



Elections are coming up soon...

Four Ballot/Bond Issues to Learn About Before Election Day

Don't think that because there are no big State or Federal contests on the 2017 ballot that you don't need to get out and vote! In Maine we have four ballot/bond initiatives of great importance to our economy, infrastructure, and health care system:

Question 1: *An Act To Allow Slot Machines or a Casino in York County.*

Question 2: *An Act To Enhance Access to Affordable Health Care.*

Question 3: *An Act To Authorize a General Fund Bond Issue to Improve Highways, Bridges and Multimodal Facilities and Upgrade Municipal Culverts*

Question 4: *Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine To Reduce Volatility in State Pension Funding Requirements Caused by the Financial Markets*

After learning about them [here](#), please be sure to make your voice heard on Election Day. Also remember that many municipal positions such as City Councilors and School Board members are also on the ballot; improvements in our political system start at home so be sure to learn about the [positions](#) and candidates in your district on or before November 7th.

Upcoming Dates to Note on Your Calendars

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity and</u>
<u>Details</u> 10/18	5:30–8 pm	Facilitator Training, part 3* Martin's Point, Jewell Room *Open to those who have attended a previous
training		
11/8	5:30 pm	RSVP to Tiffany: tiffgreco@gmail.com Open Board Meeting Martin's Point, Jewell Room Bring your dinner!
More info to come		Wine and Whine post-election gathering

Reviving Civility: Building Bridges with Civil Discourse

On October 4, this past Wednesday, two LWVPA trainers, Anne Schink and Barbara Kaufman, led a workshop on “Reviving Civility” at Scarborough Adult Ed. Focusing on active, effective listening skills and “getting to yes” through interest-based framing, the participants practiced, shared ideas, and learned some new ways to deal with challenging conversations. We all left saying that continual practice and reminders are important to schedule.

Throughout Maine, LWV members are setting up trainings so that respectful and productive community conversations can take place.

If your town’s adult education program would like to offer such a workshop, please contact Anne or Barbara at [207-622-0256, ext. 3](tel:207-622-0256) or portland@lwvme.org



National Voter Registration Day

Our Portland Area League joined all Maine Leagues in participating in LWVUS’ National Voter Registration Day (NVRD) on Sept. 26, 2017. At events held the last two weeks of September through the first week of October, we registered 26 new voters. This year, PA events were held at Baxter Academy, Cheverus High School, Maine

College of Art (MECA), Maine Girls Academy, Portland Farmers Market, Portland High School, Southern Maine Community College (SMCC), and Waynflete. We are developing a good relationship with these locations and plan to hold another student voter registration drive in the Spring.

New and Renewing Members: April 1st to September 30th

As illustrated by the list of 58 new and renewing LWVPA members, the Portland Area League is growing.

Peg & Jeff Balano , Lucy Birkett, Andrew Bossie, Kay Boyd, Ella Boyd, John Brautigam & Corey Haskell, Janice Carpenter, Kitty Chadbourne, Jan Chapman, Maria Cushing, Joanne D’Arcangelo,

Mimi Dunn, BA Fairbend, Peter Fromuth, Ann Gass, Ann Goggin, Joan Greene, Penelope Hamblin, Jeanne Hardy, Sue Hawes, Willis Hintz, Barbara & David Kaufman, Dawn Leland, Nancy Lombardelli, Meri and Lee Lowry, Anna & Jim Messmer, Nancy Miles, Elizabeth Miller, Marna Miller, Bruce Moore, Carolyn Murray, Mary Nelson, Lisa Penalver, Kimberly Rich, Paravash Rohani, Kim Simmons, Paula Smeltzer, Dale Steffens, Ann Summer, Yolanda Theunissen, Judy Tizon, Sara & Joseph Tufo, Polly Ward, Tom & Carol Ward, Matthew & Emily Ward, James Ward, Jill Ward & Ched Zaccaria, Pamela Weiss, Timothy Wyant.

Many thanks to all 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.*](#)