA, closed the program and thanked all attendees, panelists, sponsors and planners. She ended with an exhortation and reminder of the importance of voting. The overall program spotlighted the critical work being done locally to foster an inclusive and equitable community through the economic, political and social empowerment of women and girls.



Our final speaker, Tamora Israel shared an inspirational poem about the strength, challenges, resilience, beauty, and power of women.

Below are a few of the comments shared by participants.:

"Seeing the collaboration between the Cape Cod Leagues and Women's Groups on the Cape is very encouraging. There is power in connection.

"Hope for the future generation, while honoring the contributions of past generations was the backbone of the Celebration.

"I was moved by the power in that room. 200 women engaged with each other and the presenters. Not only did you and the partnering organizations create a powerful opportunity for

women to come together but I believe that the overwhelming success of the morning was evidence that this work to bring women together for meaningful conversations is needed in our communities."

It was truly an inspiring and motivational morning and we are committed to a bigger event next year! If you would like to volunteer to be on the planning committee or be a sponsor, please email us at lwvcca@gmail.com.

Jeanne Morrison, Co-President LWVCCA

VOTER SERVICE COMMITTEE

Dennis-Yarmouth Newcomers monthly meeting

We had a great time at the Dennis-Yarmouth Newcomers monthly meeting held February 21st. The Retired Men's Club was at the table next to us which was great as we exchanged visitors! There were approximately 56 attendees and out of that number we spoke with approximately 24 men and women - plus a couple that had just moved in from New Jersey! We handed out information on key Spring voting dates for each town. This way they knew when town elections and town meeting would be held. The most asked question was "What does the League do?" So, we had many interesting conversations.



At the Dennis-Yarmouth Newcomers Monthly Meeting

Kathy Borofsky and Mati Ligon were big helpers!

On Super Tuesday, Primary Day, March 5th six volunteers from the Voter Service Committee conducted a Disability Access Survey of their polling places. The collected survey will be sent to the LWVMA for evaluation. We received a wonderful call on the League phone-line. A woman called to find out what to do - her mother was in the hospital and she wanted to vote. She called the Brewster Town Hall and they set her up with an absentee ballot. She drove it over to the hospital where her mother filled out her ballot. She then brought it back to Brewster Town Hall and her mother's vote was counted. This is one super citizen!

Turnout for the Presidential Primary was relatively consistent among the 15 towns of the Cape. They ranged around 35%. We are in the process of getting deeper information and will provide that information in the next VOTER.

Youth Job Fair at the Hyannis Youth & Community Center

Carole Young-Kleinfeld setting up at the "Youth Job Fair" at the Hyannis Youth & Community Center.



Then on Wednesday, March 6th we participated in the "Youth Job Fair" at the Hyannis Youth & Community Center. The event ran from 2:30 to 4:30 and just happened to be the same day and same time as the hostage event in Hyannis! Talk about adventurous times! Carole Young-Kleinfeld was in the Main Area where parents and kids registered and we were in the newly created Parents Lounge.

Here are some great stats for the day:

289 Jobseekers

60% from Barnstable High School

20% from Sturgis and St John Paul 2

The rest were from surrounding schools and as far away as a small group from a boarding school in Dover-Sherborn who heard about from radio station WQRC.

AGES:

30% 8th graders (87); 35% 9th graders (101);

18% 10th graders (51); 16%

11th and 12th graders (47) and 1% middle school (3).

TRANSPORTATION:

23% (67) came by bus from school. Most others got a ride or drove and a few walked.

Carole noted that the kids were moving so fast to get into the gym and start the interviewing process that it was hard to catch them! However, she managed to distribute 50 cards with the QR code so they could check their registration info.

Her impression was that the majority were 16 to 17 year olds that were a racially and culturally diverse group.

"I tried to speak with about 50 of them answering various questions about preregistration and voting procedures. They ALL wanted to register online- not by paper applications. I distributed probably 10 copies of the Barnstable election info and only two League pamphlets. Also about 100 chocolate kisses, so they all saw our banner and signage. Many- both students and family members - thanked me for being there. One said she appreciated our increased visibility in Barnstable - a fun afternoon!"

The Parent's Lounge was a new stop this year and was created so that the kids would be able to interview by themselves and not have their parents answering the questions. The Lounge provided coffee, water and cookies. We were the only participant in the Lounge so we certainly made an impression! We spoke to approximately 30 parents - most of their kids were 14 and they were hopeful that they could get jobs! One of our

conversations was with a woman who resides in one of the villages of Barnstable. She really didn't understand how it ran so we helped clear up and misunderstandings. We handed out approximate 10 pamphlets and a few Barnstable Town election information sheets. It was a lovely afternoon and we enjoyed the experience.



Lynne & Rosemary at the Parents Lounge

International Women's Day Breakfast

Then to finish a very busy week we split a Get Out the Vote table with the Falmouth League at the International Women's Day Breakfast (see Co-President's description of the event). There were over 200 people attending mostly women but also male allies. Our GOTV table was right there up front by the registration table, so most attendees saw us and let us know "Oh, yes, we are registered and ready to vote!" There were many waves and thumbs-up.

We also welcomed Miss Cape Cod, Ashley Clark and her guardian Jacquie Curran to the breakfast. Miss Cape Cod has expressed an interest in helping us get out the vote as part of her committee service project.



Miss Cape Cod, Ashley Clark and her guardian
Jacquie Curran

They are lovely people and we look forward to working with them this year to not only help us but to help Miss Cape Cod too!

We finished up the month with a Voter Registration table at our Legislative Dialogue held at Cape Cod Community College on March 22nd .

Plus, we have an eye towards the local Board of Select and Select Board contested races. Once we get those nailed down, we will begin setting up Candidate Forums.

Reminder: Town Meetings and Spring Election are coming up - see the dates in [this table](#) at the end of this issue

Submitted by
Lynne Pleffner and Rosemary Shields
Co-Chairs Voter Service

DID YOU KNOW—?

...that 18 states and Washington, D.C., allow eligible 17-year-olds, who will turn 18 on or before Election Day in November, to vote in primaries? Currently, Massachusetts does not, even though its neighbors Connecticut, Vermont, and Rhode Island, all allow pre-registration and primary election voting by 17-year-olds under those circumstances. In January, New Jersey's Governor Murphy also signed similar legislation.

Voting advocates and elections officials believe that early engagement of young people helps establish a generation of lifelong voters.

The LWVUS has endorsed federal legislation called the Youth Voting Rights Act of 2023—introduced by Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren—which would reduce many of the barriers that young people face in trying to vote. Among other features, this bill would increase the number of on-campus voting locations, require election day registration for young mobile voters, establish a grant program to support young people who perform outreach to their peers and who work at the polls, and require ALL states to pre-register 16- and 17-year-olds.

In Massachusetts, preregistered young people may not actually vote until they attain “full age”. In the current legislative session, nine legislators have proposed H.705—*An Act relative to youth voter engagement*—which received a favorable vote from the Joint Committee on Elections last June. Its hearing featured passionate in-person testimony at the State House from preregistered students who were eager to have the opportunity to vote in primaries. So far, none of the Cape Cod delegation has signed on as a sponsor to this proposed law.

The Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement at Tufts University (CIRCLE) urges policies and electoral practices that recognize young people's interests and needs, in order to help them feel ready to vote in 2024 and in all future elections. CIRCLE's Growing Voters report contains 24 suggestions for getting out the youth vote and removing the barriers to election participation. Read about it here: <https://circle.tufts.edu/latest-research/24-ways-grow-voters-2024>

Submitted by Carole Young-Kleinfeld

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

The Legislative Committee held their 2024 Legislative Event at Cape Cod Community College on Friday, March 22. I would like to thank all of

the members of my committee for their hard work and support during the planning and execution of the program. You all were terrific.

This year, all eight of our delegation were present; however, all did not go as planned. Initially there was to be an informal half hour with the legislators and attendees over coffee in the Great Hall and then the formal question and answer period in the adjacent lecture hall. Unfortunately, I was not informed until I arrived at the event that the legislators were engaged in another activity on campus and would not arrive until the 10:30 formal session. That was the first glitch.

The second issue occurred towards the end of the program when some audience members, who were actually part of an earlier protest outside having to do with illegal immigration, tried to ask questions directly from the floor and were not initially willing to remain quiet. We did open the meeting up to outside groups as well as to League members. The audience was nearly full, which was nice to see. We did have participation from a couple of Cape Cod Community College students again this year, but not as many as I had hoped. And there was active involvement with the legislators during the question and answer period.

Mary Utt opened the meeting, welcoming the delegation and sharing the mission of the League with those in attendance. She then introduced me and I moderated the rest of the meeting. We did say a special thank you and farewell to Senator Moran, Representative Peake and Representative Fernandes. They will all be leaving their respective positions to move into new arenas. I have heard that Rep. Fernandes will run for Sen. Moran's seat but that is to be seen.

Each legislator received their own question to be answered followed by short comments from others who wished to chime in. After the eight initial questions which covered League followed bills, Suzanne introduced Thalles DeSouza, Student Government President at the college, who asked two questions generated by the students. One of the questions focused on immigration issues. Members of the delegation, while

answering the question, praised Thalles as a terrific example of how immigrants can excel in and benefit our country. It was after Thalles' part that some audience members attempted to take the floor. The audience had been informed at the beginning that questions written on notecards would be addressed at this point if time permitted. Unfortunately, there wasn't enough time to get to all of the questions. I did my best to redirect those causing the commotion and we were then able to hear the closing statements and end the event on a positive note. Dissatisfied audience members had a chance to interact with a few of the legislators before they left.

The art of dialogue is becoming a vanishing art. Americans must return to a society where acceptance and compromise once again become part of the political realm. No one is going to ever have the exact same feelings regarding any topic, but there will be areas of overlap on which we can build a lasting bridge. Our country will not survive on individual pockets of "it must be my way." Rep. Peake asked the League to continue its mission of voter registration and education. Educated voters are what will lead to the voice of reason. We have to be willing to engage with all voters, even those who have different thoughts. Through dialogue perhaps we can learn from each other and forge a stronger path forward.

For those of you who were unable to join us, the program was recorded and will be posted to our website and Facebook page. To those that did attend, thank you for your support.

Marching towards Unity,
Suzanne Brock – Legislative Chair

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Welcome New Member Carol Sheingold!

Carol is a pastel artist...AND a retired licensed clinical social worker and adoption professional...AND a past and aspiring community activist...AND a parent of two adult children. In her own words, here's a little more!

“Raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, I came of age in the turbulent 60’s/early 70’s and was influenced, as we all were, by those times. I spent several years in my 20’s living and working in Europe—Berlin, Salzburg, and Athens. Each city provided a unique backdrop for learning, re-thinking my midwestern roots, and understanding how the United States was perceived by the world.

Upon returning back to the states in my early 30’s, I settled in Washington, D.C. and began a slow, but steady, journey toward a master’s degree in social work, while working in an exciting, political atmosphere. After marriage, we moved from Delaware to the Boston area—Sudbury—where we raised our family.”

“I spent my professional life as an adoption social worker at Jewish Family and Children’s Service Waltham, MA. I felt very privileged to help my clients move toward parenthood and had shared that same experience as a parent. It was rewarding and challenging at times, and I enjoyed every aspect of the process. After being parttime residents in Marstons Mills for several years, we moved here in 2023. I started painting with pastels about 15 years ago and am a juried member of the Cape Cod Art Center.”

“As a previous member of the League of Women Voters in Sudbury, I feel the urgency of working for an organization that takes not only an active role but a responsible and thoughtful approach to the workings of our democracy. I have a special interest in Voter Service, want to learn and make a difference. I am also interested in environmental concerns, expanding civic participation, and of course, DEI”.

“I look forward to meeting many of you!”

Note from the LWVCCA: Carol has won several awards for her artwork throughout Massachusetts. Both the Pastel Society of Cape Cod and the Pastel Society of New Hampshire have featured her paintings at juried shows. She’s a featured artist at Eastwind Gallery in Orleans—a working studio and cooperative gallery of award-winning Cape Cod artists.

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Welcome New Member Lynn Carlson

You could call her a heroine—Oh! The State of Massachusetts already did that!

When Lynn Carlson retired from McLean Hospital in Belmont, she decided that she would actually “repurpose--not retire.” Lynn had spent many years working with individuals who had substance use disorders. She had always held personal and professional goals of educating the public about addiction and reducing stigma and bias surrounding substance use disorders. After she and her husband moved to Dennis MA about 5 years ago, she soon found herself Chairperson of the Dennis Substance Use Disorder Council.

From that opportunity, Lynn spent several years working as a clinician with the Dennis Police Department. A large number of the co-response police calls were mental health and substance-use related. After a wonderful nearly three years... another retirement! Lynn observed, “I have the highest regard for the men and women of the Dennis Police Department; we worked as a team.”

Lynn now enjoys volunteering for WE CAN, a Cape Cod organization that serves more than 2,000 women each year with free and confidential legal services, mentoring, employment, and personal development programs. She’s been a mentor for WE CAN’s Pathmaker Program for two years and continues to serve as a “master mentor.” Now, as a new member of the LWVCCA, Lynn expresses appreciation for the mission of the League and looks forward to participating and contributing to its work.

In her “free time” (*what free time?*), Lynn admits to having caught the hydrangea bug and enjoys her association with the Cape Cod Hydrangea Society. She’s grateful for the opportunity to reside in such a beautiful place and

feels a sense of responsibility to the land. The Village Garden Club of Dennis caught her eye and allowed her the pleasure of adding a little beautification to her town. She and her husband also have a community garden plot and are proud growers of garlic.

Finally, we return to the topic of heroism. Lynn says, "I had the honor of being nominated by former State Representative Tim Whelan to be a Commonwealth Heroine and was humbled by this honor." The Commonwealth Heroines program—from the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women—celebrate women who don't make the news, but make a difference each year by making their Massachusetts cities and towns better places to live. Congratulations to Lynn Carlson and welcome to the LWVCCA!

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HOW DO WE INCREASE the YOUTH VOTE?

Recording Available

The question of how to increase the youth vote is one that is near and dear to League efforts to improve voter service outreach efforts to young adults. For Massachusetts Civic Learning Week which took place in March, I organized a program to provide information and strategies that address this issue. The program was a collaboration between The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts, The Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE) at Tufts University and the Massachusetts Women of Color Coalition (MAWOCC), and it included examples of school outreach from the LWV Club at Needham High School and a student who is a Voting Ambassador at Salem State University. The video is a good source of information that has implications for our outreach. It also provides some good strategies

for school based outreach. The recording is now available on the LWVMA website at this link.

[Power of the Youth Vote](#)

As a related note I'd like to make LWVCCA members aware that our League is in the process of co-planning a program with the Student Government Association of Cape Cod Community College (SGA) to motivate students to vote in the November election. The program is planned for early October and will feature a panel of faculty, students, and community members addressing selected policy issues that impact the future of young adults. This venture is an outgrowth of an initiative of the Florence Seldin Speaker Series Committee. The Committee reached out to community groups and the SGA at Cape Cod Community College to learn about ways that our speaker series could reach more people. The answer from the students was to do a program on campus during school time when students are available. Based on their advice, the program will be scheduled during their "club time" which is held on Wednesday afternoons. More information will be available as our planning advances.

Submitted by Karen Mazza

YOUTH SERVICE COMMITTEE

Cape Cod Civic Advocacy Guide

The Youth Service Committee has produced another resource document to assist schools with the student-led civics projects and it is called, "Cape Cod Civic Advocacy Guide: Understanding Your Government and How to Influence It." This Guide will help students understand how state, county and local government structures work. It will help them identify who to approach in government in order to advocate for change regarding the issue that they have selected to study, and give them several strategies for influencing key officials. Advocacy is an important stage within the student-led civics projects. In addition to being useful for students, the Guide is also useful for any adult who wishes to understand our government and learn the skills of advocacy. Here is a [link](#) to the document, which

can also be found two places on our website. For future reference, you can also find it listed under the Youth Service Committee and under the Voter Service Committee. We thank the LWV Needham and LWV Falmouth which produced their own Guides that we were able to use, add new material, and adapt to the needs of our Cape wide area League.

Requesting Participation of Many League Members

In May and June, students will be doing the final stage of their student-led civics projects, which is to present their project in a school showcase to community members. As a community advisor our job is to listen to the students present their project, ask them questions about what they learned, and congratulate them for their work. We would like as many League members who feel they can do this, to attend the school showcase events.

So far, we have been invited to attend the showcase for **Dennis Yarmouth Regional High School on May 8 and the Barnstable High School showcase on June 3**. I anticipate that we may also be invited to Monomoy Regional High School if they decide to hold a showcase event. You do not need to be a resident of those towns to participate. It really is inspiring to see the issues that students select for their projects and the solutions that they propose to address those issues. So if you are interested please email Karen Mazza at mazzak1623@gmail.com.

If you would also like to attend the state civics showcase organized by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for school districts in the southeast region of the state, that showcase will be held on **May 28 at Bridgewater State University**. The Youth Service Committee will be organizing car pools for that event if you would like to join us. Please also send me an email for that event if you are interested.

Submitted by
Karen Maza
Chair Youth Service



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League of Women Voters of the Cape Cod Area

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Talking About Death Won't Kill You

The Massachusetts End-of-Life Options Act

A Virtual Forum

Thursday, April 11, 2024—7 PM to 8:30 PM

Patient Choice

Alleviate Suffering

Strong Safeguards

Join us to learn how legislation—H.2246/S.1331 now pending before the Massachusetts Legislature—would ensure that individuals with a terminal illness have the option to avoid unnecessary pain and suffering when their time comes. Hear from family members, faith-based community leaders, and medical professionals about the bill's importance and its safeguards. See why people with disabilities support it. Learn why Massachusetts voters and the League of Women Voters believe that NOW is the time to pass this law in our state.

Guest Speakers

- Sara Elkins—Senior NE Regional Campaign Organizer, Compassion & Choices
- Roger Kligler, MD—Retired Falmouth Physician, Advocate—Medical Aid in Dying
- Rabbi Elias Lieberman—Falmouth Jewish Congregation, Falmouth Clergy Assoc., Compassion & Choices Advocate
- Michael Martignetti—Member, Boston's Ataxia Support Group, Compassion & Choices Advocate

Open to the public!

All welcome!

Spanish & Portuguese Translation Available!

REGISTER here: <http://tinyurl.com/MA-End-of-Life-Options-Act>



As a reminder, here are the local town meetings and Spring election dates:

| TOWN | LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE | TOWN MEETING | TOWN ELECTION |
|--------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Barnstable | * | * | * |
| Bourne | May 11 | May 6 | May 21 |
| Brewster | May 17 | May 11 | May 28 |
| Chatham | May 3 | May 13 | May 16 |
| Dennis | Apr 26 | May 7 | May 14 |
| Eastham | Apr 26 | May 6 | May 21 |
| Falmouth | May 11 | Apr 8 | May 21 |
| + Harwich | Apr 26 | May 6 | May 21 |
| Mashpee | May 1 | May 1 | May 11 |
| Orleans | May 10 | May 10 | May 21 |
| Provincetown | May 3 | Apr 1 | May 14 |
| Sandwich | Apr 26 | May 6 | May 9 |
| Truro | May 3 | May 4 | May 14 |
| Wellfleet | Apr 12 | Apr 24 | Apr 29 |
| Yarmouth | May 11 | Apr 30 | May 21 |

* **Barnstable**, which consists of 7 villages, is not on the above list because it is 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 2025.**

+ **Harwich** Apr 9 Special Town Election for Select Board