



Maine Summer is Here!

Upcoming Dates for Your Calendar

Date	Time	Details
Jul/Aug		Enjoy your summer and join us in the fall for a busy schedule.
Sept 10	9-11 am	Board Meeting Location to be announced.
Sept 25	Week before to week after	National Voter Registration Day, 2018. The League will be scheduling high school, college, and community voter drives. More details to come!
Oct 8	9-11 am	Board Meeting Location to be announced.
Oct 18	6-7:30	Rock the Vote: Voter Information Night Scarborough Adult Ed – more details to come.

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

ENHANCE YOUR LEAGUE EXPERIENCE

The Portland Area League needs help in the following areas. We mentor and coach all volunteers!

- A web page manager to help create and maintain our web pages.
- Coordinating and managing Voter Registration Drives that are not US Naturalization Ceremonies.
- Finding additional members who love research and writing for our next Maine Study on Citizen Initiatives.

- 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.

LWVPA ANNUAL MEETING RECAP



Our annual meeting was held on May 10th at the Mason–Motz Activity Center in Falmouth. To reinforce one of the League’s key themes for 2018–Reviving

Civility, we invited Mark Hews, State Coordinator for Maine Revives Civility, as our guest speaker. Mark discussed how he helps people restore civility and respect by teaching skills to further constructive conversations. Other highlights were the presentation of the Emily Farley Award (see below), passage of the annual budget, and elections confirming the nominating committee’s recommendations for the LWVPA Board.

2018–2019 Board members are:

Officers: Barbara Kaufman – (2018–2020) Co–President
 Peg Balano – (2018–2020) Co–President
 Carol Carpenter (2017–2019) Secretary
 Polly Ward (2017–2019) Treasurer

Elected Directors:

Beth Basham (2018–2020)
 Elaine DiGiovanni (2017–2019)
 Valerie Kelly (2017–2019)
 Kim Rich (2018–2020)
 Gail Roller (2018–2019)

EMILY FARLEY AWARD TO ANNE SCHINK

Anne Schink of South Portland was honored for her long and outstanding service to the League of Women Voters at our annual meeting on Thursday, May 10th as Lorraine Glowczak presented her with the Emily Farley Award. Anne has provided long-term commitment, passion, and skilled leadership to the League for approximately 50 years with her first experiences beginning with the LWV of Pennsylvania in the 1960s. Anne was essential to the “rebirth” of the Portland Area League. Be sure to look at the summer edition of “The Voter” for the full story of Anne’s long list of contributions to the League and testimony by those who have worked closely with her.



MOVING FORWARD WITH THE PRIMARY STUDY



The LWVPA held its second Primary Study Consensus Meeting on Saturday, May 19th, from 9 AM to noon. We were happy to have so many members attend and managed to come to consensus on

all the questions following animated discussions of the issues. Maine’s four other local units conducted their Primary Study consensus meetings during May and early June. All units have now submitted their results to the Primary Study Committee, whose members will consolidate the five sets of results and work with the State Board to develop a LWVME policy position statement.

LWVPA PLANS FOR 2018–2019 ACTIVITIES

The LWVPA Board held their annual planning retreat on June 9th and continues to work on the details. Once again, the Board has committed to planning and implementing at least one monthly event in addition to the LWVPA Board meetings. Highlights include voter information drives and voter information sessions throughout September and October, and a post-election Whine and Wine gathering in November. In December, we will honor our members with a holiday reception. We will continue our book discussions—one in February and another in April. Member Elizabeth Miller has volunteered to organize these discussions and will be starting with Jon Meacham's [The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels](#) in February. Details about these events will be included in the monthly newsletters.

1168 NEW VOTER REGISTRATIONS YTD



In 2017, we registered a total of 543 new voters. It is amazing that we have now registered more than twice the number of new voters in the first six months this year. A lot of the success was due to our spring statewide school Voter Drive,

which began as a challenge from our 2018 grant and segued into a national movement resulting from the March for Our Lives rallies. Statewide this year, voter registration events were held at 34 schools, registering 811 students to vote!

In addition to school voter drives, there was lots of activity as non-students were also inspired to register. Here are statistics so far this year for other voter registration activity.

-11 Naturalization Ceremonies registered 285 new voters, or 56% of new citizens following their ceremony.

-18 events where the League was invited to attend, and 69 new voters were registered.

-10 Voter Registration training sessions held statewide to share our 'lessons learned' when registering voters.

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

Windham Naturalization Ceremony Photo 5/25/18