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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WESTPORT TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING ON JUNE 3

The League of Women Voters of Westport (LWV) will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, June 3, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., in the Community Room of Christ and Holy Trinity Church at 55 Myrtle Avenue in Westport. A continental breakfast will be served. There is no cost but donations will be requested to defray expenses.

This year, the Westport League is celebrating its 60th anniversary and the annual meeting will be the official kickoff for this landmark event. In recognition of their long-time commitment and contributions, 50-year members will be honored. Continuing a yearly tradition, a \$2,000 scholarship will be presented to a student selected through the Staples High School Tuition Grants program. This year, the scholarship will be awarded to a 2009 graduate, Emma-Jean Weinstein, who will be attending Emerson College in Boston in the fall. The League's year-long fundraising activities help to fund this award which is targeted to a young woman who has shown civic responsibility or plans to major in political science, social studies or history in college.

During the morning's agenda, focus will be on a recap of the highlights of 2008-09 League, adoption of new programming for next year, and election of new officers and board members.

Over the past year, Voter Services activities included the publication of the informative 2008 "Voters Guide," generously produced by the Westport Minuteman; the conduct of a local debate for state representatives and state senate candidates; a regional debate in collaboration with eleven Fairfield County Leagues for Fourth Congressional District Candidates; and in the spring, voter registration of students at Greens Farms Academy and Staples High School, in cooperation with the Westport Registrars of Voters.

In other areas, the League completed a study of the National Popular Vote Compact, which proposes that an interstate compact be adopted by state legislatures to ensure that the winner of the popular vote for the President nationwide is selected by the Electoral College. The League's Environment Committee worked with the Town Conservation Department to convene an Environmental Summit for town organizations last November. League members and guests had the opportunity to speak informally to candidates for state and national offices and the annual Fall Brunch, and to hear about voter trends and the impact of the November elections for Westport residents from Connecticut Secretary of State Susan Bysiewicz and Westport Town Clerk Patty Strauss at the Post-Election Coffee.

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The League of Women Voters of Westport is a non-partisan organization which promotes informed and active participation in government and community. The LWV neither supports nor opposes any political party or candidate. For information about attending the annual meeting, call 227-5594, or about joining the League of Women Voters of Westport, contact Sheila Creatura at 227-0127, or visit the website at www.lwvwestportct.org.