

October 16, 2019

## 2019-2020 LWVW Calendar (through December)

### **MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK®**

**Thursday, October 17, 7 - 9 pm,  
Wellesley Meet Up: Face Time  
With Your Elected Officials -**

**Making Democracy Work** at the Wellesley High School Cafeteria (**NEW LOCATION**). The popular "Meet Up" returns! Come meet your local elected officials and ask questions about issues that concern you. Members from the Board of Selectmen, Schools, Library, MLP/BPW, Health, Housing Authority, Planning, NRC, Assessors, Recreation and the Town Moderator will be attending. There is no set program - drop by at your convenience.



**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. Several board members are going to the Day on the Hill - contact **Susan Clapham** if you would like to go with them.

**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 McMahon'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. Town Clerk KC Kato and Moderator Mark Kaplan will be our featured speakers. Light refreshments will be served.



**Thursday, December 5, 7 - 9 pm, Special Town Meeting Prep Session** in the Great Hall, Wellesley Town Hall

**Sunday, December 8, 1 - 3 pm, Special Town Meeting Prep Session** in the Great Hall, Wellesley Town Hall

**Monday, December 9 and Tuesday, December 10, Special**

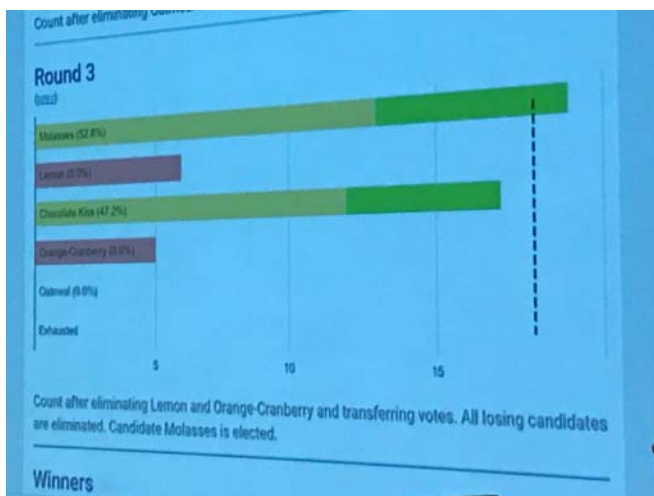
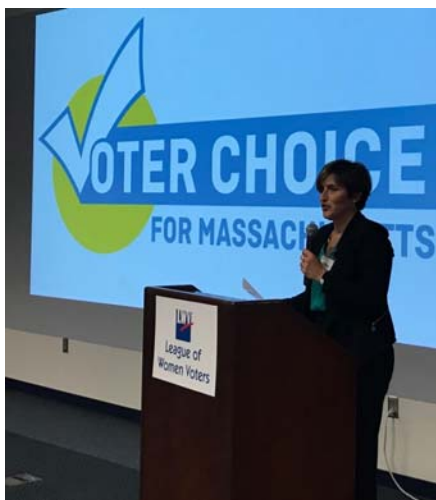
## Town Meeting at the Wellesley Middle School

**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.

## Opening Meeting a Sweet Success!



On Thursday, October 10, the League held its Opening Meeting with guest speakers Mac D'Alessandro and Christina Knowles from Voter Choice Massachusetts who described how Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) works and discussed how Voter Choice is actively working to bring RCV to MA by lobbying elected officials and working to put a question on the 2020 ballot that would adopt RCV for state and federal elections.

The RCV process was modeled by a mock cookie election, in which voters tasted and then ranked cookies baked by LWVW members. The cookie which had the highest ranking in the first round ("Chocolate Kiss") with 33.3% of the vote - less than the 50% needed to win - was knocked out by "Molasses", which started at 30.6% of the vote and picked up steam as the votes of lower-ranking cookies "Oatmeal", "Lemon" and "Orange-Cranberry" were transferred in the second and third rounds, ultimately winning with 52.8% of the vote.

## Reminder from Our Treasurer

LWVW dues renewal forms were mailed out in September. If you have not already done so, please return your membership form with your dues payment to Jenny Zannetos at [6 Monroe Road, Wellesley, MA 02481](#). You may also pay [online](#) using Paypal.



### ***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!***

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.



*Note that Wellesley is organizing the November 19th event and Erry would welcome more volunteers to help. It's a fun and inspiring way to celebrate one of the League's fundamental missions!*

### ***Local and State League Events and Information***



- *Health Care Coverage in Massachusetts: What's Broken and Can Medicare 4 All Fix It?* on Thursday, October 24 at 7 pm at the Center at the Heights, [300 Hillside Avenue, Needham](#). The **forum** presents a unique opportunity to dialogue with the legislators who wrote the Medicare for All bill that is being considered this session in Massachusetts. **FEATURED SPEAKERS:** Dr. Robin Colgrove, Physician; Rebecca Wood, Field Director, MassCare; Ben Day, HealthcareNow; Denise Garlick, State Representative; Jamie Eldridge, State Senator
- Check out the local league **100th Anniversary Fall Events**. Local Leagues are using the anniversary of the 19th Amendment, LWV, and LWVMA to recognize the achievements of women, share the accomplishments of the League, reflect on the past as a springboard to current issues, and explore the fascinating history of the women's suffrage movement and birth of the League.

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