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From the President

Dear Members and Friends:

Maine, where democracy works for all. A Maine where voting matters and every Mainer votes. A Maine with free, fair, and accessible elections. A Maine free from the influence of special interest money in our politics. A Maine where the government is responsive, responsible, and embraced by the people. Here at the League of Women Voters, that's our vision for the future of Maine.

And we will get there through actions guided by our core values of nonpartisanship, civil discourse, fairness, civic participation, transparency, and education. These are the values you want to see at work in our democracy and in our government. These are the League's values, too. Now, more than ever, we stand with you to uphold these values and make them the core of our work together.

This February, the League turns 97, and in preparation for our 100-year anniversary, the state Board embarked on a strategic planning process to reinforce this vision and deploy these core values in laying out a plan for the next 5 years. We are excited about this work and look forward to sharing it with you this spring at our biennial Convention, May 19 & 20 in Brunswick. The state League will elect a new board and, based on the strategic planning we have done this past year, we will chart a course leading up to our 100th anniversary in 2020 and beyond. Look for more details about speakers and registration in the weeks ahead.

In the meantime, we're looking for League leaders to join our board. If you are interested in board service, or if you know someone who has the leadership and ability to make an impact, send us a message at info@lwvme.org or call 622-0256.

As we march towards our 100th anniversary, the League continues to fight voter discrimination and works to get secret money out of our election campaigns so that our elections are fair, free, and accessible. We work toward civil discourse to help arrive at sensible solutions to the big issues facing our state and our nation.

But we can't do it without you! To keep up with all things League, you can check our website and blog, like us on Facebook, or follow us on Twitter. You make the League work, and we welcome your participation and support!

Jill Ward
President, LWVME

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Upcoming Events:

- March 1 – Downeast Book Group: Two Parties or More?: The American Party System
- March 2 – Portland Train the Trainer
- March 17–Democracy Forum WERU
- March 19 – Brunswick Film Screening: Equal Means Equal
- March 22 –Ellsworth Public Conversation: The Two Maines
- April 7–9 – Wells Quad States/NE Leadership Conference
- May 11 – Portland LWVPA Annual Meeting
- May 19– Brunswick State Convention

Making an Impact: Advocacy Agenda for the 128th Legislature & Impact on Issues Released

Ann Luther, Trenton

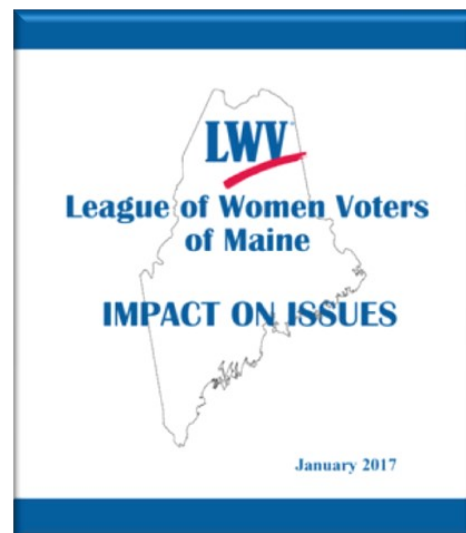
Each legislative session, the League's all-volunteer Lobby Corps advocates on major policy issues concerning voting rights and election administration, government ethics and good government, Clean Elections and campaign finance reform, freedom of information, and disclosure.

The Lobby Corps has shifted into full gear and is busy preparing testimony in the League priority areas, monitoring bills of interest, and providing a League presence at the State House. Our priority areas include the following:

- Election Integrity and Random Audits
- Ranked Choice Voting
- Automatic Voter Registration
- Defense of Voting Rights
- Defense of Clean Elections

We've got more planned in the months to come. Look for:

- A legislative scorecard on selected bills we follow
- Action Alerts, updates, and event info on Twitter and Facebook
- An updated version of *Impact on Issues* after the legislative session



In our efforts to keep you – our members – informed, we introduce Impact on Issues. This report describes the priorities and the positions that are the basis for our current advocacy work. It's also a ten-year retrospective of the work that we've done in our key policy areas. Our positions align with those of the League of Women Voters of the U.S. (LWVUS) but reflect local priorities and the unique nature of Maine's citizenry and politics. We focus on areas of specific concern in our state, with an emphasis on voting rights, election administration, campaign finance, and good government.

You can get your copy of Impact on Issues from our website at <http://www.lwvme.org/Impact.html>. If you don't have internet access, call 207.622.0256 to request a hard copy. And we hope you'll join us in this work. You're already a member or friend of the League, but we could really use your help in this work. There are volunteer opportunities at the state and local level. Call 207.622.0256 or lwvme@gwi.net to find out more about how to volunteer.

SAVE THE DATE!

Making Democracy Work New England Leadership Conference in April

Join fellow League members for our **Annual New England Leadership Conference (ME, NH, VT, RI and MA) in Wells, Maine, on Saturday and Sunday April 8 and 9**. The theme of *Making Democracy Work* will be advanced through presentations on the Integrity of Journalism, Distrust of Public Institutions, and Civics Education.

Confirmed speakers include John Christie and Naomi Shalit from the Maine Center for Public Interest Reporting and Tom Kerr-Vander Slice from Brown University with his program called *Generation Citizen*. Peter Levine, from Tufts University, and author of *We Are the Ones We Have Been Waiting For* has been invited. A representative from the office of the League of Women Voters U.S. has been invited to provide an update of priorities and action at the national level. A book discussion on *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance will take place on Sunday morning.

Registration is \$25.00. Overnight accommodations are \$100.00 per night including continental breakfast. To make a reservation or learn more, go to the LWVME website at <http://www.lwvme.org/Quad.html> or call us at 622-0256.

Maine's Landmark Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) Law Headed to Court

Jill Ward, South Portland

In November, Maine voters passed Ranked Choice Voting into law. This was a citizen initiative powered by Maine people to give Maine voters more choice and more power in elections.

On Thursday, February 2, the Maine Senate voted 24-10 to ask the state Supreme Court for a solemn occasion regarding the constitutionality of the law. The Court would first decide whether to grant the solemn occasion, and if so, would rule on the constitutional questions posed by the Senate.

A “solemn occasion” is a rare exception to the general rule that courts should not engage in legal analysis other than that which is necessary to decide regular cases brought by opposing parties and litigated through the lower courts.

In the League’s opinion, the Senate’s action undermines the will of Maine citizens, negates our voting power, and weakens the citizen initiative process. There is an established process to address issues of constitutionality, and the Senate should have followed it. To circumvent the regular order appears unnecessarily political and deliberately disenfranchises voters.



But the fight continues on. On Tuesday, February 7, the Maine Supreme Judicial Court issued its briefing schedule for the solemn occasion:

- Briefs are due March 3
- Responsive briefs are due March 17
- Oral argument is April 13

Prior to the oral argument the Court will receive legal briefs from proponents and opponents of RCV and any other interested persons. The court also invited briefs from the governor, secretary of state, both houses of the legislature, and the attorney general.

LWVME will be there. The League is being represented by an outstanding team of litigators from Verrill Dana. With their help, we are preparing to submit a brief arguing in support of the law. Opinions in solemn occasion cases are not binding and are merely “advisory.” But the Court’s opinion could have repercussions for any future decisions of the legislature regarding full implementation of the law for the 2018 cycle. And it would foreshadow how the Court would apply the law in the event of a challenge during or after the 2018 election.

The RCV law approved by voters in November 2016 applies to races for governor, the Maine legislature, and Congress. Some of the arguments against the law apply only to the state races. Oral argument in the RCV case begins at 8:30 a.m. on April 13 and will be open to the public at the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, 205 Newbury Street, Portland, ME 04101-4125. Keep up on the latest at: <http://www.lwvme.org/RCV.html>.



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The Electoral College Explained

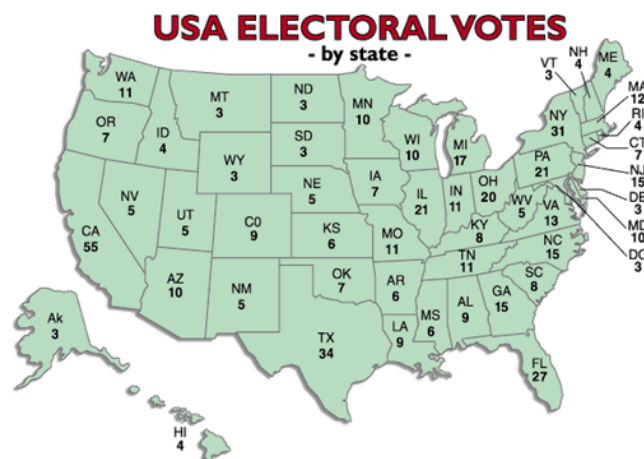
John Brautigam, Falmouth

The 2016 presidential election is likely to mark a watershed in United States political history. The intensity and divisiveness of the campaign will be the subject of books and conversations for years to come.

When presidential election passions run high, discussion often veers away from the candidates themselves to the nature of our unique election system, and in particular to the Electoral College enshrined in the United States Constitution. The Electoral College dates from the early days of the republic, and its precise role in the modern era is not well understood by the general public.

Clinton won the popular vote by 2.7 million votes, while Trump carried the electoral vote by 304 to 227. Five electors designated for Clinton voted for other people, and two electors designated for Trump cast their votes for others. Was the outcome of the election and the role of the Electoral College what the founders intended?

In theory, the Electoral College serves as a moderating force on the unmitigated will of the general public. This happens in two ways. First, the distribution of electoral votes is somewhat weighted toward the smaller states. Second, the electors who cast electoral votes are—in theory—positioned to exercise their independent judgment in the choice of the president. They are informed by the popular vote of the state they represent, but they are persons whose unique knowledge and experience gives them a role beyond merely rubber-stamping the citizens' choice.



The federalist design of the Electoral College, intended to protect the rights of smaller states from domination by the larger states, is an artifact of our founding history and the tension present from the beginning between rural or slaveholding states and more populous ones. In the modern era, smaller states have valued preserving this structure to ensure that their role in presidential elections is not diminished. Yet, as demographics shift, and population becomes more concentrated, the popular vote for president and the Electoral College outcome may be divided more frequently. Of the three times in our history when this did occur, two of them have been in the last 20 years.

Analysts frequently noted during the 2016 campaign that Maine and Nebraska are the only two states that do not allocate their electoral votes on a “winner takes all” basis. This cycle, for the first time, Maine split its Electoral College votes and allocated one vote to Trump and the remaining three to Clinton. Arguably, this divided-vote approach earned Maine more attention, as the Trump campaign spent significant time and effort to secure that one vote. On the other hand, the overall impact of the state’s electoral votes on the national outcome is diminished by this vote-splitting approach, since the Clinton vote in CD 1 and the Trump vote in CD 2 arguably cancel each other out.

But for the vast majority of states, the electoral votes are all awarded to the candidate with a plurality of the popular vote within that state. Some have criticized this system as inconsistent with the constitutional principle of “one person-one vote.” Another objection to the Electoral College relates to the uncertainty and confusion it creates. A straight majority-wins voting system is easy to understand and minimizes “strategic” behavior. But the popular vote is not determinative in our system, blurring the impact of any one person’s vote and possibly dampening voter participation.

In the Federalist 68, Alexander Hamilton noted that electors in the Electoral College would be “detached” from temporary passions and concerns, and from the influence of foreign interests. In theory, such detachment would allow them to exercise their own independent judgment in their choice, guided of course by the popular vote.

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League Joins Maine Citizens for Clean Elections for Democracy Day at the State House

Anna Kellar, Maine Citizens for Clean Elections

Mainers from across the state gathered at the State House on January 19 to ensure reforms won at the ballot box remain strong as the 128th Legislature begins its work. On the seventh anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's disastrous *Citizens United* ruling, dozens of citizens gathered for a rally and discussed with lawmakers the need to fully fund Maine's Clean Election law, implement the Ranked Choice Voting law without delay, and support other reforms that would reduce the influence of wealthy special interests in Maine elections and government.

League of Women Voters of Maine representative Helen Hanlon addressed the historic struggle to expand our democracy, including the recent referendum on Ranked Choice Voting. "Those democracy reforms that can make the biggest difference are sometimes the ones that face the most serious threats. That's why we're here today. We believe in the benefits of Ranked Choice Voting and we want the will of the people to be honored."

Advocates expressed concerns that the proposed biennial budget doesn't include the full funding for Clean Elections required by the law passed by voters in 2015. Maine people also urged their lawmakers to support bills to ban privately funded legislators and candidates from operating and controlling their own political action committees or "PACs." Much of the funding raised and spent through PACs comes from out-of-state sources, lobbyists, and their clients.

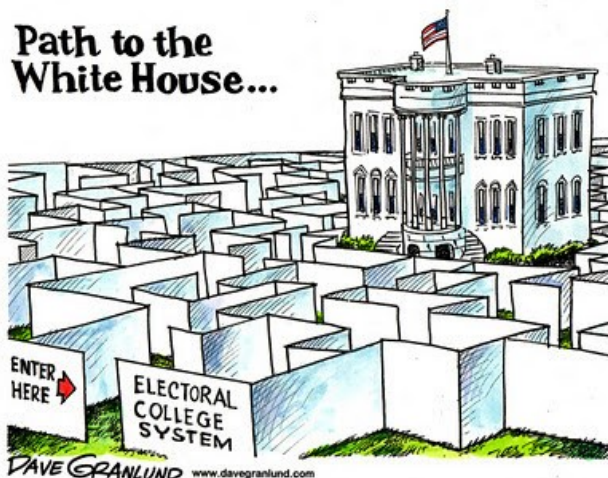
"Today we ask those who represent us—nearly two-thirds of whom were elected using Clean Elections—to respect the will of Maine voters," said Andrew Bossie, Executive Director of Maine Citizens for Clean Elections. "That means fully funding Clean Elections, reining in the power of lobbyists and undisclosed, out-of-state money, and implementing our voter-approved Ranked Choice Voting law without delay."



ELECTORAL COLLEGE *continued*

Today, however, electors have no "detached" role, and are bound by state law. Electors in most states do not have the ability to exercise their independent judgment, as shown in Colorado, where an elector who attempted to vote independently was removed and replaced with an elector who agreed to vote as pledged. Thus, electors are controlled by the laws and practices of the state in which they are selected, and the independence or "detachment" that Hamilton attempted to provide is illusory.

Path to the White House...



The Electoral College cannot be changed without a constitutional amendment, but some have advocated for a national compact among the states that would allocate state electors in a manner that reflects the popular vote. To date, many states have considered this approach, but it has yet to find the support necessary to bring about such a momentous change.

Whether the public will be content with the Electoral College or will support change remains an open question. The future success of the administration of President Trump may shape that debate in the years to come.

Check out this blog post from January 26 on the myth of voter fraud. This is just one example of the news you'll find on the LWVME blog. For more, visit the LWVME blog at <https://lwvme.wordpress.com> and give us your feedback!

The Voter Fraud Myth

Stephanie Philbrick, Bowdoin

We have reached a precarious moment in American politics. Divisive rhetoric and fear politics have taken an ugly turn and threaten the most basic of our democratic rights: voting. The myth of voter fraud is so dangerous precisely because it chills voter participation and leads to proposals that restrict voter access. And [voter intimidation like we saw from Governor LePage](#) during the election serves as backdoor disenfranchisement because citizens are intentionally confused about the election process and their access to it.

Before the election, a candidate predicted that the only way he could lose [was if the election was "rigged."](#) Now that he has won and been installed as our president, he [still says there was widespread voter fraud](#)—because he didn't win the popular election. It's unclear why he's perpetuating this idea, and many lawmakers agree there is no evidence to back his claim.

But this is clear: the myth of voter fraud is very dangerous and widely believed. This myth instills fear in us as citizens so we look for villains and question our neighbors. Worse, it leads legislators to propose and pass laws that restrict our rights. Let's be honest: perpetuating the myth of voter fraud without evidence is a political tactic designed to undermine voter rights and participation. The goal is to delegitimize the one part of the political process that all citizens should have access to.



There is no evidence of rampant voter fraud—especially impersonation fraud. The Brennan Center for Justice found that the incident rate for this type of fraud was [between 0.00004 and 0.00009%](#). Most of these were clerical errors or other mistakes. They calculate that you're more likely to be struck by lightning than to impersonate someone else at the polls. Currently, there are no studies and no court cases that report large instances of voter fraud. [This is a non-existent problem](#) and is pulling our attention away from other things happening at the state and federal level.

There is also no evidence to support the idea that people are voting more than once or voting in two states. Governor LePage, before the election, targeted college students with false information claiming they would need to register their car here or get a Maine license before they could vote here. Why the Governor targeted college students is unknown to us, but he was wrong. College students, according to the U.S. Supreme Court, [can vote in their home state or where they attend college](#).

We have a strong election system that is managed by trained and conscientious people—especially here in Maine. Unsubstantiated stories of fraud undermine our political process and demean the work of our election officials. These false accusations threaten our democracy. Voting is the core right in our political system and key to citizen participation. No matter what beliefs we may hold as individuals, the right to vote is one of the few things that unites all Americans. No one should be disenfranchised or discouraged from voting. We should all be working to protect this most precious of rights.

We in Maine turn out to vote. We have some of the highest voter turnout rates in the country. That is something to be proud of; it's intensely patriotic. And there is no evidence of fraud. That, too, is something we can be proud of.

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Naturalization Ceremonies Report

Peg Balano, Falmouth

The first Naturalization Ceremony of 2017 was held on January 13 at the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) offices in South Portland, and we helped to register to vote 15 of the 26 new citizens from 20 countries.

We were informed recently that the current USCIS offices will be moving from 176 Gannett Drive in South Portland. The lease is up on the building and won't be renewed. They are waiting to find out where and when they will be moving.

There are no ceremonies scheduled for February and three scheduled for March.

3/3 – Administrative Ceremony at the University of Southern Maine for 70 new citizens.

3/17 – Judicial Ceremony at U.S. District Court in Portland for 40 new citizens.

3/24 – Judicial Ceremony at U.S. District Court in Bangor.



We are always looking for volunteers to help out.

Please email Peg Balano at peg.balano@gmail.com if you want to get involved!

VOTER FRAUD MYTH *continued*

And yet there are bills before the Maine Legislature this session that call this into question and threaten voter access. LD 121 would require photo ID for voting and LD 155 would require students, in particular, to comply with motor vehicle law before voting. There are no known voter fraud problems—so why are we considering bills to combat voter fraud? It's a fix for a problem we don't have, and it very well may prevent some people from voting.

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What you can do:

1. Know your rights (see our [Making Your Vote Count pamphlet](#)) and exercise them.
2. Follow our work in this area. [Voting rights and voter access are key issues](#) for the League and always have been. We'll be following every voter rights and election administration bill before the Maine Legislature this year. [We post regular updates on our blog](#)—make sure you follow us.
3. Call your local [State Reps](#) and [State Senators](#), and ask them to protect voter rights and to vote against Voter ID.
4. Consider the source. When you hear these stories about voter fraud, ask for data. There are facts and there are opinions—so far, there are no facts supporting widespread voter fraud no matter what people believe.

LOCAL LEAGUE UPDATES

LWV Downeast

The League of Women Voters – Downeast has launched a 10-month public dialogue series on topics from Maine’s 2016 Initiatives and “fake” news to issues facing the “Two Maines” and global trade. “As a nonpartisan group, we want to bring folks together, in a mutually respectful atmosphere, to discuss issues facing our community, state, and nation,” said Ann Luther, leader of the local League.

Meetings will feature remarks by experts and time for participants to interact with each other and the audience. Each topic will first be discussed on the League’s Democracy Forum radio program, which airs at 10:00 a.m., the third Friday of the month on WERU-FM Community Radio, 89.9 FM Blue Hill, 99.9 FM Bangor. The public dialogue will follow on Wednesday evening of the next week.

The first public conversation, “Ballot Questions in Maine: Whose Initiatives Are They?” will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 5:30–7:00 p.m., at Pat’s Pizza in Ellsworth and will feature former Sen. Jill Goldthwaite, Sen. Brian Langley, and Rep. Louie Luchini. Light snacks will be served; beverages will be available for purchase.

For more information, see www.lwvme.org. Radio shows for live streaming throughout the state are at www.weru.org. If you miss the live shows, you can listen from the archive at <http://www.lwvme.org/forum.html>.

Here is the tentative schedule for the first six programs:

February

BALLOT QUESTIONS IN MAINE: Whose Initiatives Are They?

February 17, Democracy Forum, WERU-FM, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

February 22, Public Conversation, 5:30–7:00 p.m.

March

THE TWO MAINES: Can We Bridge the Divide?

March 17, Democracy Forum, WERU-FM, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

March 22, Public Conversation, 5:30–7:00 p.m.

April

FAKE NEWS: Who Can You Trust?

April 21, Democracy Forum, WERU-FM, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

April 26, Public Conversation, 5:30–7:00 p.m.

May

FREE TRADE: Winners & Losers

May 19, Democracy Forum, WERU-FM, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

May 24, Public Conversation, 5:30–7:00 p.m.

June

JOBS IN MAINE: What’s the Future?

June 16, Democracy Forum, WERU-FM, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

June 21, Public Conversation, 5:30–7:00 p.m.

July

CIVIL DISCOURSE: Can We Do It?

July 21, Democracy Forum, WERU-FM, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

July 26, Public Conversation, 5:30–7:00 p.m.

LWV Portland Area

Winter's short days have not reduced our list of activities nor dampened our drive to "do something" to make our democracy work better. The Portland Area League has hosted quite a few past events and has plans for many more before the next *Maine Voter* is published.



Whine and Wine, our first post-election event, was an incredible success.

On November 15, 2016, we bid farewell to election 2016 with a multi-partisan party and discussion at Peloton Labs on Congress Street in Portland. Guests speakers included John Brautigam (Ballot Specialist—LWVME), Meredith Burgess (representing the Republican point of view) and Cynthia Dill (representing the Democrat point of view). About 40 of us enjoyed intelligent conversation, wine, and a terrific assortment of refreshments.



On December 15, 2016, over 20 members descended upon Elaine DiGiovanni's terrific home in the West End to celebrate the end of the year and our work together. Over pizza and beer, we talked informally and then, more formally, learned about the LWVME's strategic planning process and the latest work on Ranked Choice Voting and Clean Elections. We brainstormed ideas and directions for our Portland chapter as we move into 2017. It turns out that we also had the chance to celebrate Anne Schink's birthday!

We kicked off January with a board meeting (always open to all members and announced via newsletters) and a book discussion. Each year the LWVPA partners with the Portland Public Library's noontime non-fiction book club. This year we read and discussed *The Sixth Extinction*, by Elizabeth Kolbert. Tom Mikulka, scientist, teacher, and passionate environmentalist, led the discussion. Our small group was enormously engaged in the topic, appreciating the charts and timelines provided by Tom.



On March 2, 2017, we will hold a train-the-trainer session led by Anne Schink and Tiffany Greco from 5:30–7:30 p.m. at Martin's Point. Much thought has gone into the agenda which includes both theory and techniques in facilitating civil discussions as goals. Participants will have lots of practice using skills that allow all people and opinions to be heard respectfully and safely. At the end of March, LWVPA will hold a Community Conversation using our trained facilitators. The emphasis will be on promoting civil discourse when passions run deep and in divergent directions.

Other upcoming events include: March 9: Open Board Meeting, Martin's Point Jewell Island Room, 5:30–7 p.m.; April 13: Open Board Meeting, De Millo's Restaurant, 5:30-7pm and May 11: LWVPA Annual Meeting, American Legion, Falmouth, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

LWV Brunswick Area

The Brunswick Area League is planning events for late winter and spring. On February 19, Christine DeTroy hosted a book group discussion of her book *Remembering: Years of Hiding Behind Silence*, a memoir of growing up in Europe under Nazi occupation. Other upcoming events include: February 28: Update from State League president Jill Ward, 43 Willow Grove Road, Brunswick, 6:30 p.m.; March 19: *Equal Means Equal* film screening, Curtis Memorial Library, TBD; April TBD: Talk by Dr. Jeffrey Selinger, Associate Professor of Government at Bowdoin and author of *Embracing Dissent: Political Violence and Party Development in the United States*.

LWV Bangor

Members in the Bangor area continue to meet and enjoy books. The February book is John Dickerson's *Whistlestop: My Favorite Stories from Presidential Campaign History*; March is Tim Marshall's *Prisoners of Geography: Ten Maps that Explain Everything about the World*; and April is Erik J. Engstrom's *Partisan Gerrymandering and the Construction of American Democracy*. On February 16 we partnered with the Bangor Public Library and the Maine Regional Chapter of the Scholars Strategy Network to host Cas Mudde speaking on "From the Margin to the Mainstream: The Transformation of the Radical Right."

Volunteer Opportunities Abound!

Regina Coppens, Belgrade

Looking for something to do where you can really make a difference? We have just the volunteer opportunity for you! The League of Women Voters of Maine is a leader in increasing voter participation and protecting voting rights—all done with volunteers.

Peg Balano of Falmouth heads up a team of volunteers who fan out over the state to register new citizens at monthly naturalization ceremonies. Barbara Kaufman of Freeport leads the League's participation in the annual National Voter Registration Day in September when League members set up shop in high schools and universities, main streets, and farmers markets registering new voters. Last year the League registered over 500 new voters.

One of the other priorities of the League is advocacy. The Lobby Corp, led by Ann Luther, has weekly conference calls discussing voting rights bills and election legislation pending in the Maine Legislature. For over 15 years, the League has been testifying in the State House <http://www.lwvme.org/Impact.html>. This all-volunteer effort has many opportunities for League members to get involved, from monitoring proposed legislation to researching and testifying on bills. No experience is necessary, and the time commitment is up to the individual volunteer. A lot of this work can be done from home, or if you want more action, join the Corp at the State House where members testify, lobby, and attend hearings.

The League also has lots of behind-the-scenes jobs for volunteers to keep the LWVME humming along, including helping with communications, delivering educational presentations, offering legal advice, meeting with other advocacy groups, event planning, and assisting with administrative work. If you want to help, we have a job for you!

An easy way for you to help the League grow is to invite a friend to one of the events offered by League chapters from around the state. <http://www.lwvme.org/Locals.html>

This is just a partial list of the volunteer opportunities. Email us at lwvme@gwi.net and tell us what you are interested in doing. Be part of the action! <http://www.lwvme.org/Volunteer.html>



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