



Really, things are warming up...

## Upcoming Dates to Note on Your Calendar

Date	Time	Details
Thurs. May 10	5:30-8pm	LWVPA Annual Meeting American Legion Hall, 65 Depot Road, Falmouth
Sat. Apr 28 & May 19	9-noon	Primary Elections Study Consensus Meetings

Additional information about LWVPA and LWVME activities is available on the Maine LWV [website](#) calendar.

## LWVPA Annual Meeting Time

Members and guests... We've got a great meeting planned: happy hour, dinner, speakers, awards and, of course, a business meeting. Catch up with friends, find out what's going on, meet the new Board members and approve next year's budget. We've had a busy year and look forward to another one. Watch for your separate invitation.



## March for Our Lives ReCap

Representatives of the LWV were highly visible on March 26<sup>th</sup> in Portland and Brunswick as they supported the marchers and encouraged eligible voters to register to vote. We had three tables in Portland (Congress Square, Monument Square, and City Hall). Every table received lots of kudos and encouragement as those attending

the March passed by and those not yet registered stopped by to fill out their registration cards. The PPH interviewed one of our new voters who was signing up at City Hall after the march and gave the LWV a thumbs-up in the article. We also got two invites from teachers participating in the march; they asked us to add their high schools to our list for the spring registration drive.



## Primary Study Update

Time for Portland Area members to study together and reach consensus. Greatly anticipated, the Primary/Candidate Selection Study Committee is finally ready to release the Study Guide! There's lots of material to review and discuss so plan on joining us for one or both dates: April 28 and May 19. Location to be announced when the Study Guide goes live at LWVME.org and your Inbox!

## Leadership Conference Recap

League members representing MA, VT, NH, CN, RI, and ME attended last weekend's Leadership Conference in Wells. The keynote address was on voter protection and fraud issues by Jim Condos, VT Secretary of State and incoming President of the National Association of Secretaries of State. Joanna London, LWV Washington, D.C. informed the group about efforts to get Congressional

approval of statehood for Washington, D.C. The LWVUS is supporting the statehood initiative and has provided LWVPA with an information packet that can be used to inform others about the issues and how to support the effort (contact [Barbara Kaufman](#) if you would like more information). Other highlights included discussions about building community partnerships (Anne Schink), working with new Leagues (Carol Reimers), and the essential role of dignity in resolving conflicts (Barbara McDade, discussing Donna Hick's book on this topic). Toni Zimmer, National Board Liaison, reported on transformational changes in the works for the LWVUS.

## Voter Registration

Wow! What an amazing time it is for voter registrations! Lots of enthusiasm everywhere, not just at Naturalization Ceremonies and schools. YTD statewide, there have been 5 Naturalization ceremonies with 155 new citizens registered to vote, plus 27 Voter Registration Drives, with 564 new voters. There are potentially 25 more voter registration drives scheduled for this spring. With over 700 new voters so far this year, it looks like we will set a new record by election time! Thanks and kudos to the dedicated League volunteers from all over the state who have given of their time to help so many get ready to vote for the first time!!

## Membership Update

Since January, LWVPA has welcomed 37 new and/or renewing members. Many thanks to all of you for your support. We look forward to seeing you at future meetings and events.

Carol Carpenter, Pam Chamberlain, Katherine Charbonneau, Gail Cinelli, Nancy Cioccoa, Claire Cummings, Bruce Denny-Brown, Elaine Digiovanni, Pam Emery, Elizabeth Fraser, Ruth Gallagher, Kathryn Gannon-Janelle, Anne Gass, Domna Giatas, Lorraine Glowczak, Joan Greene, Carrie Hanlon, Alicia Harding, Penny Harris, Maryann Larson, Dawn Leland, Sandra Lemmerman, Ronald Lewis, Deb

McDonough, Doug McCown & Rebecca Steele, Anna & Jim Messmer, Martha Mickles, Kim Peaslee, Pam Plumb, Flynn Ross, Joy Rubin, Karen Saucier, Mary Simms, Moira Simonds, Joan Steinberg, Matt & Emily Ward, and Cathie Whittenburg.

Are you are looking to get more involved? [\*Click here for a list of ways to make a difference.\*](#)