NHVoter
Special Edition

From the President's desk:

We have two exciting League events coming up in April:

    Come to one!

        Come to both!

            Bring a friend!

                Bring a spouse!

#1. League of Women Voters NH invites all members, spouses and potential members to come to
      Day at the Legislature on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 beginning at 9:00 a.m.
We'll spend the morning visiting the state house, sitting in on committee hearings and getting a little tour. Then, we'll have lunch at the Common Man restaurant in Concord, sharing what we have learned. Following lunch a few board members and a guest speaker will update us on what is happening legislatively and strategically with some of our priority issues, including the new women's prison, county corrections, the death penalty, election law, and expanded gambling.

    Who: League members, spouses, friends, and potential members
    When and where: Tuesday, April 5. 9:00 a.m. at the League office, then walk across the street to the state house and LOB. Later, drive to the Common Man for lunch, socializing, and sharing of information.
    Why: Because we all have a stake in our state government and League speaks with an informed voice.
    Cost: $18/person for a buffet lunch of varied wraps, vegetable pasta salad, coffee/tea and dessert.

If you can't attend the morning session at the state house, please join us for lunch and speakers at 12:30 at the Common Man, 25 Water St., Concord NH 03301. LWVNH will be in the private dining room. Please tell us when you register to expect you only for the afternoon. Same cost of $18/person.

Please register in advance, but you can pay by check or cash when you arrive.
By email: LWV@kenliz.net Including name, town, and phone number in case of emergency change of plans
BY phone: call Liz at 603-763-9296, preferably after 3:30 p.m. or on weekends.

#2. For League members, you're invited to the **LWV New England States Leadership Development Conference.** It will be held again at the lovely Hampton Inn and Suites Conference Center in Wells, Maine (near Ogunquit, on the seacoast) on **April 9 and 10**. This year's **theme** is communications, with application to our recent study of money in politics and other League work.

See the next page for the agenda, and the following page for information on how to register and how to book your hotel room. Registration is only $25, and a hotel room for Saturday night is only $109, with up to $50 reimbursement from an LWVNH Education Fund grant. Share the room with another NH League member and you'll each get a refund of $50, making it practically free to stay for the entire conference.

So mark your calendars right now and register: for one, for both. Looking forward to seeing you soon.
                                               Liz Tentarell

LWV New England States Leadership Development Conference, April 9-10, in Wells Maine.

Friday evening, April 8 (optional) Dinner out and socializing with other League leaders.

Saturday, April 9

Registration & Welcome, 9:00 - 9:30 am.

Introductions and Welcome, 9:30 - 10:00 am.

Workshop #1, 10:00 - 11:30 pm. ***Working with the Media.*** Tim Ashwell, University of New Hampshire.
  Tim is a Senior Lecturer in Sport History, Media Relations, and Sport Industry at UNH. He previously taught at Umass-Amherst and at Iowa State. Tim was a print and broadcast journalist and radio and television sports broadcaster in Massachusetts and Virginia before turning to teaching and has been active in media relations and new media since coming to New Hampshire.

Lunch & LWVUS Update, 11:45 am - 12:45 pm. Lunch is included with Registration Fee.

Keynote Speaker, 1:00 - 2:00 pm. ***Money in Politics: Winning Messages.*** Celinda Lake, Lake Research Partners.
  Celinda Lake is a leading political strategist. She has worked for a number of institutions including the League of Women Voters, the Democratic National Committee (DNC), the Democratic Governor's Association (DGA), AFL-CIO, SEIU, CWA, IAFF, Sierra Club, NARAL, Human Rights Campaign, Planned Parenthood, The Next Generation, EMILY's List, VoteVets Action Fund, and the Kaiser Family Foundation. She is the founder of Lake Research Partners, which has become one of the most respected Democratic polling firms in the country. Celinda is one of the nation's foremost experts on electing women candidates and on framing issues to women voters. Prior to forming Lake Research Partners, Celinda was partner and vice president at Greenberg-Lake.

Workshop #2, 2:15 - 3:45 pm. ***Social Media Networks (working title).*** James Cook, University of Maine - Augusta.
  James Cook is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Maine at Augusta. His primary areas of interest are political organizations, social networks, and social media. He was previously an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Duke University.

Workshop #3, 4:00 - 5:30 pm. ***Advocacy and Communications.*** Jill Ward, President, LWVME.
  Jill currently serves as President of the League of Women Voters of Maine. Jill is a non-profit consultant with clients in Maine and Washington, DC. She has more than 20 years' experience in the public sector, including senior policy positions with Girl Scouts of the USA, the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence, and the Children's Defense Fund in Washington, DC. Jill also worked in the U.S. Senate for Senators Paul S. Sarbanes (MD) and George J. Mitchell (ME).

Dine Around, 6:00 pm. Join other League members for dinner in small groups at local area restaurants.

Sunday, April 10

Until 9:00 am. Breakfast included with room reservation.

Workshop #4, 9:00 - 10:30 am. ***Community Conversations: Talking Face-to-Face.*** Anne Schink, Director, LWVUS.
  Anne is a consultant in volunteer management, board and organizational development, and large group facilitation. She is completing her fourth year as a member of the national board of the League of Women Voters United States where she chaired the Membership and Leadership Development Committee. Anne was formerly the Program/Training/Disability Officer at the Maine Commission for Community Service. For 12 years she served on the InforME Board to support the State of Maine's development of www.maine.gov.

Wrap-up and adjourn,10:30 - 11:00 am.

REGISTER FOR APRIL 9-10 LWV NEW ENGLAND STATES LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

- **Register online** at http://www.lwvme.org/donate_form.html using a credit card. Use the PayPal button in the LWVME Education Fund section. Note "Leadership Conference" in the area for special instructions to the seller. (LWVMaine's Education Fund is acting as fiscal agent for this event.)   Registration is $25 per person.

- **To register by check,** fill out the registration form below and return with a check for $25, payable to the LWVME Education Fund. Note "Leadership Conference" in the memo field. Send to

   LWVME Education Fund
   PO Box 863,
   Augusta, ME 04332

- **Make your own hotel reservation** at Hampton Inn & Suites, 900 Post Road, Wells, Maine 04090 (207-646-0555). Be sure to say you are with the League of Women Voters and the room rate will be $109. Find a roommate to share, and the cost will be under $55 per person. Our block of rooms will be held until April 1, but the rate will be in effect until the event. **Note:** LWVNH attendees will be reimbursed up to $50 toward the room rate, thanks to a grant from the LWVNH Education Fund.

- Breakfast is included in the room rate. Saturday lunch is included in your registration fee. We will go out to dinner Saturday evening in small groups at area restaurants, at our own expense.

(Quad States) LWV Leadership Development Conference Registration Form

Name(s) _____

Address _____ Town   _____ State_____ ZIP____

Phone _____

Email _____

_____ I plan to attend just the Saturday workshops.
_____ I plan to attend workshops both days, but I will not be staying at the hotel.
_____ I plan to stay at the hotel Saturday night and attend workshops on Saturday & Sunday.
_____ I have already booked my room at the Hampton Inn

Check enclosed for $25 per person _____   Write "leadership conference" in memo line.

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