



Westport Voter

May 2006

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This is It!

22nd ANNUAL TAG SALE

FRIDAY & SATURDAY MAY 19 & 20, 9-3

43 Old Hill Rd, Westport



DONATIONS

accepted now for storage in Jackie's garage
pick-up can be arranged
drop off beginning Thursday, May 17 at 43 Old Hill or call Jackie for an appointment
don't forget potted seedlings and divisions for plant sale
NO HEAVY FURNITURE, BOOKS OR CLOTHING
PLEASE DONATE ITEMS IN GOOD CONDITION

All donations are tax deductible.

RAISE YOUR HAND AND VOLUNTEER



Help transfer donations from Jackie's garage to Old Hill garage
Work a half day shift on Friday or Saturday
Clean up on Saturday afternoon or Sunday

Call Jackie Gordon 803-3725 to volunteer or with questions about donations

Plant Sale

The Plant Sale is a profitable and popular section of our annual Tag Sale, drawing return customers looking for bargains. Perennial divisions, self seeded annuals, Japanese Maple seedlings, shrub babies — all flew out the door at last year's sale. Keep this in mind as you clean and tidy your garden this spring; pot up your extras and label them clearly. If you need pots or have any questions, call plant sale coordinators Lisa Shufro 221 1350 or Kitty Graves 227 0506.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Breakfast at the Peppermill
1700 Post Road East

June 7
8:00—11

- Elect the 2005-06 Board
- Decide on 2005-06 LWV Program
- Meet the LWV Scholarship student

\$15 at the door
Call or email Hope Hageman today to reserve
227-5335



The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, community-based political organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. It was founded in 1920 as an outgrowth of the 72 year struggle to win voting rights for women.

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Dear Members

It's hard to believe that we are writing our last Presidents' letter of the League year. Soon the lazy days of summer will be upon us when we hand over responsibility for the League to a new Board of Directors, and take a little break from our regular League activities. Meanwhile, the behind the scenes preparations for our handbook will continue apace.

At the time of this writing, we are still looking forward to the tag sale (our biggest fundraising event), the Memorial Day parade, and the Annual General Meeting. We'd like to give a particular plug to the tag sale, as we have come to depend on it more and more in recent years to fund the work we do, and to keep our dues from increasing. Please keep the League in mind as you are doing your spring cleaning. We appreciate not only your donation of goods, but your time as well, in setting up, selling and cleaning up. And when you're in your garden, don't forget the plant sale!

Memorial Day also provides us with an opportunity to get together. If you have never marched with us, we urge you to do so. It's a real ego boost as you are cheered along the route by people who recognize the good work our organization does.

Looking ahead to Annual General Meeting, we look forward to seeing many of you there. We want to make sure that we get a quorum of our ever-increasing membership in order to conduct all the business of the League. In past years we've run into problems with people leaving before all the business is finished. This year we're going to be very disciplined about starting the meeting promptly and sticking to a tightly packed agenda. Our goal is to conduct the business of the meeting at the very beginning of the morning, so that those of you who have to leave early can do so, and the rest of us can stay and socialize.

If you are a long-time member, you know that Annual Meeting provides an opportunity to catch up with old friends. If you are a newer member, you will find that you get a great overview of our organization, as well as an opportunity to make new friends. We look forward to seeing everyone, and ask that you come prepared by reading the enclosed Call carefully (and don't forget to bring it with you!).

In closing, we would like to express our thanks for your support and trust this year. Our League continues to grow, both in terms of membership and activity. It has been extremely gratifying to lead this group of energetic and committed people and we have enjoyed our work tremendously.

Laura and Lisa

LWV WEBSITES

www.lwvwestportct.org
www.lwvct.org (Connecticut)
www.lwv.org (US)

Membership Renewal Letters Coming soon to a mailbox near you!



The League fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. Within the next few weeks, you will be receiving a renewal form, interest questionnaire and request for dues payment.

Please respond to this request promptly so that the new Board can continue to plan programs that reflect the vital interests of League members and promote public awareness of important issues.

Reminder: Members who have joined since the Holiday Luncheon will not be asked to renew their membership until next Spring.

BOOK GROUP NEWS

The book group will meet on Monday, May 22 at 1:30 pm at the home of Jane Eyes, 4 Orchard Lane. Please let her know, if you are planning to attend, 227-0782 or janeeyes@aol.com.

The group will be discussing *Maus I & II* by Art Spiegelman. Umberto Eco praised *Maus*. "Slowly through this little tale comprised of suffering, humor and life's daily trials, you are captivated by the language of an old Eastern European family, ... and when you finish *Maus*, you are unhappy to have left that magical world."

Multiple copies of the group's selection will be available at the Westport Public Library. If you have questions about joining the group, email or call Helene Crawford: 227 2572 or helenec@optonline.net.





Westport LWV Needs You!!!!

Join the Parade

“In honor of those who lost a loved one in the service.”

That’s the LWV theme for this year’s Memorial Day Parade. In keeping with this theme, Winnie will provide black armbands to those marching with the league. All LWVers are invited to march with spouses, friends and children. (Sorry, no dogs this year.) If you don’t have your official parade hat and/or T shirt, Winnie can provide them at cost. Wear jeans and comfortable shoes.

Be sure to call Winnie to tell her you’re “joining the parade.” That’s Winnie Balboni at 227-9093, she’ll have all the details and can help out if you need a ride.

Welcome New Members

Carol Burgess
2 Northgate
226-5593

Jennifer Gabler
4 Hen Hawk Lane
227-7727

Liz-Ann Koos
114 Greens Farms Road
227-2024

William Meyer
3 St. George Place
226-3704

Leslie Orofino
9 Pine Tree
227-0655

Revised e-mail addresses:

JoAnn Davidson
Jane Fraser

It’s time for the LWV to go back to school

We’re going back to Staples to present the Power of One, our interactive civics lesson for high school American Government classes. Presentations are scheduled for Wednesday, May 31 and Monday, June 5.



Spring is also the time for us to visit all First Grades in town to teach the three R’s. Reduce, Re-use, Recycle, that is. Exact dates and times are still to be determined.

If you are interested in being a presenter, contact Lisa Shufro, 221-1350

EcoTip of the Month



Are you one of the shoppers we see in Costco toting home bales of paper towels? Where do you store them or do you run through them so quickly you need to restock every week or so? We discard 3000 tons of paper towels every day. That’s a lot of trees. Rags are not only the quickest picker uppers, but best for dusting, cleaning mirrors and all the other little chores. Recycle old T-shirts, towels, and washcloths. And when you do buy paper towels, be sure to look for a high percentage of post consumer recycled content and chlorine-free processing.



High School Voter Registration

Help register 18 year olds to vote!

Staples High School
Wednesday, May 24 10:45a.m. - 12:25p.m.

Greens Farms Academy
Thursday, May 25 10:00a.m. - 12:30p.m.

Call or email to volunteer

Lynn Crager - 227-7807
Sally Galan - 222-1850



JOIN THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Individual Dues: \$50 Household (limited to 2): \$75

Membership year: July 1 through June 30

Send check made payable to:

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WESTPORT

P.O. Box 285

Westport, CT 06881- 0285

Contributions to LWV Education Fund are tax deductible; LWV dues are not.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 10 **BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**—10:30
Home of Ann Gill, 53 High Point Road

18 **OBSERVER CORPS**— 9 AM
ACTION COMMITTEE—11 AM
Library Seminar Room

19&20 **TAG SALE** — 9 AM - 3 PM
43 Old Hill Road

22 **BOOK GROUP**—1:30 PM
Home of Jane Eyes, 4 Orchard Lane

June 7 **ANNUAL MEETING**— 8:00 AM
Pepper Mill Restaurant

14 **BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**, see May

15 **OBSERVER CORPS**— 9 AM
ACTION COMMITTEE—11 AM
Library Seminar Room

28 **OLD BOARD-NEW BOARD MTG**—6 PM
Home of Laura Gallagher,
7 Sandhopper Trail

JULY 20 **OBSERVER CORPS**— 9 AM
ACTION COMMITTEE- 11 AM
Parks and Recreation Conference Room

All League meetings are open to all members.



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