



2018-2019 LWVW Calendar (through February)



Wednesday, November 28, 7:30 - 9 pm: How to Run for Public Office at the Warren Building, Room 008, sponsored by LWV Wellesley. Don McCauley, Town Moderator, and KC Kato, Town Clerk, will lead the discussion. Light refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, December 5 - Nominating papers for local town offices available at the Town Clerk's office

Tuesday, December 11, 9:30 am -noon: Board Meeting at Anne Rippy Turtle's home. All members welcome to attend.

Tuesday, December 11 at 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. Look for your evite coming soon! Attendees are asked to bring either a main dish, salad or dessert that serves six.



Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 1 - 3 pm: Board Meeting at Erry Johnson's home. All members welcome to attend.



Friday, January 11, noon - 2 pm: Brown Bag Luncheon. Speaker and location TBD

Sunday, January 13, 1:30 - 4:30 at the Arnold Room (2nd floor) of the Wellesley Free Library. Ballot Question Process Consensus Meeting for LWVW membership.

Tuesday, February 12, 1 - 3 pm: Board Meeting at Tanya Roy's home. All members welcome to attend.

Thursday, February 28, 6:30 pm: Meet the Candidates Night at the Wakelin Room of the Wellesley Free Library



Election Day Excitement



Volunteer driver Kim Maire (right) with Wellesley College students voting at the Wellesley Free Library.

By Kim Maire

It's showtime! The big day! The climax! It's Tuesday, November 6, and for the League of Women Voters of Wellesley, this day prompts excitement, enthusiasm, and most of all, action, because it's voting day.

Voter turnout hit an impressive 77 percent this year, but no matter the turnout, keeping precinct polling places operating smoothly requires lots of organization and staffing. According to Town Clerk KC Kato, Election staff totaled 93, and included a Warden, Clerk (deputy warden), Inspectors (check-in/check-out/tabulator manager) and Early Voting (EV) Inspectors (early voting between October 22-Nov. 2), and EV processors at each polling place. League members filled many of these roles.

The day went relatively smoothly, in spite of the heavy turnout. "We're aware of two glitches – one machine jammed (a bad thing) and we ran out of [League-supplied] stickers (a good thing)!" said Kato by email. [[Read More](#)]

Reminder from Our Treasurer

LWWV 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, 02481. You may also pay [online](#) using PayPal.



LWV Sponsors Informal Conversations with Wellesley's Elected Town Officials



The League's third Meet-Up was held at the Hills Branch Library on November 8, 2018 and attended by roughly 30 residents. Representatives of most elected boards, including the Selectmen, School Committee, Library, DPW, Housing Authority, Board of Health, NRC, Rec, Planning, as well as the Town Clerk and Town Moderator, were on hand to answer residents' questions. Did you know that the Wellesley Free Library has one of the most impressive collections of military history books in the area? Marla Robinson, Chair of the Wellesley Free Library shared this tidbit about the Library. And did you know that the Wellesley Municipal Light Plant is expected to launch its internet service to some commercial customers early next year, according to Paul Criswell, Vice Chairman of the Board of Public Works? If you missed this well-received event, look out for the League's next Meet-Up, expected to be held next spring.



Joellen Toussaint, a 50-year member, past president, and long-time Board Member of the LWV of Wellesley, died on November 2, 2018. Known in the community as a strong woman and unique individual, Joellen served as a Town Meeting Member for more than 50 years. After working for 15 years at The Bookstall, a small, independent woman-owned book shop in Wellesley Hills, she worked for 27 years at the Wellesley Free Library. She also served as a lector at St.

John the Evangelist Church, and was an anchor of the Wellesley Cable News program since the channel's inception. Joellen was a staunch supporter of the Tolles-Parsons Senior Center and served on the Board of the Council on Aging. She has been described as a wonderful role model and a joy to have as a friend. Many appreciated her dry and cryptic commentary on life and politics. Joellen's absence will be deeply felt throughout the community.

Take the LWV Ballot Question Study Challenge!

By Susan Clapham and Irene Flint

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend our LWV Wellesley BQS consensus meeting, to be held Sunday, January 13, 1:30-4:30 pm in the Arnold Room of the Wellesley Free Library. A summary of the questions to be presented will be distributed at the LWV Holiday Lunch on December 11; the committee continues to meet on Tuesdays at the WFL (see the [calendar](#) at [LWVWellesley.org](#) for dates/times); all members are welcome to attend. Meanwhile, test your BQ knowledge!



1. **True or False:** Massachusetts is the only state east of the Mississippi to allow ballot question initiatives for law, constitutional amendments and referendums on existing law.
2. **How many registered voters must sign a petition to submit an application to the state attorney general in order to initiate a ballot question?**
 - (a) 10
 - (b) 50
 - (c) 250
 - (d) 1000
3. **In the November 2018 election, the two ballot initiatives for law (Questions 1 and 2) started off as a group of how many submitted petitions?**
 - (a) 8
 - (b) 15
 - (c) 27
 - (d) 35
4. **True or False:** In 2016, interest groups spent nearly \$60 million on campaigning for and against the ballot questions.

Answers

1. False. Ohio and Michigan also allow all three types of initiatives.
2. (a) 10 registered voters are necessary to begin the ballot question process.
3. (c) 27 petitions were submitted to the state attorney general.
4. True. Ballot question campaign spending totaled \$57.5 million, up from \$30 million in 2014; total spent in 2018 is anticipated to be even higher.

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