

September 26, 2019

2019-2020 LWVW Calendar (through December)

Thursday, October 10, 6:30-7 pm (reception), 7-9 pm (program), Opening LWVW Meeting: More Voice, More Choice - The Path to Ranked Choice Voting in MA at the Wakelin Room of the Wellesley Free Library. Our speakers will be Christina Knowles and Mac D'Alessandro of Voter Choice Massachusetts. They will be discussing 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. Mac is a political operative who has worked on the campaigns of of late-Mayor Thomas Menino, Sen. Elizabeth Warren, Sen. Edward Markey and is a principal at Democracy Partners, a national political consultancy in which he is a principal. Christina serves as the Director of Strategic Partnerships at Voter Choice Massachusetts. Previously, Christina was the Finance Director for the "Yes on 3" statewide ballot campaign, where she led a team in raising \$6 million to secure an almost 20-point victory at the ballot on November 6, 2018 to protect transgender equal rights. 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. We will be ranking LWVW member-baked cookies so come prepared to sample cookies and vote for your favorites!

Thursday, October 17, 10 am - noon, "Day on the Hill", a

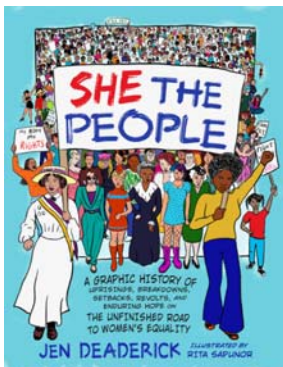


LWVMA event held annually at the Massachusetts State House. Each year, LWV members from around the state join together to discuss upcoming legislation and advocacy. Karen Spilka, the president of the Senate, will be the keynote speaker. The LWVMA specialists prepare a packet of materials for members to use to encourage their legislators to take action on legislative priorities: Election Day registration, climate change, education funding and reproductive rights. League members discuss the League legislative priorities with their individual Senators and Representatives after the morning program.

MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK®

Thursday, October 17, 7 - 9 pm, Wellesley Meet Up: Making Democracy Work at the Wellesley High School Cafeteria. The popular "Meet Up" returns! Come meet your local elected officials and ask questions about issues that concern you.

Sunday, October 20, 4 - 5:30 pm, LWVW Wine and Cheese Party at Anne Rippy Turtle's home, [65 Old Farm Road, Wellesley](#), for new and current members. Please come, socialize with other League members, and learn about the LWVW's plans for this year. Guests are very welcome!



Thursday, October 24, 7 - 8:30 pm, *She the People* at the Unitarian Universalist Society. Author Jen Deaderick will discuss her new book, *She the People: A Graphic History of Uprisings, Breakdowns, Setbacks, Revolts, and Enduring Hope on the Unfinished Road to Women's Equality*, an illustrated history of women's citizenship in the US from 1716 to now. Jen has written about gender and citizenship for the *New York Times*, the *Huffington Post* and *Dame Magazine*. This event is co-sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Society and the League of Women Voters of Wellesley

Sunday, November 3, 3 - 4:30 pm, "We Did It For You!" at the Needham Town Hall. ***We Did It For You! Women's Journey Through History*** is a theatrical performance that tells the story of how women got their rights in America, told by the women who were there. The performance will be followed by a Q&A with the playwright and case members. **General admission tickets** may be purchased in advance for \$15 (\$10 for those under 18) and \$20 at the door if still available.



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



Thursday, November 14, 7 - 9 pm, "Paris to Pittsburgh" program on climate change at the Wellesley Unitarian Universalist Church, co-sponsored by the LWVW and Sustainable Wellesley.

Friday, November 15, noon - 2 pm, Brown Bag Lunch at Barbara McMahan's home, [7 Amherst](#)



Road, Wellesley. Come meet with the Sharon Gray, Chair of School Building Committee and Melissa Martin, Chair of the School Committee and get an update on plans for the Hunnewell project which is the subject of the December Special Town Meeting. All members welcome.

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.



Monday, December 9 and Tuesday, December 10, Special Town Meeting at the Wellesley Middle School

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.

Wellesley League Registers Record Numbers of Voters at WHS



L to R: Jessica Fixler, Kathie Clay, Laura Brown-MacKinnon, MaryAnne Ulian, Tanya Roy, Jen Ellis. Not pictured: Colette Aufranc

On Tuesday, September 24, Wellesley High School students turned out in record numbers to register to vote on National Voter Registration Day, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Wellesley. Wellesley High students' interest in exercising their right to vote has more than tripled over the last two years, from 44 in 2017 to 134 new voter registrations this year on this one-day annual event. Nationally, nearly one million citizens are expected to register to vote on the 2019 National Voter Registration Day.

For the League's volunteers, it is inspiring to witness the enthusiasm of the students of our community as they anticipate their first opportunity to vote, acknowledging voting as an important right and responsibility of citizenship.

Calling All Members!



Are you interested in helping the League but don't have too much time to volunteer?

2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, granting women the right to vote, as well as the establishment of the MA and US Leagues. Our co-presidents plan to organize a small working group to think about how the LWVW might

celebrate this important milestone. If you are creative and/or love planning parties and would like to help plan a celebratory event, please contact either [Ellen Hallett](#) or [Susan Clapham](#). And [check out](#) what other Leagues are already planning!

Voter Service Volunteers Wanted!

One of the League's fundamental mandates is voter registration. In addition to registering voters locally in Wellesley, the Voter Service team supports LWV branches in other communities by providing volunteers for specific Voter Registration events. New volunteers are paired with experienced ones. Volunteers are needed for Naturalization Ceremonies in Lowell (in conjunction with LWV of Haverill) on **November 19, 2019; February 19, 2020; June 10, 2020; and**



August 19, 2020 from 9:30 am - 2:00 pm. Please contact **Erry Johnson** if you are interested in participating.

Local and State League Events and Information

- **Defending Voting Rights: Is the Past Prologue?** Opening Meeting of the Brookline League features Brookline resident Tina Cassidy, author of "Mr. President, How Long Must We Wait? The Fight for Women's Right to Vote". Wednesday, October 16 at 6:30 (refreshments); 7 - 9 pm (program) at the Select Board Meeting Room, 6th Floor Town Hall, [333 Washington Street, Brookline, MA](#),
- **The Attorney General has certified 12 initiative petitions** for ballot questions, including two Constitutional amendments which will not appear on the ballot until at least 2022. The text of the petitions can be found on the Attorney General's [website](#). The LWVMA's positions on some of these ballot questions can be found [here](#), including support of the petition to implement ranked choice voting in the state and the Constitutional amendment to restore the rights of incarcerated prisoners to vote.
- **LWVUS has issued updated guidance to state and local Leagues** recommending legislative priorities under the Making Democracy Work® Campaign. These recommendations allow for a strong unified "voice" at all levels of League across the country that aligns with the priorities of the [People Powered Fair Maps Campaign](#).

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