



Westwood/Walpole League of Women Voters

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Annual Meeting 2008

Save the date !
Monday September
22, 2008 6:30pm
First Parish Church
Westwood

Annual Kick-off
Meeting
Panel discussion on
Health Care

The annual meeting was held June 12, 2008 at Raffaels in Walpole. A good time was had by all. The speaker Wilbur C. Rich PhD spoke on "The Media and Presidential Politics"

Speaker Profile

Wilbur C. Rich is a professor of political science at Wellesley College. A member of the Wellesley College faculty since 1991, he received a B.S. degree from Tuskegee Institute and both Ed.M. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana.

Formerly on the faculty of Wayne State University, he also taught at Columbia University in New York. He was the 1989-90 winner of the Wayne State University Career Development Chair Award, and has also been awarded the NYASPA Award for Outstanding Contribution to Furtherance of Professional Dialogue in Public Administration. In 2000-2001 he was appointed a visiting scholar at the Russell Sage Foundation.

Listed in *Who's Who Among Black Americans*, his research focuses on minority participation in American government and on American public policy. He also writes about organization behavior, political communication, public school politics and urban management. His book, *Black Mayors and School Politics: The Failure of School Reform in Detroit, Gary and Newark*, was awarded the outstanding book of 1997 by the National Conference of Black Political Scientists. His most recent books are *David Dinkins and New York Politics: Race, Images and the Media* (2006) and his edited collection of essays, *African American Perspectives on the Political Science Discipline* (2007). These are among the 10 books he has either authored or edited. In addition, he has published numerous journal articles and book chapters.

Rich has served as president of the Northeastern Political Science Association (1999-2000); president of the Urban Section, American Political Science Association (2006-2007), vice president of New England Political Science Association (2006-2007), and he is a member of the American Society for Public Administration, Urban Affairs Association, American Educational Research Association, Eastern Educational Research Association, Eastern Communication Association and the National Conference of Black Political Scientists.

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- Event Calendar

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Annual Meeting Order of Business

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Welcome—call to order

Announcements

Vote to accept:

Previous annual Meeting minutes

Treasurer's end of the year report

Budget for coming year

Steering Committee 2008-2009

Reports:

Consensus: Affordable Housing

Fiscal Policy

Study: Immigration

Directions to board from Membership

Acknowledgements

Adjournment

Minutes-Annual Meeting June, 2007

Westwood-Walpole Annual Meeting

June 14, 2007

Raffael's Restaurant

General Comments: Approximately 25 members and guests attended Annual Meeting and heard affordable housing expert Judy Barrett speak on "Chapter 40B and Affordable Housing."

Presiding: Virginia Fettig

Minutes: It was MOVED and VOTED that the minutes of the June 2006 Annual Meeting be APPROVED as printed in the Annual Meeting Booklet.

Budget Report: It was MOVED and VOTED to APPROVE the 2007-2008 Budget as printed in the Annual Meeting Booklet.

2007-2008 Steering Committee: It was MOVED and VOTED to APPROVE the proposed Steering Committee for 2007-2008 as printed in the Annual Meeting Booklet.

2007-2008 Program: It was MOVED and VOTED to APPROVE the Program as printed in the Annual Meeting Booklet. The Steering Committee will revise the program as necessary as the year progresses.

Recognition of Members: Long time members, Cheryl Schiarizzi, Nancy Farris, and Phoebe Joseph were honored for their contributions to the Westwood-Walpole League by Jane Nash. It was MOVED and VOTED to APPROVE to award a \$100 gift certificate to Cheryl Schiarizzi, for a house warming gift, as she is moving out of Walpole. Nancy Farris spoke in memory of past President of the Walpole League, Christine (Chris) Peters, who served the LWV for over 30 years.

Scholarship Awards: It was MOVED, VOTED, and APPROVED that Westwood would continue the Scholarship Award in memory of Virginia Lyman. Jane Wiggin has agreed to oversee the scholarship award in Westwood as usual. Walpole will use the money for Voter Education at Walpole HS in lieu of a scholarship.

By Law Changes: It was MOVED and VOTED to APPROVE the changes to the By Laws as stated in the Annual Meeting Booklet.

Local Policy Review: Nancy Farris reviewed the Non-Partisan and Related Policies of the Westwood-Walpole League of Women Voters. It was MOVED and VOTED to APPROVE the policies as stated in the Annual Meeting Booklet. The Steering Committee will continue to review all policies over the summer.

Fall Kick-Off Meeting: Marcia Hirshberg announced that the subject of the Fall Kick-Off Meeting will be on immigration.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

Respectfully submitted by Pamela Kane

Hazardous Waste Reports

The Walpole board of Health held its annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday April 26, 2008. Our League provided directional and informational signage as well as manpower. Flyers were provided for all of the elementary and middle schools to publicize the event. Over 400 cars passed through the collection lines. The items collected included 349 televisions, 165 computers, 700 gallons of waste oil, 30 gallons of antifreeze, over 200 propane tanks and 75 car batteries.

Link to additional information

<http://www.epa.gov/garbage/hhw.htm>

Walpole Candidates Night Report

The Walpole local election candidates nights was held on Monday May 19, 2008. There were contests for the positions of Selectman, School Committee and Planning Board. For the first time in quite awhile there were contests in every one of the 8 precincts as well. All but one contested candidate attended and participated in the question and answer sessions. Some 24 candidates for Representative Town Meeting also attended and were given a short time to introduce themselves to the live and viewing audience. New contested candidates for Moderator and Assessor also requested a few minutes to speak about local issues. Walpole Cable Television taped the program and aired it several times prior to the election. Thanks to Kathy Hasenjaer, Carol Lane and Nancy Farris for coordinated this successful event.

Do you know someone that is not registered to vote? www.vote411.org

Local Voting Registration Information

Walpole: Ron Fucile, Town Clerk Rfucile@walpole-ma.gov

Westwood: Dottie Powers, Town Clerk dpowers@townhall.westwood.ma.us

Year In Review

Westwood/Walpole LWV 2007-2008

Year in Review

September--Walpole surveys were conducted and on-line information gathered to complete the form for the state study on Municipal Finance. The Kick-off meeting presented a three member panel speaking on problems with immigration in the United States. The panel presented ADVANCE program, helpful in preparing us for later consensus.

October--Regional consensus meeting on Affordable Housing was held in Norwood. Jane Nash was our representative to the resource committee.

November—An information and consensus meeting on the National Study on Immigration was held at Marcia Hirshberg's home. A variety of pies were enjoyed by the group which also enjoyed a spirited discussion. Nancy Farris coordinated a five member panel to provide resources.

December—A holiday get-together was held at David White's home. A donation to the Dianna Devanna Center, an organization devoted to preventing child abuse, was collected. We were joined by local legislators.

January, February--The annual *Bread and Soup Meeting* was held at Jane Walsh's home. The state program was reviewed. Phoebe Joseph chaired a successful fund drive which collected close to \$2,500.

March—A meeting to reach consensus on the state Municipal Finance study was held at the home of Susan Aries. Carol Lane was the resource for this meeting.

April—Kathy Zola coordinated the Westwood Candidates' event. Nancy Farris lent assistance to the Walpole Hazardous Waste collection day. Two students from Boyden School in Walpole won prizes in the 9th annual Online Essay Contest.

May—The video production *The Uncounted* was presented. Phoebe Joseph worked on choosing those parts which were of a non-partisan nature. This worthwhile video will be available in the future for others to see. Walpole Candidates Night was held under the direction of Kathy Hasenjaeger. Carol Lane and Nancy Farris.

June—Annual meeting at Raffael's in Walpole with speaker Professor Wilbur C. Rich of the Political Science Department of Wellesley College.

Proposed 2008-2009 Steering Committee



Virginia Fettig, Patty Stewart, Greg Agnew, Marcia Hirsburg, Phoebe Joseph, Jane Nash, Judy Barrington Missing: Kathy Zola, Melissa Hed, Susan Aries, Nancy Farris

Chair

Shared by all SC members

Secretary

Jane Nash

Treasurer

Virginia Fettig

Membership

Marcia Hirshberg

Bulletin Editor/Communication Liaison

Susan Aries

Voter Service, Fall

OPEN

Voter Service Spring

Kathy Zola

Fund Drive

Phoebe Joseph

Web Master

Kathy Zola

Walpole Hazardous Waste

Nancy Farris

Members at Large

Judy Barrington

Patty Stewart

Melissa Hed

Proposed 2008-2009 Budget

	Prop 2005-6	Act 2005-06	Prop 2006-07	Act 06-07	Prop07-08	Act 07-08	Prop 08-09
EXPENDITURES							
A. General Administration							
1. Postage, Supplies	\$100	\$37	\$39	\$0	\$42	116	42
2. PO Box Rental	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$106	\$106	128	128
3. Attorney general Fee (PC)	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	35	35
4. Incorporation Fee	\$15	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$35	0	30
5. Copy Club	\$150	\$0	\$158	\$311	\$350	0	0
6. Website/IDC Renewal	\$45	\$45	\$45	\$0	\$45	0	50
Subtotal	\$445	\$217	\$392	\$452	\$608	279	285
B. Finance							
1. Grants/Scholarships	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	2000	1000
2. Finance Drive	\$400	\$321	\$300	\$16	\$200	84	100
3. <i>Stipends/Memorials</i>	\$300	\$200	\$200	\$100	\$200	100	200
Subtotal	\$2,650	\$2,021	\$1,500	\$483	\$1,400	2184	1300
C. Membership Meetings							
1. Kick-off Meeting	\$100	\$238	\$140	\$350	\$200	0	200
2. Annual Meeting	\$1,100	\$1,243	\$1,000	\$456	\$1,000	\$1,788	0
3. Holiday Party	100	\$40	\$100	\$0	\$300	0	100
Subtotal	\$1,300	\$1,521	\$1,240	\$806	\$1,500	\$1,788	\$300
D. Delegates - Travel & Expenses							
1. State Convention	\$200	\$96	\$200	\$150	\$200	48	200
2. National Convention	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	0	0
3. Workshops/Forums	\$250	\$50	\$150	\$0	\$150	280	200
Subtotal	\$1,950	\$146	\$350	\$150	\$1,850	328	400
E. Programs and Action							
1. Voter Service/Education	500	\$529	\$700	\$527	\$700	1920	700
2. Programming	2,750	\$536	\$2,000	\$1,330	\$2,000	117	117
Subtotal	3,250	\$1,065	\$2,700	\$1,857	\$2,700	2037	817
F. Support of State/National							
	Prop 2005-6	Act 2005-06	Prop 2006-07	Act 06-07	Prop07-08	Act07-08	Prop08-09
1. LWVUS	2000	\$2,015	\$1,600	\$1,857	\$1,800	1665	1700
2. LWVMA	2000	\$1,503	\$2,000	\$1,509	\$1,500	1351	1400
Subtotal	4000	\$3,518	\$3,600	\$3,366	\$3,300	3016	3100
G. Communications							
1. Bulletin	100	\$47	\$100	\$106	\$100	0	100
2. Web	600	\$0	\$600	\$0	\$600	50	600
Subtotal	700	\$47	\$700	\$106	\$700	50	700
H. Membership	200	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$250	31	70
TOTAL EXPENSES	14495	\$8,535	\$10,682	\$7,220	\$12,302	9,713	6972
INCOME/RECEIPTS							
	Prop 2005-6	Act 2005-06	Prop 2006-07	Act 06-07	Prop07-08	Act07-08	Prop08-09
A. Dues	\$3,500	\$3,165	\$3,000	\$3,115	\$3,000	3023	3000
B. Member Contributions	50	\$50	\$50	0	50	90	50
C. Interest	\$15	\$16	\$15	\$18	\$15	14	15
D. Other							
1. Finance drive	3665	\$3,120	\$3,500	2135	2200	2430	2500
2. <i>Annual Meeting</i>	900	\$550	\$1,000	0	750	575	0
3. <i>Phonathon</i>	\$100	\$222	\$0	\$68	\$0	251	0
Subtotal	\$7,765	\$3,892	\$4,500	\$2,203	\$2,950	\$3,256	\$2,500
TOTAL INCOME	\$11,330	\$7,123	\$7,565	5336	6015	6383	5565

Proposed Program 2008-2009

August/ September

8/16,8/23 Voter information distribution in Westwood & Walpole

8/27 Last day to register for the State Primary

September

15 Distribution of "Know Your Town Booklet" (Westwood)

16 Massachusetts State Primary

22 Kick Off, 1st Parish Hall, Westwood MA, 6:30, Topic: Health Care

October

10/4, 10/11 Voter service registration & information

TBA Distribution of "Voter's Guide" (Walpole & Westwood)

TBA LWVM Phonathon

TBA Local Program: *Understanding the State Ballot*

18 Fall Conference, Worcester Crowne Plaza 9:00am

20 Walpole Town Meeting

November

11/4 Presidential And State elections

December

TBA Annual Holiday Party with Legislators/Collection for the DeVanna Domestic Violence Action

Proposed event schedule only

Please consult our web site for details and dates of all events

www.lwwestwoodwalpole.org/

Proposed Program 2008-2009

January, 2009

TBA	Program Planning
TBA	LWVUS Electoral College Review
1/1/09	Fund Drive begins

February

29 th	Fund Drive Ends
TBA	Don't Stand Around! Get Involved!
TBA	Running for Office Workshop
TBA	Local Program: <i>"Don't Stand Around! Get Involved!"</i>

March

TBA	Local Program
3/11	Day on the Hill, MA State House 10:00am

April

5	Online Essay Contest Awards Ceremony, Faneuil Hall, Boston 2:00-4:00pm
TBA	Westwood Candidate Event
28	Westwood Elections
25	Walpole Hazardous Waste Collection

May

4	Westwood Town Meeting
7	Guardian of Democracy, Boston Marriott Copley Place 6:30 pm
29-30	LWVMA Convention, Foxboro Marriott
TBA	Walpole Candidate Event

June

6	Walpole Elections
TBA	Annual Meeting

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