

Voter Service Committee 2012-2013

Participating in National Voter Registration Day, this year LWVCCA held registration drives at two sites and another drive at Cape Cod Community College. Thanks to our members who staffed these drives! We held one debate for the general election in the fall which featured two races: the 5th Barnstable District and the Plymouth Barnstable Senate District. The debate was held at the Sandwich High School and co-sponsored with the Cape Cod Times. We commend the League's Health Committee for sponsoring a forum on ballot question dealing with death with dignity. This forum was definitely a voter service. On October 17th we held a televised only debate for the County Commissioner election. This debate was held at the Cape Cod Community Media Center in Dennis. I am grateful for the valued support members give to voter service debates for moderating, timing, collecting and sorting cards and "hosting" – all of which make our forums a good experience for the public. In January, new chair Barbara Wellnitz assumed responsibilities cheerfully and very responsibly.

Judy Thomas, chair (June through December 2012)

Voters Service Report – January to May 2013

This has been a very busy season for our LWV Voter Service volunteers: moderators, timekeepers, and card sorters, from Sandwich to Eastham.

LWV Cape Cod Area members have moderated a forum sponsored by the Eastham Water Action Committee in early March, a School Committee candidates' night in Sandwich on April 8th, a candidates' night in Dennis on April 24th, and a candidates' night in Chatham on April 29th. In addition, we supplied a moderator for the Chatham Solid Waste Forum on April 25th. Our LWV members served as card sorters and timekeepers for most of these events as well. And, some of our most experienced timekeepers will provide their services for the Eastham town meeting on May 6th and again for Chatham town meeting on May

14th – the latter two events won't require our moderators.

To help sustain the League's non-partisan position, moderators cannot serve in their own towns, although timekeepers and card sorters do sometimes serve in their own towns.

In addition to these forums, we also held a moderator training session, led by Judy Thomas. Four of our members were trained on April 3rd. There also are three others who have indicated their interest in becoming moderators, so we will likely schedule a second training session sometime later this year (likely in the Fall). The Voter Service Committee always welcomes new members, and we look forward to scheduling a committee meeting soon.

Barbara Wellnitz, Chair
Voter Service Committee (January 2013 to present)