



League of Women Voters of Lexington  
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*"Democracy is not a spectator sport."*

*Lotte Scharfman 1928 – 1970*

*Past President, League of Women Voters of Massachusetts & of Lexington*

Dear League Member,

September 2022

The mid-term elections are fast approaching and League members across the nation are working hard on various initiatives to promote voter education and participation. The Massachusetts League has just launched a "Student Membership Drive" to encourage young people to join their local leagues. The membership drive runs from September 16<sup>th</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Lexington League has been very busy this year as well. We were the first local League to sponsor a debate on a referendum question which will come before voters on November 8<sup>th</sup>, namely, the "Massachusetts Income Tax for Education and Transportation Amendment." Former State Representative Jay Kaufman spoke in favor of the amendment and Eileen McAnney, President of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, spoke in opposition. The debate can be viewed on our web site, <https://my.lww.org/massachusetts/lexington/calendar-archive>.

We are happy to return to in-person **First Fridays** at the Lexington Community Center, 39 Marrett Road, beginning on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM. The topic will be "The Future of Affordable Housing in Lexington." Gretchen Reisig, Vice-Chair of the Affordable Housing Trust Study Committee, and Sarah Morrison, Executive Director of the Lexington Housing Assistance Board, Inc. (LexHAB), will discuss how affordable housing can be created in Lexington, including recent proposals to create an Affordable Housing Trust and for LexHAB to become independent of the Town.

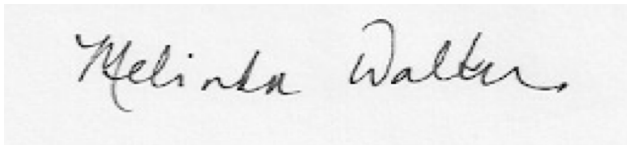
On Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, Marion Cohen, Director of the Center for Social Research at Framingham State University, will present the results of the 2022 Town-Wide Survey. The survey was commissioned by the Vision for Lexington Committee. On December 2<sup>nd</sup> we will present an analysis of the results of the midterm elections.

This year our intrepid convener, Margaret Coppe, nominated Lotte Scharfman to be included in the LexSeeHer "2022 Women's Visibility Banners" project at Cary Library. Lotte, a refugee who escaped with her family from Austria during World War II, devoted her life to working for the democratic process and to helping citizens gain access to government. She died on her 42<sup>nd</sup> birthday in 1970 while leading the ultimately successful fight to reduce the size of the Massachusetts legislature from 240 to 160. The LWVMA Citizen Education Fund was established in her memory.

In honor of Lotte Scharfman, I hope you will consider renewing your membership in our League this year. Your dues help us continue to provide essential voter education for the citizens of our Town.

There are two ways you can renew your membership: Fill out the form at the bottom of this page and enclose it along with a check in the enclosed envelope, or renew on-line at [www.lwvlexington.org](http://www.lwvlexington.org).

Thank you,



Melinda Walker  
Membership Chair

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**LWW of Lexington Membership Form September 2022 through August 31, 2023**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Household Member \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

ENCLOSED: Dues & Donations (Please circle all that apply.)

Regular Membership \$60.00

2nd Household Member or Student \$25.00

Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_