



# Westport Voter

April 2007

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## Local Program Planning Meeting

Wednesday, April 25 10:30 am

Home of Diana Coyne, 63 Old Hill Road



*Last year we reviewed the Local Positions. This year we'll discuss how to act on these positions --through advocacy, community education and further study.*

*Join us and have your priorities heard. If you have an idea for a local study or community conversation, let us know in advance, so that we may include it on the agenda.*

Pippa Bell Ader 221-1555 or Alison Rivard 254 -2079



## Great things come from Tag Sales!

Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> & Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup>

9 AM to 3 PM

62 Cross Highway (corner of Cross Hwy. and Roseville Rd.)

With spring almost here and summer around the corner, it's time to clear out some of those unwanted (but valuable) things you've been shifting around for a while now. Don't know what to do with them? Donate them to the LWV Tag Sale.

Best-selling items include: antiques, collectibles, musical instruments, china, decorative items, classic toys, CDs & DVDs, jewelry, and anything vintage. **No large furniture, clothing or books.** We will offer terrific second hand bargains. Tax donation forms available.

**Drop off your items at 62 Cross Highway on Wednesday, May 2 from 5 PM to 8 PM and Thursday, May 3 from 8 AM to 4 PM.**

**For pick-up or to volunteer, call or e-mail:**

Jackie Cutrone at 203 247-4077

Jackie Gordon at 203 803-3725

## Plant Sale Reminder: Tag Sale time is also plant sale time

As you get your garden in shape this spring, please remember the LWV and pot up any unwanted or extra divisions, seedlings and volunteers. We've had great success in the past with all types of plants and planters, but perky-looking plants in pots sell best. If possible, please dig early and think big. There's always a market for red maple seedlings and other woodies. Plant-sitting is available, if you'd like to drop off ahead of the sale. Please contact Lisa Shufro 221-1350 Kitty has some 4" terra cotta pots left over from last year. If you'd like to use them for potting up, give her a shout: 227-0506.



## Calling All Bakers!

A Bake Sale will be a new feature of our Tag and Plant Sale. Please contact Liz-Ann Koos at or 203-227-2024 to let her know what favorite non perishable goodies you would like to make or whether you would prefer to have a recipe provided for you to bake. She will provide you with packaging, drop-off and other information.



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:

By the time this letter reaches you spring should be well on the way, usually followed by spring-cleaning. Perfect timing to box all those treasures you decide you don't need living in the attic, basement, closets or garage and donate them to the **League Tag Sale**. Yes it's that time again and we are once again appealing to all of members and friends to help us make our tag sale and biggest fundraiser and source of funds for the League a big success. This year we have a new addition of a bake sale and will be looking to all the great bakers within the League to bring an item or two for that effort. We rely heavily on the funds of the Tag Sale to carry out all of the wonderful things we do every year so please refer to the details in this Voter on how you can contribute.

April 25<sup>th</sup> is the date set for our **Local Program Planning** meeting which will be held at the home of Diana Coyne. As always we invite all members to attend and encourage you to bring any ideas or issues that you believe the League should study.

Finally, we are only a couple of months away from **Annual General Meeting** and want to alert everyone to the Call, which will be included in the May Voter. We hope everyone will take the time to review the material, as it will provide a recap of the various activities of the 2006-07 year, the proposed Budget Process position the League has written as a result of the Budget Study, and the budget for the coming year. Annual General Meeting will be held in a new location this year as the Peppermill is closing. We look forward to seeing all of you on **June 6<sup>th</sup> at the Three Bears**.

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 to discuss *Digging to America* by Anne Tyler on April 23 at 1:30 PM at the home of Kitty Graves, 67 Wright St. Please contact Kitty 227 - 0506 or [kgraves@optonline.net](mailto:kgraves@optonline.net) to let her know you will attend the discussion.

May 21 - *The Doll Maker* - by Harriette Arnow

Multiple copies of the group's selections are available at the Westport Public Library. If you have questions about joining the group, contact Helene Crawford



## Water Quality Workshop at Earthplace

Members of the League participated in a four-week water quality workshop at Earthplace led by Dick Harris, Director of Harbor Watch/River Watch. Topics explored included: the different ways the health of our streams and rivers are measured and studied; different kinds of bacteria; and even how aquatic insects can be used as indicators of water health. We covered the different kinds of pollutants, i.e., bacterial, chemical and possible ways that they got there. We learned how field measurements can lead to the understanding and detecting of pollution and the final workshop took us into the field to collect our own samples.

It was fascinating to discover that Earthplace's Water Quality Research Lab is one of the only state and federally certified labs in CT and utilizes over 60 volunteers from our area every summer. They have collection stations on most of our waterways.

We also discussed different types of sewage treatment plants and how badly some operate and our local septic systems and their lack of monitoring and frequent failures. It was an eye opening experience and gave this League member a stronger sense of commitment to seeing some form of septic system monitoring in Westport.

Tish Fried





## Westport LWV Needs You!!!!

### LWVUS Immigration Study

LWVUS has launched a two-year Immigration Study aimed at helping communities understand the implications of immigration at the local, state and federal level. Local leagues will be exploring the underlying values and principles regarding immigration, as well as current federal immigration policy, the business and economic effects and other impacts of immigration.

A series of short background papers are available for download at [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org) Look under "Projects."

### Back to School with the LWV

#### First Grade Recycling:

We're heading back into the elementary schools this spring with our 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' presentation for first graders. Please come to an organizational/training meeting at Lisa Shufro's house, 15 Pequot Trail on Thursday, April 26 at 1:00pm. This meeting is for experienced and new presenters alike, so that we can be ready to get into classrooms in May. Please contact Lisa Shufro 221-1350 or halshw with questions.

#### High School Civics:

We will be presenting our high school civics program, called The Power of One, during the week of May 21. Please contact Lisa Shufro 221-1350 oif you are interested in delivering this program. While we are not offering a formal training session this year, you will be have an opportunity to watch and see how it's done before being asked to present.



### Thanks, Peg!

The Observer Corps regrets that Peg Bishop is resigning from the Observer Corps after many years of faithfully attending and reporting on the Flood and Erosion Control Board meetings. Peg also called each Observer every month to remind us to come to the regular meetings. We will miss her great reports and interesting historical observations.

To celebrate and honor Peg's longstanding involvement in this important work of the League we will hold the Observer and Action meetings on the second Thursday, April 12, instead of the usual third Thursday. The meeting will be held at the home of Rose Anne Preston, 1 Stony Point Road, instead of the library. Observers and members of the Action Committee are invited to come for breakfast at 8:30 so we can have some time to socialize before we start the business of the day.

Rose Anne Preston, Observer Corps Chair

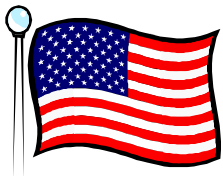
### Voter Registration

May is time for LWV Westport's High School Voter registration at Staples and Greens Farms Academy. Join us in registering 18 year olds to vote. Dates to be announced; call or email to sign up.

Sally Galan 222-1850  
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### LWV on Parade



Monday, May 28 – Annual Memorial Day Parade. LWV Westport has been chosen to carry the Democracy Cup, that LWV helped Westport win. Gather around at

8:30 AM. Costume options – Jeans, t-shirt, patriotic cap OR long white dress and big hat, suffragist mode.

Saturday, June 16 – Westport Woman's Club will be celebrating its 100th anniversary with a short parade and has invited LWV to participate. Meet at the Town Hall by 8:15 AM. This time we will all dress as suffragists representing the years from 1917 to 1926 when women got the vote.

For help with costumes, etc. call Winnie Balboni at 227 -9093.

Let's make our participation noteworthy.

### Environment Committee

Members have attended a 5-session workshop taught by the staff of River Watch/Harbor Watch and Earthplace focused on measuring the health of our waterways (see Tish Fried's article on page 2).

#### Next Committee Meetings:

Monday, April 9 1:00-3:00 PM  
Wednesday, May 9 1:00-3:00 PM

Both meetings will be held at Pippa Bell Ader's house, 62 Woodside Ave. At our April meeting, we will plan for the League's participation in the Earthplace Earth Day Weekend, April 28-29.

Join Us!

Contact Pippa Bell Ader or Alison Rivard.



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

- APR**
  - 12 **Observer Corps** - 8:30 AM  
**Action Committee** - 11 AM  
At home of Rose Anne Preston,  
1 Stony Point Road
  - 23 **.Book Group** - 1:30 PM  
At home of Kitty Graves, 67 Wright Street
  - 25 **Local Program Planning** - 10:30 AM  
At home of Diana Coyne, 63 Old Hill Road
  - 26 **First Grade Recycling Meeting** - 1 PM  
At home of Lisa Shufro, 15 Pequot Trail
- MAY**
  - 2 **Board Meeting** - 9 AM  
At home of Eileen Flug, 5 Gault Ave.
  - 3 **Tag Sale Set-up** - 8 AM - 5 PM  
62 Cross Highway
  - 4 & 5 **Tag Sale** - 62 Cross Highway  
Friday 9 AM - 3 PM  
Saturday 9 AM - 3 PM
  - 9 **Environment Committee** - 1 PM  
At home of Pippa Bell Ader, 62 Woodside Ave.

*All League meetings are open to all members.*



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