



Moving into Fall and Mid-Term Elections!

Upcoming Dates for Your Calendar

Date	Time	Details
Sep 25	Week before to week after	National Voter Registration Day, 2018. The League will be scheduling high school, college, and community voter drives. Details below!
Sep 27	7-8:30 pm	Cumberland District Attorney Candidate Forum Spruce Room, Westbrook Community Center 426 Bridge Street (Pool/Swimming entrance). Westbrook, ME
Sep 29	10:30 am to noon	Civic Saturday Rines Auditorium @ Portland Public Library
Oct 8	9-11 am	Board Meeting. MCCE/LWVME Conference Room 565 Congress Street, 2 nd Floor
Oct 18	6-7:30 pm	Rock the Vote: Voter Information Night To register contact: Scarborough Adult Ed
Oct TBD	TBD	What's on the Ballot Workshop Quill Books and Beverage 1 Westbrook Common, Westbrook, ME 04092
Nov 5	9-11 am	Board Meeting. MCCE/LWVME Conference Room 565 Congress Street, 2 nd Floor
Nov 14	5:30-7:30 pm	Whine & Wine Post-election Social Hour and Post-Election Reflections PelotonLabs, 795 Congress, Portland
Feb 14	6:30–7:30 pm	Book discussion: <i>The Soul of America</i> Riverton Branch of Portland Public Library 1600 Forest Ave.
Apr 11	6:30–7:30 pm	Book discussion: <i>There There</i> Riverton Branch of Portland Public Library 1600 Forest Ave.

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

CUMBERLAND DA CANDIDATE NIGHT

The LWVPA, ACLU of Maine and Westbrook Community Center will sponsor a Cumberland County Candidate Night. Randall Bates (R), Jon Gale (D), and Jonathan Sahrbeck (I) are vying to take the place of Stephanie Anderson, who has held this position since 1991. First, ACLU will help participants understand what a DA does. Next, candidates will introduce themselves and then rotate through 3 participant groups so that they can respond directly to constituent questions and concerns. All are welcome.

When: **Thursday, Sept. 27th, 7 – 8:30 pm.** Where: Spruce Room, Westbrook Community Center, 426 Bridge Street (Pool/Swimming entrance), Westbrook, ME. For more information: kaufman.barb@gmail.com.

VOTER REGISTRATION UPDATE



Voter registrations continue to roll in. Year-to-date, LWVME has registered 1325 voters at the following events:

- 17 Naturalization Ceremonies registering 362 new voters, or 55% of the new citizens
- 24 community events registering 120 voters
- 37 high school and college events registering 843 voters

If we compare the combined high school, college and community voter drives through the end of September both this year and in 2016, the difference is amazing. 2018 = 963 new voters. 2016 = 271 new voters. This is **more than 3 times the number of new voter registrations so far this year!** Kudos to all League Members who have helped make this happen. For more information, contact Peg Balano at volunteer@lwwme.org.

Pictured: *Mainers register at a summer rally.*

LWVPA TESTIFIES ON NON-CITIZEN VOTING

Congratulations to the LWVPA! As a recently reactivated Chapter, we are just starting to practice our issue advocacy skills. This summer, the Portland City Council heard testimony from individuals and organizations on approving a referendum for the ballot asking Portland voters to grant all residents the right to vote in local Portland elections. Since the League has not studied this issue, we testified neither for nor against, trying to provide some historical context and some pros and cons. The Council decided not to put this question before Portland voters this year.

ENHANCE YOUR LEAGUE EXPERIENCE

The Portland Area League needs help in the following areas. We mentor and coach all volunteers!

- A web page manager to help create and maintain our web pages.
- Coordinating and managing Voter Registration Drives that are not US Naturalization Ceremonies.
- Organizing events and programs with others.
- Marketing/creating publicity for events.

Contact [Barbara Kaufman](#) or [Peg Balano](#) if you can lend a hand.

PPL SPONSORS CIVIC SATURDAY

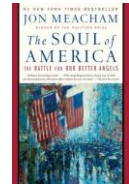
In a country held together not by race or religion, but by a common creed, how do we maintain any sense of national cohesion? And how do we convert our ideals into action? These are the questions that we confront and answer with Civic Saturday.

Portland Public Library is sponsoring Civic Saturday on September 21st. Full information and registration is available on their [website](#). While this is not a League event, it is absolutely in line with our goals and work.

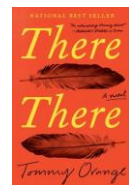
2019 BOOK DISCUSSIONS

The Greater Portland League is collaborating with the Portland Public Library in hosting two book talk sessions in early 2019. The partnership and its selections are inspired by the PPL's "Choosing Civility" initiative. Both events will be held at the Riverton Public Library (1600 Forest Avenue) in conjunction with its monthly Book Group.

Thursday February 14, 6:30pm: Jon Meacham, [*The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels*](#), 2018. Pulitzer Prize-winning Meacham "helps us understand the present moment in American politics and life by looking back at critical times in our history when hope overcame division and fear."



Thursday April 11, 6:30pm: Tommy Orange, [*There There*](#), 2018. In his debut novel, Orange tells "a ... multigenerational story about ... memory and identity, and the beauty and despair woven into the history of a nation and its people. It tells the story of twelve characters ... traveling to the Big Oakland Powwow." (Goodreads Review).



Both discussions will be facilitated by League member Elizabeth Miller and Riverton Branch librarian Kerry Purvis.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The following 60 individuals joined the LWVPA or renewed their membership from April 1st through August 31st 2018.

Meredith Allen, Jill Babcock, Linda & Jerry Benezra, Constance Bingham, Harriet Bogdonoff, John Brautigam & Corey Hascall, Harriet Burgoon, Lalla Carothers, Penelope Carson, Ellen Clancy, Catherine Coughlin, Anne Dalton, Rosie DeQuattro, Christine Edwards, Lucy Ellis, Sarah Hach, Penelope Hamblin & Willis Hentz, Betty Hauptman, Sue Hawes, Anna Kellar, Jana Lapoint, Geraldine Levis, Nancy Lombardelli, Meri Lowry, Marguerite MacDonald, Kim Matthews, Nancy Miles, Kathleen Milkulka, Elizabeth Miller & David Body, Bruce Moore & Jan Chapman, Marta Morse, Carolyn Murray, Mary Nelson, Sydney Patten, Phebe Quattrucci, Kim Rich, Mary Rokosz, Darcy Ross, Elizabeth Ruff, Elizabeth Schultz, Jane Silver,

Dale Steffens, Louise Sullivan, Anne Summer & Carl Toney, Julia Swan,
Yolanda Theunissen, Judy Tizon, Colleen Tucker, Carol & Tom Ward, Polly
Ward, Jill Ward, Pamela Weiss, Tim Wyant,

Thank you for your interest and support of the League. We look forward to
seeing you at our meetings and events.