

# Member Newsletter

## February 2024

### For Your Calendar: LWVWellesley's Upcoming Events

Sat. Feb 24 Voter Registration Deadline for Presidential Primaries on March 5

Tues. Feb 27 Vote by Mail Application Deadline for Presidential Primaries on March 5

Tues. March 5 Presidential Primary & Town Election Day

Tues. March 12 Board Meeting -12:30 - 2:30 pm at Warren Bldg.

Fri. March 15 Brown Bag Lunch - Town Meeting topic (TBD)

Thurs. March 21 Annual Town Meeting Prep Session 7pm at Police Station

Mon. March 25 Wellesley's 2024 Annual Town Meeting 7pm at WHS

Tues. April 9 Board Meeting -12:30 - 2:30 pm at Warren Bldg.

Thurs. April 25 Book Discussion of *Just Action* with wine & cheese 7 - 9 pm

Wed. May 15 LWVW ANNUAL MEETING! 7pm. Location TBD

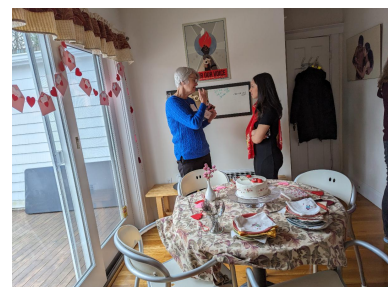
-For all scheduled events, please visit our website [calendar](#) .

Explore these opportunities to learn more about our League of Women Voters.  
Join us!!!

## February 2024 is busy for the League of Women Voters!

### First Annual Valentines' and LVW Anniversary Party

On Sunday February 11th, we gathered at the home of Marguerite Chatelier, for our first Annual Valentine's and LVW Anniversary Party. Over twenty longtime and new members mingled with high school students to eat cake and celebrate 104



years of voter advocacy by the League of Women Voters. Connections were formed, plans made, and wisdom shared. Mentoring opportunities were explored and friendships abound.



## MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT

On Thursday February 15, we hosted our annual *MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT* at the Wellesley Free Library. It was an information-filled evening as our candidates running for local office in Wellesley made presentations and answered questions from the audience. If you were unable to attend or want to share it with a friend, please view the video on our website [here](#).



## LWVW Membership Updates

Welcome to our new members!

- Maureen Febiger
- Jacqui Van Looy
- Riley Alessi (Student, WHS)
- Serena Sheen (Student, WHS)
- Ashley Song (Student, Wellesley College)

## Empowerment Through Inclusion: LWVW's Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Digest

From LWVMA's February Action Newsletter:

Black History Month (February) is an appropriate time to remember that suffrage movements (including our own) are not immune to systemic racism.

This point was brought home in a July 2018 New York Times article that explored 'how the suffrage movement betrayed black women' and was a major impetus for the creation of a DEI focus for the League. [Read more.](#)

### **At the board meeting:**

Every month we have been considering how our activities promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in our community while we advocate for voter rights. This month we used some of the skills we have been developing in a practice exercise. Each board member was given the opportunity to develop a question that might be asked of candidates for local public office. What question would you ask regarding town government's support of DEI issues in Wellesley?

## **Upcoming Programming**

### **LWW Member Brown Bag Lunch, Friday March 15 @ Noon**

Join us for a chance to learn about what's coming up in Wellesley's March 25, 2024 Town Meeting. Read up on our [2024 Annual Town Meeting Warrant](#) and join us to discuss the hot-topics facing our local elected officials. Please join us at Barbara McMahon's home at 12pm for this member brown-bag lunch. **Email** or **call/text** us for more information.

### **LWW Book Event -Thursday April 25 @ 7pm**

Join us for wine and cheese and a community discussion of the book *Just Action: How to Challenge Segregation Enacted Under the Color of Law* by Leah Rothstein and Richard Rothstein. Published in June 2023, this book is written by the daughter-father team with Leah Rothstein, a housing policy expert, and Richard Rothstein, author of the highly influential book *The Color of Law* which refutes the segregation myth that white and black Americans live separately by choice. *Just Action* explores the solutions to the entrenched inequality that still exists today. Borrow it at the Wellesley Free Library through the Minuteman Network or consider buying it at one of our lovely local independent bookstores and join us. Together, we will gather at the home of Marguerite Chatelier, 11 Colburn Road. Did we mention that wine and cheese will be served? We're looking forward to seeing you all. **Email** or **call/text** us.

## **Voter Services**

**Vote411.** Learn more about all the candidates running for office at the League of Women Voters' resource site available to any citizen who wants to learn more about their local elections before they vote. Visit <https://www.vote411.org/>, insert your address & zip code and you will have everything you need to know to be an informed voter in our upcoming election. Share this site with all your friends. No league membership required.

### **Annual Town Election/Presidential Primary March 5, 2024**

Are you signed up to work at the polls on March 5<sup>th</sup> for the state and national primaries and town election? There is a record number of contested seats for town-wide office and there are Town Meeting members to be voted in. Bravo to everyone who is participating in local politics by running for the important committees and boards that keep Wellesley government operating. We are hoping for a good turn out and help will be needed at the polls. to volunteer.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT DANA HALL PRECINCTS F AND G**

Please [email Jill Dube](#) in the Town Clerk's office.

Volunteers for Voter Services are always needed. We have some really exciting events coming up. Get involved! We would love to have you.

## LWVMA & LWV National - Upcoming Events

### What's Up with Offshore Wind? Webinar Series Wrap-up

The final webinar in this 3-part series, co-sponsored by New England for Offshore Wind (NE4OSW) aired January 18. It built on the previous two and provided accurate, current information on the state of offshore wind development in Massachusetts with focus on the benefits and obstacles encountered by the industry - from valid concerns about environmental impacts as well as disinformation and misinformation spread to stall or stop the installations. [Read more.](#)

## LWVUS 2024 Convention

Join our fellow league members on June 27 - June 30 in Washington DC. Delegates from all Leagues will vote on our 2024 - 2026 Program, 2024 - 2026 budget, 2024 - 2026 LWVUS Board of Directors and Nominating Committee, and submitted bylaws amendments. There will also be opportunities to network with your fellow League members, participate in a variety of workshops and trainings, and hear from dynamic speakers. LWV will host a Lobby Day on Thursday, June 27. For more information, please visit [lww.org/national-convention](http://lww.org/national-convention). Final details and registration will be set this spring. Based on the size of our membership, LWV of Wellesley is entitled to send three voting delegates. But we would love to have even more attendees from Wellesley. Many members who have attended the national convention in the past report that it was a life-changing experience. Please [email](#) or [call/text](#) us if you would like information about joining the LWVW contingent.

### Program Planning for LWVUS Convention in June

The national Program Planning process includes Leagues from across the country sharing requests for support for particular items they would like adopted into the LWVUS Program Plan for the next biennium. Please see below to view those requests for support. [Read more.](#)

Each League is asked to submit to LWVUS by March 10. Let us know what you think at [lwwellelsy2@gmail.com](mailto:lwwellelsy2@gmail.com).

Please join us for any of these events. We can't wait to learn more about you and what issues you care most about.

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