



# Westport Voter

October 2006

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Members and friends are invited to attend the

## Post Election Coffee

**Wednesday, November 15, 2006**

10:00 AM

at the home of  
Claudia Saunders

8 Tiffany Lane  
(off Clapboard Hill Road)

RSVP: Luisa Francoeur  
227-5593



## Candidates Forums



### 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Regional Forum

Co-sponsored by the Leagues of Women Voters of  
Weston, Westport, Wilton, New Canaan, Ridgefield, Redding

**Tuesday, October 17**

7:30PM -9:30PM

Wilton High School Auditorium

### State Representative 133, State Representative 136, State Senator District 26

Co-sponsored by Y's Men, Y's Women, Westport Women's  
Club & PTA Council

**Sunday, October 22**

4:30PM - 6:00PM

Westport Town Hall Auditorium

The Forum will be shown live on Channel 79 and rebroadcast on  
Friday October 27 at 7PM and 9PM, Saturday, October 28 at  
5PM and 7PM and on Sunday, October 29 at 5PM and 7PM.

## Voters Guide



The 2006 LWV of Westport's **Voters Guide** will be published  
in the Minuteman on Thursday, October 26. Look for it online  
at our website [www.lwvwestportct.org](http://www.lwvwestportct.org) and at the Senior Cen-  
ter, Library, and Town Hall.

## Senatorial Debate

On October 16th The Business Council of Fairfield County  
will host the first of the US Senate debates. This will be the  
*only* debate held in Fairfield County.

Monday, October 16

Stamford Marriott Hotel

Registration: 11.30 Event 12.00 - 2:00

Cost: \$30 (includes lunch) No open seating for the debate.

Reservations Required - Deadline - October 12

To reserve call 203 359 - 3220

The US Senatorial Debate is co-sponsored by The Advocate, Greenwich Time,  
The Business Council of Fairfield County, The Fairfield County Bar Associa-  
tion, The Local Leagues of Women Voters, The National Association of Indus-  
trial and Office properties, and News 12.



The crowd savors the sun and fine conversation at Fall Brunch.



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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Greetings everyone,

As election season heats up in the month of October, we'd like to take this opportunity to invite all of our members to attend two very important Candidates Forums organized by the League of Women Voters. The first is a 4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Regional Forum, held at Wilton High School, Tuesday October 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-9:30PM. This forum is co-sponsored by the Leagues of Women Voters of Weston, Westport, Wilton, New Canaan, Ridgefield and Redding. The second Forum for State Senator District 26, State Representative 133 and 136 is scheduled for Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4:30-6:00PM at our own Town Hall Auditorium. We hope all of you will make every effort to attend.

Another important informational source on the candidates is the League's **Voters Guide**, graciously published for us by the Minuteman newspaper, that includes answers to questions posed to the candidates by the League. For your copy of the **Voter's Guide**, look inside the **October 26<sup>th</sup>** Minuteman or check out our website [www.lwvwestportct.org](http://www.lwvwestportct.org) where, after October 26th, a copy will also be available.

If it's election season then the League is also planning **The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade and High School Civics Programs**. We need your help to cover all the classes in a growing school population. It's not a huge time commitment, as little as one hour to present the interactive program to the students plus one meeting for training. Please contact either Jane Fraser 226-0686 or Yvonne Senturia 226-6683 for the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade program or Lisa Shufro 221-1350 for the High School program.

After we all go to the polls to select our future leaders, it's always fun to attend the **Post Election Coffee** and debrief. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 15th and please join us at the home of Claudia Saunders (details on page 1).

Looking forward to seeing you at the many League events in the coming months,

Eileen and Laura

### LWV WEBSITES

[www.lwvwestportct.org](http://www.lwvwestportct.org)  
[www.lwvct.org](http://www.lwvct.org) (Connecticut)  
[www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org) (US)

### Book Group News

The group will meet on October 23 at 1:30 PM to discuss *Team of Rivals* by Doris Kearns Goodwin, at the home of Athena Ploumis Bradley, 7 Northgate. Please contact Athena to let her know you will attend the discussion, 227- 8966

Upcoming books:

November 27 - *Just Revenge* by Alan Dershowitz



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

### Eco Tip

#### Adopt-a-Storm Drain

Check the road that runs in front of your house to find the nearest storm drain and then every time you go by -- winter and summer -- make sure that the grate is clear of snow, ice, leaves, twigs and other debris. Clogged grates force the water onto streets and lawns and into basements. Free flowing storm drains could have alleviated some of the flood damage in Westport





# Westport LWV Needs You!!!!

## Calling All Volunteers Interested in Voter Education

On October 19 and October 30, the Community Services Committee plans to visit Coleytown and Bedford middle schools to present our 7<sup>th</sup> grade voter education program. We are looking for volunteers who enjoy being with students and can present a short talk about the importance of voter participation. A script is provided, volunteers work in pairs in the classrooms, and training will be given to volunteers who want it, at their convenience.



The teachers are very excited about having LWV volunteers help their students understand the importance of being an active participant in the voting process. We are really hoping that we can get enough volunteers to do all twenty Westport 7<sup>th</sup> grade classes.

For further information, please contact Yvonne Senturia 226-6683 or Jane Fraser 226-0686

## Have You Voted Today?

A group of dedicated LWV Westport members, under the leadership of Katy Goldschmidt, have arranged to have service personnel at many local businesses wear large "Have You Voted Today" stickers on Election Day.

When you are out and about on Election Day, look for service people wearing the badges and thank them for supporting the League's *Get Out the Vote* campaign.

## High School Civics

**It's time to go back to school.** We are scheduled to deliver our high school civics presentation, the Power of One, in Staples' American Government classes on three days this month; Wednesday, October 25, Thursday, October 26 and Friday, October 27.

This program gives students an overview of the laws governing voting and includes a fun, interactive activity to show them the importance of exercising this most fundamental right. If you are interested in being a presenter, please call Lisa Shufro at 221-1350



## What's In Your Attic? Keeping an Inventory of League Records

Because the League doesn't have an office, our belongings are stored in members' attics, basements and closets. We're trying to compile a complete inventory of these items, in order to make finding them easier and so that we don't lose valuable League archives. If you are storing League files, photos,

dishes, banners, decorations, pins, or anything else in your attic or basement, please notify Treasurer, Jim Graves, at 895-3271 so they can be added to our Inventory. Please be as specific as you can in describing the files or items. Thank you!



## Observer Corps Vacancies

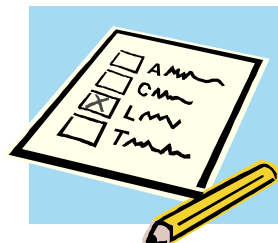
Observer Corps still has some openings that we would like to fill ASAP:

- Zoning Board of Appeals - 2nd & 4th Tuesday - 7:30 PM
- Public Site & Building Commission - 2nd Thursday - 7:00 PM
- Youth Commission - 3rd Thursday - 7:00 PM
- Board of Education - every other Monday at 8:00 PM (also televised)

Please contact Rose Anne Preston at 454-3547 if you would like to know more about these meetings or if you are interested in being an Observer.



Eileen Flug and Sally Galan prepare for Book Group



## Welcome New Members

**Esther & Stan Nayer**  
77 Clinton Avenue  
226 - 4515

**Ann Roberts**  
115 Harvest Commons  
226 - 4855

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:

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P.O. Box 285

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

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- OCT**
- 11 **Budget Study** - 10:30 AM  
At home of Pippa Bell Ader, 62 Woodside Avenue
  - 17 **4th Congressional District Candidate Forum**  
7:30 PM - Wilton High School Auditorium
  - 19 **Observer Corps** - 9 AM  
**Action Committee** - 11 AM  
Parks and Recreation
  - 22 **Local Candidate's Forum** - 4:30 PM  
Westport Town Hall
  - 23 **Book Group** - 1:30 PM  
At home of Athena Bradley, 7 Northgate
- NOV**
- 1 **Board Meeting** - 9 AM  
At home of Eileen Flug, 5 Gault Avenue
  - 7 **Election Day**
  - 8 **Budget Study** 10.30 AM  
At home of Ann Gill, 53 High Point Road
  - 15 **Post Election Coffee** 10 AM  
At home of Claudia Saunders, 2 Tiffany Lane
  - 16 **Observer Corps** - 9 AM  
**Action Committee** - 11 AM  
Parks and Recreation

*All League meetings are open to all members.*



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