

CANTON VOTER

May/June 2010



Canton League of Women Voters
www.LWVCT.org/Canton

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Some thoughts from your out-going president:

"The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informal and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy." This is the national League's mission statement.

Since the first meeting of the provisional League of Women Voters of Canton on September 21, 1971, our League has held true to this mission.

In the past some of the League goals were met through our Observer Corps. League members observed a board or commission in town on a regular basis, and reported its activities to the membership. Several of our studies evolved from our members' observations, and sometimes the members became so interested in the workings of these boards/commissions that they became elected or appointed to them. We plan to revive this Corps.

Our commitment to Canton and to League principles has been our strength. We are a politically diverse group. Because we do not support candidates, we are able to provide our Candidate's Night in a non-partisan venue. Sometimes at our meetings, or during our studies, we agree to disagree. This also is a strength. In order to think about an issue, one must be open to a variety of viewpoints.

It is time for our 10 year revision of *Know Your Town*. The Board will be organizing this undertaking during the next two years. Hopefully each one of you will participate, as it is a fascinating process. One always learns from it!

My two years as your president have flown by with the strong support of the Board. I am grateful for my tenure. It has been invigorating, to say the least! Please review the proposed slate of officers in this issue of *The Canton Voter*. You will see that our League will be in good hands as it moves into the future.

Ev Kubas

Only a Few Weeks Away...

Saturday, May 22nd, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., our League will hold its Annual Tag and Plant Sale at Mills Pond Recreation Center.

Folks have been bringing their treasures to Sue Therrien's barn (12 Thayer Avenue), but we still could use more donations. If you haven't already taken a box or two (or three!) to Sue's, please consider helping us out.



Donations can include (but are not limited to) plants, items from the garage, barn, or kitchen, household goods, toys, books, electronics, sporting equipment, jewelry. We cannot accept clothing or shoes, however.

So, come and enjoy the sale on May 22nd, and bring your friends! We always price on the low side, so you will be sure to find a bargain! We'll have it rain or shine as we have reserved both pavilions.

A ROUND OF APPLAUSE IS DUE:



Congratulations to Finance Chairman, Lucy Royer, who coordinated the Flatbread Fundraiser along with the help of her co-chairman, Missy Zils, and retired Finance Chairman, Isabel Riiska, for such a wonderful evening.

The TWENTY baskets were very well done, and were hard to resist! The pizza, as always, was delicious.

We made \$368 on baskets and \$371 on pizza sales for a total of \$739. A very successful fundraiser!

Thanks again to everyone who donated a basket, who came and bought pizzas, and who assisted in any way.

2010 - 2011 PROPOSED PROGRAM

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CANTON

At their April Board Meeting, your Board recommended the following program for 2010 - 2011:

1. **Know Your Town Revision:** *Know Your Town* was last revised in September 2001 with Ruth Small as Editor. It is time for its ten year revision.
2. **Education Study:** If the study regarding the role of the national government in education is approved at the National Convention, our League will participate.
3. **Board of Ethics:** Because our League's Ethics Study provided impetus to our town in its adoption of a Code of Ethics, we will continue to follow the function of the Board of Ethics.
4. **Resurrect the Observer Corps.**

YOU ARE INVITED...

Our Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, June 10th, 6 - 9 p.m. at the home of Joanna Eichenhorst, 7 Shingle Mill Drive.

The catered dinner will cost \$20.00 per individual. For those of you who attended last year's meeting, you may remember the delicious meal. We are using the same caterer.

Our speaker this year will be Eileen Fielding, Executive Director of the Farmington River Watershed Association who will address current issues affecting our beautiful river. Hopefully there will be time for questions.

A short business meeting will follow at which time we will vote on our slate of officers, our budget, and our recommended program.

This is always a festive event, and we hope to see all of our members there. An official invitation will be sent out in May via e-mail.



Canton League of Woman Voters							
Proposed 2010-2011 Budget							
		07-'08	08-'09	08-'09	09-'10	'09-'10	'10-'11
		ACTUAL	BUDGET	YTD	BUDGET	YTD	PROPOSED
INCOME							
I 10	Dues *	1,360.00	2,025.00	2,175.00	2,125.00	2,035.00	2,250.00
I 20	Contributions						
I 21	Members	283.00	250.00	160.00	175.00	185.00	175.00
I 22	Non-members	12.50	40.00	1,545.00	40.00	23.00	30.00
I 23	Corporate		0.00	877.02	0.00	300.00	300.00
I 40	Voter Service(Sponsors/Corp)	390.00	350.00	0.00	350.00		350.00
I 50	Fundraisers	1,729.51	3,217.00	3,009.30	2,115.00	1,199.00	1,951.00
I 60	Interest	9.87	7.00	8.15	8.00	3.34	5.00
I 70	Other (Annual meeting Out)	444.20	500.00	0.00	450.00		450.00
I 80	From Reserves	0	110.00	0	0		0.00
I 90	Russian Visitors				0.00	8,155.34	0.00
Total		4,229.08	6,389.00	7,774.47	5,263.00	11,900.68	5,511.00
EXPENSES							
E 10	Operations						
E 11	Supplies	0.00	20.00	113.49	20.00	22.17	20.00
E 12	Postage/Box/Permit	70.00	150.00	260.40	252.00	257.00	260.00
E 13	General Meetings (Annual Mtg Out)	437.60	500.00	364.64	450.00		450.00
E 14	Insurance (Liability to CT)	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.00		12.00
E 20	Administration						
E 21	Board Expense	0.00	75.00	137.44	85.00		85.00
E 22	Fundraisers	847.33	550.00	700.80	450.00	131.31	450.00
E 23	Public Relations (Sam Collins Day)	281.00	100.00	67.73	75.00	103.00	105.00
E 24	Membership	0.00	150.00	0.00	150.00	179.02	150.00
E 30	Delegates						
E 31	State Convention or Council	0.00	175.00	0.00	175.00		175.00
E 32	National Convention (Escrow)	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00		100.00
E 33	Conference Days	0.00	60.00	0.00	60.00		60.00
E 40	PMP - Financial Support						
E 41	LWVCT	693.00	701.00	726.00	730.00	729.75	743.00
E 42	LWVUS	1,120.60	1,139.00	1,227.00	1,314.00	1,265.20	1,341.00
E 43	CT Monitor	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00		
E 50	Bulletin						
E 51	Supplies	0.00	40.00	0.00	40.00	0.00	0.00
E 52	Postage	0.00	40.00	0.00	40.00	0.00	0.00
E 53	Printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
E 60	Educational						
E 61	Programs	0.00	30.00	0.00	30.00	0.00	30.00
E 62	Voter Service	764.00	2,028.00	685.37	750.00	728.66	750.00
E 63	Publications	0.00	30.00	11.28	30.00	0.00	30.00
E 64	Scholarships/Books	250.00	500.00	750.00	500.00	0.00	750.00
E 70	Study Group						
F 71	Immigration??		0.00		0.00		
E 80	To Reserves			1,500.00		6,000.00	
E 90	Russian Visitors					5,613.94	0.00
Total		4,474.53	6,499.00	\$6,555.15	5,263.00	14,927.05	5,511.00
	Deficit (\$245.45)			1,219.32			

LWV OF CANTON OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

2010 - 2011

OFFICERS

OFFICE	NAME	TERM	ELECTED YEAR	YEARS LEFT
PRESIDENT	Gina Magennis	2 Years	Even	2 Years
VICE PRESIDENT	Carrie Sinish	2 Years	Odd	1 Year
SECRETARY	Ev Kubas	2 Years	Even	2 Years
TREASURER	Carol Barlow	2 Years	Odd	1 Year

ELECTED DIRECTORS

VOTER SERVICE	Edie Offenhartz	2 Years	Odd	1 Year
	Carlene Rhea	2 Years	Even	2 Years
BULLETIN	Laurice Klemarczyk	2 Years	Odd	1 Year
	Carlene Rhea	2 Years	Odd	1 Year
MEMBERSHIP	Missy Zils	2 Years	Even	2 Years
FINANCE	Lucy Royer	2 Years	Odd	1 Year
	Karen Berry	2 Years	Even	2 Years
PUBLIC RELATIONS	Sue Saidel	2 Years	Odd	1 Year
	Jane Latus	2 years	Even	2 Years
PUBLICATIONS	Mary Dean	2 Years	Odd	1 Year
NOMINATING COMMITTEE	Barb Checksfield	2 Years	Even	2 Years
		2 Years	Odd	1 Year

Would You Like to Attend the 49th National Convention?

June 11 - 14, the National League is holding its convention in Atlanta, Georgia. Because the LWVUS is celebrating its 90th birthday, this will be an especially gala event. The deadline for registering is June 4th.



The convention delegates approve the national league budget, elect the national officers and directors, and set the national program. There are training sessions, exciting speakers, and time to network with other League members from across our country.

The national convention is open to anyone who is a member of a League. We encourage you to consider going and would assist with the expenses.

For more information click here:

http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Council_and_Convention

CHS Voter Registration

This year's Voter Registration Day for students who have reached the age of majority at Canton High School will be on Tuesday May 18 from about 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. It will be led by Nora MocarSKI, the Social Studies Department chair, with comments from First Selectman Richard Barlow. A video produced by Canton High School students entitled "Why Vote?" will be shown. There will be short presentations from representatives of the Democratic and Republican parties as well as representatives for Unaffiliated Voters.

**CALENDAR FOR 2009 - 2010
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CANTON**

MAY

22 Tag Sale, Mills Pond Recreation Center pavilions. We'll need volunteers!

JUNE

10 Annual Meeting at Joanna Eickenhorst's home at 7 Shingle Mill Drive, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Speaker - Eileen Fielding, Executive Director, Farmington River Watershed Association.

Message from your Co-Editors:

Thank you to all who contributed articles for this issue and all the issues of the past year. We look forward to a late summer edition of the Canton Voter.
Thanks so much!

Laurice Klemarczyk and Carlene Rhea

