



A Full LWVPA Agenda for April...

Round Two of Facilitating Community Conversations



On March 29th ten people took part in a second round of facilitator training organized by Anne Schink, Tiffany Grecco, and Barbara Kaufman.

The 15 enthusiastic participants in the March 2nd training felt they wanted time for more hands-on practice and role-playing activities. The training offered opportunities for participants to test their skills in “reframing” their communications to state opinions assertively but in a respectful manner, responding to “alternative facts”, and dealing respectfully with difficult people at public meetings. All participants had an opportunity to be the “difficult person” and the facilitator at a mock town meeting. Participants brainstormed additional ideas for practice simulations which will be offered in the near future.

Next Book Discussion: The Righteous Mind

WHEN: Thursday, April 20, 2017 from 12–1 PM, bring lunch!

WHERE: Portland Public Library, Congress Street

Join the LWVPA and Portland Public Library as we discuss Jonathan Haidt’s [*The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion*](#). This book offers many insights that complement issues raised at the facilitator training sessions and furthers understanding of the LWVPA’s focus on civil discourse. No need to have read the book to participate, though you might want to look at the TED talks by Haidt in the links below to get a preview of the topic.

- Haidt in 2008 before publication of [Righteous Mind](#)
- Haidt [after November 2016 elections](#) speaking with Chris Anderson

Other Dates to Note on Your Calendars

Friday–Sunday, April 7–9th

LWV New England States Leadership Development Conference
Wells, Maine. Registration information and agenda available at [this link](#).

Thursday, April 13, 2017

Next LWVPA Board Meeting
From 5:30 to 7:30 pm at DiMillo's Restaurant, Long Wharf, Portland

Thursday, April 20, 2017

The Righteous Mind book discussion (see above)
Noon – 1 pm, Portland Public Library

Saturday, April 29, 2017

People's Climate March in Washington, D. C. and
Augusta, ME. LWVUS is supporting this
March.

Check [this link](#) for details.

Thursday, May 11, 2017

LWVPA Annual Meeting (separate notice coming
next week)
From 5:30 to 7:30 pm at American Legion, Falmouth

Friday – Saturday, May 19–20, 2017

LWVME Biennial State Convention
Details soon to be announced at <http://lwwme.org/calendar.html>

Please Note: Many LWVPA members will be joining with LWV members from other New England states (CT, MA, NH, RI and VT) this weekend for the League's eleventh annual New England States Leadership Development Conference. It's not too late to register, but for those who aren't able to attend, we will summarize the highlights for you in the next newsletter.

2017 Voter Registration

We have participated in four Naturalization Ceremonies so far this year, and registered 63 of the 137 new citizens to vote (46%). There are ten more ceremonies scheduled so far through the year. To volunteer for future ceremonies, contact Peg Balano at peg.balano@gmail.com



New and Renewing Members: January – March 2017

The first quarter of the year brought with it 39 renewing and new members.

Elizabeth Basham, Dauna Binder, Harriet Bogdonoff, Meredith Burgess, Harriet Burgoon, Lala Carothers, Carol Carpenter, Penny Carson, Katherine Charbonneau, Gail Cinelli, Briana Costello, Karen Day, Cynthia Dill, Jenny Ellis, Kathryn Gannonjanelle, Andrea Gerstenberger, Lorraine Glowczak, Betty Hauptman, Jaclyn Jacobson, Valerie Kelly, Judy Kimball, Jacqueline Kung, Sandi Lemmerman, Susan Loguidice, Deb McDonough, Martha Mickles, Marta Morse, Melissa Murphy, Nancy O'Hagan, Lynn Pierce, Pam Plumb, Phebe Quattrucci, Anne and Dale Rand, David Sammarco, Steve Simonds, Valy Steverlynch, Cathie Whittenburg, Karla Wight, Belinda Wing.

Many thanks for your support and interest in LWVPA activities. We look forward to seeing you at our various events and meetings.

Are you are looking to get more involved? [*Click here for a list of ways to make a difference.*](#)