



League of Women Voters[®] of Falmouth Bulletin

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Steering Committee Report

Hello fellow League members and welcome to fall on Cape Cod! I am new to the League's Steering Committee, and recently traded in my Treasurer's hat for the 2nd VP one. Thanks for letting me share some observations with you.

I note that even as the new board of directors learns how to communicate with one another as we figure out our roles, the work of the League remains steadfast. We are so fortunate to have such strong, active committee chairs and teams supporting them. We have a full slate of programs planned for the coming year—here are the next three. (See page 2 for more details.)

- September 15, 7 p.m., Presentation by Prof. Jane Scarborough, "Is the Supreme Court on A Collision Course with Democracy?" in the Hermann Room, Falmouth Public Library, Main Branch.
- October 19, 7 p.m., Candidates' Night, Falmouth High School Auditorium
- November 17, "The Future of Wastewater Treatment in Falmouth" in the Hermann Room, Falmouth Public Library, Main Branch.

The Falmouth League has decided to form a new committee, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and China Mapp has agreed to serve as the DEI committee chair. Please join me in welcoming China to the board and offering support to this committee.

I am happy to report that the League's table at the Falmouth Farmers' Market, Thursday, September 1, was a big success. We received numerous compliments, met a woman who has been a member since the 1950s, and encouraged everyone to vote in the Primary as well as the General Election. Ohhh — and

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we shopped the amazing produce stands while we were there.



Finally, I note that we are in the midst of election season. As First Vice President Janet Lauer said last month, "Democracy is not a spectator sport!" I am so grateful to all of you for your understanding of and participation in our democracy. See you soon!

—Meghan Hanawalt

Member News and Upcoming Events



Membership Renewals

Please remember to send in your annual membership dues. There are still a number of members who have not renewed their membership, nor sent in the year's dues. Membership is key to keeping the Falmouth League thriving and continuing. Sending in your dues quickly will allow the membership committee to focus time and effort on recruitment and membership engagement! If you know of members who have not yet renewed, please consider giving them a friendly nudge. Thank you!

—Misty Niemeyer



Candidates Night

Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m.

Falmouth High School

Co-sponsored and broadcast live by FCTV.

(Available for later viewing)

PROFESSOR JANE SCARBOROUGH TO SPEAK AT LWVF PROGRAM

On September 15, 2022, the League of Women Voters of Falmouth will sponsor a public talk by Dr. Jane Scarborough, Retired Professor of Constitutional Law at Northeastern University School of Law. Professor Scarborough's talk will relate to *Moore v. Harper*, a case involving constitutional election laws set for oral arguments before the United States Supreme Court in the coming term. Professor Scarborough's remarks are titled "Is the Supreme Court on a Collision Course with Democracy?"

The program will be given in the Hermann Room of the Falmouth Public Library starting at 7 p.m. The Meeting Room doors on Katherine Lee Bates Road will open to the public at 6:40 p.m. The meeting will conclude at 8:30 p.m. Masks are suggested but not required.

—Sylvia Szulkin

Editor's Note: In the case of *Moore v. Harper*, the U.S. Supreme Court will decide whether a state court (in this case, the North Carolina Supreme Court), in order to maintain free and fair elections, may strike down a map of gerrymandered election districts drawn by the state legislature. The implications are profound for all states.

Wastewater Treatment Meeting: It's Time to Plan Ahead!

The Natural Resources Committee has scheduled a public meeting on November 17, "The Future of Wastewater Treatment in Falmouth." The event will be held in the Hermann Meeting Room of the Falmouth Public Library, Main Branch, from 7-8:30 p.m. The panel includes: Eric Turkington, former representative to the Massachusetts legislature; Brian Baumgaertel, alternative treatment specialist; Scott McGann, health agent for the town of Falmouth; and Andrew Gottlieb, executive director of the Association to Preserve Cape Cod (APCC). Look for further details in future Bulletins.

Water quality in our ponds and estuaries is negatively impacted by conventional septic systems. The panel will discuss possible, more effective, realistic options for private homeowners. Falmouth will be looking at more sewerage in the future, as the capacity of the existing treatment plant has fixed permitting limits. Some obvious options seem to include a second treatment plant, a deep water outfall tunnel, expanding the existing plant and permitted discharge limit, a cap on development, and alternative sewage treatment systems. Join the discussion on November 17.

Meet Your New Board Members



JANET LAUER, STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIR and FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

I grew up in northern Indiana and moved to Boston in 1977 after finishing nursing school. I finished my BSN at Northeastern U. I worked in the inner city for the Boston VNA for 18 years. We moved to Sudbury to raise our two sons. While on sabbatical between jobs, I joined the LWV Sudbury and was a member for about 20 years. My last job was at MCI Framingham, the women's prison, doing correctional nursing for 14 years. I retired in 2016. As empty nesters, my husband and I moved back to Boston. In March 2020, we moved to our retirement home in Falmouth. I joined the LWVF in 2021. I also volunteer for Neighborhood Falmouth.



KAREN DACEY, SECRETARY

Karen is new to the League of Women Voters. She moved to Woods Hole in 1979, after college and working in an ecological research lab. She raised her 3 sons here and volunteered in various educational settings, classroom, VIPs, PTO, and school council. Before retirement Karen was employed in the Health Offices of several Falmouth Public Schools. She is secretary and longtime member of the Woods Hole Woman's Club.



KAREN EPSTEIN, TREASURER

Karen has been a summer resident of Woods Hole for decades. She retired here in 2017, following many years of teaching at the University of Michigan. She is a member of the Upper Cape Women's Coalition Steering Committee and volunteers locally with other organizations including the Woods Hole Woman's Club and the local radio station, WCAI. If she is not in town, she's likely in New Zealand or Dallas, visiting her daughters and granddaughters.

CHINA D. MAPP, DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION CHAIR



China Mapp is a career educator who got her start at her alma mater in Norway, South Carolina. She has taught in several U.S. school districts, including Washington, DC and now Falmouth Public Schools. In the United Arab Emirates, she served as a Subject Matter Expert, Advanced Placement Coordinator for the College Board program, and Chemistry Lead for the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program. In D.C., she was Area Coordinator for the STEM Fair and posted the district's highest pass rate of 96% on the D.C. CAS assessment. In Prince George's County, Maryland, China served as Instructional Lead, participated in the New Leaders for New Schools Emerging Leaders program, and facilitated Hyattsville Middle School's first ever Virtual STEM Fair.

In 2020, China was one of 83 charter members of the first Alumnae Chapter in the Gulf region of her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta, Incorporated, a service organization for women of color. She diligently served as the inaugural chair of the chapter's Nominating Committee, a role she held for two years. China and her family moved to Falmouth from Dubai in September of 2021, and they're enjoying engaging in community events.

In Memoriam

Remembering a Former League President

From 1967 until 1969, Megan Jones led the Falmouth League of Women Voters as its president. Megan began her journey into the political world during her time at Wellesley College, where she graduated with a degree in political science. As noted in her obituary, Megan “loved the Falmouth community and was a firm believer that a vibrant and equitable community required an active, educated and engaged citizenry. She took this obligation seriously and enjoyed both formal and informal roles in a wide range of civic activities. She was deeply committed to public education and its role in strengthening and maintaining a healthy civic life.” Megan joined the Falmouth League shortly after she and her husband Dick moved to Falmouth in 1956. She was a member of the League for more than 50 years and a Town Meeting member for 40 years.

In 1962, Megan helped organize the local resettlement and welcoming efforts through the NAACP for the Reserve Freedom Riders. Education for all was always very important to her; she was a supporter and founder of the Falmouth Out of School program and created a teacher certification program at Bridgewater State College.

Megan’s professional career in politics began in 1970 when she helped Dick Kendall run and win election for Massachusetts state representative. She served as his legislative aide. When Michael Dukakis became governor, he appointed Megan and Dick Kendall to run the Department of Environmental Management. Governor Dukakis also appointed her to the board of Southeastern Massachusetts University and to the state Board of Higher Education.

When Gov. Dukakis lost his re-election bid, Megan decided to enroll in the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. She earned a master’s degree in Public Administration. Upon Dukakis’ re-election, she joined the administration as Assistant Secretary of Economic Affairs. She created and then

Barbara Woll Jones

December 23, 1940–July 26, 2022

Margaret (Megan) Jones

August 1, 1931–August 25, 2022

became the first executive director of Massachusetts Centers of Excellence Corporation. Megan continued her association with Harvard’s Kennedy School as an associate at the Center for Science and International Affairs.

Retirement did not slow her down. Her civic involvement included the founding of Falmouth Hospital’s Women’s Health Care Task Force. Megan served on numerous boards, including the MBL Associates, Falmouth’s Charter Review Committee, the Woods Hole Foundation Advisory Board, the College Light Opera Company, the Democratic Town Committee, the Falmouth Forum, the Woods Hole Public Library Board, and the Woods Hole Science and Technology Education Partnership. Megan and her husband were honored by the Falmouth Historical Society with the 2010 Falmouth Heritage Award.

Megan’s activities weren’t limited to board participation. As her obituary notes, “She loved sailing, reading, and athletics, each of which she participated in well into her 80s. She enjoyed traveling, and with her husband traveled extensively in the US and abroad, in particular visiting Russia and revisiting Turkey 40 years after their year teaching [in that country].”

Falmouth, and the Falmouth League, has lost a tireless advocate for community and its residents. May all of us learn from her commitment to service. She is, indeed, an example of the difference one person can make to the health and well-being of a town.

An Autumn Reading List: Some Important Articles on Elections and the League

https://www.lwv.org/blog/remaining-nonpartisan-hyper-partisan-times?utm_source=LeagueUpdate&utm_medium=email&utm_id=08252022

Guidance for maintaining our stance as a non-partisan organization

<https://www.propublica.org/article/league-of-women-voters-gop-trump>

A ProPublica article about some Republicans seeing the LWV as partisan because of stands the League has taken.

<https://www.falmouthma.gov/655/Election-and-Voter-Information>

All the information you need for voting in Falmouth, including voting locations, voter registration information, and the Massachusetts Voters' Bill of Rights.

<https://www.vote411.org/>

Vote 411 is a national website to help you register to vote, check your voter registration, see what is on your ballot, and report election day problems.

<https://tinyurl.com/What-a-Difference-a-DA-Makes>

A 90-minute webinar from public education campaign of the Massachusetts ACLU on the key role of the Commonwealth's district attorneys in the criminal legal system, who may be qualified to become a DA, and ways to hold a DA accountable.

<https://tinyurl.com/ACLUM-Know-Your-Sheriff>

Another webinar from the Massachusetts ACLU (67 minutes) to educate the public about the role of the sheriff, who oversees jails and houses of correction, makes decisions about addiction treatment and mental health services, and oversees educational, vocational, and transitional programs to help people re-enter their communities successfully.

Nostalgic for Your School Days? Here's Your Chance to Go Back! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The State of Massachusetts has required students to present civics projects in 8th grade and again in high school. Students can present their findings to their classmates, but it's much more challenging to present to an unknown audience. If you can give an hour or two of your time to provide an empathetic audience for students who are researching complex and meaningful topics, please get in touch with a member of the Civics committee (Mary Fran Buckley, Eileen Mattingly, Meghan Hanawalt, Bob Haskell, Janet Lauer, or Judy Ziss).

FCTV Notes

Any League member who wishes to contact FCTV for a League programming idea, please contact ME, as I am the League-FCTV liaison.

Also, we are looking for League members to get involved in the hands-on film production aspects. Volunteers are needed!



—**Lynne Rozsa**

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Treasurer's Report

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS FALMOUTH

Treasurer's Report # 1

FY 2022 - 2023

	FY2022-23 Budget	Fiscal YTD through 8/20/22	Current or First Quarter 7/1/22 -
INCOME			
Ads	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	
Annual Meeting	\$250.00	\$0.00	
Contributions - Friends	\$175.00	\$0.00	
Contributions - Members	\$1,500.00	\$837.00	\$837.00
Dues	\$6,675.00	\$2,150.00	\$2,150.00
Development / Fund Raisers	\$250.00	\$0.00	
Grants	\$-	\$0.00	
INCOME TOTAL	\$10,100.00	\$2,987.00	\$2,987.00
EXPENSES			
Action/Program	\$1,300	\$0.00	
Administration	\$-	\$0.00	
Web Site Fee	\$445	\$400.00	\$400.00
Annual Meeting & Report	\$500	\$0.00	
Bank + PayPal Fees	\$175	\$51.66	\$51.66
Bulletin Postage	\$125	\$0.00	
Bulletin Printing	\$250	\$0.00	
Convention - National	\$-	\$0.00	
Convention -State	\$500	\$0.00	
Membership & Directory	\$600	\$0.00	
Participation & Gifts	\$175	\$0.00	
Per Member Pay Mass. (PMP)	\$2,915	\$0.00	
Per Member Pay US (PMP)	\$4,272	\$0.00	
Voter Service	\$1,500	\$0.00	
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$12,757.00	\$451.66	\$451.66
	7/1/22	8/1/22	
Checking account balance	\$5,024.83	\$7,485.17	
LWV Educ Fund	\$1,698.00	\$1,773.00	
Total Cash	\$6,722.83	\$9,258.17	

—Karen Epstein

Know Your Sheriff information

KNOW YOUR SHERIFF

Sheriffs make decisions every day that impact our communities—but most Massachusetts voters don't even know who their sheriff is.

It's time to change that. It's time to **Know Your Sheriff**.

THE CAMPAIGN

Know Your Sheriff is a public education campaign by the ACLU of Massachusetts to build voter awareness about the life-changing decisions that sheriffs make.

Polling shows that many voters are not familiar with sheriffs—but when they learn more, they are more likely cast a ballot for sheriff in the next election.

Knowing your sheriff means knowing that YOU have the power to demand safer communities and a more just criminal legal system.

SHERIFFS: THE BASICS

Sheriffs are elected officials who serve **six-year terms**.

There are 14 sheriffs in Massachusetts—one for each county.

Sheriffs are responsible for overseeing **county jails** and **houses of correction**.

This includes living conditions, like access to **addiction treatment** and **mental health services**.

Sheriffs can offer **educational, vocational, and transitional programs** to ensure people re-enter their communities in a positive way.

DID YOU KNOW?

Sheriffs serve the longest term that an elected official can serve in Massachusetts.

Sheriffs in Massachusetts are responsible for **more than half** of state's incarcerated population.

In 2016, not a single sheriff incumbent lost his seat, and only four faced challengers.

Expressions of Empowerment

One glorious, summer morning in July 1981, my mother woke me up early so that her little girl saw the same thing countless others across the globe were eager to see: the marriage of a soon-to-be princess. Fairytale material occurring in real time.

We watched it together and, though I was sleepy-eyed and groggy, it formed the foundation for years to follow of my admiration for this kind, radiant, graceful Princess.



In honor of the anniversary of Princess Diana's passing, let's offer a silent prayer of gratitude for the beauty she breathed into this world: in the form of her children, issue awareness, smiles across the globe, and an appreciation for *paying it forward*, as the saying goes. As Princess Diana has said:

"Carry out a random act of kindness with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you."

—**Maro Titus**

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Member Event Calendar

September 15, 7 p.m.	League meeting: Dr. Jane Scarborough, Hermann Room at Falmouth Public Library
September 27, 7 p.m.	Board meeting, Gus Canty Community Center
October 19, 7 p.m.	Candidates Night, Falmouth High School
October 24, 7 p.m.	Board meeting, Gus Canty Community Center
November 17, 7 p.m.	Wastewater Treatment meeting, Hermann Room at Falmouth Public Library

Join the League of Women Voters: Democracy in Action!

You do not have to be a resident of Falmouth to join. Membership dues are \$50 for an individual membership and \$25 for an additional household member.

If you wish to join the League, send your check made out to the address below. Include your name, mailing address, and phone number.

If you prefer, go to our website at www.lwvf.org. Click on "Join" to join or renew and pay online.



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