



## Lots to do in February and March...

### Upcoming Dates to Note on Your Calendar

Date	Time	Details
2/15- Thurs	9 am to 3 pm	<b>LWV's 98<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration: <a href="#">KEYS TO THE CAPITAL</a></b> Hall of Flags in the State House, Augusta
2/20- Tues	5:30 to 6:30 pm	<b>Book Discussion: <i>Evicted</i> by Matthew Desmond</b> Portland Public Library
3/6- Tues	5 to 7pm	<b>Shauna Shames Talk: The Great (Political) Divide: Why Women, Minorities, and Millennials are Underrepresented in Politics</b> USM's Abromson Center, Room 213
3/8- Thurs	5:30 to 7:30 pm	<b>Open Board Meeting</b> Martin's Point, Veranda St., Jewell Room Bring your dinner and join us in our planning of upcoming events
3/14 Wed	6 to 8 pm	<b>Respectful Communications Discussion</b> <a href="#">Scarborough High School</a>

Additional information about LWVPA and LWVME activities is available on the Maine LWV [website](#) calendar.

### Join Us for Our Birthday Celebration

**KEYS TO THE CAPITAL:** Join us on Feb 15 from 9 am –3pm for a day of learning, networking, and advocacy as we celebrate the League's 98th birthday. This will be a combined event with Maine Citizens for Clean Elections and the Maine Women's Alliance. The day starts with breakfast and includes a tour of the State House, attending committee meetings, a tour of the Blaine House, and tea plus a panel of speakers who will talk about gerrymandering. Details and registration information available at the LWVME [website](#). Everyone is welcome! Contact [Peg Balano](#) via email if you want to ride share.

## Getting Ready for the Next Book Discussion

On Feb 20 from 5:30–6:30, the LWVPA and Portland Public Library will partner on a book discussion of Matthew Desmond’s *Evicted*. The Library has multiple copies, but you may need to [put one on hold](#) so act soon! The book—about 8 Milwaukee families—is sure to generate important conversations about poverty, housing and other issues in our own cities. *Evicted* also made Barack Obama’s favorite books of 2017 list! If you want more information about *Evicted*, check out this [website](#).

## Shauna Shames

The LWVME, the Maine Scholars Strategy Network and the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center are working together to bring to Maine [Dr. Shauna Shames](#), Assistant Professor of Political Science at Rutgers University, for 3 different speaking engagements. On March 6 at 5:00, she will be at USM to talk and answer questions on “The Great (Political) Divide: Why Women, Minorities, and Millennials are Underrepresented in Politics.” Stay tuned for more information.

## LWVPA Civility Discussions Continue

Two facilitators from the LWVPA will facilitate a 2-hour session on Respectful Communications at Scarborough Adult Education on March 14th from 6–8 pm. This is open to the public. For more information and registration, please go [here](#). We are also willing to do other workshops for groups that would like to work furthering the amount of civility in public discourse and respectful communications. Please contact [Anne Schink](#) for information.

## Pay to Play Viewing and Discussion



On January 13<sup>th</sup> about 30 participants joined MCCE and LWVPA to view the movie “Pay to Play” and participate in small group discussions on the topics of money in Portland politics, the future of rank choice

voting, advocacy against threats to voting rights, and campaign finance and the gubernatorial election.



## Voter Registration

We have Naturalization Ceremonies scheduled through the Spring. The latest event was on 1/31 at the Biddeford Middle School, where 54 new citizens were sworn in, from 36 different countries. We registered 26 new voters.

Plans are beginning for early spring school voter drives. Please contact [Jackie Jacobson](#) if you would like to help and are available during school hours.

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