



***League of Women Voters of Greater Hartford
2011 – 2012 Annual Meeting
May 22, 2012***

Pond House, Elizabeth Park

Welcome

Dinner

Guest Speaker

Stefan Pryor

CT Commissioner of Education

Topic

Perspectives on Education Reform in Connecticut

Business Meeting

Announcements

Annual Report

Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Proposed Budget

Re-adoption of Current Consensus Positions

Proposed Program

Nominations

Other Business

Adjournment

<u>Executive Committee</u>		<u>Term Ends</u>
Chairwoman/Voter Service	Carole Mulready	2012
Communications	Sandra Fry	2012
Secretary	Mary Andrews	2012
	Beverly Miller	2012
Treasurer	Mary Everett	2012
Membership Records	Elizabeth Swietek	2012
At-Large	Elisa McCarthy	2012
Special Projects	Marlene Wenograd	2012

Credentials Report

Number of members present _____

There is/is not a quorum _____

Programs

Program 1

Education was the main topic chosen for program. Since there was a national study on the federal role in public education, we took advantage of expertise in the Greater Hartford region to have member general meetings focused on education. We were privileged to have two experienced educators join us to discuss the impact of a national curriculum and assessment on local education, Dr. Sally Alubicki and Paul Vicinus. Both have worked extensively with the Connecticut State Department of Education regarding the development and implementation of Common Core Standards which was a key piece of the LWVUS study. Margo Callahan taped the session for possible use later.

Consensus Study

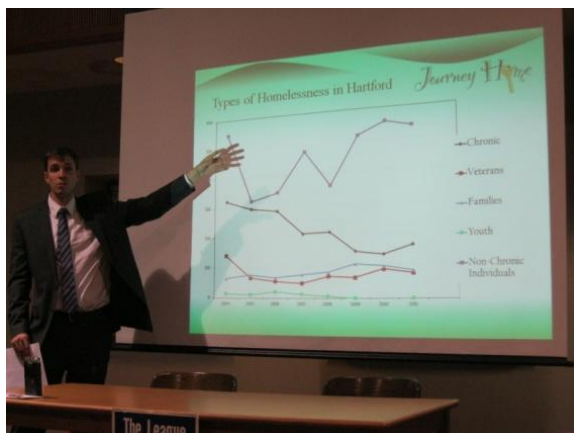
This workshop above was one of the information sessions for the **Consensus Study** on the Federal Role in Education. LWVGH had an excellent group of contributors in the study: **Mary Everett, Sarah Hambrick, Carol Hamilton, June Rosenblatt, Nan Streeter, June Webber** and Carole Mulready. We collaborated with the Greater New Britain League and North Central League to research and cover the many topics raised in the Study questions.

Each League conducted its own consensus meeting. During discussion, everyone had an opportunity to express their viewpoints, and the issue was examined from all sides. Consensus questions, created by the LWVUS study committee and approved by the Board, provided structure for the meeting. Members discussed the pros and cons until it became apparent that consensus had/had not been reached on each question. The local study committee analyzed the consensus responses and, using this information, created a position statement which was sent to LWVUS. We have learned that LWVUS Board of Directors has approved a position for “the role of the federal government in public education,” which is now the League’s position and is the basis for action on the issue. You can find the details at www.lwv.org

Program 2

We offered a program in March with Secretary of the State **Denise Merrill** (a LWVGH member) who discussed various aspects of voting and the changes that she foresees. A bill she supported in the 2012 legislative session was an effort to have non-restricted absentee voting. Currently, the Connecticut Constitution requires that a voter appear in person, except in a very few circumstances. The proposed Constitutional amendment will be on the ballot in 2014.

Program 3



We also had a program as a follow-up to our topic of two years ago-HOMELESSNESS. The presentation by *Journey Home* was very informative and provided some encouragement in this difficult area. Journey Home works with multiple agencies addressing the problems associated with homelessness, and through cooperative efforts among the groups have had documented successes. There is much still to do, but progress is being made. Journey Home has many opportunities for volunteers. Contact them at www.journeyhomect.org

League Events and Activities

State Convention

LWVGH members attended the LWV State Convention in June 2011. **Elisa McCarthy** accepted a communication award for the LWVGH video on the 90th Anniversary display of the suffragist movement and history of LWV in Connecticut during the 20 century. **Marlene Wenograd** was recognized as a 50 year League member and received a citation from LWV. In her reflections on the occasion, Marlene shared the following: “Over the years, I have served on many League committees and have always found them a wonderful experience. One has the opportunity to really get to know people, to share an interest, to make a commitment, to take advantage of all that League has to offer.” And we know that Marlene has done that and more. Her efforts to promote the League are greatly appreciated.

Pot Luck

Pot Luck Supper 2011 was held on September 22. Two experienced educators joined us to discuss the impact of a national curriculum and assessment on local education. Both have worked extensively with the Connecticut State Department of Education regarding the development and implementation of Common Core Standards. The event was held at The First Congregational Church in West Hartford, and all those in attendance enjoyed the array of food offerings, pleasant conversation during dinner, and thought provoking presentations followed by a period for Q&A. It was a most interesting and data filled session. The topic and presenters resulted in three new members. Thanks to **Nan Streeter** for reserving the venue. **Elisa McCarthy, Beverly Miller and Mary Andrews** helped with all the details.

Wine and Cheese Reception:



Elected Officials Reception (Wine and Cheese) was held on Dec 4, 2011 at Susan Fellman’s home. Several officials from Hartford, West Hartford and Bloomfield were present and the event was attended by many League members. Jean Blair greeted attendees at the door and **Jan Bruner** escorted the elected officials into the gathering to ensure a comfortable entrance. Conversations were relaxed and the food provided by league members was enjoyed by all.

Jean Blair prepared and sent out the invitations, **Mary Andrews** coordinated the food and beverages, and **Sue and Stan Fellman** were exceptional hosts. Photo: *WH councilor*

Judy Casperson, Bloomfield councilor Banks, Deb Polun, LWVGH, Bloomfield councilor Rivers, Carole Mulready, LWVGH, Bloomfield councilor Washington at the Wine and Cheese event.

Legislative Breakfast

The Legislative Breakfast was held on January 8 at Trinity Episcopal Church, Hartford. State senators and representatives attending were Beth Bye, David Baram, Eric Colman, John Fonfara and Matt Ritter. A wide ranging and lively discussion occurred with legislators laying out their priorities. League members and non-member guests participated in a Q&A session. Reports of the meeting indicated this was one of the best sessions we’ve had. **Jean Blair** and **Mary Andrews** handled the invitations, **Carol Hamilton** prepared and served delicious refreshments, and the moderator for the discussion was **Jan Bruner**. The summary of the discussion was sent to LWVCT for the Public Issues team to use during the legislative session.

Marching in Their Footsteps

Marching in Their Footsteps, the 90th anniversary display of the history of the Suffragist movement in CT and the history of LWV in Connecticut during the 20th century is still on the move two years later. Thanks to the efforts of Elisa McCarthy, the display has informed many young people and others about what LWV has accomplished. The display is going to travel to the UCONN branch libraries in the course of the next year. Talk about a worthwhile project!

Communication

In 2010-2011, your League minimized mailings and moved into an almost (almost!) paperless system of communication. We continue to send brief email communications to all members and a list of interested parties on a regular basis. Notices go out to inform members of our League's events and the events of the state League and other local Leagues, events sponsored by other organizations that might be of interest to our members, and calls to action. Our website is updated on a regular basis. If you haven't had a look at it lately, please explore it, and give your feedback to **Sandy Fry** at plsmfry@ntplx.net. The website is an essential tool in letting prospective members and other interested parties know what we do.

When the decision was made to mail an annual League's Latest and to rely upon e-mail and our website as our major means of communication, some of us were concerned about those who did not have such access. **Marlene Wenograd** undertook the role of keeping communications open for this segment of League members and continues to make the personal contacts. The Board is most grateful to her for her efforts in this regard. Marlene reports that she would periodically "phone people and have a nice chat". In addition, Marlene and **Elisa McCarthy** composed a letter about coming activities and used "snail mail". They had feedback that members were most appreciative.

Another method of communication for League members and the general public is LWVGH and WHC-TV's **Legislative Update, a live call-in show** which is taped monthly during the legislative session. After several years of a single host, a new model was developed for the role of program host. Each month had a different moderator, and it worked very well. Volunteer moderators for the just completed 2012 session were **Kathy Wilson, Deb Polun, Carole Mulready and Sandy Fry**. These tapings can also be viewed by going to the WHC-TV website and choosing Videos on Demand and then go alphabetically to "L".

Celebrate! West Hartford is another way we are communicating with the public. Members volunteer to staff the booth and be in touch with the public and lots of friends, present and past. June 2011 was enjoyable with 18 members "womening" the booth. The event brought a couple of new members. We are there for 2012, too. Come see us the weekend of June 9 and 10 or better yet, sign up for a two hour stint in the booth. Contact **Elisa McCarthy at 860-523-1771**.

We also send out information on West Hartford list serve, the Patch online news in several communities, and print media from time to time.

We are updating the media list we have for 2012. A lover of FACEBOOK communication would be a good addition to our volunteers.



We urge you to communicate your thoughts and positions through LWVUS and LWVCT **Action Alerts** which are sent out during State and Federal legislative sessions. Every message does make a difference according to our legislators.

Voter Service

In West Hartford, the Voters Guide and televised debates for local offices were again our major focus. But new for this 2011-2012 year were the voter guides and debate for Bloomfield. **Katie Reynolds** made all the connections to help us provide these voter services in Bloomfield. We were very excited to have such excellent response from the candidates in both communities.

The August session of question preparation for both activities was led by **Nancy Rion** who later edited the suggested questions which were wide ranging. The Questions Meeting is a key part of our success with debates. The number of questions and the depth and breadth of them makes it easier to respond to requests to moderate and plan debates.



Carole Mulready coordinated the debates for **West Hartford and Bloomfield**. **Jan Bruner, Leta Marks, Janet Lenore, and Deb Polun** served as moderators for West Hartford debates aided by an able contingent of League timers- **Vicki Albert, Margo Callahan, Elaine Lowengard, Nan Streeter, Patricia Groves, Karen Licht, Betsy Schiavone, June Rosenblatt, Mary Andrews, Mary Everett, and Jean Blair**. A

special thanks to Jennifer Evans executive director and Jitu Huntley at WHC-TV; the tapings went seamlessly. In Bloomfield, **Katie Reynolds** arranged for the logistics for the debate held at Duncaster. **Carole Mulready** moderated while **Elisa McCarthy** assisted a Duncaster volunteer with the timed responses.

For the first time a voters' guide for Bloomfield was developed for the 2011 local election. We were very fortunate to be able to work with *The Journal* of Bloomfield weekly newspaper to have all the candidate responses to LWVGH questions published over a two week period. *The Journal* is a free pick up paper for Bloomfield. **Voters Guide** for West Hartford was published by West Hartford LIFE and delivered to every home in West Hartford. The guides were also posted on our website www.lwvgh.org. The Finance Drive is the major support for the printed versions of *Voters Guide*. Additional supporters are needed. Your suggestions for businesses and individuals who value the work of the League and the *Voters Guide* are appreciated. Send names and addresses to Mary Everett at everetmf@comcast.net.

Election 2012 began early this year. Our League was asked by the Simsbury Republican Women's Club to moderate a Forum for the Republican candidates for the CT 5th Congressional District in March 2012 and one for the Republican candidates for U.S. Senate in May 2012. Carole Mulready sent out the format to candidates, coordinated with Simsbury public access TV, and the SRWC. Both Forums were timed response events with an audience at Eno Memorial Hall. **Deb Polun** moderated the Senate Candidates (Linda McMahon, Chris Shays, Brian K. Hill, Kie Westby and Peter Kumaj) and **Carole Mulready** moderated for the 5th Congressional (Roroback, Wilson-Foley, Bernier, Clark, Greenberg). Timers and audience question screeners for these events included **Elisa McCarthy, Marlene Wenograd, Karen Licht, Kathleen Keegan, Libby Sweitek, Nan Streeter, and Mary Everett**.

Hartford Votes

Thanks to **Elisa McCarthy, Marlene Wenograd and Sarah Hambrick**, we are staying connected to *Hartford Votes* which is running lots of programs for voters at the Hartford Public Library. We could use an additional member or two to help represent the LWVGH as your schedule allows and be part of the coalition of groups that is working to increase the voter turnout in Hartford. These LWVGH members have been busy registering voters on weekly basis in Hartford and distributing many copies of the voters guide for Hartford that they helped develop. Last fall, the group had every local candidate at one forum or another. Please contact Elisa at 860-523-8161 if this project of voter service is of interest to you.

Poll Reporting Fund Raiser

LWVGH was once again approached by The Associated Press to conduct poll reporting again. We have the opportunity to report for the April 24 presidential preference primary, August 14 primary, and the November 6 national election. This is a paid service for our League, a relatively easy fund raiser. Each person reporting earns \$50. The April primary earned LWVGH \$600. League members covered four town centers and six Hartford precincts. Volunteers for the April primary were: **Vicki Albert, Carol Hamilton, Elisa McCarthy, Mary Everett, Leta Marks, Elaine Lowengard, June Rosenblatt, Libby Swietek, Deb Polun, Sandy Fry, Kathleen Keegan, and Carole Mulready**. Anyone interested in helping out in future reporting should contact Carole Mulready at 860-523-1771 or cgm1@mulready.biz

Membership Report

For the 2011-12 year, LWVGH has 109 members, 9 of whom were Lifetime members (50+ years), an increase over last year of 15. This year we welcome Muriel Fleischmann to the elite group of Lifetime members. Eleven new members joined our League.

They are: Katherine Berko, Kristen Bollig, Sarah Hambrick, Karen Licht, Denise Merrill, Amy Nulsen, Nichole Strack, Pamela Topolska, Jennifer Trembley, June Webber, and Jane Winterfield

Membership Training Program: Carole Mulready and **Libby Swietek** went to a State training in July which was LWVUS funded training through the Shur Grant for membership development. There are four coaches in CT who have been trained on aspects of membership development for local Leagues, and they are assisting 8 or 9 local CT leagues. The coaches receive support from the national league. An article about the training program appeared in the WH News, an example of how to keep LWV activities in the news. Barbara Checksfield of Canton LWV is our coach and has been meeting with Carole Mulready, **Beverly Miller and Libby Swietek** monthly by telephone. They have been reviewing best practices and member recruitment methods, will move on to leadership development, and eventually bring ideas to the Executive Committee. One of the simple lessons we need to try to learn is VISABILITY- wear LWV buttons, name tags printed on labels, use LWV banner, participate in public venues, etc. The need to reach out to target groups deliberately was discussed as well as the importance of being welcoming to new members. It was suggested we consider creating a subgroup for membership development. Elisa mentioned 2 new member possibilities from the work she has been doing with Hartford Votes.

Net Worth - As of 5/19/2012

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Account	5/19/2012 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
CD 3 Month	0.00
Checking	4,319.64
In-Kind Contributions	0.00
Savings	0.00
LWV CT Education Fund	0.00
LWVUS Education Fund	679.45
Post Office	0.00
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	4,999.09
TOTAL ASSETS	4,999.09
LIABILITIES	
Other Liabilities	
PMPs	0.00
TOTAL Other Liabilities	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	4,999.09

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREATER HARTFORD 2012-1013 BUDGET

Income(year)	Actual 10/11	Proposed 11/12	Actual 11/12	Proposed 12/13
LWVGH				
Balance forward	2,776.91	3,000.00	4,319.54	3,800.00
From Finance Drive (to LWVGH only)	1,775.00	2,000.00	2,120.00	2,000.00
(Donations to ED Fund)	1175*	1200*	1315*	1200*
From Dues	4,705.00	4,400.00	4,320.00	4,400.00
Other - Poll Reporting	1,550.00	0.00		1,000.00
Annual Meeting (in and out)	1,140.00	1,500.00	1,328.00	1,800.00
Pot Luck	103.00	100.00		
LWVCT Ed Fund Grant			628.07	
Other/Guide to Elected Officials	212.00			
LWVUS Voter Service	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,000.00	1,200.00
TOTAL LWVGH INCOME	14,661.91	12,200.00	13,715.61	14,200.00
Expenses	Actual 10/11	Proposed 11/12	Actual 11/12	Proposed 12/13
PROGRAM/EVENTS				
ANNUAL MEETING				
Expenses				
(In and Out)	1,571.10	1,800.00	1,754.04	1,800.00
PROGRAMS/EVENTS/PROJECTS	360.00	100.00		
LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST		50.00		50.00
POT LUCK	250.00	250.00	130.00	250.00
RECEPTION FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS	118.15	200.00	173.09	200.00
ACTION				
VOTER SERVICE				
GUIDE TO ELECTED OFFICIALS	212.00	200.00		200.00
VOTER GUIDE	1,875.00	2,500.00	2,187.50	2,500.00
LWV PUBLICATIONS		200.00	208.10	500.00
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROJECTS	296.00	300.00	276.00	500.00
VIDEOTAPING PROJECT				630.00
ADMIN				
SUPPLIES	165.17	200.00	152.40	220.00
BANK	3.00			
POSTAGE/BULK MAIL/MAILBOX	415.85	500.00	416.50	550.00
PRINTING	231.36	400.00	568.47	600.00
WEB DESIGN	81.25	200.00		200.00
PMP				
STATE	1,579.50	1,500.00	1,406.25	1,500.00
US - Paid from Checking	2,771.50	2,600.00	2,555.00	2,600.00
CONTRIBUTIONS/GIFTS		100.00	207.15	200.00
CONVENTIONS	129.00	500.00		500.00
TOTAL LWVGH EXPENSES	10,058.88	11,600.00	10,034.50	13,000.00

LWVUS Ed Fund Account	Actual 10/11	Proposed 11/12	Actual 11/12	Proposed 12/13
Starting Balance	389.45	364.45	364.45	679.45
Contributions				
From Finance Drive	1,175.00	1,200.00	1,315.00	1,200.00
Other				
Voter Service Grants	-1,200.00	-1,200.00	-1,000.00	-1,500.00
Ending Balance	364.45	364.45	679.45	379.45

PMP State = \$16.50
PMP US = \$30.00*
Total PMP = \$46.50

*Convention may increase to \$31.00

LOCAL PROGRAM CONSENSUS STATEMENTS

PROGRAM ITEMS FOR REAFFIRMATION MAY 2012

EDUCATION, May 2006

The League of Women Voters of Greater Hartford supports EQUAL and EQUITABLE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL CHILDREN in the areas of program, personnel, and facilities. All students should be offered high quality and developmentally appropriate learning opportunities in a welcoming and multicultural environment that reflects economic, ethnic and racial diversity.

Children learn at different rates, have different learning styles and different life experiences; therefore, to facilitate development of each child's full potential we support and encourage:

Flexible methods of instruction in all areas of curriculum that address student differences and assure growth at every level;

An ongoing program of curriculum evaluation and improvement;

Class size that enables effective teaching and learning, and sufficient additional support for classrooms which include highly impacted special needs children;

Use of the best available local, state, and national data and research to drive decision-making in order to address student needs and improve student learning;

Development of technology competency in all students through incorporation of technology applications wherever appropriate throughout the curriculum;

Comprehensive programs that include, in addition to core academic disciplines, foreign language; career and technical education; fine and performing arts; wellness, nutrition and physical education; and extra-curricular activities;

Preparation of students to actively participate in the civic and political life of the community and the global economy;

A substantive and qualitatively different gifted program for grades one through twelve;

Exposure to possible career opportunities at all levels of education; such exposure should include opportunities such as mentoring, job shadowing, internships, cooperative work experience;

Access to high-quality pre-school programs that meet the needs of children and their families so that children come to school (K-12) prepared to learn.

In order to maintain a high quality staff we support:

Appropriate training and state certification for all educators in the areas in which they teach and supervise;

Curriculum and staff evaluation programs that incorporate specific, measurable criteria of performance and effectiveness;

A strong, ongoing staff improvement program which includes opportunities from outside of the school system as well as from within;

An appropriately computer-literate staff;

Structured programs (using all relevant data) to assist staff in assessing student progress, with a goal of improving both teaching and learning;

Effective, ongoing supervision and evaluation of all teachers, principals and administrators (tenured and non-tenured);

Innovative utilization of all staff, whenever and wherever possible, to maximize student learning and experiences.

Children need an appropriate, safe and orderly facility in which to learn. Therefore we support:

Well-maintained school buildings with spaces appropriate to the programs offered, flexible classrooms, and sufficient classroom and building supplies;

Infrastructure to support the integration of technology into teaching, learning, and administration;

Relevant and up-to-date texts and media centers;

A safe environment for students, teachers and families, one in which self-discipline, personal responsibility and respect for others are taught, modeled and encouraged.

Recognizing that education begins in the home and that the community plays an integral role in the successful education of its children, we encourage:

Schools, families, and community to assume supportive and cooperative roles in meeting the needs of children, including pre-school for 3 to 5 year olds; parent education; home- school partnerships; school- business partnerships; and before and after school extended day programs;

A shared role for all in addressing and meeting the challenges of funding.

Reaffirmed May 2011

TOWN GOVERNMENT:

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING FOR TOWN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT, May, 1985

The League of Women Voters of West Hartford continues to support long-range comprehensive planning which protects orderly growth. The League wishes to preserve the suburban character of the Town, while recognizing that optimal use of commercial areas is necessary for economic well-being. We support a diversity of dwellings, including multi-family units, located in areas which provide ease in shopping and access to public transportation. Special attention should be given to traffic safety, adequate parking, provision for open space, and buffering.

The League favors preservation of as much open space land as is realistically possible, and places priority for acquisition in the most densely developed sections of town. We support diligent maintenance and the judicious use of open space. The Town Plan of Development should include an open space plan.

The League believes that the properties in West Hartford Center could generate more revenue for the Town. At present, Town Center properties are under-utilized from both a physical and economic standpoint. The League supports an easing of the four-story height restriction in the Center, taking into account topographical conditions, adjacent residential neighborhoods, esthetic considerations, traffic patterns, and parking.

In order to accommodate commercial growth, increased parking demands must be satisfied. The current method of granting case-by-case exceptions does not promote orderly development. The League suggests a variety of approaches, such as:

- Making better use of existing surface parking
- Providing separate parking for Center employees
- Encouraging flexibility of parking requirements which restrict building expansion
- Developing new schemes for sharing off-site parking
- Building a parking garage located away from residential areas, serving all businesses equally, and integrated unobtrusively into the commercial district. The primary financial responsibility for a parking garage should not be borne by residential property owners.

The League supports mixed-use buildings, with retail establishments on street level and office space or residential units above.

Examined by Brita Tate for relevance in 2011

Reaffirmed May 2011

SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, Spring 1986

The West Hartford League of Women Voters supports the concept of the Special Development District as a means of allowing flexibility in land development while maintaining strict control over it. Since 1979 when the acreage limitation was eliminated in the ordinance, Special Development Districts have often been used on small developments located in what have become buffer or mixed-use areas of town. The League feels that such use of Special Development Districts should be minimized. By revising and updating the town's zoning ordinances, new zone districts can be created which would protect community interests in these mixed-use areas.

The League feels the procedure for applying for and obtaining a Special Development District designation should be modified to encourage interaction between the developer and the affected community interests before the Council receives the formal petition. Such modification should not attempt to simplify the application and approval process; instead, its purpose should be to eliminate some of the problems which prolong the process.

The League also feels that a distinction should be made in the Special Development ordinance between minor and major changes in established Special Development Districts. The procedure for a minor change should be simplified, but notification to the public and opportunity for public input should be required in the process.

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Reaffirmed May 2011

MENTAL HEALTHCARE, Spring 2003

We support comprehensive community-based mental health systems for children and adults. These systems should include early detection and intervention with a range of services to facilitate recovery.

We support a public health education initiative on mental health.

Reaffirmed May 2011

RECOMMENDED LOCAL LEAGUE PROGRAMS 2012-2013

For Study:

Possible review of the new LWVUS policy on the federal role in education which was approved through the consensus process last year. Consideration of a review of our local education position given the national standards that have been approved in at least 40 states. A consensus on a new local position is an option for consideration.

Suggested projects:

Continue to participate in a membership development training program sponsored and paid for by LWVUS with support from LWVCT.

It was recommended that we hold a forum on a single issue of interest that includes all of the towns in our league as a way to deal with the challenge of having so many towns in our league.

PROPOSED GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Operate with an Executive Committee:

- The Executive Committee will include a Chairperson, treasurer, a membership chair, an email coordinator, and Voter Service Committee.

Nominations - Proposed slate of the Executive Committee and assignments:

Carole Mulready (committee chair and voter service)
Mary Andrews (secretary)
Beverly Miller (secretary)
Mary Everett (treasurer)
Sandy Fry (email coordinator and website content)
Karen Licht (at-large)
Elisa McCarthy (at-large)
Libby Swietek (membership)
Marlene Wenograd (outreach to membership)

Subcommittees:

Program – Mary Everett, June Webber
Voter Service – Deb Polun, Karen Licht

Focus and activities for the year:

- Voter Service- Voters Guide for W.H. and Bloomfield; sponsor debates
- A finance drive will be conducted to support Voters Guide
- Hold a Pot luck supper in September
- Hold an elected officials reception in December
- Hold an annual meeting and dinner in May
- Distribute information electronically via e-mail and our website
- Publish League's Latest if possible
- Hold program meetings as warranted – possible focus on education

Collaborate with other Leagues

- Coordinate activities throughout the year with the Windsor League and New Britain when interests merge.

In memoriam

Danna Lewis Dyer

1948-2012

President of League of Women Voters of West Hartford 1983

From the Celebration and Thanksgiving Service

When They Asked

When they asked

If

I was Black or White

or what,

I said:

I was Black and

White

and what

difference

did it make to them

and they said:

did I have the answers

to the math

problems?

And

I had the answers.

- *All the Colors of the Race*, by Arnold Adoff