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| Wednesday January 6, 2016 | Voter Service Committee Meeting Chairman: Martha Vautrain | 10: 00 a.m. | Martha Vautrain's 22 River St. Plymouth |
| Saturday January 9, 2016 | League Board Meeting Facilitator: Deb Etzel | 9:00 a.m. | TD Bank 2 Market Crossing Pinehills, Plymouth |
| Tuesday January 12, 2016 | Civics Bee Committee Meeting | 2:00 p.m. | Panera - Exit 5 Plymouth |
| Wednesday January 13, 2016 | SAVE THE DATE: The Concord-Carlisle & Acton Leagues sponsoring a public forum to explore the issue of free speech rights as the basis of the Citizens United decision . More information under FROM THE BOARD | 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. | Concord, MA |
| Thursday January 28, 2016 | Opiate Addiction Study Committee Chairman: Alice Lague | 4:00 p.m. | Office of Alice Lague 18 Main St. Ext Plymouth (Above Café Strega) |
| Saturday January 30, 2016 | SAVE THE DATE: Join the Concord-Carlisle LWV for their January Winter Breakfast More information under FROM THE BOARD | 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. | (Additional details will be sent soon!) |
| Tuesday February 9, 2016 | SAVE THE DATE: Day on The Hill. More information under FROM THE BOARD | 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. | State House Boston |
| Tuesday March 1, 2016 | Presidential Primaries | | |
| Saturday March 5, 2016 | League Board Meeting Facilitator: Mary LeSueur | 9:00 a.m. | TD Bank 2 Market Crossing Pinehills, Plymouth |
| Thursday March 10, 2016 | SAVE THE DATE: PLWV Forum "Will Plymouth Have Water Tomorrow? At What Price?" | TBA | Plymouth Town Hall Mayflower Room 11 Lincoln St. Plymouth |
| Sunday April 3, 2016 | SAVE THE DATE: PALWV CIVICS BEE | 1:00 p.m. | The Spire Center for the Performing Arts @ 25 1/2 Court St. Plymouth |
| Thursday April 7, 2016 | League Board Meeting Facilitator: Alice Lague | 6:45 p.m. | Office of Alice Lague 18 Main St. Ext Plymouth (Above Café Strega) |
| Saturday April 9, 2016 | SAVE THE DATE: PALWV Spring Membership Brunch | Mid-Morning | Otto Fehlow room Plymouth Library— South St. Plymouth |
| Saturday May 14, 2016 | Plymouth Town elections | 7:00 a.m. To 7:00 p.m. | |
| Thursday May 19, 2016 | SAVE THE DATE: Plymouth Area League Annual Meeting Alice Lague— Master of Ceremonies, Carol Smith-Facilitator | TBA | |

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From the Board

Plymouth Woman's Club

Judy Barber

AFTER 103 YEARS PLYMOUTH WOMAN'S CLUB WILL DISBAND

Organized in 1912, as a charitable, non-profit organization, the founding Mission of Woman's Clubs was to promote community improvements through volunteer service. Over the years the mission was implemented through direct service, raising funds for scholarships and supporting initiatives that provide educational, enrichment, and essential services.

At the club's meeting on December 2, President Judith Barber stressed that these goals have been achieved but due to member's life style changes, it

was time to disband the group.

The full details of this will be aired on PACTV Community News on;

- **Thursday January 7th at 8pm.**
- **Public access channel (Comcast 13/Verizon 43).**
- **Show repeat times on channel:**
 - ◇ Fridays 1:00 p.m.
 - ◇ Saturdays 10:00 a.m.
 - ◇ Tuesdays 12:30 p.m.
- **Also on YouTube PACTV Community**

PLWV New Members

WELCOME

Susan Rudman and Christine Richards

both from Plymouth

Plymouth LWV Ornament on the Town's Holiday "Comunitree" in Town Square



*A special thank you
from all our
members to our
Deanna Nealey, who
designed and created
this wonderful
ornament to
represent our League
on the "Comunitree"
for the Holiday
Season.*

From the Board

Events of Interest from the LWVMA and other Massachusetts Leagues

Wednesday

January 13, 2016

Concord-Carlisle & Acton LWV Public Forum

Trinitarian Congregational Church, 54 Walden Street, Concord

Public Forum: Money in Politics: *As part of our democracy in the Balance Program and the National League Constitutional Amendment and Money in Politics studies, the Concord-Carlisle and Acton Leagues are sponsoring a public forum to explore the issue of free speech rights as the basis of the Citizens United decision. Our keynote speaker will be constitutional lawyer and author, Jeffrey Clements. He will lead a discussion on "Keeping the American Promise: Money, Free Speech and Democracy".* **Snow date Friday, January 15, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.**

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Saturday

January 30, 2016

Concord-Carlisle Member Breakfast

Colonial Inn

(additional details will be sent as soon as received)

Speaker: Peter Levine, author of "We are the Ones We Have Been Waiting For: The Promise of Civic Renewal in America." *Join the LWV of Concord-Carlisle for our January Winter Breakfast, with keynote speaker, Tufts Professor of Citizenship & Public affairs, Tufts University's Jonathan Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service, Professor Peter Levin. His book is described as "a primer for anyone motivated to help revive our fragile civic life and restore citizens' public role."*

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Tuesday

February 9, 2016

Why This? Why Now? Answers at Day on The Hill

State House,

Day on The Hill, LWVMA's annual lobby day, will explore the questions: Why This? Why Now? What Finally Moves Legislation. Please come Tuesday, Feb. 9, to learn why bills that are introduced session after session finally gain traction and a chance to become law.



A panel will discuss this process, starting with specific examples. Our panelists will be Sen. William Brownsberger on criminal justice legislation; Rep. Shawn Dooley on election reform; and Pamela Wilmot, executive director, Common Cause of Massachusetts, on public records access. They will discuss how those bills finally moved forward and then more generally discuss the legislative process and how advocacy groups like the League can spur action.

From the Board

PLWV Holiday Party

Kathy Dunn



On December 3, 2015, Plymouth Area League of Women Voters held their annual Holiday Party at the home of Kathleen Dunn. Lots of delicious hors d'oeuvres, holiday cheer and stimulating conversation served to initiate the festive season for all those who attended. Members, male and female, joined in the fun with pictures taken by Les Leslie and provided to the Old Colony Memorial by Kathy Leslie, publicity chair for the League. This social event serves to allow old and new members to circulate and get to know one another. The LWV welcomes new members at any time of the year.



Committee Spotlight



Voter Service Committee

Martha Vautrain

The committee will be meeting

Wednesday Jan 6, 2016 @ 10am

22 River Street, Plymouth

(508) 746-8606 cvautrain@verizon.net

Items to be discussed

1. More "**Remember To Vote**" signs, the purchase of which our local Rotary Club would probably finance.
2. Whether or not to join the State League **Vote411** project for 2016 elections. Please let me know if you would like to join us.

Martha Vautrain
Voter Service Chair



Committee Spotlight



Opiate Addiction Study Committee

Alice Lague

At our last meeting in November, Deanna and I discussed a letter/email writing campaign, similar to a program in Gloucester which was very successful. ***We are asking each of our members to email/write to the companies and individuals listed at the end of this report. We've also included some talking points for you to include. Once you have written your letters, we are asking that you ask five of your friends to do the same.** Hopefully we will be able to spur on a community letter writing campaign that might have some impact on the companies who are contributing to the crisis and profiting from it also. We'd love to hear back from you that you sent the letters and if you've had any response.

The Committee is urging each of you to watch the HBO Documentary entitled "Heroin—Cape Cod, USA" on December 28, 2015. If you've missed that showing, I'm confident that it will be repeated numerous times until the end of January.

At the January board meeting, I'm hoping to enlist one of our members to host a showing/discussion

of the program.

Finally, the Plymouth Public Schools will be presenting a play entitled "The Price You Pay" at Plymouth South Middle School. The actors (high school students) were all patients at Castle, a Brockton-based addiction treatment center. Once I have the final details, I'll make sure to send a special bulletin so that as many of you as possible can attend.

We certainly encourage all of you to attend our committee meetings. *The next meeting will be on January 28th at my office(18 Main St. Extension, Plymouth, Suite 201, at 4:00 pm.*

*** Please check separate attachment for companies and individuals plus talking points for letters.**

Sustainability Committee

Mary LeSueur

SAVE THE DATE:

WATER FORUM

"WILL PLYMOUTH HAVE WATER TOMORROW? AT WHAT PRICE?"

MARCH 10, 2016

PLYMOUTH TOWN HALL—MAYFLOWER ROOM

(More information to follow)



Committee Spotlight



Civics Bee Committee

Linda Benezra & Deb Etzel



2nd. PLWV Civics Bee

Date: Sunday, April 3, 2016
The Spire Center for the Performing Arts

25 1/2 Court St. - Plymouth

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Civics Bee – Sunday April 3, 2016

While it seems like a long way off, the Civics Bee will be here before we know it. We expect to have 7 or 8 schools and will be doing two playoff rounds and a final between the two playoff teams.

Can you volunteer the day of the event? We will need score keepers, a timer, greeters at the door and shepherds for each of the teams.

The event is in the early afternoon of Sunday April 3, 2016 at the Spire Performing Arts Center. It will be fun to be part of the event. So contact Linda Benezera at Linda@Benezra.net and help your League put on a great show!

REMINDER: Our next committee meeting is **Tuesday - January 12 @ 2:00 p.m.**

Location: Panera Exit 5 Plymouth

Membership Committee

Deanna Nealey

Spring Membership Brunch

Date: Saturday, April 9, 2016

Location: Otto Fehlow Room—Plymouth Main Library

Volunteers are needed to help plan and work the Spring Membership Brunch. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Deanna Nealey, Board member, deannap1@verizon.net or call **508-224-3797**.

Thank you.

January 2016

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| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 10:00 a.m. Voter Service Mtg. 22 River St. Ply. | 7 | 8 | 9 LWV Board Mtg. @ TD Bank 2 Market Crossing Pinehills, Ply. |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 SEE PGE 4 Concord- Carlisle & Acton LWV Public Forum | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 4:00 p.m. Opiate Addiction Study Group @ 18 Main St. PLY Office of A. Lague | 29 | 30 See Pge. 4 Concord-Carlisle January Winter Breakfast |
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