



LWVW Calendar (December - mid March)



The LWVW has transitioned to a new web platform, still located at www.LWVWellesley.org. You can find our calendar information in a new [Google calendar](#) (which includes important dates for our League in red and State and neighboring Leagues in blue) and a [LWVW Calendar](#) which aggregates detailed information about specific events of interest to Wellesley League members.

Wednesday, December 6, 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 6, 2018 Town Election! The LWV Wellesley is sponsoring an **evening discussion** of 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 12, 10 am - noon, Board Meeting at Anne Rippy Turtle's home. All members welcome to attend.



Tuesday, December 12, 12:30 - 2 pm, Annual Holiday Luncheon and Get-Together at Anne Rippy Turtle's home. Members of the LWVW are invited to celebrate the season with a festive luncheon and update on League activities. The League will provide a variety of sandwiches and drinks and guests are invited to bring either a salad or dessert. If you are coming, please RSVP to Anne Rippy Turtle at [781-235-1961](tel:781-235-1961) or anne.turtle@verizon.net

Tuesday, January 9, 1 - 3 pm, Board Meeting at Erry Johnson's home. All members welcome to attend.



Friday, January 19, noon - 2 pm, Brown Bag Lunch at Barbara McMahon's home with Jamie Jurgensen, the Director the Wellesley Free Library. Jamie will discuss the new WFL Strategic Plan and share some exciting plans to renovate the main library building.

Monday, February 5, Start of possible Special Town Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 1 - 3 pm, Board Meeting at Irene Flint's home. All members welcome to attend.

Thursday, March 1, 6:30 - 9 pm, Meet the Candidates Night in the Wakelin Room, Wellesley Free Library. Meet the candidates for local Town of Wellesley elected positions as well as recognize those retiring from elected Town Boards. Light refreshments will be served starting at 6:30 and the forum will start promptly at 7.



Tuesday, March 6, Town Election Day. Polls open from 7 am to 8 pm

Tuesday, March 13, 1 - 3 pm, Board Meeting at Ellen Hallett's home. All members welcome to attend.

In Memoriam



It is with great sadness that we share news of the deaths of two people important to the LWV Wellesley. **Elisabeth Rippy**, daughter of League President Anne Rippy Turtle, died on September 21, 2017 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Elisabeth was a member of the LWV Wellesley, following in the footsteps of her mother and grandmother, and a long-time employee of

McKinsey and Company. **Mark Mullaney**, husband of long-time League member Kathy Mullaney (LWV Wellesley President from 1987-1989), died on September 18, 2017. Mark was President of Wellesley Little League and founder and President of Voice of the Faithful. He and Kathy were married for 46 years.

Day on the Hill: Moving the Needle on League Priorities



On October 24, 2017 the Massachusetts League of Women Voters gathered at the State House to advocate for four priority bills currently before the legislature. The bills are: 1) **Automatic Voter Registration**, 2) **Carbon Pricing**, 3) **Safe Communities Act** and 4) **Comprehensive Criminal Justice Reform**. The morning session consisted of reports from each of the Leagues' Legislative Specialists detailing the content and

status of each bill. This was followed by two keynote speakers – Representative Patricia Haddad, Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives and Senator Cynthia Creem, Assistant Senate Majority

Leader. They addressed the legislative history and key provisions of the bills. At noon, the group dispersed to the various offices of the representatives and senators armed with "Tips on How to Lobby your Legislator" and a one-page document on each bill outlining the arguments for supporting the bill.

Reminder: LWVW Annual Dues Due



If you haven't yet renewed your LWV Wellesley membership, please bring your checkbook to the holiday party! Or you can **renew online** using PayPal. For those of you who have responded already, thank you!

News from State and Other Local Leagues

- Wellesley was one of nine state Leagues to win a **Daniel Scharfman Citizen Education grant** in October for voter service and education projects. The grant of \$200 was used to support our public forum on gerrymandering with Mira Bernstein.
- The **League Envoy program** is starting in January. LWVMA is looking for one or two interested members in each local League to help with state legislative efforts. Learn more about the program [here](#).
- The League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVEF) is pleased to announce a **2018 Youth Voter Registration project**. As part of this project, LWVEF will award pass-through grants to state and local Leagues to undertake voter registration activities in high schools, community colleges and alternative/vocational schools in underrepresented communities. **Grant applications are due by midnight December 13, 2017 and grant decisions will be announced before the holidays.**
- **LWVMA will have a voter registration table** at the [Massachusetts Conference for Women](#) December 6 and 7 at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center. They need volunteers on December 6th from 5 to 8 pm and on December 7th from 7 am to 7 pm. This is a great opportunity to network with other women and League members. Please email [Kris Eastman](#) or [Judy Zaunbrecher](#) if you can volunteer.
- **League Joins Amicus Brief in *Masterpiece Cakeshop, Ltd. v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission***. The League joined the National Women's Law Center and other organizations by signing an **amicus brief** in the case of ***Masterpiece Cakeshop, Ltd. v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission***. The case involves a bakery in Colorado which refused to make a wedding cake for a same-sex couple citing religious objections. The brief that the League joined argues that allowing the bakery to refuse service violates public accommodations laws and opens the door to discrimination of other groups. Arguments in the case will be heard by



the U.S. Supreme Court on December 5, 2017.

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