



## 2018-2019 LWVW Calendar (through April)



**Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 1 - 3 pm: Board Meeting** at Erry Johnson's home. All members welcome to attend.

**Sunday, January 13, 1:30 - 4:30 at the Arnold Room (2nd floor) of the Wellesley Free Library. Ballot Question Process Consensus Meeting.** LWVW members only.

**(Rescheduled) Thursday, January 31, 7 pm: Dessert with Jeff Azano-Brown, the new RDF Superintendent** in the Chapel at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 309 Washington Street. Don't miss this opportunity to talk with RDF Superintendent Jeff Azano-Brown about what is new at Wellesley's Recycling and Disposal Facility, including its new Food Waste Drop-Off Pilot Program. Learn about the RDF's business initiatives and how China's refusal to accept plastic recyclables has affected Wellesley's recycling program. All League members are welcome; please feel free to bring a guest.



**Tuesday, February 12, 1 - 3 pm: Board Meeting** at Tanya Roy's home. All members welcome to attend.

**Thursday, February 28, 6:30 pm: Meet the Candidates Night** at the Wakelin Room of the Wellesley Free Library. Free and open to the public.



**Tuesday, March 5: Town Elections**

**Tuesday, March 12, 1 - 3 pm: Board Meeting** at Kim Maire's home. All members welcome to attend.

**Thursday, March 14, 7 - 8:30 pm: Massachusetts in the Woman Suffrage Movement: Revolutionary Reformers** at the Wakelin Room of the Wellesley Free Library. Free and open to the public (see below for more details).



**Friday, March 15, noon - 2 pm: Brown Bag Lunch with Elected State Officials** (tentative). Location TBD



**Thursday, March 21 (evening) and Sunday, March 24 (afternoon): Town Meeting Prep Sessions** at the Community Room of the Wellesley Police Station

**Thursday, March 25, 7 pm: First Session of Annual Town Meeting** at Wellesley Middle School

**Tuesday, April 9, 10 am - noon: Board Meeting** at Ann Rappaport's home. All members welcome to attend.

### ***Voter Services Needs You!***



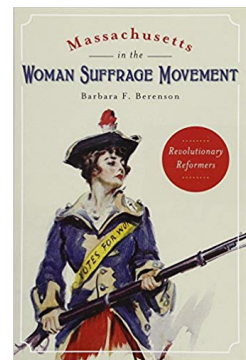
LWVW volunteers provide ongoing voter registration support in welcoming up to 1000 new citizens at the Naturalization Ceremonies in Lowell from 9:30 am – 2:00 pm. The citizenship candidates are inspiring and the experience is very rewarding. Upcoming dates: January 15, February 20, June 5, and August 21. Please contact **Erry Johnson** if you're interested in attending.



We're getting organized now for "Meet the Candidates Night" to be held on Thursday, February 28, 2019. The success of the evening depends on the smooth teamwork of many volunteers! Please contact **Erry Johnson** if you'd like to help.

### ***Massachusetts in the Woman Suffrage Movement: Revolutionary Reformers***

**Thursday, March 14, 7 - 8:30 pm** at the Wakelin Room, Wellesley Free Library, co-sponsored by the Wellesley League and the Wellesley Free Library as part of Women's History Month. Massachusetts was at the center of the national struggle for women's rights. Long before the Civil War, Lucy Stone and other Massachusetts abolitionists opposed women's exclusion from political life. Their activities laid the foundation for the next generation of suffragists to triumph over tradition. Barbara Berenson gives these revolutionary reformers the attention they deserve in a compelling and engaging story. Berenson is a public historian, educator, and author or editor of four books, as well as Senior Lawyer for the Mass. Supreme Judicial Court. Light refreshments will be served and all are welcome - this event is free and open to the public.



Should you wish to read up on women gaining the vote, "Massachusetts in the Woman Suffrage Movement" is available through the Minuteman Library System. Some details about the book can be found [here](#).

### ***Are You Ready for the LWV Ballot Question Study?***



By Susan Clapham and Irene Flint

The final countdown has begun until our LWV Wellesley BQS consensus meeting. Plan to attend on **Sunday, January 13, 1:30pm in the Arnold Room** of the Wellesley Free Library. A summary of the questions is available [online](#). You are also welcome to attend our last committee meeting on Tuesday, December 18, 1 pm at the Wellesley main library. Meanwhile, test your BQ knowledge!!

**1. The language of the ballot question summary currently provided to voters in Massachusetts scores at:**

- (a) 3rd-grade reading level
- (b) 8th-grade reading level
- (c) 12th-grade reading level
- (d) Requires a PhD

**2. True or False:** Massachusetts law requires the state to provide a statement of the fiscal consequences of a successful ballot question; this statement may not exceed 100 words.

**3. True or False:** The state of Massachusetts currently has an independent Citizen Initiative Review board which prepares the arguments for and against a proposed initiative.

**Answers**

1. (c) Current Massachusetts ballot summaries have been scored as requiring 14 years of education – This is the 10th lowest readability score in the nation.
2. True. The Massachusetts Secretary of Administration and Finance prepares a statement of the fiscal consequences of potential successful ballot questions.
4. False. Currently, the Secretary of the Commonwealth seeks arguments for and against from the principal proponents and opponents. If there is more than one proponent or opponent group, the Secretary determines who is best able to present the argument for and against the measure.

*LWW Festivities and Upcoming Ballot Question Consensus Meeting*

LWW President Anne Turtle opened her lovely home to members and guests for a holiday lunch on Tuesday, Dec. 11. Special guests KC Kato, Town Clerk, and School Committee members Linda Chow and Melissa Martin joined new members Ellie Perkins and Mary Liz van Dyke and guest Janet Britcher who has lived in Wellesley only for several months. We all enjoyed the buffet and lively conversation.



Party favors delivered to guests at the lunch contained a small surprise – a candy cane and consensus questions for the ongoing Ballot Question Study being undertaken by the LWVMA. If you were unable to attend the gathering, please check out the study documents and consensus questions on the [LWVMA website](#). Under Quick Links, select [The LWV Study on the Ballot Question Process](#) which lists useful resources and the consensus questions.

The consensus meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 13, 1:30 pm, in the Arnold Room (second floor), Wellesley Free Library. You are encouraged to do some homework prior to the meeting! Light refreshments will be provided.

## ***Massachusetts Library Association Legislative Breakfast***

**Friday, January 25, 7:45 - 9 am** at the Wakelin Room, Wellesley Free Library, co-hosted by State Rep Alice Peisch, State Senator Cynthia Creem and Senator-Elect Becca Rausch. Advocacy events provide an opportunity to encourage our patrons, friends, family and community members to meet our representatives and speak up for library funding. This event is open to the public and may be of interest to League members.



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