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The League of Women Voters of Maine, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major political policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.



Dear Members of the League of Women Voters of Maine,

The political season in Maine is in full swing! Election Day is right around the corner; and our brand new web site is now live at www.lwvme.org, full of valuable information about the upcoming election and voting, as well as League activities and issues.

Election Day is November 6, 2007. This is an off-year election, but there are some important questions on the ballot. Be sure to vote on November 6. The League has been out front in favor of a "Yes" vote on Question 5 to extend term limits. The state ballot also puts bond and gambling questions to the voters of Maine. These questions are important to our future!

With the Presidential primaries well underway and campaign spending expected to break all records, our continuing work for campaign finance reform could not be more important, defending Maine's landmark public funding system. And our newly-formed PAC Study Committee is now at work, studying the impact of political action committees on candidate races here in Maine. Anyone interested in working on this important project should contact the League at lwvme@gwi.net.

There's a lot more great work being done by League members around the state. To keep up-to-date with League activities, you will want to receive our Monthly Message to League Members by e-mail. If you have not been getting these messages, please make sure we have your current e-mail address by sending a message to lwvme@gwi.net.

An item in the October Members Update particularly caught our eye. The Maine Historical Society is presenting a program on Woman Suffrage. The struggle in the United States started in 1840 and ended in 1920. Eighty years to get women the right to vote. Then think of all the issues our League is currently working on: Real ID, term limits, DC Voting Rights, voter fraud, ethics in elections, who can vote.... Our foremothers would be amazed that there is still so much to do! But, they would be proud that this organization continues to work to have everyone's voice heard.

Ann Luther and Barbara McDade, your co-Presidents