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## *LWV PROGRAM PLANNING*

### *February 23, 2010*



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*Dear Katherine,*

*Our fund drive is in full swing and we urge everyone to do what they can. We are running on a deficit budget this fiscal year and have no other fund raisers planned. WE NEED YOUR HELP!*

*Help by offering names of suggested businesses or donors in Westwood and Walpole. If you are willing to visit or phone any of these businesses (maybe those you frequent?), that's even better!*

*Contact our Fund Drive Chair, Phoebe Joseph at [phoebejoseph@msn.com](mailto:phoebejoseph@msn.com) or call her at 508-668-7750*

*Thanks so much for helping to support you local League!*

*Best Wishes,*

*Westwood/Walpole League of Women Voters*

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## *LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS IS 90 YEARS YOUNG*



There is probably no other national volunteer organization in America that inspires such a great degree of commitment from its members. As a direct result of that commitment, the League of Women Voters has evolved from what it was in 1920, a political experiment designed to help 20 million enfranchised women carry out their new responsibilities, to what it is today: a unique, nonpartisan organization that is a recognized force in molding political leaders, shaping public policy and promoting informed citizen participation at all levels of government.

If you haven't attended a League function recently, now is the time to do so! Coming up on February 23rd is our Program Planning Meeting. See below for more details.

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## *PROGRAM PLANNING* *February 23, 2010*

Program Planning with Bread and Soup

**When: Tuesday February 23, 2010 at 6:30 PM**

**Where: 297 Pleasant St, E. Walpole, home of Nancy Farris**

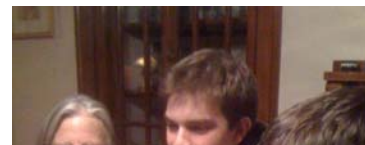
Each year Leaguers meet to suggest new studies or changes to state or national positions.

This year we are looking at all our National positions. For more information go to [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org) and click on **ISSUES** to read about the LWVUS positions. The League is strictly non-partisan about candidates running for public office but lobbies vigorously on subjects we have studied and have positions.

This is an opportunity for League members to be involved in what goes on at the National level of our League

Participate!! Board members are calling for volunteers to read, summarize, and present positions. Please say, **Yes** and offer to help! It is a great way to learn more about your League.

Come, Listen, Learn, and send your message to National. This is also the time to share your ideas for programs or studies at the **Local Level**.



Bring a friend or family member. This is a great meeting to introduce them to the League.

The public is welcome to join us and learn about the League. If you are interested, please contact Marcia Hirshberg at-- [info@lwvwestwoodwalpole.org](mailto:info@lwvwestwoodwalpole.org)

Car pooling is suggested

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## *NEWLY FORMED WESTWOOD CHARTER COMMISSION*

### **Mission**

The Task Force will review and consider potential revisions to the current Town Charter, adopted in the 1970 and periodically revised there after. The Task Force should conclude with a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen as to the aspects of the Town Charter that should be considered for revisions and the appropriate process, as defined by state law, for accomplishing said revisions.

### **Background**

The Town Charter has not been seriously reviewed or revised since it was adopted in 1970 other than one attempt to make major revisions in 1987. Since its original adoption, the level and complexity of Town Governance and the services it provides, has changed dramatically. As a result, it would be prudent to review and consider alternative forms of local governance that might allow for a more efficient manner in providing service to the community. The goal is to provide an objective comprehensive review of the options available for Town Governance from which the Board of Selectmen, Town Meeting and the community at large can determine if there is a benefit to proceeding with a process to revise the Town Charter in part or in whole.

### **Meeting Schedule**

The Government and Charter Study Task Force meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. Meetings generally are at 7:30 p.m. and take place at Town Hall, in the Board of Selectman Meeting Room.

### **Commission Board Members**

Peter Cahill, Chairman  
Karen Manor Metzold, Vice-Chairperson  
Tom Daly  
Marge Eramo  
Paul Fitzgerald  
Charles Flahive  
Ken Foscaldo  
Frank Jacobs  
Alice Moore  
Anne Marie McIntyre, Administrator

The Commission holds open meetings and invites input and comments from Westwood Residents.

### Contact

Anne Marie McIntyre, [amcintyre@townhall.westwood.ma.us](mailto:amcintyre@townhall.westwood.ma.us)  
43 Webster Street  
Westwood MA

Check out [Dave Atkin's blog](#) for more information on this and other Westwood events.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**February 23 - Program Planning**, 6:30 PM at 297 Pleasant Street, East Walpole.  
Contact [Nancy Farris](#) for directions.

**March - LWVMA studies.** Date, time, place to be decided

**April 11 - Westwood Candidates Forum**, 3:00 - 5:00 PM at First Parish Hall, Westwood.

**May 17 - Walpole Candidates Night**, 7:30 - 9:00 PM at Old Post Road School, Walpole.

**June - Annual Meeting.** Date, time, place to be decided.

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## DECEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT

### Westwood/Walpole League of Women Voters Reconciliation Statement December 1-28, 2009

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| Starting balance | \$5024.47 |
| Income/Deposits  |           |
| Interest         | .61       |
| Total Income     | .61       |
| Total Assets     | \$5025.08 |
| Expenses         | 0         |
| Current balance  | \$5025.08 |

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## *NATIONAL & STATE LWV NEWS*

### ***At the National Level***

The League protests the recent Supreme Court decision on campaign finance. Add your voice to the protest!

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