

The Dr. Florence Seldin
“Democracy Is Not a Spectator Sport” Speaker Series:



**YOUTH
POWER:
CLAIMING
Our FUTURE
With Our VOTE**

Webinar Presentation and Discussion
October 25, 2022 ----- 7 p.m.- 8 p.m.

Available on the day of the event as a Zoom webinar, with a recording to follow at lwvcapecod.org

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Keynote:

Ruby Belle Booth, Election Coordinator, CIRCLE (Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement at Tufts University) speaking about the importance and the power of the youth vote and data about how it is making a difference. Ruby will also preview the report “Growing Voters” to explain how schools and the community can work together to prepare young adults for voting. Ruby Belle Booth is also a fellow at the non-partisan Brennan Center for Justice at NYU Law School, where she focuses on civic learning and voter engagement.

Panelists: Our panelists speak about what motivates them to vote and why they think other young adults should vote. They will share their thoughts about making voting more accessible to young people.

- **Maryanna Crawley**, Junior at Barnstable High School
- **Ben Stoloff**, First year law student, resident of Needham, and grandson of Florence and Ira Seldin
- **Allison Carter**, Young professional and League member
- **Asher Hamilton**, Coordinator of Life Fitness Department, Cape Cod Community College
- **Rosemary Shields**, LWVCCA Co-Chair of Voter Service, speaking about resource information for voters

Intended Audience: Young adults, Students, Teachers, School Administrators, Election Officials, Local News Media, Parents, Civic Organizations

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Dr. Florence Seldin was a beloved member of the League of Women Voters for more than 55 years, with 28 of those years serving in the leadership of the League of Women Voters of the Cape Cod Area, and as LWVCCA President in the years 1997 – 2000 and as President of the Helen S. Aaron Education Trust for the LWVCCA. She also served on the LWVMA Board and on the LWVMA Legislative Action Committee. Florence’s life exemplified the statement that “Democracy is not a spectator sport.” In the community, Florence was on the Chatham Select Board, including serving as Chair, and also served on the Finance Committee. She served on multiple community organizations to improve government, housing, the social safety net and the environment. For many years she served as a masterful moderator for candidate forums.

This speaker series is made possible through a generous donation of the Seldin family and through donations from friends of Florence Seldin. The series is administered through the LWVCCA.

League of Women Voters Mission Statement

“The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, grassroots organization working to protect and expand voting rights and ensure everyone is represented in our democracy. We empower voters and defend democracy through advocacy, education, and litigation, at the local, state, and national levels.” (Mission statement from LWVUS)

As part of this overarching mission, The League of Women Voters of the Cape Cod Area will organize a democracy education program with coalition partners to support democracy-based education for all levels of voters. LWVCCA will initiate one component of that education through the presentation of the Dr. Florence Seldin lecture and community discussion series, “Democracy is Not a Spectator Sport”.

The purpose of this series is to:

- Engage the community in learning about democracy and ways to protect and strengthen it.
- Increase participation in our democracy by promoting understanding of how informed, civically engaged people can impact positive change that can benefit everyone.