



WELCOME TO 2017...

Next LWVPA Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be **Thursday, January 12, 2017 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm** at **DeMillo's Restaurant**, Long Wharf off Commercial St., Portland (free parking). All are encouraged to attend.

Pizza, Birthday and Beer



Who says LWV members don't have fun?

On Dec 15 a bunch of Portland Area League members gathered at Elaine DiGiovanni's West End home to celebrate our successes, envision our future work, and help Anne Schink celebrate her birthday. As we listened to Polly Ward, Anne Summer and Cathie Whittenburg update us on Maine's Advocacy Committee work and the LWVME's strategic planning process, we brainstormed how the Portland Area League can best impact our communities. Stay tuned!

Book Discussion January 19th

We will be partnering again with the Portland Public Library for a noon, **brown-bag book discussion on January 19, 2017**. The book selected is Elizabeth Kolbert's [The Sixth Extinction](#): An Unnatural History. A New York Times best seller published in 2014, the book combines "scientific analysis and personal narratives providing a clear and comprehensive history of earth's previous mass extinctions--the species we've lost--and an engaging description of the extraordinarily complex nature of life". Although dealing with complex scientific issues, Kolbert's writing is "lucid, accessible, and even entertaining". We expect the book discussion to be lively and well attended given all the **environmental issues** that are likely to be hotly debated in Maine and nationwide during the next several years.

2016 Voter Registration

Here is the summary of our Portland Area League's voter registration events in 2016. Note that LWVME was also active in registering new voters at naturalization ceremonies and voter drives statewide. We continue to attend US Naturalization Ceremonies throughout the year to register new citizens to vote. If you would like to participate, contact Peg Balano at pbalano@maine.rr.com.

2016 LWVPA Voter Registration Events

Type of Event	# Events	# Registered	Notes
Naturalization Ceremonies	31	375	48% of new citizens were registered
Voter Drives	20	407	Schools - 269, Others - 138
Total Registered		782	

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