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DATE	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Saturday May 14, 2016	Plymouth Town elections	7:00 a.m. To 7:00 p.m.	Precinct 1 – 15
Thursday May 19, 2016	Plymouth Area League Annual Meeting Alice Lague—Master of Ceremonies, Carol Smith-Facilitator	5:30 p.m.	Crosswinds Golf Course 424 Long Pond Rd Plymouth
Saturday June 4, 2016	League Board Meeting Facilitator: Deanna Nealey <b>POSTPONED ... SEE JUNE 23</b>	9:00 a.m.	TD Bank 2 Market Crossing Pinehills, Plymouth
Thursday, June 16 to Sunday, June 19	LWVUS Convention in Washington, DC		
Thursday June 23	<b>PALWV ANNUAL MEETING</b> See page # 3 for more details	5:00 P.M.	Mary LeSueur's home 7 Bay Colony Dr. Ply .
Tuesday September 20, 2016	Massachusetts State Primaries	7: 00 a.m. To 8:00 p.m	
Tuesday November 8, 2016	State Elections	7: 00 a.m. To 8:00 p.m	

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**From the Board****PALWV Annual Meeting**

## **Mark your Calendar**

### **Change in Annual Meeting**

### **Date and Format**

In order to emphasize the planning nature of League Annual Meeting, the Board decided to host a less formal event at a less formal venue at a later date – **June 23<sup>rd</sup>**, at Mary LeSueur's home at 5:00 PM.

At the meeting the Board will review our local positions, with an eye towards any possible changes that may be needed and ask for your help in building a calendar of events for the coming year.

Please, watch for an invitation with more details to come, but for now, mark your calendars for June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Signed,

Your Plymouth Area LWV Board

**MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Dear League Members,

It is almost that time again. July 1<sup>st</sup> starts a new League year. An email requesting your renewal of your dues will be coming to your email box in the next few weeks. As the Annual Meeting will be closer to the end of the fiscal year, I hope that dues can be collected before then.

Thank you for maintaining your membership.



## Committee Spotlight



### Opiate Addiction Focus Group

Alice Lague

#### OPIATE ADDICTION FOCUS GROUP/COMMITTEE

The Opiate Addiction Committee has not met formally during this period. However, various members continue to be actively involved. Several of us have attended the Tri-Town (Carver, Plymouth, Middleboro) meetings where we have had the opportunity to meet police chiefs, school superintendents, educators, fire chiefs, and other committed members under the direction of Amy LaFort, one of our newest members and also director of the community wide Opiate Task Force.

In addition we informed the membership about the play, "The Price You Pay", which is a play featuring high school and college students who are addicts. The play was held at Plymouth North High School on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Parents, students, faculty, and the community at large were invited to attend.

Finally, we will begin planning another presentation for the general membership similar to the one held last summer where we had Jan Carlson McGrory, an activist in the cause and mother of a drug addicted daughter who overdosed and died. Police chief Michael Boteri has agreed to participate to discuss the issue from the police point of view. We are also hoping to include Peter Holden to share the latest programs and plans at Beth Israel-Deaconess-Plymouth.

### Voter Service Committee

Martha Vautrain

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE** Saturday May 14 7am – 7pm If you need an **absentee ballot** contact Town Hall in person, by phone or email, before Friday noon May 13. **Absentee ballots are available at Town Hall now.**

Thanks to the recent generous donation from the Plymouth **Rotary Club**, our League now has 20 additional **Remember to Vote** signs that the Voter Service committee is in the process of placing around town. We need more sign-holders who can place a sign in a good, visible location that does not yet have a sign. Please contact any committee or Board member if you can help with this easy Get-Out-The-Vote effort. The League has a total of 34 signs now.



The Voter Service committee will also be holding Voter Registration in some of our local High Schools the beginning of May. Please contact us if you would like to help.

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## Committee Spotlight



**Voter Service Committee Continued ... CANDIDATES NIGHT**

**Martha Vautrain**

### *Plymouth Board of Selectmen Candidates*



(L/R) Betsy Hall - KEVIN CANTY - TONY PROVENZANO - DAVID MALIGUTI

### *School Committee Candidate*



Jay Ferguson

The annual Plymouth Candidates' Night was just held Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup>. Our League hosted the candidates running for the Board of Selectmen. Present were Betsy Hall, Kevin Canty, Tony Provenzano, and David Maliguti - four of the five candidates running for the two BOS seats. Shelaigh Joyce sent her regrets. The three remaining candidates running for the two seats on the School Committee planned to attend, but on the day of the event Lee Truschelli sent her regrets due to illness, and in the limited remaining time for reorganization miscommunication on the part of the Voter Service Chair unfortunately led to James Sorenson not being present. Jay Ferguson did attend and made a short statement. The event was broadcast live by PACTV and is also being rebroadcast; please check station for schedule of dates and times.

Other Plymouth candidate race forums scheduled are: OCM and PACTV hosting candidates for BOS and School Committee live on Thursday night at 7pm and WATD radio hosting BOS candidates Monday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:15pm on the Kevin Tocci show



MODERATOR: Alice Lague from the PALWV and resident of Bourne

### Committee Spotlight

#### Membership Committee

Deanna Nealey

PLWVMA Guest Speakers (L/R)  
Marilyn Peterson & Nancy Brumback



Deanna Nealey at the  
Brunch Table

Mary LeSueur at the Membership  
Table



(L/R) Jeanette Spinale—Judy Barber—  
Lois Post



#### PLYMOUTH LWV ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH

The Plymouth LWV held its Second Annual Spring Brunch for members and guests on April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Plymouth main library in The Otto Fehlow Room.

A complimentary buffet brunch was served, which was followed by a program introduced by Deanna Nealey, a Member of the board of directors. The program began with a viewing of a movie clip of "Iron Jawed Angels" depicting the passing of the 19<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment in 1920—which gave women the right to vote.

A panel discussion entitled "Why join the LWV in 2016?" Included LWV members Virginia Johnson, Sharl Heller, Judy Barber, Katherine Brewer, and representatives from the LWVMA, Nancy Brumback and Marilyn Peterson. The facilitator for the forum was Bobbi Clark, LWV member and WATD radio reporter.

The members gave personal accounts of why they joined the league and then discussed concerns and interests each had with the LWVMA Representatives, who explained the state and national positions on different topics. The brunch was well attended by members, who expressed a need for an ongoing dialouge of various topics that Interested league members.



(L/R) Kathleen Considine—Sandra  
Mumford & Jessica Lambert (Falmouth LWV)



(L/R) Virginia Johnson, Katherine Brewer, Judy Barber, Sharl Heller of the PALWV and Nancy Brumback & Marilyn Peterson from PLWVMA. Facilitator, Bobbi Clark from the PALWV



## Committee Spotlight



### 2nd. PLWW Civics Bee

Linda Benezra and Deb Etzel

Second Annual CIVICS BEE: April 10, 2016

Committee: Linda Benezra, Deb Etzel, Kathy Dunn, Mary LeSueur, Lyle Lawrence, Terry Tremblay, Helen Hapgood, Deanna Nealey, Evelyn Strawn, Jackie Ranous, Alice Lague, Pat Adelmann

The Plymouth Area League held our second Civics Bee, Elections: History and Process on April 10, 2016. Originally scheduled for April 3<sup>rd</sup>, we had to postpone due to weather conditions and safety at the facility. We were delighted to have all six teams available for the new date.



Plymouth North High School. 1st. Place winners

This activity was enthusiastically embraced by our membership.

We invited nine local schools to participate and had six participate. We were flexible in the makeup of each of the teams (middle school and high school students).

Our teams were Carver Middle High School, Sacred Heart School, Plymouth North High School, Plymouth South High Schools, Silver Lake Regional High School and Rising Tide Charter School. The latter two were participating for the first time. Round 1—Three teams each with Rising Tide Charter School as a semi-finalist. In Round 2, Plymouth North High School was the semi-finalist.

In a nail biting final round, the teams were neck and neck until the final play-off question. Plymouth North answered correctly and is the champion for the second year in a row.

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