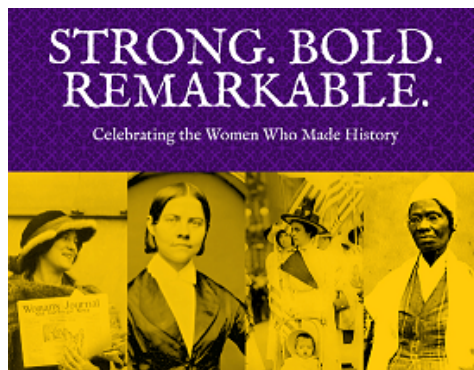


2019-2020 LWVW Calendar (through December)



**Tuesday, June 25,
5 - 7 pm: Suffrage
Centennial Kickoff** at
Fanueil Hall. Women's
Suffrage Celebration
Coalition of MA

celebrates the ratification of the 19th Amendment by the state of Massachusetts. Be sure to join WSCC for an inspiring, exciting, and uplifting evening of drama, music, and words, as we kick off more than a year of suffrage centennial activities. This event will commemorate the 100th anniversary of Massachusetts' ratification of the 19th Amendment, the eighth state to do so, and celebrate the women and men who struggled for more than 70 years to attain women's suffrage. If you are interesting in attending, please contact [Ann-Mara Lanza](#) or [Susan Clapham](#) who are arranging carpools.



Wednesday, August 21, 9 am - 3 pm: Voter Registration and Naturalization Ceremony in Lowell, MA. **Volunteers are still needed** - contact [Ellen Hallett](#) to help

Tuesday, September 10, 1 - 3 pm: Board Meeting at Jenny Zannetos' home. All members welcome to attend.

Tuesday, September 24, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm: LWV National Voter Registration Day. The Wellesley League will be holding a voter registration drive at WHS



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

Tuesday, October 10, 6:30-9 pm, Opening LWVW Meeting at the Wakelin Room of the Wellesley Free Library. Our speaker will be Executive Director of Voter Choice Massachusetts, Adam Friedman, who will discuss Ranked Choice Voting (RCV), a



voting system that allows voters to rank many candidates on a ballot in order of preference rather than choosing one candidate. With very few exceptions, all elections in Massachusetts could use RCV. Friedman served on the executive committee of a RCV statewide ballot question campaign in Massachusetts. He serves on the boards of MassVOTE and Common Cause Massachusetts and has been involved in lobbying and organizing around various voting and democracy reforms for over ten years. Free and open to the

public. Jointly sponsored by the Wellesley League of Women Voters and the [Friends of the Wellesley Free Libraries](#). Reception starts at 6:30 pm and lecture at 7 pm.

Tuesday, November 12, 1 - 3 pm: Board Meeting at Ellen Hallett's home. All members welcome to attend.

Wednesday, December 4, 7:30 - 9 pm, How to Run for Public Office at the Warren Building, Room 008. Are you considering becoming a candidate for Town office? Now's the time to get organized for the March 2020 Town Election! The LWV Wellesley is sponsoring an evening to discuss how Wellesley's town government works, what offices will be on the ballot in March, and the nuts and bolts of running a campaign. Light refreshments will be served.



Tuesday, December 10, 9:30 - noon: Board Meeting at Susan Clapham's home. All members welcome to attend and Holiday Party immediately afterwards.



Tuesday, December 10, 12:30-2 pm, Annual Holiday Luncheon and Get-Together (following Board Meeting). Members of the LWVW are invited to celebrate the season with a festive luncheon and update on League activities.

LWV Wellesley Supports the ROE Act

Members of the Wellesley League of Women Voters were proud to attend hearings at the State House on Monday, June 17, 2019 in support of the [ROE Act](#), consistent with the LWVMA's long history of supporting women's reproductive rights in Massachusetts. League members also visited the offices of Senators Cynthia Creem and Becca Rausch to thank them for their support, and even got a photo with Representative Alice Peisch! (All three of our legislators are cosponsors of the ROE Act). It was a great way to "Do Democracy!" Pictured from left to right: Raina McManus, Laura Brown-MacKinnon, Representative Peisch, and League Co-Presidents Susan Clapham and Ellen Hallet. (Thanks to Raina McManus for this update and photo).



LWV Wellesley Marches in the Wellesley Parade



The Wellesley League of Women Voters and the Wellesley Free Library teamed up to march in the Wellesley Parade, celebrating the 100th anniversary of passage of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution granting women the right to vote.

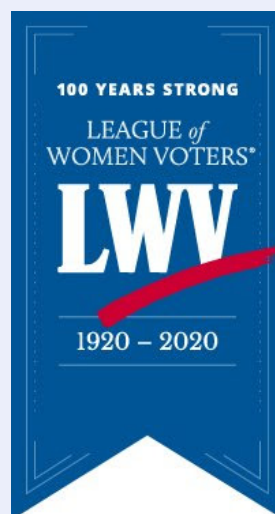
Many thanks to Anne Rippy Turtle, Ann-Mara Lanza, Jenny Zannetos and Ellen Hallett for representing us!

LWVMA 2019 Convention Overview

By Susan Clapham

Several members of LWV Wellesley attended the LWV State Convention, held June 7-8 in Westford, MA. In addition to electing new members to the State Board (including our own Tanya Roy as Director), those attending the convention voted to adopt a position on the initiative and referendum process which resulted from the Ballot Question study, as well as a position on immigration (by concurrence with the LWV Illinois).

A call to action from keynote speaker Bill McKibben, a noted environmental activist, resulted in strong support for a "Climate Emergency Resolution" – the State Board and local leagues are urged to advocate for declarations of 'Climate Emergency' and urgent relevant action by state and local governments. Other speakers addressed the status of election security in Massachusetts, legislative priorities for newly elected state legislators, and efforts by the LWV to improve its efforts for greater diversity and inclusion. More information is available at the LWVMA [website](#).



Update from LWVW's Legislative Envoy

By Tanya Roy



Legislative Specialists have been very busy writing testimony in support of (or in opposition to) the bills they and LWVMA support (or oppose). This written testimony is submitted to the joint committee members. Specialists are also busy attending and testifying at hearings. The LAC (Legislative Action Committee) continues to vote on bills for the League to endorse, although the pace of new additions is slowing. See LWVMA website for complete list of bills as well as for

written testimonies. There have been numerous Advocacy days which have been well attended (relating to women's issues, the ROE Act, Same Day Voter Registration, regional transportation ballot initiative, to name a few).

"Members Only" on the Wellesley League's Website

If you are a member of the LWVW and don't yet have access to the "Members Only" part of our [website](#), which includes links to our membership directory, agendas and minutes of our board meetings, and copies of the Annual Meeting workbooks, please contact [Ann Rappaport](#) to learn how to register for a MyLO account. You don't have to provide any personal information beyond your email address and name. These pages cannot be viewed by the public and are a way for

us to communicate easily and privately with our membership.

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