



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF LEXINGTON

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LWVL NEWS AND INFORMATION

League of Women Voters of Lexington – Annual Meeting – June 2012

CALL TO ANNUAL MEETING

68th Annual Meeting
Thursday, June 7, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.
Brookhaven
1010 Waltham Street
Lexington, MA

AGENDA

7:30 p.m. Meeting and Greeting Time
Dessert and Coffee

7:45 p.m. Speaker: Susan Rockwell
Chair: 300th Anniversary Celebration
Lexington 300th Anniversary

8:15 p.m. Business Meeting

Announcements	- Nancy Corcoran-Ronchetti
Treasurer's Report	- Lisa Smith
Adoption of 2012-2013 Budget	- Setha Olson
Changes in the By Laws	- Wendy Manz
Election of Officers and Directors	- Lisah Rhodes
Direction to the Board	

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Watch the League's Forums on Demand

If there is a League of Women Voters of Lexington's First Friday Forum that you've missed or would like to see again, log onto <http://www.lexmedia.org/ondemand.html> and scroll down to "League of Women Voters" under Categories.

Pat Costello – Member of the 2012 Unsung Heroine Class

Congratulations to Pat Costello who was honored this month as a member of the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women's 2012 class of Unsung Heroines.

Unsung Heroines are women who don't make the news, but make the difference. They use their time, talent and enthusiasm to enrich the lives of others and make a difference in their community. As mentors, volunteers and innovators, they do what needs to be done without expectations of recognition or gratitude and every community is better because of their contribution.

LWVMA Multi League Candidates Night August 15

With the 2012 election season in full swing, local Leagues are banding together to organize LWVMA-sponsored candidates' event to present the candidates to the voters.

The League of Women Voters of Lexington is joining with other Leagues in an event being coordinated by the League in Concord-Carlisle. The auditorium at the Harvey Wheeler Community Center at 1276 Main Street in West Concord has been reserved August 15 from 5 to 10 p.m. Candidates have been advised that the forum will begin at 7:30 p.m. and end at 9:30 p.m. The final half hour from 9:00 to 9:30 will be used for candidates to talk one-on-one with audience members over refreshments. Candidates for the 3rd Middlesex State Senate seat have been invited.

LWVMA Acts on Election Threats

The state League is joining forces with the Massachusetts ACLU, MassVOTE, Common Cause and the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, a division of the Boston Bar Association, to combat any efforts at voter suppression during the election season.

A session for non-profit organizations will be held Tuesday, June 5, a brown bag lunch meeting from noon to 2 p.m. at the ACLU's office, 211 Congress St., Boston. An LWVMA representative will be there, but local Leagues are also welcome to attend. There will also be a meeting June 13 for attorneys interested in volunteering in this effort. If you would like to attend either of these meetings, contact the LWVMA at 617-523-2999 or lwwma@lwwma.org.

A second event for non-profits in the central and western parts of the state will be held in Worcester at a date still to be scheduled. More information on all of these events is available from Nancy Brumback at nbrumback@lwwma.org

We will keep you posted on how you individually and as local Leagues can participate in this effort, which will include training sessions for both poll observers and actual poll workers for cities which have a difficult time recruiting workers.

In the meantime, if you hear of any efforts to impose photo ID restrictions or other voter suppression efforts, please let Nancy know. We need eyes and ears across the state.

If you think voter suppression is only a problem elsewhere, know that in April poll observers in Southbridge challenged Latino voters without cause, that bills were introduced in the state legislature to require ID to vote and a birth certificate to register, and that show ID to vote resolutions were proposed in several town meetings and placed on local ballots this spring.

LWVUS Convention 2012

Next Friday, League of Women Voters' leaders from across the country will gather in Washington, DC, for our 50th National Convention! The issues that concern us in this 2012 presidential election year are foremost in our minds. Witness our Convention theme – *Power the Vote: Imagine, Commit, Act!* Among them will be Lexington's Lisah Rhodes and Lisa Smith.

We welcome Bulletin articles from members. If you'd like to submit an article for the September 2012 Bulletin, please send it to *Nancy Corcoran-Ronchetti* at Nancor1106@gmail.com by August 25th.

Dates to Save:

June 7 LWVL's Annual Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Brookhaven
August 15 Multi-League Candidates Night - Concord



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