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NH Voter, the newsletter of the League of Women Voters of New Hampshire

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First, an apology. Normally we try to send out a newsletter to League members and friends every few months. This year, the legislature and the fight for fair redistricting maps kept us too busy. We focused on our advocacy work and keeping you informed via our weekly legislative alerts. Even this newsletter will be short, but we hope you read on about 3 important projects.

With very important elections to be held this fall – the state/federal primary is Tuesday, Sept. 13 and the general election is Tuesday, Nov. 8 – we are asking everyone to help us in our **non-partisan voter outreach work**. We have “How to Register and Vote in NH” brochures that we can send anyone who has a way of distributing them, such as in your condo community or church group or a social service agency you work with. If you want some, just ask! Our email is at the end of this newsletter.

That voter outreach work, which also includes candidate forums and Facebook publicity about elections, is funded in large part by our 501(c)3 arm, the League of Women Voters NH Education Fund. All donations to that organization are tax deductible.

This year, the LWVNH Education Fund is part of **NH GIVES**, the 24 hour statewide event that provides a quick, easy, online way for all of us to donate to non-profits that we care about.

If you wish to contribute, you can go to the Education Fund NH GIVES webpage

<https://www.nhgives.org/organizations/league-of-women-voters-of-nh-education-fund> between 5 pm on June 7 and 5 pm on June 8 and make a donation.

Our second ask is for an hour or two of your time in the next 6 weeks to help us **improve town websites**, specifically the information offered by each town about voting and elections. In 2013 some of you worked on this project the first time around, when we found that it is far easier to find out to register your dog than it is to find out how to register to vote. That project resulted in improvements in many towns, but we are still finding towns offering little information in some cases, inaccurate information in others. So...

With other groups in the NH Campaign for Voting Rights, League is **recruiting volunteers** who will each do a computer search of perhaps 5 towns that we will assign. For each town website, you'll answer a series of questions about what you've discovered. You can do this on your own schedule.

(Note from board members Liz and Nancy and Sara: When we did this in 2013, we found it more fun than we expected, a kind of virtual road trip of NH towns, some of which we'd never visited. Great local pictures, festivals and historic sites unique to the towns, etc. That wasn't the point of the work, but it was a fun side benefit for each of us.)

We are offering a **zoom training session** for volunteers on **Monday, June 20, at 7 pm**. To sign up for the zoom link and automatically be on our list of volunteers to get town assignments, click below and fill in your information. Looking forward to a great turnout of League members and friends! Many hands (and computers) make light work!

NH Town Website Project Info Session

Hosted by the New Hampshire Campaign for Voting Rights

When: Monday, June 20th at 7PM

Where: Zoom - Register in advance for this meeting here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0lceytpj4oE91W-HFI2mg6_1RVKGYxmMu5

*After registering, you will receive a confirmation email from Zoom containing information about joining the meeting.

Item number 3: a revival of our **LWVNH Education Study Committee**. We were going great guns until Covid hit. See our website's "[Public Education Study](#)" page for some of the events and reports we did pre-2020. Now it's time to pick up our work to defend public education in New Hampshire, which is under attack in various ways. Funding of course remains an issue, but diversion of state funds to private schools with little oversight of curriculum, a lack of support for teachers by state leaders, legislation hampering teachers and curriculum...the list goes on.

If you would like to join the study committee, you are invited to a meeting on Tuesday, June 7, at 1 PM at the Hopkinton Town Library's Brockway Local History Room. The committee will begin discussing a statewide campaign to explain to NH citizens WHY PUBLIC EDUCATION IS WORTH PRESERVING NOW and to identify partner organizations.

If you can't make this meeting but are interested in helping, email us. Please include your town.

For further information on any of these timely League endeavors, or if you have any questions about the League or voting, email us anytime at LWVNewHampshire@gmail.com

Have a happy and safe summer from your LWVNH state board: *Liz T., Janet W., Shauna F., Hope D., Edith F., Nancy M., Sara M., Sue N., Olivia Z.*