



The Annual Meeting is Coming Up Soon

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Apr 15-26	every day	US House and Senate Congressional Recess Contact your representatives to express your views on issues you care about
Apr 18	12 - 1 pm	Nurturing Democracy: Elections in Ukraine Presentation by John Brautigam USM, Masterton Hall, 71 Bedford St., Portland
May 9	5:30 - 8:00 pm	LWVPA Annual Meeting 2019 Mason-Motz Activity Center & Conference Room 190 Middle Road in Falmouth
May 16	7 pm	Tommy Orange, author of <i>There There</i>, in person The Historic Theater 28 Chestnut Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801

GETTING READY FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

Please RSVP to [Barbara Kaufman](#) if you can join us:



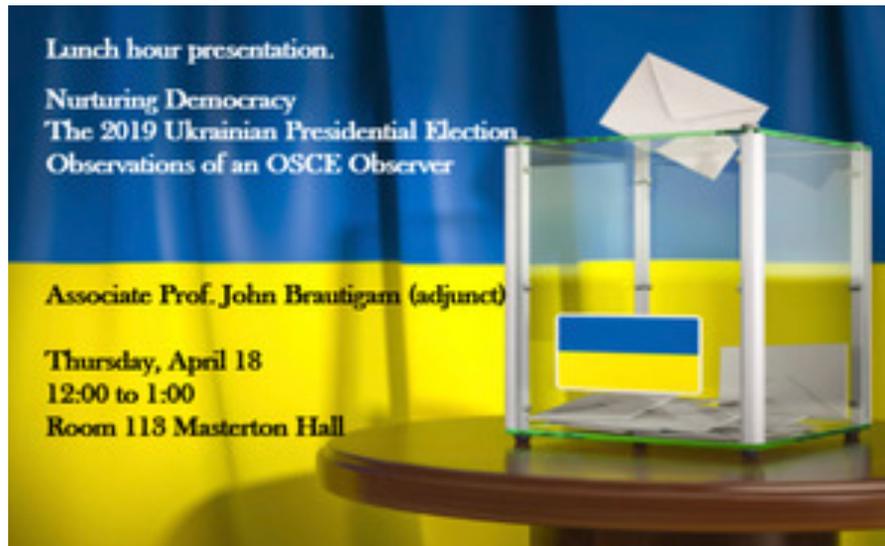
**Sixth
Annual Meeting**

Thursday, May 9 at 5:30 PM
Mason Motz Facility | 190 Middle Road, Falmouth

- Mingling & light buffet
- Guest Speaker Nickie Sekera, cofounder of Community Water Justice
- Business Meeting & Votes
- Raffle

Click link for info about [Nickie Sekera](#). Business meeting info available here: [budget](#) & [nominees](#).

LEARN MORE ABOUT ELECTIONS OUTSIDE THE U.S.A.



Parking is available at the USM parking garage on Bedford Street across from Masterton Hall.

JOIN THE LWVUS IN SUPPORT OF THE "FOR THE PEOPLE ACT"

The U.S. House and Senate will be on recess between April 15 and April 26, a perfect time to contact your representatives. The LWVUS encourages all interested and available League members to support the campaign to get a hearing in the U.S. Senate on the *For The People Act*! To learn more about the *For The People Act*, which aims to strengthen voting rights, check out LWVUS [talking points on the bill](#) and [take action on the LWVUS website](#).

RECAP: "CAN WE?" EVENT AT WAYNFLETE

League members and guests spent an informative March 28th evening with three Deering High students who had participated in the ["Can We?"](#) project and several of the project organizers and facilitators. Following a short video that captured some of the highlights of students interacting with each other during a multi-day retreat, the students answered questions from the audience about how the project had changed their outlooks and ways of interacting with others, particularly others with different views about difficult-to-discuss political topics.

BREAKING NEWS: Waynflete applied for and has received a grant to continue and expand this program. The LWVPA looks forward to helping in any way possible since this work promotes many of the core values of the League.

APRIL BOOK DISCUSSION ADD-ON THERE THERE BY TOMMY ORANGE

For those of you who have become fans of Tommy Orange after participating in our April 11th book discussion and those of you who missed the discussion and want to learn more, please note that Tommy Orange will appear in person on May 16th at the Music Hall in nearby Portsmouth, NH. Check [this link](#) for details.

RECAP: THE NEW ENGLAND STATES LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

The regional conference on *Advancing Civility in a Diverse New England*, held April 6-7, was extraordinarily popular with more than 80 attendees--our best NE conference attendance to date. Maine contributed heavily to this exceptional turnout (about 50%), with members attending from across the state. Many thanks to LWVPA member Anne Schink, who led the multi-state organizing committee through all the hurdles of identifying the theme and lining up the speakers. Kudos also go to Gail Roller, who spent many hours searching for conference facilities and managing the logistics to keep us well fed.

The four invited speakers were informative, provocative, and developed an excellent synergy that integrated the various themes and implications of diversity for the state programs of the NE Leagues.

For those who were unable to attend, a copy of the keynote speaker's presentation is [available online](#).

VOTER REGISTRATION UPDATE

We continue to register new voters through both naturalization ceremonies and voter registration drives at area high schools. As we go to press we don't have the count of new registrants since March, so will report the cumulative totals in our May newsletter. If you are interested in organizing an event at a local high school, please contact [Al Cleveland](#). Remember, students who will be 18 years of age as of Election Day, Nov. 5th, can register to vote now, and participate in the June elections.

WELCOME TO NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

The following 40 individuals joined the LWVPA or renewed their membership from January 1st through March 31st, 2019.

Mary Berry, Carol Carpenter, Pam Chamberlain & John Knight, Gail Cinelli, Catherine Crute, Margaret Donnis, Mimi Dunn, Pam Emery, Anne Fisher, Julie Fralich, Elizabeth Fraser, Lorraine Glowczak, Chris Hafford, Alicia Harding, Betty Hauptman, Elizabeth Howe & Leonard Passano, Joanne Huntington, Valerie Kelly, Mary Ann Larson, Dawn

Leland, Nancy Lombardelli, Deb McDonough, Anne and James Messmer, Rebecca Millett. Melissa Murphy, Kim Peaslee & Joanne Sterling, Phil Ptacin, Kitty Purlington, Janet Silvers, Kim Simmons & Craig Bramely, Debra Smith, Louise Somlyo, Mary Tracy, Cathie Whittenburg, and Jennison Willett.

Thank you all for your interest and support of the League. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and events.

ENHANCE YOUR LEAGUE EXPERIENCE

Thanks to all our volunteers for helping with our various programs. Here are some of our pressing volunteer needs. We mentor and coach all volunteers!

- Coordinate and manage Voter Registration Drives that are not USCIS Naturalization Ceremonies.
- Organize events and programs with others.
- Help on a brochure committee and with other marketing messages.

Contact [Barbara Kaufman](#) or [Peg Balano](#) if you can lend a hand.

[Join Us!](#) If you are not already a member of the League, we need your help now to carry out our mission and to strengthen our democracy. [Please join us.](#)