



BULLETIN March, 2020

Election Day is Tuesday, March 3:

Local election for all Lexington offices

*Super Tuesday Republican & Democratic primaries
for President of the US*

Democracy is not a spectator sport. Be sure to vote.

If you need a ride to the polls, call 781 862-6498

Teen Voting Rights Challenge

Should 16-year-olds have the right to vote?



Tell us your opinion in a 30-second video and you could win!

Open to all Massachusetts high school students.



**Students: Enter our 2020 Student Video Contest!
Information available at LHS.**

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UPCOMING IN THE LEXINGTON LEAGUE

LWV Lexington First Friday Forum March 6, 2020:

Dr. Edward A. Bouquillon, Superintendent Minuteman Regional Technical High School

On March 6, 2020, at Cary Memorial Library at 9:30AM, the League of Women Voters Lexington will present Dr. Edward Bouquillon, Superintendent of Lexington Minuteman High School as speaker at our First Friday Forum.

Dr. Bouquillon has been the Superintendent-Director of Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical High School since 2007 and has led the decade-long process which culminated in the construction of the school's new, state-of-the-art building last year. The new school opened in September 2019, concurrent with a new regional agreement among the school district's member communities.

In the spirit of Minuteman's motto, "A revolution in learning," Dr. Bouquillon is adding to the school's career and technical education curriculum with new programs in Veterinary Assisting, Multimedia Engineering, and Advanced Manufacturing. Enrollment is growing, and Minuteman is expected to have a student wait list for the first time in its history this spring. Dr. Bouquillon, a resident of Lincoln, is familiar to Lexingtonians, having served as the Chair of the Lexington Chamber of Commerce in 2012.

This is the sixth in the 2019-2020 "First Friday" forum series hosted by the League of Women Voters to promote awareness and understanding of public policy issues. The forums take place in Cary Memorial Library's large meeting room at 1874 Massachusetts Avenue in Lexington. Coffee will be available at 9:15 AM, and the presentation begins at 9:30 AM. All League forums are free and open to the public.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization dedicated to the principles of self-government established in the Constitution of the United States. The League works to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

For more information, contact the League convener Margaret Coppe at mecoppe@gmail.com

SUFFRAGE 100

Lexington Events for this 100th Anniversary Year

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the national League of Women Voters on February 14 and the Massachusetts League of Women Voters on May 27. The 19th amendment, giving women the vote, was adopted on August 26, 1920.

The Lexington League is partnering with Lexington Girl Scouts to participate in the **April Patriots Day Parade**. We would welcome volunteers to help us put this together and also, to ride in the parade. Contact Wendy Manz wendy_manz@yahoo.com.

In July and August, the League's presentation regarding League History and Women's Suffrage will be featured on the **Cary Memorial Library "Idea Wall"** together with information on the voting process and voter registration.

Cary Memorial Library is a wonderful resource for information and presentations related to the history of women's suffrage and the League. **The Lexington League will co-sponsor two events in particular with Cary Library this year:**

> **Tina Cassidy:** "Mr. President, How Long Must We Wait? Alice Paul, Woodrow Wilson and the Fight for the Right to Vote" Ms. Cassidy, a former reporter for the Boston Globe, is the author of a number of books on history and politics. Her talk is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 28**.

> **Sheryl Faye:** "Susan B. Anthony - Failure is Impossible" In this one-woman performance, Ms. Faye presents one of the most prominent figures in the women's suffrage movement and the passage of the 19th Amendment, as well as in campaigns in support of women's labor organizations and the right of women to own property. This performance is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 5**.

Other Cary Library speakers on related topics during 2020 include:

> **Eitan Hersh**: "Political Hobbyism v. Political Power." Getting into the political trenches, rather than indulging in shallow political dabbling. **Tuesday, July 14.**

> **Charles Stewart**: "Will the 2020 Election Be Hacked?" Technological threats and what is being done to address them in campaigns and election administration. **Tuesday, August 4.**

> **Ariel White**: "Incarceration, Race and Elections" How criminal justice impacts election outcomes. **Brown bag lunch on Thursday, August 13.**

Also of interest to local League Members:

FUTURES PANEL

Challenges & Opportunities for Lexington

CARY HALL, APRIL 2, 2020
7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

Jay Kaufman — Moderator

Nariman Behravesh, PhD
Economic Trends Affecting Lexington's Future

Julie Hackett, EdD
Emerging Education and Technology Trends

Daniel O'Brien, PhD
Smart Cities — and Towns — of Tomorrow

Organized by: Lexington 20/20 Vision Committee

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April First Friday Forum

At the next First Friday Forum on April 3, Lexington's Town Clerk Nadie Rice will fill us in on the details of the 2020 federal decennial census. An accurate count is crucial in the apportionment of voting districts and the allocation of federal resources to states and communities. Come to hear how you can help.

Note that previous LWV Lexington First Friday Forums can be accessed on demand at Lex Media.

Timeline for Key U.S. Census Activities

February-March 12: Inform public about census/Encourage participation/Form or join complete count committees.

March 12: Self response period starts—online, by phone, or by mail-in form. All households will receive a letter inviting all households to respond online.

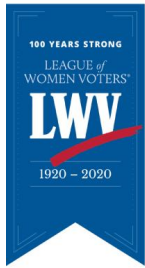
April 1: Census Day—promote participation in the Census in your community.

April: Group quarters will be counted (i.e., College student living quarters, group housing, assisted living centers, prisons, homeless shelters)

May 13 - late August: Non-response follow-up (house to house) will continue.

For those interested in working on educating our community on the importance of the 10-year Census and encouraging universal participation, information and resources can be found on the LWVMA website at: lwvma.org/?s=census. Note that a link to the LWVMA webinar on the census effort is available at that site.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MASSACHUSETTS



100th Anniversary LWVMA, LWVUS 19th Amendment



PROGRAMS CELEBRATING LOCAL WOMEN

Presented monthly by Freedom's Way National Heritage Association.

March 28 – Eleanor Norcross – Fitchburg, MA (*Partner: Fitchburg Greenway Committee*)

An artist, collector and philanthropist, [Eleanor Norcross](#) supported the establishment of the Fitchburg Art Center, which later became the Fitchburg Art Museum. The year after her death, Norcross's works were shown posthumously in Paris at the Louvre and Salon d'Automne, where Norcross was the first American to have a retrospective.

* **FUTURE PROGRAMS ARE LISTED BELOW:** For information on times and locations and to register to attend, go to [Freedomsway.org/Programs/Connecting-Communities-Walks-Talks](https://freedomsway.org/Programs/Connecting-Communities-Walks-Talks).

April 25 – Prudence Cummings Wright – Pepperell, MA (*Partners: Daughters of the American Revolution – Prudence Wright Chapter, Pepperell Historical Society*)

May 16 – Mary Rowlandson & Weetamoo – Lancaster, MA (*Partner: Lancaster Trails Committee*)

June 23 – Marion Stoddart – Groton, MA (*Partner: Nashua River Watershed Association*)

July 18 – Elizabeth Orton Jones – Mason, NH (*Partners: Mason Historical Society, Mason Public Library*)

August 22 – Hazel MacKaye – Shirley, MA (*Partners: Shirley Historical Society, Shirley Meeting House*)

September 26 – Louisa May Alcott, Harriett Lothrop, Margaret Lothrop - Concord, MA (*Partners: Minute Man National Historical Park (National Park Service), Friends of Sleepy Hollow Cemetery*)

[Reminder: Nominations to the LWVMA Board](#)

If you have a person in mind who would be a candidate for the LWVMA Board, please contact the members of the LWVMA Nominating Committee at [nominating @lwwma.org](mailto:nominating@lwwma.org)

Join Us at the LWVMA Birthday Gala

Please join us at the Sheraton Four Points hotel in Norwood, MA on Sunday, May 31, 2020 to celebrate LWVMA's 100th birthday. The event will be taking place from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Tiffany Ballroom, so mark your calendars now! We are pleased to welcome Danielle Allen as our featured speaker. Dr. Allen is the James Bryant Conant University Professor at Harvard University, and Director of Harvard's Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics. She is widely known for her work on justice and citizenship in both ancient Athens and modern America. Further details about the event, including individual and "League table" ticket purchases will be coming soon.

New England Regional League Conference

All League members in Massachusetts are welcome to attend the [14th Annual Leadership Conference at York Community College in Wells, ME, Saturday and Sunday, April 4-5](#). themed "Engaging the Future."

Saturday's session begins with LWVUS CEO Virginia Kase. She will be followed by Yanna Krupnikov, of Stony Brook University, who will share her research integrating psychology and political science to better understand how people form political opinions, make political choices and, ultimately, take political action. An engagement workshop will discuss how Leagues can motivate disengaged and disenfranchised voters.

Full agenda and registration information can be found at www.lwvma.org

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE UNITED STATES

LWVUS National Convention

The League of Women Voters' 54th national convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill & Liaison in Washington June 25-28, 2020.

Lexington League members are invited to save these June dates and plan to join fellow League leaders from across the country for our biennial national gathering. LWVUS will open registration and the portals to book hotel rooms early in 2020.

[LWVUS on Presidential Candidate Actions: \[VOTE411.org\]\(http://VOTE411.org\)](#)

LWVUS publishes an amazing [Voters' Guide](#) on all national presidential candidates. The LWV Education Fund (LWVEF) manages all outreach to the Presidential candidates and publishes questions and candidate responses for all states on [VOTE411.org](#). This site also contains a wealth of information on each state's voting laws and procedures to guide a voter step by step.

[Information will be posted on primary and caucus states on a rolling basis.](#) For the first time, LWVEF has asked the candidates to answer our questions in both English and Spanish. Both languages are published on [VOTE411.org](#), and voters will be able to view the information in the language of their choice.

Only candidates who meet the criteria for inclusion will be asked League questions. All other candidates will be listed on each state's guide; however, they will not be contacted by LWVEF. At this time, LWVEF is only reaching out to Democratic candidates, since there is only one Republican candidate who meets our criteria for inclusion. If any other Republican candidates meet the criteria, we will immediately begin outreach to these candidates and provide that information on [VOTE411.org](#) and elsewhere.

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We welcome Bulletin articles from members. If you'd like to submit an article for the April 2020 LWV LEXINGTON Bulletin, please send it to Wendy Manz at wendy_manz@yahoo.com prior to March 25..