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President's Letter

By Stefani Traina

Welcome to May. We hope you'll join us for Annual Meeting/Dinner on May 19 at Marland Place. It's a great way to catch up with League friends and to hear about our accomplishments for the year. Senator Sue Tucker has graciously agreed to be our guest speaker. A brief business meeting will follow. Guests are welcome.

The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts will hold its Council event May 22nd at Lasell College in Newton. It will include a keynote speaker, workshops, a celebration of state and local League accomplishments, honoring of past LWVMA presidents and a celebration of the League's 90th birthday. All are welcome to join us as we celebrate this major milestone in the state League's history.

North Andover's Town meeting begins on May 11. Sandy Gleed has written two excellent articles about the upcoming Town Meeting. Be sure to check them out. Sandy and Heather McNeil worked on a cable program with their Town Moderator to help educate voters before Town Meeting. It's airing on local cable channels.

April was a very busy month for the League, with several successful events presented by League members. Many thanks to Bonnie Zahorik for her excellent job organizing the Andover Budget Forum. Thanks also go to the Service Club and the town officials who participated that evening.

Special thanks go to the team that put together the Andover Town Meeting Preview: Becci Backman, Amy Janovsky, Maureen Sundberg, Diana Walsh and Bonnie Zahorik. They spent hours researching warrant articles and distilling the information into a clear and informative program. Thank you to the League members who attended the consensus unit and helped decide which articles the League would support at Town Meeting. A letter to the editor appeared in **The Townsman** stating the League's positions on selected articles. (As I'm writing this letter, the budget going into Town Meeting has been balanced and the articles pertaining to the Town Yard may be withdrawn).

Members of our League attended our annual Day on the Hill on April 28. Many thanks to Diana Walsh for organizing the day. Many thanks to our legislators who took time out of their busy schedules to meet with us: Rep. Barbara L'Italien, Rep. Barry Finegold, Sen.

Sue Tucker, Sen. Bruce Tarr, and a number of staffers, including Jan Burkholder. The state League is organizing a re-study of transportation in order to update our position from the 1970's. If this interests you, please contact me at steftraina@verizon.net and I'll put you in touch with the state League study chairs. It's a great opportunity to get involved in a subject that affects all of us every day.

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LWV Annual Meeting and Dinner

Wednesday, May 19, 2010, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Atria Marland Place,
15 Stevens Street, Andover

Please join us at our May Annual Meeting and Dinner!

We have planned a spring dinner of a variety of fresh salads -- including seafood, chicken and vegetarian -- complete with appetizers, beverages and desserts.

Attendees have a choice of paying \$10 for the complete dinner or of making a contribution to our dinner in the following categories: appetizers, beverages and desserts. If you would like to bring something to share, please let Joan Duff know at 978.685.3212 or jandjduff@verizon.net.

Please RSVP to Joan of your plans to attend by Wednesday, May 12.

We will announce the Virginia H. Cole Scholarship winner.

Senator Sue Tucker has graciously agreed to be our featured speaker.

We will end with a brief business meeting.

Hope to see you on the 19th!

Day on the Hill: Getting Around in Massachusetts: Transportation Policy, Operations and Legislation

By Stefani Traina

April 28, 2010

Moderator

Anne Paulsen, former State Representative 24th Middlesex District

Panelists

Rep. Carl Sciortino, Jr., V.Chair Joint Committee on Transportation

Stephanie Pollack, Associate Director, Dukakis Center for Urban and Regional Design at Northeastern University
Rachel Kaprielian, Registrar, MA Registry of Motor Vehicles

Day on the Hill began with an impressive panel discussion that covered a variety of issues related to transportation in the Commonwealth. Rachel Kaprielian gave an overview of the newly formed Department of Transportation (DOT) and what it's accomplished during the first six months of its existence. She emphasized how many Registry of Motor Vehicles transactions can now be done online and encouraged everyone to use the new services to save time and money. More services are being added all the time.

Stephanie Pollack discussed how transportation affects each and every one of us every day and emphasized that there are initiatives that can be pursued at all levels of government. She indicated that the vision of transportation set forth by Governor Sargent in 1970 has dictated much of what has been accomplished in Massachusetts. However, there has been no comprehensive vision or plan put forth for the next several years as a guiding document. She mentioned innovative local initiatives like zoning changes to allow services to be located near housing with flexible public transportation options which would allow those who don't drive to travel easily. Smaller buses make sense in many locations. Some communities have stopped purchasing large buses, preferring instead to deploy smaller buses on more efficiently arranged routes.

Another issue she raised was the regional bodies that deploy federal money for transportation projects. Every state is mandated to have Metropolitan Planning Organizations MPO's, but their configuration is a state option. Massachusetts has eleven of these authorities that make their decisions with little or no transparency. This information appears on the MassDOT website: Federal transportation regulations require the establishment of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in urbanized areas of 50,000 or more population to qualify for federal highway and transit funding. Massachusetts has ten MPOs each of which encompasses

regional planning agency boundaries. Additionally, three non-metropolitan regions (Franklin, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket) operate in similar fashion to the MPOs. MPOs are comprised of state and regional representation such as the Massachusetts Highway Department and the Regional Transit Authority. In recent years, most MPOs have been expanded to include representation of mayors and selectmen. The MPO is responsible for conducting transportation planning within its region and annually developing a Transportation Improvement Program which is a three to five year program of federally funded transportation projects. This document is required to be financially constrained i.e. programmed to the amount of federal funds anticipated in each year, and receive annual fiscal year approval by the Federal Highway and Federal Transit Administrations in order for Massachusetts to receive federal transportation funding.

The Andovers Village at Home

By Nancy Mulvey, Vice-President

You may have been hearing about The Andovers Village at Home (TAVAH) in recent months. We are a membership organization providing information and referrals, services and programs for Andover and North Andover residents age 50+ who wish to remain in their own homes and communities as they age.

Our non-profit status has now been established with the IRS, the Andover Board of Selectmen approved a lease to enable us to rent office space in Old Town Hall, and we are actively recruiting preferred providers, volunteers and members.

But how will TAVAH operate? Why is a "Village" so important? Why is TAVAH the most convenient, affordable deal around? Why should I join today?

For the answers to these and any other questions, TAVAH will launch our spring kick-off with a community gathering for residents of both Andover and North Andover on Sunday, May 23, at 2 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library in Andover.

In addition to TAVAH's sponsors, you will be able to meet some of the preferred providers and volunteers who are committed to making TAVAH a success.

Through them, we will offer personal service including arrangements for transportation, shopping and errand assistance, access to social, cultural and wellness activities and quality referrals for discounted household and home maintenance services. TAVAH is also establishing partnerships in health care and education to assure quality medical and home health care services and opportunities for enrichment. Whether you're interested in membership for yourself or a family member, or looking for creative and worthwhile volunteer opportunities, TAVAH will change your life.

Please come on May 23 and invite friends, family and neighbors who might also be interested. TAVAH is taking off--join us for the ride!

North Andover Town Meeting

By Sandy Glead, VP North Andover

When my husband and I bought our home in North Andover in the spring of 1991, I immediately subscribed to the local newspapers, I tried to learn more about our newly adopted community, and I started attending the annual Town Meeting. I quickly learned that Town Meeting was the culmination of at least one year's worth of hard work by several elected and volunteer boards. I continued to attend these meetings year after year because I valued the work these people had done, I valued the sense of community I felt in the audience, and to be honest, I valued the entertainment aspect of watching small-town democracy in action. I have attended relatively short meetings, long meetings that spread as long as four days, meetings that were highly controversial and meetings that were quiet and barely attended. I have enjoyed each and every one.

A year or so back I borrowed a book from the library on the history of town meetings: New England Town Meeting, Safeguard of Democracy, by John Gould. It was a slim volume written way back in 1940 and had several pictures of what was typical back in that era. Town Meetings back then were all-day community social events; women would bring their potluck specialties, men would gather in groups to debate the issues, and the children would come, mainly to eat but also to watch their parents. Voting at Town Meeting was a rite of passage – children were anxious to get their turn to grow up and vote just like their parents. I kept chuckling while I read the book, thinking about how Town Meetings have changed, not just socially but in the complexity of the business and the financial magnitude of the articles included in the modern-day warrant.

This year, North Andover convenes its Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, May 11, 7:00 pm at the North Andover High School.

As a member of the League of Women Voters, I know how important it is to encourage maximum citizen attendance at Town Meeting. We have approximately 18,000 registered voters in North Andover, yet typically only 5 to 7% of voters attend on the first night and attendance deteriorates alarmingly on each succeeding night. That means that a large majority of voters in town are content to leave all major town policy, governance and financial decisions up to a very small minority. That's a very risky proposition at best, because there is no assurance whatsoever that the few who DO attend are informed about the warrant articles and altruistic enough to put what is best for the town as a whole before the needs and/or political agendas of the individual attendees.

The League of Women Voters needs to urge voters to attend and participate in the process. Toward that end, we've taped an excellent show featuring Town Moderator Charlie Salisbury, interviewed by League member Heather McNeil, which is running frequently on the government cable station. They briefly explore some of the more interesting articles on this year's warrant. We're also running frequent public service reminders on the cable stations. Check out the summary article on some of the important warrant articles we've included in this issue of the *Bulletin*.

Be sure to read your warrant booklet when it arrives in the mail. There are approximately 41 articles we will vote on this year. Of particular interest to me is why the Board of Selectmen chose to put the General Fund Appropriation Article, Article #20, so far down the list

that it virtually guarantees that this article either won't be moved until the very end of the first evening of Town Meeting or will perhaps even push the article into the second night. Moderator Salisbury, when interviewed by Heather, called this budget article the "most significant piece of business every year". I am convinced, after listening to many, many people through the years discuss why they do or do not attend, or why they attend only the first evening of town meeting, that North Andover's voters primarily attend Town Meeting to vote on the annual budget. I will be watching very closely to see what the public reaction is to the BOS reordering the townspeople's town meeting priorities...

See you at Town Meeting on May 11th!

Overview of selected North Andover Warrant Articles

By Sandy Glead

By the time you read this article, your North Andover Annual Town Meeting Warrant booklet should have already arrived in the mail. There are approximately 41 articles we will vote on this year. The list includes the typical mix of budget, capital improvement, zoning and miscellaneous and/or citizen petition articles. The following is a brief summary of just a few of the more interesting articles we'll consider.

Article #20, the General Fund Appropriation for FY2011 is noteworthy for its position in the roster. At the time of this writing, it seems likely we will vote on a consensus budget crafted by the Town Manager, Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee. While the economic picture is not rosy, and the proposed FY11 budget does include some reductions in services on the municipal side and some layoffs of School Department employees, North Andover is doing considerably well compared to similar communities because we continue to be fiscally conservative and use our resources carefully with an eye toward impacts in future years.

Article #24 seeks to require the televising of Finance Committee meetings. Discussion on the floor of Town Meeting will likely center on the potential impact on the Fincom's fact-finding activities, on the Town Moderator's ability to recruit new members to serve on the Fincom, and on the ability of the North Andover Cable & Access Media studio to staff and equip any additional broadcast requirements.

Article #26 seeks to change town meeting to Saturday's, something that has been done in the past with underwhelming success. Moderator Charlie Salisbury indicated during the League televised interview that this article may have only an informational effect, since changing the day of the week that town meeting convenes would require a town charter change, not just a vote on the floor of this year's Town Meeting.

Article #27 seeks to require that Planning Board members be elected, rather than appointed, officials. Debate on the floor of Town Meeting will likely focus on the current system and length of term that members serve versus the difficulty and expense of requiring that members campaign for office.

Article #29 is the Community Preservation Committee report and recommendations for spending CPA funds in FY11. Of note here is an opportunity for the town to purchase an easement over the Rolling Ridge property that would allow another public access route to the lake.

And Article #34 is a zoning change to the Stevens Estate property. If approved, the permitted use for all structures on the estate may be changed to include professional offices, whereas it is currently zoned as a residential property.

Race to the Top Results

by Heather McNeil

Massachusetts recently applied for federal Race to the Top funds, a competitive grant program put forth by the Obama administration, to spur and financially support innovation and best practices that will help improve all schools as well as close the achievement gap. Massachusetts was not chosen as a winning state in this first round which has surprised many; we were 34+ points behind the winning states of Delaware and Tennessee. Points were lost due to several factors.

65% of districts signed onto the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) showing local support for our state's application. According to the MA DOE website, "To participate, districts were required to submit an MOU signed by the superintendent, school committee chair, and union leader. If the state is awarded the grant...

participating districts will have 90 days to submit work plans detailing how they will use their funding to implement four required activities: (1) Improve teacher and principal effectiveness; (2) Ensure effective teachers and leaders in every classroom; (3) Turn around the lowest achieving schools (only for districts with Level 4 or 5 schools under the state's new accountability system); and (4) Use data to improve instruction. Participating districts may also choose to implement two additional activities: Roll out a statewide P-12 teaching and learning system and increase college and career readiness." Half of the money that would be awarded to Massachusetts would be spent on statewide initiatives while the other half would be awarded through a grant process only to districts who have signed an MOU and submitted work plans. Those districts would receive about 15% of their FY10 federal Title 1 monies in addition to the Title 1 funds they already receive. North Andover signed the MOU and Andover did not. A complete list of the communities who signed the MOU can be found at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/news/news.aspx?id=5260>. Massachusetts needs more districts to endorse the application in order to improve in this category.

- There is a need for improved teacher/administrator evaluations. As stated by MA Secretary of Education Paul Reville in a memo from March 31st, "We also plan to fully review our strategies for evaluating the effectiveness of our school leaders and teachers, with careful attention paid to the role of student achievement in those evaluations, the impact of evaluations on key decisions and the approach we take to determine the equitable distribution of teachers - especially to highly challenged schools."
- We also lost 15 points by not signing onto a national common core of standards. These standards are in draft phase, and educational leaders in our state felt that they did not want to adopt standards that were not complete. Secretary Reville has stated that "we have insisted that we will not sign on to any standards that are not at least as rigorous as our own, and the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education will

continue to be deliberate and be thoughtful in its consideration process. Since the final version of the standards will probably not be available until late this Spring, or perhaps sometime this summer, we are unwilling to commit to an overly hasty adoption process."

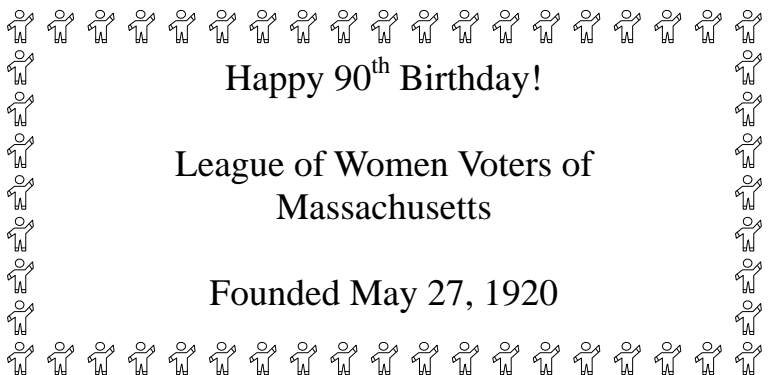
There is much debate about whether Race to the Top is worth it. Supporters have stated that this is an opportunity to receive funds to help Massachusetts close a very large achievement gap and continue to improve and strengthen our educators. Others feel that there are too many strings attached to the money and many districts in Massachusetts may see little of the money even if they signed the MOU. Some districts signed just to be supportive of the larger urban districts that may benefit more from the funding and innovations. So, the debate continues as Massachusetts strengthens its application to reapply in June.

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This will be Cynde Egan's final *Bulletin*. Cynde has been an outstanding *Bulletin* editor, managing to find time to help the League while balancing a full time job and travelling. Thank you, Cynde, it's been a pleasure working with you.

As you'll see further in the *Bulletin*, there is an Annual Meeting section contained within. Please print it out and bring it to Annual Meeting. The nominating committee is still looking for people to fill board positions. Don't hesitate to contact Amy Janovsky or Joan Duff if you are interested in learning more about League opportunities. Many hands make light work. Training will be provided.

Finally, as I write my last letter, it's hard to believe that it's been four years since I became League president. It's been a wonderful four years. I'm very grateful to all of you who have worked so hard for the League. It has been a pleasure to serve with so many talented and capable and intelligent people who have been so willing to mentor me. I couldn't have done it without all of your support and help. It's been gratifying and fun and immensely educational. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to lead this great organization. It's been an honor.



For Our Schools: Get Involved in the Budget Process

by Heather McNeil

We are in the midst of the budget process in our towns and in Massachusetts. Andover's Town Meeting was held on April 28th and North Andover's Town Meeting will be held beginning on May 11th. Meanwhile at the state level, the House Ways and Means just released their version of the state's budget and deliberations produced over 800 amendments. Next, it will head to the Senate in the coming month. Early analysis shows that local aid and Chapter 70 education funding will be cut and there may be modest increases in the special education circuit breaker which is still not being funded at previous levels. There is a lot of talk about a compromise on allowing municipalities to have more flexibility and power in health plan design which is controversial in that union employees may lose some or all of their power to negotiate for plan design. However, health benefits reform also has the potential to save towns and cities a lot of money to put towards maintaining services and programs. For more information on all iterations of the state budget and for specific information about how the versions of the budget specifically affect education funding, visit the Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center's website at <http://www.massbudget.org>. For information on how these changes affect your local schools attend local meetings or contact your local officials.

Decisions are being made right now that will affect our schools at both levels, and you can have a say in the process by attending and voting at Town Meetings and by contacting your legislators to give them your input on local aid and Chapter 70 education funding, special education circuit breaker funding, and health benefits reform.

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COUNCIL 2010: 90 YEARS OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Saturday May 22, 2010 |

Lasell College,

1844 Commonwealth Ave., Newton, MA



Council 2010 Schedule

10:30am Registration

11:00am Keynote Speaker and Plenary

12:30pm Luncheon and Margaret Fuller Performer

2:30pm Workshops – details below

3:30pm Local League Recognitions and State League Honors

5:00pm Reception and LWVMA 90th Birthday Celebration

Workshops

Running for Office in Massachusetts

State Representative Sonia Chang-Diaz and Suffolk County Sheriff Andrea Cabral discuss the ins and outs of the campaign trail at the local and state level.

Debates

Candidates, Media and Voters: Is There Common Ground?

During campaigns the candidates, the media and the voters have different perspectives and needs. The challenge for forums and debates is to address the various interests in a balanced way which serves all three. A panel representing each of these perspectives will discuss where there is common ground and how the LWV can use it to encourage forums that better educate citizens. Featuring Michael Weiler, Emerson College; Sarah Coletti, LWV - Acton Area, and a media representative.

Bill McKibben is coming to Andover!
How Serious Is Climate Change?
And what can we do?
 Old Town Hall; 20 Main St.
 Thursday, May 6; 3:30pm.

Bill McKibben is a familiar voice from appearances on Public Radio and the Colbert Report. He founded 350.org, is a noted environmental author, and serves as Scholar in Residence at Middlebury College. Twenty years ago, with his first book *The End of Nature*, he offered one of the earliest warnings about global warming. Things have only grown more complex in the ensuing years. Hear Bill bring us up to date.

Annual Meeting Agenda / Nominating Slate

Annual Meeting Agenda

6:00 - 7:00 Social
 7:00 - 8:00 Dinner
 7:45 Announcement Cole Scholarship winner
 Guest Speaker – Senator Sue Tucker

8:30 – 9:00 Business Meeting

Appointment of Reading Committee

Secretary

Parliamentarian

President's Report

Treasurer's Report, Budget for 2010-2011

Membership Report

Re-adopt Local Positions

Adoption of proposed Local Program for 2010-2011:

Priority Action Items

Environmental Action – The Environmental Action Committee will continue to educate its members about relevant topics and will share information through *Bulletin* articles and will advocate on issues, as well.

Voter Service – Continue to encourage citizen participation in local government by sponsoring educational events such as the Mid-Year Review, Andover Budget Forum, Candidates' Forums, precincting at the polls, and voter registration.

Items to Monitor

Town Meeting – Hold the annual Andover Town Meeting Preview to educate voters on the issues. Monitor Town Meeting to ensure a productive meeting that encourages citizen participation.

Community Paths – Denise Boucher

Energy Policy – Norm Viehmann

Report of the Nominating Committee

Other Business

Recognition of those stepping down from the board

Directions to the Board

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Proposed 2011 Budget

INCOME	334	287	251	FY09	FY10 Plan	FY10 YTD	FY11 Plan
prepaid for next FY	2,935	3,630	2,550	3,280		595	
paid in current FY	5,230	3,970	3,460	4,965		3,795	
prepaid in previous FY	1,205	2,935	3,665	2,550		3,205	
Dues collected for FY	8,165	6,905	7,125	7,515	7,100	7,000	6,500
Member Contributions	105	740	340	130		285	100
Non-member Contributions	0	0	75				
Ed Fund Contributions	265	50	50	70		120	100
General Fundraising	0		0	2,559	2,000	1,016	0
Sponsorships	1,515	1,400	1,400	1,425	400	825	750
Phonathon	532	450	359	359		674	150
Interest	218	295	298	120	100		
KYTF	715	200	1,012		200	620	620
Holiday Dinner						360	400
Other	270	874	688	182	200	1,500	
FY09 Earned Income	11,784	11,609	10,182	13,020	10,000	12,280	8,520
Council/Convention Savings	0	0	550				
Retained Earnings*	0	0	1,000	-1,218	0	610	2,000
TOTAL INCOME	11,784	11,609	11,731	11,802	10,000	12,770	10,420
EXPENSES	334	287	251	FY09	FY10 Plan	FY10 YTD	FY11 Plan
Operating Expenses							
General Supplies	51	42	126	20	100		100
PO Box, Permit	568	522	745	252	100	72	72
Postage				300	150		100
Bulletin Printing	1,710	1,893	1,763	1,656	325	69	100
Website	160	260	160	160	160	200	200
Constant Contact							200
Fundraising	0	0		1,540	1,200	972	
LWV Publications	0	0	26				
Membership/Sponsorships	19	273	368	85	100	30	100
Hospitality/Meetings	512	243	485	203	500	523	500
Holiday Dinner							400
Convention/Council	1,038	285		500	500		500
Workshops	0	0				220	
Member Scholarships	55	0		52	100		100
Member Handbook	387	422	425	519	175		500
Other	157	187	383	30			500
Subtotal	4,656	4,127	4,480	5,297	3,260	2,086	3,372
Fixed Expenses							
Annual Filing Fee	15	15	15	15	15		15
State PMP	2,691	2,612	2,818	2,772	2,880	2,001	2,388
US PMP	2,910	3,024	3,233	3,360	3,725	2,787	3,287
Subtotal	5,616	5,651	6,066	6,147	6,620	4,788	5,690
Program Expenses							
Read-Along	0	0	75	68	20		25
Sustainability	271	360	128				
Voter Services					50		525
Education Fund						120	100
KYTF		10	790		50	620	620
Special Forum	1,128	300	796				
Subtotal	1,399	670	1,849	68	120	740	1,270
TOTAL EXPENSES	11,671	10,449	12,395	11,512	10,000	7,614	10,332
NET INCOME	113	1,160	-664	290		5,156	88

The League of Women Voters of Andover/N. Andover 2010-2011 Membership Renewal Form

The League of Women Voters is a vigorous advocate for voters, voters' rights and education about public issues. League dues support the valuable work of the League at the local, state and national level. We appreciate your commitment to the League and hope you will continue your support.

Dues will be accepted at Annual Meeting on May 19!

- _____ \$55 Basic Member
- _____ \$60 Contributing Member
- _____ \$75 Sustaining Member
- _____ \$100+ Patron
- _____ \$35 Senior Citizen (65 yrs. old and over)
- _____ \$35 Student (under 24 yrs. old)
- _____ \$75 Household Dues (2+ persons in same household)

In addition to my membership, I'd like to make a contribution of \$_____.

Enclosed is a separate check containing my tax-deductible contribution of \$_____ payable to the LWV Education Fund, which supports our local voter education activities.

Please make checks payable to:
LWV OF ANDOVER/NORTH ANDOVER
 Mail to:
Membership
LWV of Andover/North Andover
P.O. Box 514
Andover Mass. 01810

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____
 email _____

For more information about the LWV, go to
www.lwv-andovers.org



What Does Your LWV Dues Pay For?

By Gail Mann, Treasurer

We're coming to the end of our fiscal year and will be asking you to renew your LWV membership. Before you write that check or make your online payment (a new service this year), you may be wondering how your dues are used each year.

In the chart below, you'll find a breakdown of the PMP (per member payment) our local league pays to the national and state leagues, which in essence is what our dues primarily pay for. It's important to note as you consider these fees that it's because of our national and state organizations that we exist and have the support of our sister leagues throughout the country. PMP gives us our outstanding "League of Women Voters" brand and ensures that the issues we care about continue to be at the forefront of change.

On average, our basic membership of \$55.00 covers our LWVUS and LWVMA annual per member fees. Individual members who give at the contributing, sustaining and patron levels help us defray our

PMP	LWVUS	LWVMA	Total
Individual	\$29.20	\$23.00	\$52.20
Family	\$29.20 + \$14.60*	\$23.00 + \$5.75*	\$72.55**
Student	\$14.60	\$2.30	\$16.90

costs for everything from printing and postage to refreshments at events.

** Two-member household

* Individual PMP plus PMP for 2nd household member

If you're wondering how you might increase your support of our local league, you can make a donation to our league in addition to your dues. Please note that this donation is not tax deductible, nor are membership dues.

If you would like to make a tax deductible contribution and benefit our local league, the League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVEF) is the perfect fund for your donation. While the funds are held at LWVUS, they're put in a 503 (c) account for tax-deductible contributions. These funds are assigned to our Andover/North Andover League account, which we are able to draw upon for all voter educational programs. In essence, you have the best of both worlds in making a contribution to the LWVEF: funding of the educational programs you care about and a tax deduction.



Zero Waste Day



Donate Your Used Things-Help Those in Need!

All Items Should be Clean, Working and In Good Condition.

May 8th, 9am - 12 noon, Andover

Far end of Brickstone Square parking lot, Andover (York Street, off of Rt. 133)

Baby Gear, Baby Linens and Childrens' Toys

- Baby Linens, Comforters and Blankets
- Cribs, Pak-n-Plays, High Chairs, Baby Gates, Car Seats
- Jog Strollers, Prams, and Strollers
- Small Baby and Childrens' Toys and Exersaucers

Small Household Items, Furniture, Pet Supplies

- Dishes, Cookware, sm. & med. Appliances-must work
 - Kit. Table Sets, sm. Tables, Lamps, small & large Furniture
 - Mattresses (stain-free) and Bed Frames
 - Towels and Sheets
 - Blankets, Bedspreads, Comforters
 - Pet Supplies-used Towels, Comforters, Pillow Cases, and Laundry Detergent
- No TV's, VCRs, or DVD Players*

Bicycles – No heavy rust, \$10 donation requested per bike

- Men's, Women's, and Childrens' Bikes

Books, CDs, DVDs , Games, Software, Records

- Hardcover and Paperbacks, CDs, DVDs, Videos, and Audio books
 - Puzzles, Board Games, Computer Software and Records
- No Magazines No Encyclopedias*

Clothing and Shoes – In Good Condition

- Pants, Shirts, Skirts, Suits, Sneakers and Shoes-in all sizes
- NO Metal Cleats or Athletic Equipment*

Good Building Materials

- Clean Lumber w/out nails or screws- *No less than 6ft long or sheets less than 16sq.*
- Good Unused Insulation Wrapped or Bagged
- Unused Flooring-Hardwood, Vinyl, Ceramic Tile-*Full Boxes Only*
- Cabinets, Solid Core Doors- *No Hollow Core Doors or less than 30" wide*
- Double-paned Windows
- Kitchen/Bath Fixtures, Pedestal Sinks and Vanities
- Unused Hardware Items, Good Garden and Shop Tools

All Painted and Varnished Items Must be Free of Lead

Charities: Community Giving Tree, Big Brother Big Sister, Lowell Wish, Lazarus House, MSPCA, Bikes Not Bombs, Got Books, St. Vincent's de Paul, and Building Material Resource Center

All donations go to charity organizations that donate, reuse, or recycle these items.
No dumpster on site. Charities have a right to refuse items. Please be prepared to take them home.

For more information contact mclundgren@comcast.net, Andover Recycling Committee

Next Zero Waste Day in Tewksbury 9/18/10

Member News

The League welcomes the following new members:

- Tim & Kerri Ford, 85 Summer St. Andover
- Beth Mazin, 19 Millpond, N. Andover
- Gale Ross, P.O. Box 297, Andover
- Deb Silberstein, 28 Burton Farm Dr., Andover
- Sharon Sullivan, 535 Merrill Lane, Dracut

Dues Reminder

Please remember to pay your dues before June 30.

Your membership supports the work of the League.

Prompt payment means less work for our volunteers.

Dues will be happily accepted at Annual Meeting.

LWV Andover/North Andover Membership

\$55 Basic Member
 \$60 Contributing Member
 \$75 Sustaining
 \$75 Household Dues (2+ persons in same household)
 \$100+ Patron
 \$35 Senior Citizen (65 and over)
 \$35 Student (under 24 yrs. old)

In addition to my membership, I'd like to make a contribution of \$_____.

Enclosed is a separate check containing my tax-deductible contribution of \$_____ payable to the Education Fund

Send checks payable to: **LWV OF ANDOVER/NORTH ANDOVER**, Membership, P.O. Box 514, Andover MA 01810

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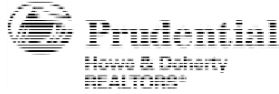
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Schedule of Events

	Date	Time	Place	Event
May	Monday, May 3, 2010	7pm	Collins Center	Andover Town Meeting.
	Tuesday, May 4, 2010	7pm	Collins Center	Andover Town Meeting.
	Wednesday, May 5, 2010	9:15am	23 Oak Street;; Andover, MA 01810	Board Meeting. All members welcome.
	Tuesday, May 11, 2010	7:00 pm	North Andover High School 430 Osgood Street; North Andover, MA 01845	North Andover Town Meeting.
	Friday, May 14, 2010	11:30am-1pm	Panera Bread Rt. 133 & Rt 114 N. Andover, MA 01845	Lunch & Conversation. An informal gathering of League members. Everyone welcome. Don't know anyone? No problem, look for LWV logo on tote bag or on card on the table.
	Wednesday, May 19, 2010	6pm	Marland Place 15 Stevens Street Andover, MA 01810	Annual Meeting.
June	Saturday, May 22, 2010	11:00 am-7:00 pm	Lasell College Newton, MA	LWVMA Council: 90 Years of Making a Difference. Business Meeting and Workshops on Running for Office, Organizing Candidates' Forums, League Legislative Update & Lobbying. Will include a celebration of the state League's 90th birthday.
	Wednesday, June 2, 2010	7:15pm	197 Shawsheen Road Andover, MA 01810	Board Meeting. All members welcome.
	Friday, June 11, 2010- Tuesday, June 15, 2010		Atlanta, GA	LWVUS Convention.
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