

May 15, 2017

IMPORTANT REMINDER - ANNUAL MEETING -- Come one, come all on Wednesday, May 24, 6:30 pm at the home of Helen Stewart, 166 Winding River Road



Our evening schedule is as follows:

6:30 pm -- Wine and Hors d'oeuvres

7:00 pm -- Potluck Dinner

7:45 pm -- Call to Order for Annual Meeting

Please bring (enough for 4 - 6 people) either an hors d'oeuvre, main dish, salad, dessert or a bottle of wine or sparkling water to share.

RSVP by May 22 to Irene Flint at ireneflint1@gmail.com or 508-545-2374 and let her know what you are bringing.

Always a lively evening with a social hour, dinner, and our Annual Meeting at which we will elect Board members for the upcoming year, discuss priorities for the next year and adopt a budget.

Remember to bring your Annual Meeting Workbook which was sent recently via USPS . You will find directions to 166 Winding River Road on page 3. A copy of the Workbook can be found on our website at <http://www.lwvwellesley.org/calendar.html>.



Notable item to be presented at this year's Annual Meeting: results of a year-long review of our local LWV positions.

The review committee will present their recommendations for a vote at this year's Annual Meeting. Prior to the

meeting, please review the committee's recommendations by following this link to our website: <http://lwwellesley.org/calendar.html>.

League of Women Voters of Massachusetts 2017 Convention The Future of Democracy: Facing the Challenges

LWVW Delegates President Susan Clapham, Vice-president Anne Rippy Turtle and incoming Secretary Ellen Hallett attended the Convention on April 28 and 29 at the Sheraton-Framingham Hotel.

Distinguished speakers were

Brian McGrory, Editor, *The Boston Globe*, discussing the media's role in the face of criticism and fake news

Wylecia Wiggs Harris, Ph.D., LWVUS Chief Executive Officer discussing the League's "Impact, Engagement, Sustainability" and

Rachel F. Cobb, Ph.D., Chair and Associate Professor of Government at Suffolk University discussing how grassroots organizations can respond to threats to democracy.

State Study: A new state study of the ballot question process in Massachusetts will be conducted over the next two years. It is anticipated that local League consensus meetings will likely take place in the fall of 2018 through early 2019 leading to a position presented to convention in 2019.

New Co-presidents elected: Mary Ann Ashton, Acton Area League, and Linda O'Connell Springfield unit of the Northampton League, will serve as LWVMA co-presidents for 2017-2019.

Other League business included electing officers and a new board, setting priorities and action items for the next two years, and approving a new position on charter schools.

To read the complete Convention Roundup please go to:
<https://lwwma.org/2017-convention-roundup/>

Upcoming Board Meeting -- All are welcome!

June 13, Tuesday, 7:00 pm, home of Anne Rippy Turtle, 65 Old Farm Road

2016-17 Board of Directors

Susan Clapham - President

Anne Rippy Turtle - Vice-president and Secretary

Ann-Mara Lanza - Vice-president, Program Planning & Development

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