



Mid-Term Elections Are Around the Corner!

Upcoming Dates for Your Calendar

Date	Time	Details
Oct 18	6-7:30 pm	Rock the Vote: Voter Information Night To register contact: Scarborough Adult Ed
Nov 5	9-11 am	Board Meeting. MCCE/LWVME Conference Room 565 Congress Street, 2 nd Floor
Nov 6	All day	VOTE
Nov 14	5:30-7:30 pm	Post-election Whine & Wine PelotonLabs at 795 Congress St. Portland
Feb 14	6:30–7:30 pm	Book discussion: <i>The Soul of America</i> Riverton Branch of Portland Public Library 1600 Forest Ave.
Apr 11	6:30–7:30 pm	Book discussion: <i>There There</i> Riverton Branch of Portland Public Library 1600 Forest Ave.

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

SCARBOROUGH VOTER INFORMATION NIGHT

Don't let the voting process, a confusing ballot, tough issues, or swirling rhetoric stand in your way. Become an informed and empowered citizen in this 100% non-partisan workshop. Join volunteers trained by the Portland League of Women Voters as they walk you through their 2018 Voter's Guide. Review logistics, how to register to vote, absentee ballots, political parties and why some join them, and preview sample ballots reflecting state and federal

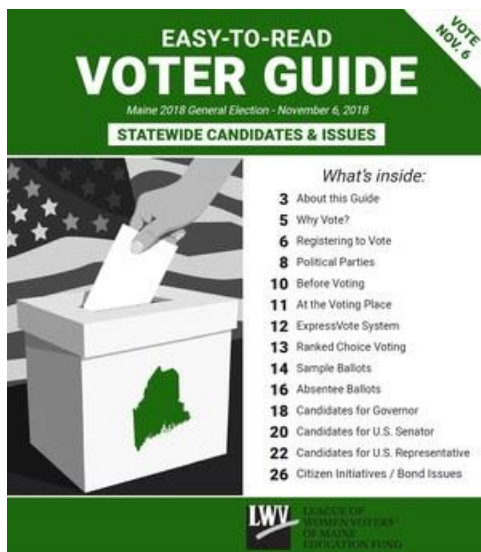
options.

When: Oct 18th from 6 to 7:30 pm

Where: Scarborough High School, 11 Municipal Drive, Scarborough, ME 04074

Registration: [Scarborough Adult Education](#)

THE 2018 VOTER GUIDE IS HERE



The League of Women Voters of Maine Education Fund has released its twelfth **Easy-to-Read Voter Guide** for the 2018 general election. This year's guide covers the gubernatorial race, the federal race for U.S. Senate, both federal races for the U.S. House of Representatives, Districts 1 and 2, one statewide citizen initiative question, and four statewide bond issues that will be decided by voters on November 6.

In addition, there is a **City of Portland Extra**, covering the county and municipal races that will be on the ballot for Portland residents. Of note is Portland Ballot Question 2: Transparency for Portland. Currently, municipal candidates in Portland are required to disclose their donors 11 days before the election. By that time, many voters will have already cast early absentee ballots without the benefit of this information. Question 2 aims to fill this gap by requiring candidates to also disclose their funders 42 days before the election. This additional report would match what state level candidates are required to file. The LWVPA supports this initiative. Check out the MCCE/Transparency [website](#) for more information.

As always, the guide is nonpartisan and does not endorse any candidate or party. A PDF of the guide is available to download from the [LWVME](#) website. Paper copies will be distributed throughout the state and can also be requested by emailing voterguide@gmail.com or calling [207-622-0256 Ext 2](tel:207-622-0256).

NOVEMBER 14th WHINE & WINE EVENT

Elections have consequences – what might they be?

Thurs, Nov 14, 5:30–7:30 pm, [PelotonLabs](#)



The League of Women Voters of the Portland Area is hosting its 3rd bi-annual Whine and Wine event to debrief the 2018 elections. Specifically, what does this mean for the state of our state? Hear from and question panelists from a variety of political persuasions as they share their views on what the election results mean for the next legislative session in Maine.

RECAP: CUMBERLAND COUNTY DA NIGHT



On September 27th the LWVPA and the ACLU co-sponsored a Meet the Candidates' event for Cumberland County District Attorney at the Westbrook Community Center. After an introduction by Barbara Kaufman, Oami Amarasingham, representing the ACLU, shared an overview of the responsibilities of the district attorney. Candidates

Jon Gale and Jonathan Sahrbeck then made opening remarks followed by an opportunity to interact directly with the audience. After dividing the attendees into two groups, two 20 minute breakout sessions facilitated by LWV volunteers provided a forum for a positive and productive dialogue between the constituents and each of the candidates.

LWVPA WEBSITE UPDATED

Come visit our updated [LWVPA section](#) of the LWVME website. Thanks to assistance from Samuel Schwartz, a League member's spouse, we have better

organized and presented events and information of interest to the Portland Area. The site includes information on all of the following topics.

- How to Join the Portland Area League
- LWVPA Action on Priority Issues
- Open Board Meetings (dates/locations)
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Portland League Contact Info
- LWVPA Who's Who
- The Emily Farley Fund

VOTER REGISTRATION HAS KEPT US BUSY



The League has continued to get requests for voter registration tables at various Portland area events right up to the October 16th cutoff date. From October 16th up to Election Day, Nov. 6th, voters need to register in person at their town/city office, with ID in hand. The League will turn to helping voters understand the ballot, where to vote, etc.

Photo from Concert Across America to End Gun Violence held on September 23rd at Congress Square Park where the LWVPA assisted with voter registration.

Year-to-date, LWVME has registered 1800 voters at the following events:

- 20 Naturalization Ceremonies registering 458 new voters, or 55% of the new citizens
- 109 community events registering 1342 voters.

For more information, contact Peg Balano at volunteer@lwvme.org.

ENHANCE YOUR LEAGUE EXPERIENCE

We are slowly but surely finding volunteers to help with our various programs,

but there are still the following unfulfilled needs. We mentor and coach all volunteers!

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

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

2019 BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Although these book events seem far in the future, demand for the selected books at Portland Public Library (PPL) and via the affiliated Cloud Library, which offers additional electronic text and audio versions, is strong. Those hoping to access the books via these sources should add their names to the “hold” lists now. Follow the links below for book descriptions and access to PPL resources.

Thursday February 14, 6:30 pm: Jon Meacham, [*The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels, 2018.*](#) Use this [Link to PPL](#) to put a hold on this book. Additional electronic text and audio copies may also be available from the Cloud Library, which can be joined/accessed through this PPL [link](#).

Thursday April 11, 6:30 pm: Tommy Orange, [*There There*, 2018.](#) Use this [Link to PPL](#) to place a hold. Additional electronic text and audio copies may also be available from the Cloud Library, which can be joined/accessed through this PPL [link](#). PPL has 15 hard copies of this increasingly popular book, but they are all currently signed out, so get you hold registered soon.

Both discussions will be facilitated by League member Elizabeth Miller and Riverton Branch librarian Kerry Purvis.