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OF ANDOVER/NORTH ANDOVER**

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## President's Letter

By Kerri Ford

It finally feels like spring and spring means town meetings. Many thanks to Stefani Traina, Ann Cobleigh, Bonnie Zahorik, Heather McNeil, and Sandy Glead for their hard work organizing multiple forums last month to educate the voters of Andover and North Andover on budget issues and articles being presented at the respective town meetings. I hope many of you took advantage of the presentations and programs to help prepare for town meeting and attended (in the case of Andover) or will attend (in the case of North Andover) town meeting.

The League's Annual Meeting will be held Wednesday, May 18 at 6:00 pm at Atria Marland Place at 15 Stevens Street, Andover. Annual Meeting is a great opportunity to catch up with your League friends and hear about the League's activities over the past year and those planned for the coming year. Our guest speaker will be Christopher Hottel, Superintendent of Schools in North Andover, who will speak about issues and trends in education. We will also announce the recipient of the Virginia Cole Scholarship.

At Annual Meeting we will elect the fiscal year 2012 board of directors and vote on fiscal year 2012 local program priorities, budget and by-law changes. The documents with this information can be found in the members section of our website by [clicking here](#). Please take a few moments to review the documents prior to the meeting and bring them with you to reference.

The meeting will begin with a social time and dinner, followed by the announcement of the recipient of the

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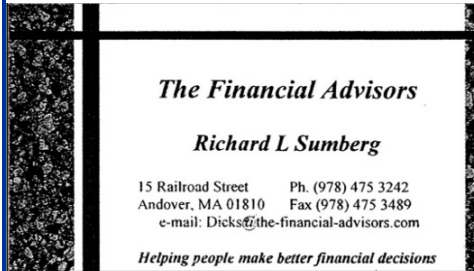
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Virginia Cole Scholarship, our guest speaker, then a brief business meeting. The cost of the dinner is \$10. Please RSVP to Heather Holman at [Heather@HeatherHolman.com](mailto:Heather@HeatherHolman.com) or 978-500-0626.

Please remember that the League's membership year is July-June. There are several ways to renew your membership. You can renew at Annual Meeting, [online](#), or by printing and mailing a [renewal form](#).

A special congratulations to member Gladys Catterton on being honored with a YMCA Tribute to Women award. The award recognizes women leaders for their contributions to business and the community. Congratulations also to Stefani Traina on her appointment to the Memorial Hall Library Board of Trustees and to Ann Cobleigh on her appointment to the Andover Affordable Housing Partnership committee. The League is fortunate to have such respected and dedicated people among us.

Finally, this is the last Bulletin of this fiscal year. Bulletin publication will resume in September with quarterly editions published in September, December, March, and June. Thank you very much to Ann Cobleigh for her tireless work for the League this year including serving as editor of the Bulletin!

I hope to see many of you on May 18.

## Andover Voter Service Update

by Stefani Traina, VP Andover Voter Service

### In Appreciation...

I want to thank the many people who worked very hard on the three pre-Town Meeting programs produced by the League last month. Many thanks to Ann Cobleigh, Paul Materazzo, Lisa LaGrasse Schwarz, Jacki Byerley, the Andover High students and Sara Antonakas and Wess Murphy at Andover Cable Access Media (ACAM) for putting together the *cablE show*.

A big thank you to Girish Rao, Susan Stott, Karen Herman, Richard Feldman, Joe Piantedosi and John Bean for their presentations at the *Town Meeting Preview*; and thanks to Steve Bucuzzo and the Town Manager's office for helping to coordinate the technology and meeting space for us. Also, many thanks to Bonnie Zahorik for tackling the *Andover*

*Budget Forum* again this year.

Thank you to Buzz Stapczynski, Dr. Marinel McGrath, Alex Vispoli, Dennis Forgue and Joanne Marden for sharing information with us that evening. And to Beth Mazin and Vicki Murphy of Memorial Hall Library for providing the venue. Also, we couldn't do any of it without Brian Josselyn, who tapes most of our events for ACAM. It was gratifying to see so many of our town officials at these events.

The League appreciated the collaborative spirit that was evident in this year's pre-Town Meeting educational efforts and looks forward to more collaborations in the future. Finally, I want to especially thank Kerri Ford, President LWV Andover-North Andover for her willingness to branch out and try new ways of getting information out to the voters.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at [stefraina@verizon.net](mailto:stefraina@verizon.net) with your feedback or ideas for next year.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE: DATE CHANGE**

## **North Andover 2011 Town Meeting**

"2011 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
WARRANT INFORMATION

The date for 2011 Annual Town Meeting has been delayed in order provide sufficient public notice of a particular Finance Committee report. Therefore, Town Meeting is scheduled for on June 7th at 7 PM at the Middle School (not high school).

The deadline to register to vote has passed (Wednesday April 20, 2011).

The Report of the Finance Committee will be posted on the Town of North Andover website [www.townofnorthandover.com](http://www.townofnorthandover.com) and copies will be available at the Town Clerk's Office and the Stevens Memorial Library.

Copies of the warrant are no longer distributed. If you wish a copy sent to you, please contact the Town Clerk's office.

The latest version of the warrant will be available at Town Meeting.

If you require any special accommodations for the meeting please contact the Town Clerk's Office at (978)688-9501."

The Warrant, as published on the town's web site, can be viewed through this link:

<http://www.townofnorthandover.com/Pages/51011.pdf>

The 2010 Annual Town Report can be viewed through this link (it is a very large file and will likely take a long time to load):

<http://www.townofnorthandover.com/Pages/2010atr.pdf>

## **Andover Town Meeting, Completed**

By Ann Cobleigh

Andover's Town Meeting Warrant with 47 articles was completed by the end of the second night's session. It was evident our town officials have worked hard this year bringing well-thought out articles for residents' consideration.



For your convenience, the warrant, results and approved budget can be viewed via these links to Andover's town web site.

For Town Meeting Results, click here:

<http://andoverma.gov/news/images/2011ATMresults.pdf>

For the approved Budget fiscal year 2012, click here:

<http://andoverma.gov/news/images/11budget.pdf>

For detailed Warrant Articles, click here:

<http://andoverma.gov/townmeeting/11warrant.pdf>

## **Member Profile: Heather Moody Holman**

By Ann Cobleigh



League member Heather Moody Holman grew up in Andover, attended Andover High and spent her senior year at Phillips Academy as part of an elite Outward Bound program that included spending time in Boston and conducting studies. She attended college at Brown University later transferring to Antioch College in Ohio where she completed a

double major in History and Clinical Psychology. Heather has lived and worked in Boston, New York City, Worcester, MA, Lexington and Burlington before returning to Andover.

Heather is a successful established residential real estate agent following in both her parents', Barbara and Dick Moody, footsteps. She enjoys her work as it affords another avenue for contributing to the local community. Prior to real estate sales, her working years have included a variety of experiences such as working with emotionally disturbed children and adults; managing temporary help offices for 15 years in Boston and NYC; and administrative work in the pharmaceutical research industry.

Heather's mother, Barbara Moody, is a long-time league member. At the urging of her good friend Ginny Cole, Barbara ran and won a seat on the School Committee. Heather pointed out that her mother has never missed voting, one year even being carried in on a stretcher to vote! Her admiration for her mother's accomplishments community values is clear. It was at her mother's suggestion that she joined the League.

Heather has been a League member for about nine years and is a tireless and dedicated member. She has coordinated the *Know Your Town Fair* for several years as well as other events, membership activities and many other tasks. Heather loves working with volunteers finding it inspiring and takes great pleasure in serving the community. She appreciates working with "the bright, active women" of the League and considering the League "cutting-edge and forward-thinking." The importance of remaining politically active has never been more important than it is now.

She comments that she sees how people feel alienated and detached which makes the League's "role a vital one, shining a light, providing content and locally filling a void which might otherwise go undone." Among her large acquaintance she has heard very positive feedback over the years from

citizens expressing appreciation and that the information provided by the League has been instrumental to them.

Outside her League activities, Heather loves playing bridge, both competitively and socially. Her daughter and two step-sons also keep her busy. This spring, Heather is particularly excited and proud of her daughter who will be graduating from college.

Thank you Heather for all your efforts and willingness to pitch in!

## **League Member Activities**

By Ann Cobleigh

At the invitation of the North Reading LWV, Stefani Traina participated as moderator for the town's pre-election Candidate's Night. The question and answer event took place Tuesday evening, April 26 at their town offices on North Street. The event was broadcast live as well as taped for broadcast.



North Reading LWV President, Cynthia Bayerl and members Ruth Hagearty, Ginny Mills and Meg Robertson organized the event. Two candidates, Joseph Veno (a past selectman) and Sean Delaney (incumbent) are running for one seat on the Board of Selectmen. The opening question was made by North Reading Transcript editor, Bob Turoz regarding the hot topic of health insurance costs for town employees.

Other issues included: CIP projects, overcrowding in the schools and updating school labs and other equipment, step raises in teacher contracts, buy-backs benefit for town employees, waste water expansion to allow commercial expansion in town thereby increasing revenues to the town.

Both the school and waste water projects would require a prop 2 1/2 override which was felt to be a difficult effort in the current economic climate.

Brief statements were given by candidates for uncontested races: John Murphy, Town Moderator;



Clifford Bowers, School Committee, and Christopher Hayden, Community Planning Committee.

## **2010-2011 *Bulletin* Schedule Closes**

By Ann Cobleigh

This May issue of the League *Bulletin* is the final one for the season. Thank you to those who submitted articles this year.

When we come back in the fall, I invite members to consider submitting articles that would be of interest to our members, a guest author, suggest someone for the Member Profile or a non-member to be interviewed. For example, if you attend a committee meeting, a state League event, or you've organized a project then just write a summary.

Submitting an article is easy and a great way to contribute; links, photos, and videos are pretty simple to add. If you have any question, please feel free to contact me. 978-387-7160 cell or Ann@Realtor.com

## **Spring Calendar**

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

### **May**

18 Wed LWV Andover-North Andover **Annual Meeting**

6:00 pm, Marland Place, Steven St, Andover  
All members encouraged to attend

### **June**

7 Tue North Andover Annual Meeting, 7:00 pm,  
North Andover Middle School

8 Wed Board Meeting, 7:00 pm

## **Available Board Positions**

*If you'd like to have a greater impact on democracy in our communities, consider joining the League Board of Directors. The following positions are accepting applications/nominations for the current fiscal year:*

### **Position**

Clerk

### **Primary**

### **Responsibilities**

Keep board and annual

meeting minutes

Legislative Action Chair    Distribute Action Alerts,  
write monthly column for  
the *Bulletin*

Cable TV - Andover        Coordinate local cable  
coverage of events

Andover School  
Committee Observer        Observe school committee  
meetings and write a  
summary monthly column  
for the *Bulletin*

### **About the League of Women Voters**

The League of Women Voters is a 90-year old national nonpartisan 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.

Membership in the League is open to all women and men.

### **Membership Form**

Sign up [online](#) or complete and mail the below form. 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.

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$55 Basic Member

\_\_\_\_\_ \$60 Contributing Member

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\_\_\_\_\_ \$35 Student (under 24 yrs. old)

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