

Cape Elizabeth Candidate Forums Find a New Sponsor



LWV Members in photo-left to right: Nancy Miles, Judy Simonds, Marion Holshauser, Carol Fritz, Kira Wigoda, and Martha Mickles extend their thanks to the Cape High School Government Class for taking over Candidates Night this year.

For more than twenty years, Judy Simonds has been the League's face in Cape Elizabeth when local candidates meet to debate issues leading up to elections: school board, council and referendum votes.

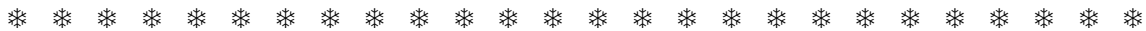
Recently, she met with Cape Elizabeth High School's Advanced Placement Government Class to discuss their taking on responsibility for organizing these events.

Judy's enthusiasm for this project was matched by that of the students when they met in early September. She presented them with helpful League materials as well as detailed guidelines for organizing and conducting forums. Armed with the requisite tools, they are

already planning the upcoming event for the 2007 elections. Judy has agreed to mentor these future political activists and, who knows, perhaps future League members.

This move represents a progressive step for extension of the principles of the League in the development of an "informed and active citizenship" that is vital to our democracy.

Congratulations to all, especially to the students of Cape Elizabeth, who will learn first-hand how much they gain from engagement in their community. Special thanks to Judy Simonds for her outstanding work on this project over the years and in transitioning it to new voters.



Sisters: The Lives of America's Suffragists

They forever changed America: Lucy Stone, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Frances Willard, Alice Paul. At their revolution's start in the 1840s, a woman's right to speak in public was questioned. By its conclusion in 1920, the victory in woman's suffrage had encompassed the most fundamental rights of citizenship: the right to control wages, hold property, to contract, to sue, and to testify in court. Their struggle was confrontational (women were the first to picket the White House for a political cause) and their opposition was sometimes violent (women were arrested, jailed, and force-fed in prisons). And like every revolutionary before them, their struggle

was personal.

Join eminent historian Jean H. Baker on Thursday, October 25, at 7 pm, as she interweaves these women's private lives with their public achievements, presenting these revolutionary women in three dimensions, humanized, and marvelously approachable.

This Neal W. Allen, Jr. Lecture is free and open to the public. It will be held at the Maine Historical Society, 489 Congress Street, Portland, ME.

Jean H. Baker is Professor of History at Goucher College. She is the author of *Mary Todd Lincoln: A Biography* and *The Stevensons: Biography of an American Family*, among other books.