



# Westport Voter

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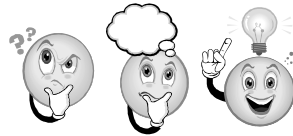
## National Popular Vote Consensus Meeting



Join us to discuss the National Popular Vote Compact and reach consensus on the questions provided by LWVUS. Since the questions go beyond a basic knowledge of the NPV Compact, please read the attached background paper and pros and cons in preparation for the conversation. For more detailed information go to the NPV links on the [lwwestportct.org](http://lwwestportct.org) website.

### AND

## Local Program Planning



We will take time at the end of the meeting to discuss local program for the coming year. You can review current program and positions in the LWV Westport Member Handbook. If you have ideas for program or a new study, please feel free to raise them at this meeting. Or call Jane Eyes or Claudia Saunders to discuss your suggestions before the meeting.

Wednesday, March 25  
Noon - 2:00 PM - Bring your own Bag Lunch  
Earthplace Nature Center - Auditorium  
10 Woodside Lane

### Tag Sale

THINK SPRING, THINK TAG SALE. Yes, we are now one month closer to our biggest fundraiser of the year.



And now that we can see the ground again, it's time to think of the **Plant Sale** as well.

Not to mention the **Bake Sale**, too! This has become an important and lucrative part of the sale.



The sale will take place on **May 8 and 9** this year, and we still need HELP. **So please call Pat Porio at 226-4149** if you would like to work on any aspect of this important fundraising event.



## ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, June 3

Details to follow



The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, community-based political organization that encourages the informed and active participation 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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**From the Presidents****From the League Storybank:**

*"The League has enlarged my world, enriched my teaching, and helped me contribute to a better world."*

*Greetings to All,*

*As spring approaches, thoughts turn to membership (at least for the co-presidents). League members know that the LWV is the premier grassroots organization in the country for voter education and issue advocacy. While others may be aware of the League's historic and trusted status, not everyone realizes the current relevance of LWV work locally, across the nation and internationally. All of us need to become Membership Recruiters.*

*How do we do this? **Mention** the League and your connection during interactions at events in town. **Make sure** the people with whom you speak know how to join. If you are wondering how another person will react, **remember**; what is the worst thing that could happen? They might politely decline.. And if you have a story—from a blurb to a tale—about how the League has enriched your life, let us know!*

*As we move toward our Consensus meeting on the National Popular Vote Compact Study, we've made becoming knowledgeable easy. The two-sided insert in this newsletter includes material developed by the LWVUS. Read it and come to the meeting prepared to tackle the Consensus Questions!*

*Spring is the time when we also look for input into Local Program Planning. Does the League have local positions that need review or updating? Do you think there is an important local concern that would benefit from a new study, and to which you are willing to contribute? Join us for a brown bag lunch and lots of talk.*

*Pippa and Alison*

**Save the Date****40<sup>th</sup> SYMPOSIUM ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (SIR)**

Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Connecticut Education Fund, Inc. in cooperation with the Albert Schweitzer Institute at Quinnipiac University and the MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies at Yale University

**BRIC: Brazil, Russia, India, and China –Giants on the Move**

Thursday, April 23, 2009 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Alumni Hall, Carl Hansen Student Center  
Quinnipiac University  
275 Mount Carmel Avenue  
Hamden, CT

*Flyer available shortly from LWVCT or contact Alison Rivard for more information*

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Membership year: July 1 through June 30

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- March 15 Winter Warm Up** - 5 - 8 PM. At Sheila Creatura's house.
- 19 Observer Corps/Action Committee** - 9:00 AM. At the Westport Public Library, Seminar Room
- 23 Book Group** - 1:30 PM. At Ellen McBride's house, 645 Springer Road, Fairfield.
- 25 National Popular Vote Compact Consensus and Local Program Planning** - 12-2 PM. At Earthplace, 10 Woodside Lane
- April 1 Board Meeting** - 8:30 AM. At Pippa Bell Ader's house, 62 Woodside Avenue.
- 3 Local Election Turnout Study Meeting** - 1:30 PM. At Katy Goldschmidt's house, 27 Woods Grove Road.
- 7 Immigration Study Group Meeting** - 10:30 AM. At Claudia Saunders' house, 8 Tiffany Lane.
- 16 Observer Corps/Action Committee** - 9:00 AM. At the Westport Public Library, Seminar Room
- 23 Symposium on International Relations (SIR)** - 8:30 AM. At Quinnipiac University.
- 27 Book Group** - 1:30 PM. At Athena Bradley's house, 7 Northgate.

***All League meetings are open to all members.***