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President's Letter

Dear Members,

Our League, like election season, is in full swing, rolling from one task into the next. Allow me to highlight some of the things accomplished or scheduled to serve the voters that also promotes our visibility.

Our booth at Andover Day was exciting with a new energy pulling in visitors of a variety of ages. It was a good start at expanding our visibility and building our membership. It will be a big task to think of what we'll do for next year. BTW, that's a challenge;) You may recall we shared our booth with the Town Clerk's office and what we lost in table-share(4 feet vs. 8) was far outweighed by the benefit of our related missions.

On short-notice, Maureen Sundberg and I spent some time with Secretary of State William Galvin as he stopped by the Town Clerk's office for an hour to promote the Thursday vs. Tuesday primary election day. We found the Secretary of State to be personable, polite, very knowledgeable and willing to answer our questions. I couldn't resist asking about his thoughts on voter ID as a requirement and he indicated he's against it.

The Educational Forum on Monday night, Oct 1, should be very interesting. The format and venue are a bit of a switch-up. The Safety Center Training room is seminar style hall with updated equipment and having a group viewing of the Brown/Warren Debate with the input of Dr. Harry Wessel and the audience surely promises to be a broadening experience.

Please don't forget our scheduled events for election preparation:

-Candidates' Night on Wednesday, October 17, 7:00 pm.

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-Ballot Question Debate and Discussion, October 27, 2:00-4:00 pm.

Bulletin articles below offer additional information about both events. I hope to see you at one or both of the events.

Maureen Sundberg, as Membership Chair, and I took part in the Membership and Leadership Development Training program on Sept 29 in Needham. This initial classroom training was a 4-hour condensation of a program originally requiring two 8-hour days. We have been assigned a long-term coach to help us further develop goals and structure while we grow the local League.

I am very pleased to inform you all that the folks at the Phillip's Addison Gallery are more than happy to have the League back for a repeat of last year's very successful Membership Event, **Chocolate at The Addison**. The date has been confirmed so save the evening of November 28th and ask a friend to join you. And if you would like to help with this fun event, please be in touch.

My final note is about the upcoming Phonathon. We have found reasons the past few years not to participate, but I must encourage as many members to join in this year for a couple of reasons. By not taking advantage of every opportunity to gain revenue, we have ended the last couple of years with a net loss. As we have few streams of revenue, we must make something of each one of them. Additionally, the Phonathon is part of the MA State League's Fall Appeal, and the major fundraiser for the state league to cover its costs in support of the local Leagues. And I can say, without hesitation, that the League of Andover/North Andover received much support over the last two years and we have built a strong relationship with them. I strongly believe we will be helping ourselves by helping the state League.

Sincerely,

Ann Cobleigh, President
anncobleigh@gmail.com

Fall 2012 Calendar

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

October

1 Mon Educational Forum: Watch the Brown/Warren Senatorial Debate

and join a nonpartisan discussion about how to

view and analyze
debates. 7:00-9:00pm, Andover Safety Center

3 Wed First Presidential Debate
9:00-10:30pm

10 Wed Monthly Board meeting; all are welcome
9:00am at Andover's Memorial Hall Library, main
floor

11 Thur Vice Presidential Debate
9:00-10:30pm

16 Tue Second Presidential Debate
9:00- 10:30pm

17 Wed Candidate's Night for State Senators,
Representatives, & Register of Deeds
7:00pm, Andover Memorial Hall Library

17 Wed Last day to register to vote in the Nov. 6 Election

22 Mon Third Presidential Debate
9:00-10:30pm

27 Sat Phonathon 2:00-4:00 pm, Andover Memorial Hall
Library

November

6 Tues Presidential Election

7 Wed Monthly Board meeting; all are welcome

13-16 T-F Community Read-Along, Andover Elementary
Schools

28 Chocolate at the Addison

TBD Town of Andover Mid-Year Review

Join Us Tonight! October 1st Become a More Insightful Watcher of Presidential Debates

To take advantage of the rescheduling of the second debate between Senator Scott Brown and Dr. Elizabeth Warren, The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover has folded debate watching into the program scheduled for tonight October 1.

At 7:00 pm we will watch the debate, and then participate in a non-partisan discussion. The program, "Presidential Debates, Memorable Moments and Political Lessons," will be at the Andover Safety Center, North Main St.

The League is pleased to have back as guest speaker Professor Harry Wessel. Dr. Wessel is Chairperson of the Political Science Department at Merrimack College. A former journalist and specialist in the role of mass media in politics, he teaches courses that specifically address this new "political institution." Dr. Wessel will show excerpts from

past debate performances, assess what worked and why, and analyze the increasingly important political role these events play in our democracy.

The presidential debates between President Obama and Governor Romney are fast approaching, with the first debate scheduled for Wednesday evening, Oct. 3, 2012 from 9:00 - 10:30 pm. This debate will focus on domestic policy, and the following three debates, to be held on Oct. 11th, Oct. 16th, and Oct. 22nd, will address the candidates' positions on foreign as well as domestic policy.

So be prepared to watch these debates as an expert! Come hear Professor Wessel expound on what we should expect in these debates, take us down memory lane as we revisit past debates, and consider how such debates influence Presidential elections -- and whether this should be the case.

How Do I Register to Vote? A Voting Guide for Millennials

By Diana Walsh

My son was "home" (he is 27 and hasn't actually lived here for a long time) over Labor Day weekend and after a conversation about the Presidential election, I asked him whether he had registered to vote in NYC yet. He had not, and he began to investigate.

I suggested he call the LWV of New York, but he couldn't get the information he wanted that was specific to his situation: a California driver's license, an apartment in New York. Did he need to apply for a New York license? How to prove he lives in NYC?

Alex works for an on-line magazine, or, as it is referred to in the parlance of the day, an internet culture site. He has published an article with the information those nomadic 20-somethings need to register and to vote in each of the 50 states. It has since been re-tweeted by journalists/publishers Diane Sawyer and Arianna Huffington, which spreads the word to more young voters. This is an open source piece, so it can be published elsewhere without asking. **So please, publish, re-tweet, or go the old fashioned way and send an email!**

Quoted from the post:

Reaching out because I wanted to give you something that I

believe is helpful on an important and timely issue - Registration & Voting for the upcoming election.

I work at Thought Catalog, an internet culture site. (I'm a business guy, not a writer.) Like me, many of our audience are in their 20s and 30s, and move around a bit. When I learned the frustrations & ambiguities of trying to register in NYC with my driver's license from California, I was inspired to do the research and help other folks in my boat. Right now, all the big "get out the vote" sites use the National form and don't address state-specific laws on registration ID and at-the-polls ID. These laws often interrelate, and differ a lot on a state-by-state basis.

Here is the result: <http://thoughtcatalog.com/2012/here-are-registration-and-voting-instruction-for-all-50-states/>

The goal of this list was to create a resource particularly for younger folks who may have moved around a lot and so may not have ID that matches perfectly to their state or current residence.

It was compiled from the Secretary of State and/or Elections-specific websites for all 50 states and D.C. I then ran my understandings based on those websites against several third-party sources, including the National Conference of State Legislatures, Rock the Vote, Project VoteSmart, and the U.S. Election Assistance Commission. In 34 cases, I placed successful phone calls to state election officials to clarify ambiguity or to get confirmation on a certain interpretation of a voting law or policy. In cases where there was still a conflict, or where county-by-county laws significantly differ, I went with the more conservative interpretation.

All of this was considered in light of the Federal Motor Voter and Help America Vote Acts. In most cases, states prefer & claimed to process faster their own forms over the National form. With regards to the Help America Vote Act, all first-time voters are required to present some form of ID, but it is left to states & counties to determine what sort of ID is acceptable.

-Alex Magnin

Voters Service News - Andover

Plan to attend our Candidates' Night for State Offices
Wednesday, October 17, 7:00 p.m.
Andover Memorial Hall Library
Email questions to [Voter Service Andover](#).

Audience questions for all races will be accepted until 7:00 p.m.

To view the new precinct map, click [here](#).

Featured races:

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)

Voter Service News - North Andover

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/>

18th Essex House Seat (Precincts 6-8):

James Lyons (R) v. Barbara L'Italien (D)

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

<http://teambarbara.com/>

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/>

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

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

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

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

To view information about the **Ballot Questions**, visit

http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/ele12/ballot_questions_12/message12.htm

Where can you see all the North Andover candidates in action?

- Join Methuen Community Television and the Greater Haverhill Chamber of Commerce at a forum to see the candidates for the First Essex Senate Seat, Wednesday, October 10th at the Merrimack Valley Golf Course at 5:30 PM for a Meet and Greet and at 6 PM for the forum. You can also watch this forum live or in rebroadcast here in North Andover on Methuen Community Television, Verizon channel 33.
- Join Methuen Community Television at a forum to see the candidates for the 14th Essex House Seat (a few seats for the League will be set aside; please contact Heather McNeil if you are interested in attending this event at h_mcneil@hotmail.com). This forum will be on October 16th at 7 PM at the Methuen Community Television station and will also be broadcast on Methuen Community Television here in North Andover, Verizon Channel 33.
- Join the League of Women Voters at a forum on Wednesday, October 17th at 7 PM at Memorial Hall Library in Andover to hear from candidates for the 18th Essex House seat, Barbara L'Italien and James Lyons.

Andover Day and "Know Your Town Fair"

September 15th turned out to be a perfect day for Andover's annual street event, Know Your Town Fair. The League table in front of Sovereign Bank was in the middle of all the activity and a great place to see friends and neighbors and we went hi-tech this year. Arrangements were made for a 4-foot screen and speakers on which to play the Lady Gaga Suffragette music video which captured quite a bit of attention until the roar of the crowd overtook in the afternoon. Additionally, we designed and produced 275 handouts with the Presidential debate schedule on one side and publicity for our Candidates' Night on the reverse. These allowed us to get up close and personal (getting our

League logo and work in front of lots of people) while handing them out. Then they ran out about noon!

Another positive outcome was the six names on our sign-up sheet. These folks would like more information or have expressed interest in becoming members.

Thank you to the League volunteers: Abby O'Hara, Amy Janovsky, Peggy Kruse, and Suanne Dillman. And thank you to



Emily Granoff, Marina Renton, and Gabriella Smith, the Andover High School students who dressed as Suffragettes, passed out voter information, and encouraged unregistered voters to visit the Town Clerk who shared a table with the League. The girls dressed in costumes generously shared by Carrie Midura, Andover Historical Society PR & Development Assistant; Jane Cairns, Andover Historical Society Board; and Angela McBrien, an expert seamstress with a passion for historic costume. They were such a hit that people stopped them in the streets to have their photo taken with them!

As part of Andover Day, "Know Your Town Fair" is a venue that offers the local non-profit organizations opportunities to network, promote upcoming events, and give citizens a chance to learn more about the community resources, which is the "Know Your Town Fair" mission. Andover Days will give broad exposure to these groups with the estimated 10,000 visitors to downtown Andover for the street festival and concerts. Historically, the League has been involved with coordinating "Know Your Town Fair," but this is the second year that the Andover Business Community Assoc (ABCA) has taken full responsibility.

Not Your Average 2012 Ballot Questions Program!

by Molly Foley

The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover is pleased to host a State Ballot Question Forum on October 27th at Andover Memorial Hall Library from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The event format incorporates a new multifaceted approach. Specifically, we are excited about the opportunity to include a group of Andover High School students. Led by their teacher, Mary Robb, the work they produce will be considered part of their curriculum. The students will present an initial debate, presenting research for and against, on the two State Ballot questions: *Prescribing Medication to End Life* and *Medical Use of Marijuana*.

After the student debate, a number of local experts will provide further information on these issues. The final segment will include the opportunity for audience participants to share personal stories as well as to ask questions of our panel.

Free and open to the public, this event will give League members and their invited guests a unique opportunity to get the perspectives of different generations and points of view on the issues addressed by the 2012 Ballot Questions. This event promises to be informative and provocative. Don't be the one who misses out!

Hamilton-Wenham to Host Ballot Question Forum

Hamilton-Wenham LWV is hosting a Voter Information Forum to explain and discuss the two State Ballot questions, October 3, 7:00 p.m. at the Buker School, 1 School Street, Wenham.

Speaking in favor of Question 2, *Prescribing Medication to End Life* on the State Ballot will be a representative from "Yes On Dignity." The speaker against will come from "The Committee Against Physician Assisted Suicide."

The State Ballot's Question 3 has to do with "Medical Use of Marijuana." Speaking for it will be a representative from "Committee for Compassionate Medicine." And speaking against it will be Dr. Jay Broadhurst from "Vote No on Question 3."

There will time for discussion. The second part of the forum will focus on a warrant item for a local special Town Meeting

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 November 7, 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 [Ann](#).

Special Note: To earn more for our local League, members can make a donation of \$100 or more before October 8 and 15% of the donation will be returned to our local League. **BONUS!** Those who donate before October 8 will not be called during the Phonathon.

How We Revive Our Democracy

The Boulder County CO League will sponsor the live streaming of the program *How We Revive Our Democracy* on Tuesday, October 2, at approximately 9:30 pm (EDT). The event itself is sponsored by several groups in addition to the League and will be held on the Colorado University campus.

Live streaming of the panel discussion will begin about 7:30 pm and will center on issues raised in the movie *Patriocracy*. The producers of the movie will be present as well. Moderated by Melissa Hart, Director of the Byron White Center for the Study of American Constitutional Law, Colorado Law School, the discussion revolves around moving politics beyond the gridlock of partisan or ideological sound bites toward renewed democracy.

Panelists include:

- Mickey Edwards - Former Congressman (R-OK)
- David Skaggs - Former Congressman (D-CO)

- Bob Edgar - Common Cause President and CEO

This event represents a very significant commitment of money and effort for the Boulder County League, and they will feel rewarded if as many people as possible participate in the live streaming. To access the live streaming, go to www.lwvbc.org/live_streaming_2012_10.html. There is also a link to view options for accessing the movie.

To submit a question to the panel during live streaming, send email to: whitecenter@colorado.edu.

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.

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