



# League of Women Voters<sup>®</sup> of Falmouth Bulletin

## April 2019

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### Member Event Calendar

April 2019

**18 7:00 pm "Appointed Volunteers in Falmouth"**  
Town Hall Civil Defense Room

**23 7:00 pm Board Meeting**  
Gus Canty Center, Falmouth

May 2019

**4 11:30 am Annual Meeting**  
Falmouth Museums on the Green

**8 7:00 pm Candidates Night**  
Hermann Room, Falmouth Public Library

**21 Town of Falmouth Election: VOTE**

June 2019

**7 & 8 LWVMA Convention**  
Westford Regency Inn & Conference Center

**20 7:00 pm Observer Corps Reports**  
Town Hall Civil Defense Room

**25 7:00 pm Board Meeting**  
Gus Canty Center, Falmouth

### LWVF Board of Directors 2018-2019

#### STEERING COMMITTEE

First Vice-President	<b>Sylvia Szulkin</b> , Steering Committee Chair
Second Vice-President	<b>Alice Carey</b>
At Large	<b>Doris Epstein</b>
At Large	<b>Joanne Treistman</b>
Observer Corps	<b>Denise Morreale</b>
Secretary	<b>Mariam Cronin</b>
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Legislative	<b>Judith Ziss</b>
Publicity	<b>Olivann Hobbie</b>
Follow-Up Coordinator	<b>Meghan Hanawalt</b>

Bulletin Editors: **Denise Morreale, Brenda Nolan**

If you wish to join the League, membership dues are \$50 for an individual membership and \$25 for an additional household member.  
Send your check made out to LWV of Falmouth, P. O. Box 450, Falmouth, MA 02541. Include your name, mailing address, email address and phone number. You do not have to be a resident of Falmouth to join.

## MESSAGE FROM THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Joanne Treistman, Steering Committee Member

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When there is no candidate for President, or no sitting President, the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Falmouth League nominates a Steering Committee drawn from the Board to perform the duties of the President. The Steering Committee shall not exceed 5 voting members and is elected by the general membership at the Annual Meeting for a term of one year. The Steering Committee meets as necessary prior to each regular Board meeting to make recommendations to the Board on matters of policy, procedure and concern.

The March 2019 Steering Committee meeting focused on the upcoming Annual Meeting set for Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 11am-2pm at the Falmouth Historical Society. **Volunteer Power** is our theme. Selectman Susan Moran will speak on volunteerism in Falmouth following a buffet lunch. The agenda for includes a review of our League's volunteer committees. Every committee is composed of a minimum of three members. At the Annual Meeting, Committee tables will be set with a chairperson at each table. You do not want to miss this event since **YOU** are the power of the League.

The Steering Committee has suggested to the Board that the September 2019 meeting be the kickoff for the League's celebration of a double centennial—the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment and the founding of the national League of Women Voters. A committee has been formed to work this summer on ideas for the year-long celebration. Come up with some ideas and share them with the committee, who will be introduced at the Annual Meeting.

The Local Study Committee, completing its year-long study of seven Town of Falmouth appointed volunteer committees, will request another year to continue this work. The local Study Committee will make its presentation at the Town Hall Civil Defense Room on Thursday April 18th at 7pm.

Other events of note: Several League members are attending an educational Tea at the Waldorf School called "Hats off to Women" celebrating the history of the women's suffrage movement. Joanne Treistman was a judge for the LWVMA Video contest, reviewing 95 submitted 30 second PSA's for the Climate Change Challenge. Falmouth High School students' video "Climate Change" received an Honorable Mention and will be honored April 11th at the State House.

## LWVF FRIENDS 2019

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Barbara Douglass  
Sally Fritz  
Christina Jacobi  
Winnie and Bill Mackey

Jane Sambade  
Robert and Barbara Schneider  
Freddy Valois  
Helen Wilson

*In Memoriam*

*Susan Fishman*

☞ *Christos Kanellopoulos* ☞

## **PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FALMOUTH**

by Joan Boyer

A draft of the proposed Bylaw changes will be emailed to all before Annual Meeting. Changes recommended:

- Remove requirement for staggered election of officers and directors, as this often is unsustainable
- Formalize Chair of the Steering Committee and method of election.
- Annual Meeting may be called 90 days before the end of the fiscal year. Changed from 60 days.
- Annual meeting quorum changed from 25% to 20% of the membership.



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## **APPOINTED VOLUNTEERS IN FALMOUTH**

By Doris Epstein

This Spring we in the LWVF are all about **Volunteer Power**. On Thursday, April 18th, our regular monthly meeting will feature members of the Local Study Committee. During the year, they have focused on seven Falmouth Town Volunteer Committees: Affordable Housing, Council on Aging, Recreation, Solid Waste, Veteran's Council, Water Quality Management, and Waterways.

Interesting historical information, current effectiveness, as well as problems came to light. Please meet with us at 7pm on April 18th in Town Hall's ground floor Civil Defense Room. Bring your questions and friends. See you there.



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## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FALMOUTH BUDGET FOR JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020

Budget Committee: Kathie Mount, Chair, Kathy Mortenson, Board Member  
Joanne Voorhis, Treasurer

INCOME	Budget/Actual	Budget/Actual	Proposed BUDGET
	FY2017-18	FY2018-19/ to 3/26/2019	FY 2019-20
Ads	400/ 150	\$400/ 75	\$100
Annual Meeting	400/ 585	\$500/ 0	\$500
Contributions - Friends	500/ 185	\$500/ 30	\$200
Contributions - Members	1200/ 1190	\$1,500/ 1445	\$1,500
Dues	4000/ 4960	\$5,000/ 4075	\$5,000
Funds Raisers	0/ 68	\$0/ 60	0
Interest Income			
Transfer from savings	2485/ 0	\$3,168/0	\$3,945
<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>8985/ 7138</b>	<b>\$11,068/5685</b>	<b>\$11,245</b>
EXPENSES	Budget/Actual	Budget/ Actual	Proposed BUDGET
	FY2017-18	FY2018-19/ to 3/26/2019	FY 2019-1920
Action/Program	500/ 178	\$1000/ 57	\$500
Administration	350/ 321	\$350/ 31	\$350
Web Site Fee	240/ 288	\$240/ 0	\$300
Annual Meeting & report	400/ 587	\$1000/ 150	\$700
Bulletin Postage	200/ 197	\$200/40	\$200
Bulletin Printing	350/ 228	\$350/ 178	\$350
Convention - National	1000/ 0	\$0/ 0	\$500
Convention -State	80/ 0	\$400/ 0	\$200
Membership & Directory	500/ 221	\$600/ 727	\$800
Participation	115/ 0	\$115/ 0	\$115
Per Member Pay Mass. (PMP)	2100/ 2018	\$2743/ 2686	\$2950
Per Member Pay US (PMP)	3000/ 4034	\$3920/ 3856	\$4130
Voter Service	150/ 118	\$150/ 79	\$150
Special Projects	0/ 0		
<b>EXPENSE TOTAL</b>	<b>8985 /8190</b>	<b>\$11068/ 7804</b>	<b>\$11245</b>

# NEW CIVICS LAW LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

By Judy Ziss

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The Legislative Committee program, "Falmouth Schools Welcome New Civics Education Law," was presented in the Hermann Room on March 20 before an enthusiastic audience of League members and members of the community. After Sylvia Szulkin's welcoming remarks, Legislative Committee Chair Judy Ziss introduced the program and then turned the podium over to Dr. Sonia Tellier, Assistant Superintendent of the Falmouth Public Schools.

Dr. Tellier, along with Social Studies Department Head Michael Feeney and Anna Dunphy, Project Manager of the Office of Teaching and Learning, presented a power-point program detailing civics studies in the Falmouth Public Schools, the integration of civics concepts into classroom activities, and especially changes expected as a result of the new state law. The power-point presentation was followed by a panel discussion moderated by Dr. Tellier. James Deasy, a seventh-grade teacher at the Lawrence School, joined Social Studies Department Head Michal Feeney, and two very poised and engaged young people, high school senior Michaela McCarthy and eighth grade student Alexia Morton.

During the program, the participants emphasized one of the highlights of the new law ("An Act to Promote and Enhance Civic Engagement"). This is a mandatory program for all eighth graders in which they participate in a hands-on civics project. As Mr. Feeney emphasized, this project should promote a student's ability to analyze complex issues, consider differing points of view, make logical, evidence-based arguments, engage in civil discourse, and demonstrate an understanding of the way issues and policies interconnect. Although a high school project also is required, here the Falmouth Public Schools will be able to build on the current senior project requirement at Falmouth High School rather than introduce an entirely new program. During the evening, the participants demonstrated their professionalism in the pursuit of civics education. It also seemed clear that their hearts were devoted to civics education along with the hearts of the so many members of the audience.

The program was capped off by short presentations by State Senator Vinny deMacedo and State Representative David Vieira. Both confirmed their views of the importance of civics education, with David contributing local stories about civics educational here in Falmouth. Judy Ziss asked that we contact the new Chairs of the joint Senate and House Ways and Means Committee to request funding for the Civics Project Trust Fund established by the new law. All three of our legislators have indicated that they will



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support funding. The Massachusetts Civic Learning Coalition, of which the Massachusetts League is a member, is lobbying for a \$1.5 million appropriation to go to this fund.

## **ANNUAL MEETING MAY 4, 2019**

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The LWV has its Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 4 at 11:30am. Again, we will review the year's activities as well as take care of business for the next year. Volunteer Power being the title of the day, Sue Moran, Chair of the Falmouth Board of Selectmen will talk about the town's volunteer committees. League members meanwhile will be seated with League Committee Chairmen at the lunch tables to learn how they might join our volunteer committees. All one needs is the desire, passion, and time to listen, learn, research, and dispense new knowledge to fellow members. Arrive at the Falmouth Historical Society Lecture Hall by 11:30am on May 4<sup>th</sup>, prepared to lunch and learn about Volunteer Power.

Make your reservation early by sending a check for \$15 by April 25<sup>th</sup>\* (Early reservations are necessary to ensure that the correct amount of food is ordered)

## **CANDIDATES NIGHT MAY 8TH**

By Carol McKeon

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In anticipation of the May 21<sup>st</sup> elections for Town office, the League will be hosting its annual Candidates Night on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The program is co-sponsored by Falmouth Community TV and will be broadcast live and offered for replay on channel 13 in the weeks prior to the election. Doors will open at 6:30 for the 7:00 p.m. event which will be held in the

Hermann Room of the Falmouth Public Library.

All candidates competing for the positions of Selectman, Library Trustee, Planning Board Member, School Committee Member and Housing Authority Member will be invited to participate. Mindy Todd of WCAI has graciously agreed to serve as moderator and will present to the candidates questions prepared in advance by the Voter Service Committee. The public will also be given the opportunity to submit questions in writing on cards which League members will distribute at the door. Unopposed candidates and those seeking election to Town Meeting will be invited to briefly introduce themselves at the beginning of the program.



## LWVMA CONVENTION JUNE 7&8

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The 2019 LWVMA Convention “**100 Years: Looking Back, Moving Forward**” will be held June 7 and 8, 2019 at the **Westford Regency Inn and Conference Center in Westford, MA.**

Convention brings local League delegates together to hear distinguished speakers, approve program for the next biennium, elect a new board of directors, approve the budget, and network with leaders from across the state. We encourage every local League to send their voting delegates, and other members are urged to come as observers.

Noted environmentalist **Bill McKibben** will be the keynote speaker at the Friday night banquet. McKibben is an author, environmentalist, and activist. He is a co-founder and senior advisor at 350.org, an international climate campaign that works in 188 countries around the world. He is the Schumann Distinguished Scholar in Environmental Studies at Middlebury College and a former staff writer for the *New Yorker* who continues to write numerous magazine articles.

League members can come for both days, just one day, or for specific events– many [registration](https://lwwma.org/convention-june-7-and-8-2019-in-westford/) (https://lwwma.org/convention-june-7-and-8-2019-in-westford/) options are available!

**LWVF WILL REIMBURSE 2 MEMBERS INTERESTED IN ATTENDING FOR BOTH ROOM AND CONVENTION FEES, AS WELL AS CONVENTION FEES FOR OTHER MEMBERS WHO WISH TO ATTEND FOR ONE DAY.**

For further information and registration directions, contact LWVMA.ORG.

## WHITE RIBBON DAY CAMPAIGN

Penny Duby

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White Ribbon Day, March 19th, was celebrated at the Falmouth Library. White Ribbon Campaign was created by Canadian men in 1991 on the second anniversary of one man's massacre of fourteen women in Montreal. The Falmouth Campaign was endorsed by a broad range of community groups including the LWVF and the Board of Selectmen. The WRC is a worldwide campaign in 60 countries that has collected well over 5 million signatures and growing. The goal is to raise awareness to encourage men to celebrate positive masculinity and positive maleness as a place where men do not condone, commit or tolerate violence against women.



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## **April 2019 Bulletin**

### **JOIN**

**THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**  
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#### **ANNUAL MEETING**

Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

11:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Falmouth Museums on the Green Cultural Center

#### **VOLUNTEER POWER**

\$15.00 per person, if received by April 25. \$20 per person at the door.

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**Wednesday May 1st: Last day to register to vote for Annual Town Election**