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President's Letter

Dear Members,

Election Day is almost here and given the duration and vigor of the campaigns, at all levels, many of us will be relieved on November 7th. The LWV of Andover/North Andover was able to conduct a Pre-Primary Candidate forum in August, a State Senate Race Debate-Viewing followed by Guest Speaker-led discussion, Candidates' Night and a 2012 State Ballot Question forum, all in October. In North Andover, numerous taped candidate interviews were available on NACAM. Given our limited resources, I believe we provided the level of voter education activities our communities have consistently received.

One of the goals for this year was to reach out to more diverse groups and appeal to younger members. An exciting development has been occurring with which I believe everyone will be pleased. The LWV of A/NA has always enjoyed the opportunity for students to participate in candidate events as volunteers. However, this fall, there have been opportunities taking our student involvement to a new level. In September we had three gals in period dress with sashes reading "VOTE" circulating at Andover Day; a student has approached us about setting up an internship with the League; a social studies class of approx a dozen attended the public viewing of the Brown-Warren debate; and finally, the hugely successful student debates that were incorporated within the Ballot Question forum this past weekend. It cannot go without saying that the students and their teachers Mary Robb and Brian Parker did an outstanding job preparing for the event.

I must thank some dedicated members who helped make our pre-election and other fall events possible, Maureen Sundberg, Molly Foley, Heather McNeil, Stefani Traina, Diana Walsh, Molly Bicking, our precincting volunteers, and Know Your Town Fair volunteers.

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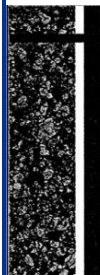


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I am pleased to report that our candidate events were very successful and well-attended, particularly the October 17th Candidates Night and the audience was standing room only. Jo-Ann Berry from LWV Acton Area, moderated both our candidate events and received great feedback from all.

Some upcoming items to highlight

Of course, be sure to vote on Tuesday!



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Moderator Training is scheduled for November 15 in Concord. If you ever wanted to feel you're having a direct impact on democracy, then this is for you. The League relies on its trained moderators in order to hold the myriad candidate events each year as well as being a resource for groups outside the League. This is also a wonderful opportunity to broaden skills, experience and self-confidence. I, personally, have been moderating for two years and have found it very rewarding. If you are even considering it, then I urge you to take the plunge! Contact Stefani Traina for more information.

Hope everyone has put the League Membership Event, **Chocolate at The Addison** on his and her calendars. Bring friends, the more the merrier to enjoy this jewel of Andover.

This month we will actually be conducting the annual Phonathon to raise crucial dollars for the MA State League and ourselves. Details will be available shortly and we plan to make it as fun and painless as possible. And did I mention fun?! A wine and snack event is in the works! See article below.

Sincerely,

Ann Cobleigh, President
anncobleigh@gmail.com

Fall 2012 Calendar

For the most up to date calendar information visit [our website](#).

November

- 6 Tues Presidential Election**
- 7 Wed Monthly Board meeting 9-11 am Memorial Hall Library**
- 13 Tues Andover Mid-Year Review, 7 pm, Memorial Hall Library**

15 Thur LWVMA Moderator Training, 7 pm, Concord, MA
13-16 T-F Community Read-Along, Andover Elementary Schools
28 Wed Chocolate at the Addison, 6-8 p.m.

Voters Service News - Andover

Save time on election day and check your precinct **before** you head to the polls by clicking [here](#). Encourage your friends to do the same.

Andover has two polling places:

Precincts 1, 7, 7A, 8 vote at Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court

Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 9A vote at Andover High Collins Field House, Shawsheen Road. **Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Copies of each ballot are available on the town's website. Click [here](#) and scroll down to find the ballot for your precinct.

Still undecided? Watch the October 17 Candidates' Night [here](#).

Want more information about the Ballot Questions? Click [here](#).

Who is running to represent Andover?

Second Essex & Middlesex State Senate (Andover all 9 Precincts)

Sen. Barry Finegold (D) (Incumbent)

Rep. Paul Adams (R)

17th Essex State Representative (Andover Precincts 2,3,4)

Kevin Cuff (U)

Frank A. Moran (D)

18th Essex State Representative (Andover Precincts

1,5,6,7,8,9 and North Andover Precincts 6,7,8)

Rep. James J. Lyons, Jr. (R) (Incumbent)

Ms. Barbara L'Italien (D)

Northern Essex County Register of Deeds (All Andover and North Andover Precincts)

John J. Wilson, Jr. (R)

Paul Iannuccillo (D)

Brian Corrigan (I)

Stephen Battle (U)

Voters Service News - North Andover by Heather McNeil

Take action and **VOTE** next Tuesday, November 6th. Voting in North Andover will take place between 6:00 AM and 8:00 PM at the North Andover High School Field House. There is no school for the students on that day. For absentee ballots or to have any voting questions answered such as who is on your ballot, please visit the town's website www.townofnorthandover.com or call or e-mail the Town Clerk's Office at (978) 688-9501 or jbradshaw@townofnorthandover.com. Also, the Town Clerk's office will be open this Saturday, 11/3, 9am - noon for absentee voting.

Who is running for the State Senate and House of Representatives to represent us in North Andover?
14th Essex House Seat (Precincts 1-5): Diana DiZoglio (D) v. Karin Rhoton (R)

<http://votedizoglio.com/>

<http://www.karinrhoton.com/>

WATCH A FORUM <http://www.methuentv.org/video.php>

18th Essex House Seat (Precincts 6-8): James Lyons (R) v. Barbara L'Italien (D)

<http://www.jimlyons.org/>

<http://teambarbara.com/>

WATCH A

FORUM http://andovertv.org/lwv.candidates.night_10.17.2012.flv

(10/17 Candidates Forum, You will also see 3 of 4 candidates for Register of Deeds.)

First Essex Senate Seat (Precincts 1-4): Kathleen O'Connor Ives (D) v. Shaun Toohey (R) v. James Kelcourse (U) v. Paul Magliocchetti (I)

<http://www.voteforives.com/>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Shawn-Toohey-For-State-Senate/343502029046149>

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/James-Kelcourse/158078364326932>

<http://paulmagliocchetti.com/>

WATCH A FORUM <http://www.methuentv.org/video.php>

(to be posted, keep checking)

First Essex and Middlesex Senate Seat (Precincts 5-8): Bruce Tarr (R), unopposed

<http://www.brucetarr.com/>

Link to the Ballot Questions

http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/ele12/ballot_questions_12/

[message12.htmAll](#)

To see the **full ballot** for your precinct, visit the town's website at

http://www.townofnorthandover.com/Pages/NAndoverMA_News/I039FE1BD

Andover Mid-Year Review

On Tuesday November 13 at 7:00 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, Andover residents will receive updates on town projects such as the Town Yard and the Economic Development Council, among others. The League will co-sponsor this important information-sharing session. Plan to attend or watch it on local cable channels.

LWVMA Moderator Training

Thursday November 15, 7:00-9:30 p.m.

One of the valuable services the League provides is a network of trained moderators who help ensure that League candidates' events are nonpartisan, fair and comply with League rules of allowing each candidate equal time. It's a great opportunity to gain public speaking experience and help make democracy work at the same time. The training is open to all League members and will be held:

Thursday, November 15

7:00-9:30 p.m.

Harvey Wheeler Community Center

1276 Main Street, Concord, MA

To sign up or for more information, email [Stefani](#)

or call (978)470-3140.

Directions [here](#)

Chocolate at the Addison--Save the Date!

Wednesday, November 28

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Join League friends, town officials and others for an evening of art and socializing. A gallery talk will enhance your enjoyment of the latest exhibits at the Addison Gallery of American Art at Phillips Academy.

Invitations and details to follow. To contribute a food item, contact [Molly](#).

Time for the Phonathon!

It's not as hard as you think and great reasons to do it!

The annual League fundraiser to benefit MA State League and local Leagues has begun. Letters and emails went out to all members asking for donations to LWVMA, and a portion of that donation will be returned to Andover/North Andover.

Between October 13 and the middle of November, every League member in the state will be called, either by our own League or another League. The League making the call gets 10% of the donation. Simply by calling our own members, that 10% will go to our own League. By calling other Leagues, our League will earn even more.

We hope you'll make a donation, but we'd also like you to **join us to make a few phone calls!** We are still determining the exact date and time of our local Phonathon, but if you want to join in the fun contact [Stefani](#).

2012 Ballot Question Forum

The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover held a forum on Saturday, October 27, to explore two of the 2012 Ballot Questions: Prescribing Medication to End life and Medical Use of Marijuana.

Students from Andover High School debated each Ballot Question before spokespersons, one in support and one in opposition to the ballot measure, provided additional information on the proposed legislation and answered audience questions. Student moderator Brian Wivell directed the student debaters, and Ann Cobleigh, President of the Andover/North Andover League, moderated the expert presenters.

Madeline Hertz and Adam Ladd debated the ballot question pertaining to prescribing medication to end life. Following their presentation, Dr. Alexandra Crist, representing the Committee Against Physician Assisted Suicide, and Dr. Paul Spiers, with Dignity 2012, provided information about the ballot question and answered questions.

Brandon Wanthal and Jack Cox then argued the pros and cons of medical marijuana use. The Executive Director of the Massachusetts Patient Advocacy Alliance, Matt Allen, and Carol Read, with Massachusetts Prevention Alliance, further elaborated on the intricacies of the proposed legislation. The League has posted to its website a list of resources

pertaining to the two bills. That information, as well as links to recent candidate events, may be found at www.lwv-andovers.org.

Join the Community Read-Along

Again this year, the League is helping to organize Andover's Community Read-Along. During November 13 - 16, readers are invited to share their favorite books with a classroom of elementary school students or the school provides book selections. Students are also eager to hear stories from their reader's own lives. This is a very rewarding activity for every reader. Once you do it, you'll be hooked!

If you've never participated as a reader, haven't been contacted recently, or know a friend or neighbor who would be an ideal reader, send an email to Maureen.

Resources of Interest

Occasionally we come across articles and information that might be of interest to our members. Topics range from running for office to environmental issues and everything in between. We hope this will become a regular way to share interesting information. **If you have an item to share, please submit it to bulletineditor@lwv-andovers.org.**

Trying to figure out the veracity of candidates' claims? Try these fact checking websites:

FactCheck.org (U of PA)

PolitiFact.com (Tampa Bay Times)

Washington Post's Fact Checker

Another tool for voter information is:

<http://votesmart.org>

New York Times editorial about Citizens United from March 25 can be read [here](#).

About the League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters is a 92-year-old national nonpartisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation of individuals in

government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League neither supports nor opposes candidates for office, elected officials or political parties at any level of government.

The Andover/North Andover League focuses on topics directly impacting the citizens of our communities.

League membership is open to all citizens, both women and men.

Membership Form

Sign up [online](#) or complete and mail the form below. When you sign up online you will have the option of paying by credit card or PayPal. The League's membership year is July-June.

New Renewal

- \$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 fee, I'd like to make a contribution of \$_____.

Enclosed is a separate check containing my tax-deductible contribution of \$_____ payable to the Education Fund, which supports the LWV's educational activities.

Please make checks payable to:
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