



THE CAPE COD VOTER

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CALENDAR

Tuesday September 11
9:30am

Board Meeting
Cape Cod Five, Dennis

Thursday, September 20
5pm

Opening Membership Meeting
Dan'l Webster Inn, Sandwich

Tuesday September 25
2-6pm

National Voter Registration Day
Cape Cod Mall - Food Court
Members will assist new voters to register
for Nov. 4 state & national elections

COMING UP

Tuesday October 2
9:30am

Board Meeting
Cape Cod Five, Dennis

Sat. October 13 10am
Cape Cinema, Dennis

CANDIDATES DEBATE - LWVCCA
Moderating--State Senate - Congress

Saturday, October 20
10am - Noon
Cape Media Center, Dennis Port

HEALTHCARE FORUM
Mass. Ballot Question One:
Patient to Nurse Staffing Ratios

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to the
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE CAPE COD AREA
FALL OPEN MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Please join us at
DAN'L WEBSTER INN & SPA
149 Main St Suite #1, Sandwich
Thursday, September 20, 2018
5:00 PM -- Buffet dinner

Our speaker is **Kristy Senatori**, Acting Executive Director of the Cape Cod Commission. The Cape Cod Commission is the regional land use planning, economic development and regulatory agency for Barnstable County. Created in 1990 to serve the citizens and 15 towns that comprise Cape Cod, CCC is a department of regional government though is funded separately through Cape Cod Environmental Protection Fund as well as various grants. The 19-member volunteer board represents a spectrum of the community and provides oversight for a staff of 40 professionals.

RSVP Ann Ryan
by Thursday, September 13. Cost \$30.
Please send check made out to LWVCCA

To Amy Harris, 4 Chapel Hill Lane, Harwich MA 02645

Cost includes salad, rolls, choice of chicken, pasta primavera, baked stuffed haddock, chocolate mousse cake, coffee, decaf or tea. Please mention allergies.

LWVCCA TO MARK VOTER REGISTRATION DAY -- SEPTEMBER 25

From Anita Rogers and Rosemary Shields, Co-Chairs

“THE MIDTERMS ON MY TERMS” is the theme for National Voter Registration Day, **Tuesday, September 25**. In observance of the occasion, LWVCCA will be setting up shop from **2-6pm in the Food Court at Cape Cod Mall**.

We need your help. Please consider joining us for a one-or-two-hour shift that afternoon. It's surprisingly fun, meeting the community and striking up all sorts of conversations. And if you've never registered a citizen to vote, not to worry! A seasoned veteran will be there to guide you and answer your or anyone else's questions.

Or join us for a preview. On Saturday, September 15, we'll be at the **Hyannis Stop & Shop on Attucks Lane -- noon to 2pm**.

OR let us help you set up a table in your town! Remember, October 17 is the last day to register to vote in order to be eligible to vote in the November 6 general election.

We look forward to hearing from you. With thanks in advance.

Anita Rogers -- (508) 255 6360
Rosemary Shields -- (202) 222 5309

680,000 Massachusetts residents are eligible to vote but are not registered!

www.InformedVoterMA.org

FROM SCOTTI FINNEGAN, LWVCCA PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

I want to welcome you to a new LWVCCA year of programs, forums, and fully engaging in our democracy. During the summer, board members participated in a two-day retreat facilitated by member Chris Meade. Chris brought her expertise as a highly skilled HR professional to lead the board to identify our working styles and to establish norms for the work of the board. The experience of this work was an opportunity for board members to get to know each other and to build a positive leadership team. A productive board is an important element for every League however it is every member working together by doing her or his part, no matter how small, that will continue to make the LWVCCA a dynamic voice for democracy.

The Board and I look forward to a successful year and to engaging every member in active participation in LWVCCA and in our democracy.

Although the season is showing signs of winding down I hope you continue to enjoy the glorious Cape Fall weather.

Scotti Finnegan

NEW OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS 2018-2019

Officers -- 1 year terms - 2018-2019

President	Scotti Finnegan
Vice President-Program	Ann Ryan
Secretary	Mary Hunter Utt
Treasurer	Amy Harris

Directors -- 2-year terms 2018-2020

Membership`	Phyllis Walsh
	Matti Ligon
Voter Service	Anita Rogers
	Rosemary Shields
Youth Service	Karen Mazza
Voter Editor	Nancy Erskine
Environment	Suzanne Brock
	Richard Utt
Health	Sally Cahill
	Patricia Ryle
Communications	Laura Samuels
Website	Mark Ameres
Facebook	Richard Utt

Directors -- 1-year term 2018-2019

At Large	Florence Seldin
At Large	Jari Rapaport
At Large	Judy Thomas

YOUTH SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT

From Karen Mazza

Civic Education had a good summer!

First, in June, the Mass. Board of Elementary and Secondary Education approved the revised *History and Social Science Curriculum Framework*. The revised framework integrates civic education into the K-12 History and Social Science Curriculum and creates a required Grade 8 course that focuses on American history and an in-depth study of civics with an experiential approach.

A second success came when the Legislature--both House and Senate-- passed S.2631, An Act to Promote and Enhance Civic Engagement. The different versions of the bill went to a conference committee...which reached a compromise version ~ and sent it on to the Governor! The Governor did return the bill to committee asking for some small amendments stressing the importance of civic experience's being non-partisan. Chances remain good that agreement will be reached on the amendment.

Together, these two actions will go a long way to improve civic education and to give it the infrastructural support that is needed.

To coincide with the emphasis on the Grade 8 curriculum, our Committee has voted to offer two mini grants to two districts to support creation of an experiential civics learning opportunity.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

From Phyllis Walsh & Matti Ligon

Welcome to Honey Pivrotto, Brewster

Honey has recently been appointed to the Brewster Finance Committee ~ and most appropriately so. She has nearly 40 years of financial management in her resume, in all levels of public and private organizations ~ with a strong concentration in the healthcare field.

A Connecticut native with degrees from the University of Hartford, Honey spent her early career in various financial positions including internal auditor, budget director and CFO of hospitals in that state. From 1984 - 1986, she served as a Director of the Connecticut Commission on Hospitals and Healthcare, overseeing billions of dollars of operating and capital budgets for capital projects, medical equipment and service changes for acute care general hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies and physicians.

The last 21 years have seen a major change, however, as Honey and her husband moved to Oro Valley, AZ. No retirement there however, as Honey joined both the finance and zoning committees, while also playing an instrumental role in the creation, implementation and ongoing leadership of Arizona's first statewide *Health Information Exchange*.

New England continued to call, however, and in 2013, Honey and her husband bought a home in Brewster, where she has long family ties. After four years of "commuting" cross country, they moved here permanently in 2017. They keep busy with grandchildren and friends, kayaking and paddleboarding and ~oh yes, giving the kids rides on the "screamer" behind their old boat out on Long Pond!

We are delighted to welcome this involved, energetic new member to LWVCCA!

Honey Pivrotto

OUR THOUGHTS GO OUT...

... to Elizabeth Levy and Joan Grant and their families on hearing of the deaths of their husbands Milt Levy and John Grant. Both were educators, loving fathers and husbands of strong women who were dedicated to the League and its ideals.

LWVCCA CALENDAR 2018-2019

9/11/2018	Tuesday	Board Meeting, 9:30 AM Cape Cod Five, Dennis
9/15/2018	Saturday	Voter Registration, Stop & Shop, 12- 2 PM Attucks Lane, Hyannis
9/20/2018	Thursday	Opening Membership Mtg. Dan'l Webster Inn, 5PM
9/25/2018	Tuesday	Nat'l Voter Registration Day, 2- 6 PM, Cape Cod Mall
10/2/2018	Tuesday	Board Meeting, 9:30 AM Cape Cod Five, Dennis
10/20/2018	Saturday	Health Forum, Cape Media Center, 10 -noon
11/6/2018	Tuesday	Board Meeting, 9:30 AM Cape Cod Five, Dennis
2/1/2018	Saturday	Holiday Brunch, 9:30am Riverway Lobster House,
12/4/2018	Tuesday	Board Meeting, 9:30 AM Cape Cod Five, Dennis
1/8/2019	Tuesday	Board Meeting, 9:30 AM Cape Cod Five, Dennis
2/5/2019	Tuesday	Board Meeting, 9:30 AM Cape Cod Five, Dennis
3/5/2019	Tuesday	Board Meeting, 9:30 AM Cape Cod Five, Dennis
TBD		Legislative Breakfast
4/2/2019	Tuesday	Board Meeting, 9:30 AM Cape Cod Five, Dennis
5/7/2019	Tuesday	Board Meeting, 9:30 AM Cape Cod Five, Dennis
5/22/2019	Wednesday	Annual Meeting, SeaView, Dennisport
6/4/2019	Tuesday	Board Meeting, 9:30 AM Cape Cod Five

BARNSTABLE COUNTY REPORT

With thanks to Matti Ligon

County government didn't take a summer vacation. Meetings of the Board of County Commissioners and the Assembly of Delegates continued: every Wednesday morning for the Commissioners and every second Wednesday afternoon for the Assembly.

Matti Ligon has worked to give the League visibility at some of these county meetings. She was at a Commissioners' meeting on June 6th where she was surprised and delighted to witness a ceremony at which the Malcolm McDowd Award for community service was presented to the Barnstable High School Human Rights Club. "I was so impressed," Matti reports, "at the work these young women were doing. One girl had even gone on a mission to Haiti".

Matti has committed herself to attending County meetings when she can, but she can't attend them all. There are basically just 6 meetings a month. Please consider attending even one of them!

Commissioners' meetings will be held at 10am on Wednesdays Sept 5 - 12 - 19 - 27*
Assembly meetings will be held at 4pm on Wednesdays Sept 5 and 19.

For complete up-to-the-minute details, go to www.barnstablecounty.org or phone Owen Fletcher, Executive Assistant at 508-375-6648, owenfletcher@barnstablecounty.org

***DID YOU KNOW? BARNSTABLE DECLARED INDEPENDENCE FIRST.**

On September 27th, 1774, the residents of Barnstable County declared their independence from Britain! This year, 244 years later, that event will be observed by a ceremonial signing of a replica of that document during a meeting of the Barnstable County Board of Commissioners. The ceremony will take place at 4pm on Thursday, September 27 at the Olde Colonial Courthouse in Barnstable Village. The public is cordially invited. Get the whole story at www.capecodtimes.com/news/20180902/barnstable-celebrates.



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