



# **THE CAPE COD VOTER**

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## **SUMMER CALENDAR**

**Tuesday June 7**  
9:30am

**Board Meeting**  
Dennis Branch, Cape Cod Five

**Thursday June 9**  
6:30 pm  
Airing live Ch 98,99

**Debate: State Senate Democratic Primary**  
Cape Cod Community Media Center  
Shad Hole Road, Dennis Port

**June 30 -- Membership renewals due. See form & instructions last page**

**August 24**

**2nd Debate: State Senate Democratic Primary**  
Yarmouth Town Hall

*Both debates are co-sponsored by Cape & Islands Democratic Council*

*A happy, healthy and safe summer to all!*

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## STEERING COMMITTEE

*From Joan Bernstein*

The Annual Meeting of members took place on Wednesday, May 18 at the Sea View Restaurant in Dennis Port. About 30 members attended, partook of a delicious buffet dinner, and attended to the business of the meeting looking forward to 2016-2017. Members approved six priority issues for study and action that had been identified in the course of three meetings earlier in the spring, approved a budget, and elected the following slate of board members proposed by the nominating committee:

**Scotti Finnegan** (President),  
**Amy Harris** (V.P.),  
**Ira Seldin** (Treasurer),  
**Joan Bernstein** (Secretary),  
**Phyllis Koppel** (Communications),  
**Suzanne Finney, Phyllis Walsh, & Karen Mazza** (Membership),  
**Amy Harris** (Health),  
**Karen Mazza** (Youth Service),  
**Nancy Erskine** (Voter),  
**Renate Sands** (Legislation),  
**Debbie Beal** (Voter Service),  
**Judy Thomas** (County Government),  
**Florence Seldin, Jari Rapaport, Judy Thomas and Richard Utt** (At Large).

The new board will meet with the retiring board on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Cape Cod 5 Bank in South Dennis at 9:30. *Congratulations to the Nominating Committee on a job well done.*

As we wrap up another year, it behooves us to reflect upon our many accomplishments over the course of 2015-2016. The Board and Committee chairs and Committee members provided an extraordinary array of educational programs, studies, debates, advocacy, and fund-raising that continued our League's relevance and standing in the Cape Cod community.

To all we say *thank you*. To those departing the board - Debbie Aikman, June Bertucci, Helen Bresnahan, Kay Bryce, Nancy Curley, Joan Grant, Bobbi Greer, Marilyn Gullet, Chris Meade, Barbara Wellnitz - we add *au revoir* and to the new board members, *welcome!*

## **FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT**

**Dear Members,**

**One afternoon in the early spring of 1960, I asked my father who he was in favor of for the next President. He said there was a young senator running who he thought he would support. His name was Jack Kennedy. I was eight years old and that was the moment I became politically aware. That summer my dad and I watched every minute of both national conventions and in the Fall we watched the Kennedy-Nixon debates. I was fascinated to watch the women moderating those debates and that was when I knew that one day I would join the League of Women Voters.**

**After raising three brilliant and handsome sons, after 40 years in education as an elementary teacher and principal, celebrating the births of four grandchildren and being happily married to the same man for thirty-eight years and counting, I am finally a member of the League of Women Voters.**

**It's really quite extraordinary not only to be a member but to be the President of an organization that has been somewhere in my consciousness for fifty-six years.**

**In the short period of time to my meteoric rise to League leadership, it has been a pleasure to meet so many intelligent, committed, curious and accomplished women. I am both humbled and excited to have the opportunity to work and to learn alongside of you. My hope is that we will continue to build on, and continuously improve the great work that our League has done and to create a shared vision for our future.**

**Thank you for your support and guidance,  
Scotti Finnegan**

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## VOTER SERVICE

*Joan Grant and Chris Meade  
Outgoing Co-Chairs*

### *Upcoming Debates for State Senate*

**On June 9<sup>th</sup>** and again on **August 24<sup>th</sup>**, debates will be held with the 3 candidates running in the Democratic Primary for State Senate. They will be held at the Cape Cod Community Media Center in Dennis Port beginning at 6:30 pm and will be aired live across the Cape on channels 98 and 99. *Both debates are co-sponsored by LWVCCA and the Cape & Islands Democratic Council.*

### *Candidate Debates*

On April 28th, we sponsored a selectmen's debate in **Dennis** with the help of Dennis Town Clerk Terri Bunce. There were three candidates running. It was lightly attended by about 15 -20 people, but Terri was pleased with the turnout. Florence Seldin moderated and also read the list of all candidates running for town office, whether the races were contested or not.

We had hoped for two debates, but one of the candidates for School Committee was unable to attend. We gave the other candidate several minutes at the end of the evening to introduce herself. Thank you to all those League members who took the time to help out.

On April 29, we sponsored a debate in **Chatham**, with three candidates for two open seats on the Board of Selectmen and two candidates for one seat on the Monomoy Regional School Committee. Thanks go to Betsy Bray who did yeoman service as Moderator and to Debbie Beal, Maggie French, Betsy Gasek and Joan Grant for stepping up to help.

On May 5 in **Brewster**, we cosponsored 2 debates with the Brewster Ladies' Library and Brewster Community Network. There were 2 candidates running for the Planning Board and 4 candidates for the Board of Selectmen. An interesting note: one of the candidates attended our *Don't Just Stand There, Run!* workshop in January. The candidate won his first race and is now a Brewster Selectman. Betsy Gasek and Judy Thomas moderated. This was Betsy's first time moderating and she did a great job. Special thanks to Judy and Florence Seldin who helped Betsy prepare. Also, thanks to Debbie Beal, Betsy Bray, Scotti Finnegan and Joan Bernstein for assistance at the debate.



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## MEMBERSHIP

*From Phyllis Walsh, Membership Committee*

**Carlyn Carey**, our newest member, who lives in Dennis Port, has joined us after reading about our League events and pursuing us through our website. Having returned to the Cape about ten years ago with her family, Carlyn works in Compliance with the Cooperative Bank of Cape Cod. She is particularly interested in the political process, so Voter Service Chair Debbie Beal has been bringing her up to date on our voter service activities and invited her to join the committee. We look forward to working with Carlyn as she integrates into our League.

You can reach Carlyn at 60 Telegraph Road, Dennis Port 02639 or at [carlyncarey@yahoo.com](mailto:carlyncarey@yahoo.com).

*Welcome, Carlyn!*

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## **MAY 3rd BOARD MEETING NOTES**

*From Judy Thomas*

1. The bank balance at the end of April was \$8,418.98.
2. A hospitality team will be formed to plan work on the League's social events such as the holiday gathering.
3. The 2016-2017 program was approved. Final approval will happen at the Annual Meeting.
4. The nominating committee reported all major positions have been filled. It will be voted on at the Annual Meeting.
5. LWVCCA will participate in the LWVMA study on charter schools.
6. Florence Seldin, Suzanne Finney and Karen Mazza attended the LWVMA Council. Karen presented to a workshop on charter schools.
7. County Committee – Judy reported that it is highly unlikely that the Assembly of Delegates will take any action when delegates McCutcheon and Princi return to a future meeting with revised proposals re the County Charter.
8. Spring candidate forums were moderated for Dennis, Chatham and Harwich.
9. The Youth Service Committee will meet to discuss fundraising events over the summer.
10. The year will end with the LWVCCA having a total of 79 members.
11. The Annual Reports published in the May *Voter* indicate the League did excellent work 2015-2016.

### **Annual Meeting Highlights**

1. Florence Seldin and Debby Ecker attended as 50-year-plus members.
2. Nine board members are retiring from the board.
3. The next board will include four new members.
4. Attendees thanked the Steering Committee for its hard work over the year.
5. A budget of \$8,260 was approved.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - JULY 2016-JUNE 2017**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Town/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I wish to renew membership in the League of Women Voters of the CCA**

Single (\$55) \_\_\_\_\_ Household (\$85) \_\_\_\_\_ Assisted Single (\$30) \_\_\_\_\_

***Please send this form and your renewal check to LWVCCA  
c/o Ira Seldin, Treasurer, 321 Deer Meadow Lane, Chatham, MA 02633***

Receipt of MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL by **JULY 1st** will ensure that you are included in the 2015-2016 Directory. If you have any questions about membership, please contact Membership Committee member Phyllis Walsh at [walshpf@comcast.net](mailto:walshpf@comcast.net).



Please consider joining one of the committees listed below.

We welcome help from all members in assisting with events such as voter registration and candidate debates, especially in the busy election year ahead.

**I am interested in the following committee(s):**

Voter Service \_\_\_\_\_ Legislation \_\_\_\_\_ Fundraising \_\_\_\_\_

Healthcare \_\_\_\_\_ Communications \_\_\_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_\_\_

County Government \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Service \_\_\_\_\_