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LWVCCA OPENING MESSAGE

President’s Message

First off – Happy Mother’s Day to all you wonderful mothers! Our children – whether human or fur babies are so lucky to have you in their lives.

This issue of The Voter is always reflective as it contains all the activities of this past fiscal year. Our fiscal year runs from July 1st to June 30th.

We started off the year by calling as many members of LWVCCA as possible. The reason was to find out what you, as a member, wanted your League to do. We took it to heart and have tried to be more communicative and transparent.

We have expanded our relationship with the Cape Cod Young Professionals. Every September they hold a “Back to Business Bash” – a highlight for the business community as it signals the end of summer and hopefully life getting back to normal. In April we participated in their “Shape the Cape” Summit and met and spoke with a lot of people.

Many of them had attended the International Women’s Day Breakfast. This year was the 3rd year of this wonderful event. Once the pandemic was over a planning group got together to see if this event could be re-invented. The decision was to make it an opportunity for community. There was a venue challenge as the Resort and Conference Center was sold and IWDB moved to Margaritaville. This decision gave all of us an opportunity to see the changes made to this venue! There were 40 resource tables and 300 attendees. The overwhelming majority of comments about the event were very positive and we received great press! You can see a recording at [this link](#).

The Barnstable County Charter Review was the story last year and will be the story for this year. In November we will be voting yes or no for an Independent Charter Review Committee. If we vote yes, we will need to elect someone from our town to represent us on the Committee. If you like to get into the weeds and figure out how to make things better this is a job for you! Yes, I am encouraging you to take out papers and get on the ballot. It is up to all of us to make the County Government the best it can be and deliver the best results for each of our 15 towns.

We reviewed our program goals for each committee this past February and you will see the results at the Annual Meeting on May 11th. Once approved the Program goals will be listed in the Members Directory and Handbook. You will receive an updated book in September. We want your input so please look for an email invitation in January letting you know when our next program review will take place.

This month is a very busy month with Town Elections and Town Meeting. We hope you vote in both. These two events really do impact your tax bill!

I hope to see you at the Annual Meeting on May 11th. The Vice Presidents – Pat Burke and Carol

Woodbury - have created a very interesting program on Voting in the Commonwealth. The meeting will be held at a new venue, the Bass River Golf Club.

Hard to believe that the end of this month is Memorial Day Weekend – the official start of Summer! And so, this is where I will end!

Best wishes,
Lynne Pleffner

CALENDAR

MAY

Board Meeting

TUESDAY MAY 5 | 9:30—11:30 a.m.
Zoom conference by invitation

LWVCCA Annual Meeting

MONDAY MAY 11 | 5:30—8:00 p.m.
Bass River Golf Club

JUNE:

Board Meeting

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

To see our entire Google calendar, go to <http://lwvcapecod.org/lwvcca-calendar>.

NOTE: Click on "Schedule" to see a list of all events. Click on any calendar listing to see more detail.

DID YOU KNOW...?

.....that all the gun violence prevention organizations in Massachusetts, including the LWVMA, are participating in a statewide public information campaign—[VOTE YES for a Safe Massachusetts](#)—to uphold and protect our current firearms safety legislation? Grandmothers Against Gun Violence Cape Cod says, "...we are working alongside other gun violence prevention advocacy groups to defend the 2024 Massachusetts Firearms Modernization Act, which as you know,

faces a challenge on the 2026 Ballot on November 3rd. The "VOTE YES" campaign is key to this effort."

The question on the ballot for voters in November will ask whether voters wish to defend and uphold our 2024 law against an effort to overturn it. To protect the law, we must **VOTE YES**. At this time, this is the only question so far, out of a possible 11 more, to be certified for the ballot.

Both the LWVMA and the LWVCCA lobbied extensively for passage of the 2024 bill which has made Massachusetts a model for the nation in gun safety and in preventing gun violence. Data shows that Massachusetts has the one of [lowest gun death rates](#) in the country thanks to strong gun safety laws, community-based solutions, and evidence-based research. The **VOTE YES for a Safe Massachusetts** campaign, working to protect this law, includes 120 health, religious, and good government organizations—including LWVMA—from throughout the state.

Among other features, the Massachusetts Firearms Modernization Act

- bans "ghost guns," 3-D guns, and their parts,
- bans guns at polling places and other sensitive places,
- expands eligibility for school administrators and healthcare providers to request Extreme Risk Protective Orders (ERPO) "red flag laws",
- bans the sale/transfer of new assault-style firearms,
- strengthens firearms licensing laws
- establishes more frequent inspection of gun sellers

LWVCCA Legislative Committee Chair Suzanne Brock observes,

"Although MA is one of the states with the lowest mass shooting record in the county, it is because the voters in the state saw the need for strong gun violence prevention legislation and worked hard to get pieces passed little by little over the years. The last legislative session passed the strongest addition to that legislation, the Massachusetts Firearms Modernization Act,

which passed overwhelmingly. With the law now under a challenge, we urge you to think about what is best for our communities, our children and our families. A Yes vote is a vote to keep this law in place."

Please urge family and friends to **VOTE YES** on the firearms safety question in November!

Note: LWVCCA members are invited to attend monthly rallies in Hyannis, sponsored by Grandmothers Against Gun Violence Cape Cod, to honor the survivors of Sandy Hook, Parkland, Uvalde and other mass shootings. Rallies continue on the 14th day of each month from 11:30am to 12:30pm at the Hyannis Airport Rotary. Pre-made signs are available at the rally. Everyone is welcome!

Carole Young-Kleinfeld with help from League members Donna Wald and Suzanne Brock

HEALTH COMMITTEE

Year-End Health Committee Report

This past year, Health Committee members met regularly to discuss the health issues that concern us and to plan our 2025-2026 activities in collaboration with other LWVCCA committees and community organizations. Committee Chair Eileen Elias participated in the LWVCCA's annual program planning meeting in February to consider priorities and activities for the year.

Health Committee members visited Independence House in Hyannis and met with its Executive Director, Lysetta Hurge-Putnam. Independence House provides an array of critical Cape-wide services in cases of domestic and sexual violence, including emergency housing resources, counseling, and advocacy. The visit to Independence House complemented our League's advocacy for proposed 2024-2026 legislation—*An Act relative to controlling and abusive litigation* (S.1205/H.1594). Our LWVCCA testimony was submitted in June to the Joint Committee on the Judiciary by Renate Sands, a LWVCCA Health Committee member.

The Committee met monthly with several community organizations to plan the April Forum on Domestic Abuse: Services, Policies, Resources, and Prevention. The forum, called *We Can Help*, featured a panel of speakers, facilitated by the Health Committee, from Independence House, the Dennis Police Department, the Massachusetts Family Advocacy Center (MFAC), and We Can Cape Cod. The LWVMA provided the Forum's technical support. They discussed their work with survivors of domestic violence and made recommendations for policy and legislative changes to make the Cape and Island communities safer for all. We thank our participants, our speakers, and the LWVMA for their contributions in making this Forum a success.

In collaboration with other LWVCCA committees, community partners, and the LWVMA, the Health Committee plans to follow legislative and community issues such as maternal mortality, women's reproductive rights, HealthCare for All, preventing gun violence, end-of-life options, and related legislation.

Thanks to Health Committee Members: Carole Young-Kleinfeld, Madeline Zevon, Renate H Sands, Suzanne Brock, Susan Cameron, Lynn Carlson, Margaret Creeth, Virginia Dickie, Leandena Dankese, Anita Parker, Honey Pivirotto, and Sara Plehn for the successful year. New members of the Health Committee are always sought and welcome by contacting Eileen Elias at eileen.elias@comcast.net

Eileen Elias, Health Committee Chair

YOUTH SERVICE COMMITTEE

End Of Year Report

The Youth Service Committee has two primary projects: Voter registration/education and the celebration of student civics projects. During the 2025-2026 year we have expanded our voter registration and education materials and outreach to more schools. Having refined these projects over several years, they are now very well oiled processes which make it easy for new League members to slip right into our school outreach efforts. We encourage new members to join the

committee! It's fun to interact with high school students!

High School Voter Registration and Education:

- **Credit for Life Fairs:** We collaborate with the Voter Service Committee to conduct high school voter registration at the Cape Cod 5 Bank sponsored Credit for Life Fairs at all nine public high schools within the LWVCCA area. We are thankful for the leadership of Rosemary Shields from the Voter Service Committee who is the League liaison with Cape Cod 5 Bank and always shows up with all of the needed materials.
- **Voting Information:** We are providing more voter education to students through the creation of two non-partisan documents that help students research their [selection of candidates](#) and also think about [how their vote affects their financial future](#). We have printed business cards with the QR code for these documents that we give students when they come to our table. You can see these documents [at this link](#).
- **Preparing Seniors to Vote:** We have expanded outreach to seniors to prepare them to vote by creating a graduation card that lists important dates and procedures for the September Primary and November Election. We also provide information on the options for voting and how to research your ballot choices. This graduation card is made possible by a grant from LWVUS for \$500 and a grant from the Scharfman Fund through LWVMA for \$400 which will finance our distribution to Barnstable High School and Dennis Yarmouth Regional High School. We also intend to share them electronically with other high schools.
- **Sharing our HSVR Registration Toolkit with LWVMA:** Additionally, we created a High School Voter Registration Toolkit, which provides a guide for high schools to involve students in promoting voter registration and education in their schools, with League assistance. The HSVR Toolkit will be hosted on

the LWVMA website to be shared with all local Leagues across the state.

Celebration of Student-led Civics Projects:

- **Attending Local Civics Showcase Events:** Civic Showcases are events where students in Grade 8 and high school present and display their state required civics projects. We attend as community advisors to listen to the student presentations, ask questions about their work, offer helpful feedback and congratulate them on their efforts. The purpose of these projects is to help students learn to care about civic issues and learn the skills of being change agents. This year we have already attended the civics showcase in Dennis Yarmouth and we expect to attend showcases at Barnstable High School, Monomoy Regional High School and Sandwich High School in late May and June.
- **Attending State Civics Showcase Events:** We encourage League members across the state to attend the four Massachusetts Civics Showcases organized by the Department of Secondary and Elementary Education (DESE). At least four members of our League are attending the showcase at Dartmouth University in May.

Transition to New Committee Leadership:

I am pleased to report that after thirteen years of leading the Youth Service Committee, I am able to leave the leadership of the committee in the very capable hands of the soon to be Co-Chairs, Pat Anderson and Carol Woodbury. Pat and Carol are experienced educators who have held both teaching and administrative positions in education.

Prior to retiring in 2018, Pat worked as a special education teacher at the middle, high school, adult education, and college levels. Using her training in school psychology, educational psychology, and special education, Patricia was the State Transition Coordinator for 15 years—a joint position with the Connecticut Department of Education and the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services, helping youth with disabilities transition to employment, college, and adult life. She ended her career as an instructor in

secondary transition at Central Connecticut State University and a transition consultant working with families, districts, and community organizations.

Carol retired in June 2023 as Superintendent of the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District (DYRSD) where she spent 18 years. Prior to coming to DYRSD, Carol spent three years as the Superintendent of the Monson Public Schools in western MA where she had previously taught kindergarten, first grade, and was the Elementary Science Coordinator and the Curriculum Director for the District. Carol also has a background in special education.

Thank You to the Youth Service Committee:

I would like to express my appreciation to past and present members of the Youth Service Committee who have generously given of their time to support the voter education and civic education of students. Thank you to this year's members: Pat Anderson, Karen Boujoukos, Maureen Grandmont, Alice Mitchell, Deb Walker, Heather Kissel Walsh and Carol Woodbury.

Helping to support the voter education and civic engagement of youth is one of the most important things that we can do as League members to safeguard the future of our democracy. I am thankful for the opportunity to do this important work with you.

Submitted by Karen Mazza

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Legislative Committee 2025-2026 Wrap

Members:

Looking back on this past year I can say that there have been some successes and some unfinished business. This is standard. The Legislative Committee (LC) has been following about 42 bills, many of those doubled with a separate House and Senate filing, but I won't be able to give you a complete accounting until the legislative year ends on July 31st. Even then there may be a trickle of changes through the end of the year.

However, Legislative Committee members were busy. Several of us traveled to Boston for Lobby Day last fall. We pushed specifically for four bills while we were there that were targeted by the LWVMA, also on our own list of watched bills:

- Same Day Voter Registration.
- Safe Community Act, Dignity not Deportation, and Immigrant Legal Defense Fund.
- Healthcare—specifically reproductive healthcare accessibility.
- Location Shield Act updates.

So far, Same Day Voter Registration has been once again by passed and sent to Study which basically kills it for the session. Obviously, LC members are bamboozled about the lack of support for this legislation to pass. The cluster of immigration bills lobbied for is hung up in Ways and Means. Meanwhile the Governor consolidated her own group of immigration bills into one, The Protect Act, and has included this into her budget. It remains to be seen what happens with the House and Senate budget bills and how they will be reconciled with the Governor's and whether The Protect Act bill will remain. The Healthcare piece is still held up in the Senate Ways and Means Committee, and the Location Shield Act is still held up in the House Ways and Means Committee. I know that this is frustrating. It is for all of us. In addition, several other of the bills that we have been following are still slogging along in the legislature.

I also made two additional trips to Boston during the year. One was for Immigration specifically. There was a rally on the State House steps and afterward those present went in and again lobbied our legislators. The other trip was to network with LWVMA Legislative specialists. This was a great learning experience for me.

Additionally, the LC organized a successful meeting with our legislators in October. The event was held at the Cape Cod Synagogue in Hyannis. Six out of eight of our legislators were present. The audience was filled and we had a great discussion regarding legislation of interest to the members. LC members also participated in **Voices to Votes**, a

spectacular traveling Smithsonian exhibit about the history of voting. LC members were present to register voters, to answer questions and to solicit new members. In addition, LC members participated in a program set up by the Sandwich library. LC members gave a **History of Women's Voting** especially centered on the fight to gain the right to vote for women, especially women of color. This program was also well attended. Finally, I teamed up with LWVCCA President Lynne Pleffner to speak to the **What Now Group** in Chatham regarding threats to free and fair elections in November and beyond and what their members can do to resist any obstructive issues.

All members of the Legislative Committee have been continually following their bills and have been busy writing testimony to be delivered at hearings as well as writing and calling legislators to get them on board with passage of our bills. I want to give a shout out to two LC members who have been tirelessly working on bills surrounding Holtec and the closure of Pilgrim Nuclear Power. Diane Turco has been wearing two hats fighting the Holtec battle and the battle against no additional nuclear facilities in MA without voter approval; one as a League member and the other as a member of the Cape Downwinders. And, Rosemary Shields has been her righthand woman. I cannot tell you how many hours they have spent at meetings listening to Holtec and then lobbying our legislators for action. Sadly, many of their requests have fallen on deaf ears.

A huge thanks goes out to all of you, LWVCCA members, for answering the call to contact State legislators. Many voices are more often listened to. In addition, we have all been overwhelmed with calls to action from the LWVUS. So much has taken place in the country affecting federal legislation that the National League has continually asked for help. They themselves have been working overtime with legal aid regarding Supreme Court issues for leagues around the country. We do not work in isolation... This is a fantastic, national effort.

My heartfelt thanks go out to those on my committee; Carole Young-Kleinfeld, Renate Sands,

Eileen Elias, Nancy Skinner, Susan Guill, Diane Turco, Rosemary Shields, Elaine Dickinson, Mary Utt, Jeanne Morrison, Lisa Nagel and Penny Holeman. You guys are the best of the best. Thank you, all.

Legislative Committee work will continue through the end of the year when we will again begin the battle in the 2027-2028 legislative session. Toward the end of the year, should any of you have bills that you were fighting for that did not pass and you would like to have them refiled in the new session, let me or your legislator know. Bills must be filed early in the new year.

But, between now and then, November elections will take place. Everyone must vote and you need to contact your neighbors and friends to find out if they are registered and if they need help getting to the polls. We cannot afford to slack off now if we hope to save our democracy from falling apart completely. Finally, in that vein, there will be a number of ballot questions to be voted on this November. The LC will present either separately or jointly with the State League a forum to educate the voters on these various issues. Stay tuned for this.

Take care, stay alert, and thank you for the privilege of serving as the Legislative Chair.

Suzanne Brock

VOTER SERVICE COMMITTEE

Annual LWVCCA Voter Service Report

The Voter Service Committee is charged with ensuring Cape Cod Area residents are registered and are voting in local, State and Federal elections and promotes the education of the voting community. To that end, the committee holds Forums in towns and in the county when there are contested races. Numerous events are attended by our committee volunteers throughout the year to promote the league, educate and register voters.

This report covers the time period June 2025 until April 30th, 2026.

Forums:

We had two fall Forums one for Select Board of Town of Barnstable and one for School Committee Town of Barnstable, with both held on November 4th, 2025. These were marginally well attended, and were also recorded and shown on cable/government TV running up to the election. Working directly with the Town of Barnstable allowed for an easy program to run and record.

We have prepared for two further live Forums; one in Chatham for the contested Select Board seat in the Town of Chatham on April 30th, 2026, with 4 candidates in the race and another Forum in Dennis for the School Committee seat in Town of Dennis on April 21st, 2026, with two candidates vying for the position. The Dennis Forum will be recorded and can be accessed prior to the spring election. At each event the Voter Service Committee had volunteers as Moderators, those who gathered questions from the audience, people who were timers and more.

The Voter Services Committee set up a County of Barnstable Forum that was held at Cape Media in Dennis on December 5th, 2025. The reason for the Forum was to allow the Cape community to understand what your County Representatives do and what the County on a whole does for all of Cape Cod. Of timely importance is to obtain an explanation of the County Charter. The explanation of the County Charter is very important for two reasons: (1) the Charter requires a review every five years, in years ending in a "0" and "5" and (2) the County Commissioners have requested that an Independent Charter Review Committee request be placed on the November 2026 Ballot. Attendees representing the County were John Ohman - Dennis Representative, Assembly of Delegates, Michael Dutton, County Administrator, Sheila Lyons - Chair, Barnstable Commissioners, Krysti Senatori - Executive Director, Cape Cod Commission. The League's moderator for the event was Elizabeth Foster-Homes.

The summer events:

The Voter Service Committee set up voter registration tables on numerous occasions to be available to discuss voting, help with people

needing to register and to introduce those attending to the LWVCCA, in order to obtain further membership.

The following events and dates:

- Amity Day at Mashpee Community Park in June 2025 which was well attended.
- Juneteenth on June 19th across from the JFK Museum.
- International Day on July 13th, on the Hyannis Village Green.
- Amplify POC on August 13th, Summer Festival, Hyannis Village Green
- 9th Annual Unity Day Barnstable at the Hyannis Village Green

All of these are likely worth repeated in the summer of 2026.

Credit for Life

Credit for Life (CFL) series is sponsored by Cape Cod Five bank. Voter Service and Youth Services Committees continue to combine forces to volunteer at a number of Cape high schools this year with Cape Cod 5, Credit for Life (CFL) "Prepare to Vote" program. The Sandwich High School event was held on October 2, then on October 17, 2025 at Dennis Yarmouth Regional High School. The November 7th event was at the Monomoy RHS. On the morning of Friday, December 12, 2025 the CFL event was held at Nauset High School, then at Barnstable High School, 8:30 a.m. on Friday, January 9th. Other 2026 events were Lower Cape Tech on March 24th, Mashpee HS on April 1st and Bourne HS on April 17th.

With QR codes in hand the majority of the senior high school students having drivers' licenses, therefore, they were already registered to vote. Then they were provided information on how to choose a candidate and how to vote when they reach 18 years of age.

Other Events:

- -Throughout the year the LWVCCA was asked to help with a number of events, where we set up tables and displays and helped with presentations etc.

- One event set up by the Voter Service Committee, but involving all committees included Voices to Votes at the Nye Museum, in Sandwich. “Voices and Votes – Democracy in America – Museum on Main Street” – was a partnership of the Smithsonian Institution and State Humanities councils nationwide. The LWVCCA was invited to participate in the event. This event ran from December 20, 2025 through February 1, 2026. An informational table was set up with a history of the League.
- Another event was the 10th Annual Youth Job Fair, held on Wednesday, March 4th from 2:30 to 4:30 PM at the Hyannis Youth & Community Center (HYCC) and our table of volunteers spoke with 10s of young students about early registration to vote and how to register.
- A table was also set up for registration and membership to LWV at the Young Professional Bash on September 12th at CCCC.
- We helped with planning and program development at the Sandwich Library Evening event on March 11th, 2026. Titled “A Conversation with the LWV Cape Cod Area” was extremely well attended, educational, and allowed a wider audience to see the history of the League up to present day.

The Chair of Voter Services, Judy Kelleher attends all ED Trust meetings and other meetings that might be of interest for future partnerships.

Committee Member Volunteers:

Most importantly we want to thank the numerous Committee volunteers, for we could not have accomplished anything without them. Specifically, Rosemary Shields, Carol Young-Kleinfeld, Bonnie Lillienfeld, Anita Parker, Carol Sheingold, Debbie Winnick, Karen Mazzza, Karen McPherson, Kathy Borofsky, Lynn Carolson, Mary O’Connor, Pat Burke, Sue Cameron, Lynne Pleffner, Nina Tepper, Judy Kelleher and numerous others who are on several committees.

More on Credit for Life Events

Voter Service and Youth Services Committees

teamed up again to participate in the Credit For Life events put on by Cape Cod 5 Bank. We visited Cape Cod Tech on March 24, 2026; Mashpee High School, April 1 and Bourne High School, April 17. Depending on the school or the day, we processed from 50 to 200 students in an hour. Some days we are lucky enough just to explain how they can check their voter registration status; give them guidance on voting and finance; and steps on how to choose a candidate. With practice and experience we discovered that using QR “business” cards is the most efficient way to get our message across on the importance of informed voting. Here are our cards:



LWVCCA QR cards

Our volunteers are Pat Anderson, Karen Mazza, Karen McPherson, Rosemary Shields, Deb Walker, Debbie Winnick and Carol Woodbury. In our conversations with students, we also point out the upcoming Spring elections in their towns and how few registered voters (7 to 30%) vote in Spring. Spring elections have more to do with your pocketbook than any other election and it's so surprising how a minority in the town makes major decisions on property tax overrides, school budget decisions, etc. Sigh! We also ask if they think they'll go away for college and then tell how important it is to get an absentee ballot while they are away or to re-register to vote at their new address. Most students we talked to will be 18 by the November mid-term election. A few of the students knew that the November election is very important. We suggested that they get a sample ballot from their townhall so they know the names of the people who are running and the wording of

the ballot issues. As of now, there might be as many as 12 ballot issues come November. Yowzah! Both Karen Mazza and Deb Anderson were impressed with the sincerity of the students, who appeared to be drinking in the information we imparted.

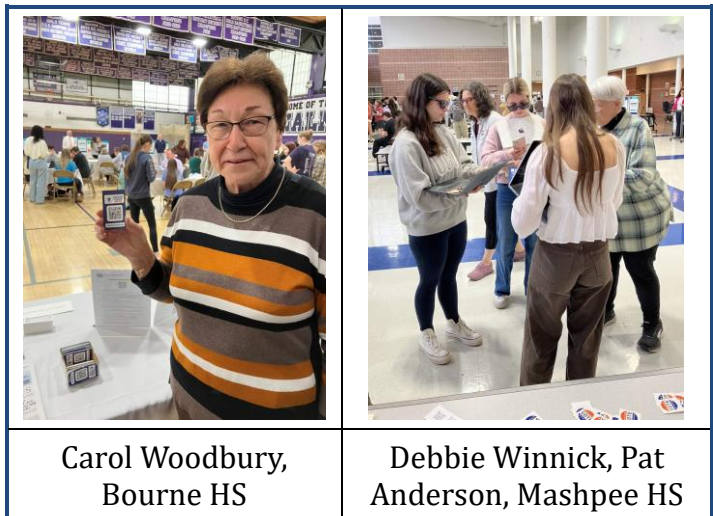
Here are some observations and snippets of conversations we had with the students over the past 5 weeks:

- *One male student told us he did not want to vote.*
- *One female student asked me if you have to vote? She then went on to say that she feels very uninformed and she didn't want to make a mistake and vote for the wrong person.*
- *3-4 more students said they did not want to vote or register to vote by choice. This was during a particularly busy time and we did not get to ask why. On the one hand, we're glad that they felt they could confide in us regarding voting. On the other, it shows that more League work needs to be done to get-out-the-vote.*
- *We met one adult volunteer for the bank tables who told us, kind of proudly, that she does not vote. She did not seem to want to talk further. As she backed away from us, we think we heard her murmur, "it's just my choice."*
- *I met one student who told me he has a license but he can't vote. I assumed that meant he is not a citizen so I asked him when he would be able to vote and he said in about two years. I wished him good luck with that and he thanked me.*
- *At some schools we can't access the internet. At Mashpee we were able to access the state website for those that needed to and most were active or pre-active (registered before they were 18). We had one student whose status was inactive, probably because her household had not sent back their census form. We advised her to contact her town clerk ASAP to figure out the issue.*

- *At Mashpee a group of girls were asking about the Save Act and how that might affect Women's votes. We were impressed that they knew about the Save Act. We told them it's a way to suppress the vote. We explained the difficulty for segments of the population to get their birth certificates; not everyone can afford the cost of a passport; and if your married name doesn't match your birth certificate's name, millions of women could be left out of voting.*

For our tally, for the students who did not have a driver's license or learner's permit at Cape Tech – gave out 2 voter registration cards. At Mashpee – we gave out 3 registration cards, registered 2 students on the spot. At Bourne we gave out 3 registration cards. The reason we give the students the voter registration cards to take home is when a student does not know the last 4 digits of their social security number. We hope they follow up at home.

Submitted by Judy Kelleher Rosemary Shields



More on Candidates Forums

It has been a busy Spring season for local voting. The Voter Service Committee checks with the Town Clerks to determine if there are any contested races. The LWVCCA may not always be allowed to run a forum, or the candidates may not always wish to attend such a forum. This Spring with the tremendous help of the Dennis Town Clerk, Terri Bunce, we held a forum at the Dennis Town Hall on April 21st at 4:30pm. The two candidates running for School

Board, Marilyn Bemis and Burt Fisher were asked numerous questions given to the moderator by the audience. There were about 15 people in attendance and the Forum was also recorded by the Town for anyone to view prior to the election on May 13th. A couple of pictures of the candidates and the audience are below.



Candidates for Dennis School Board



Audience at the April 21 Forum

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