



League of Women Voters of Central Vermont

Bulletin

Spring 2016

**Spring Message
and
First Call to Annual Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 4
5:30 p.m.
Angeleno's Pizza**

Save the Date!

Annual Meeting is where we vote our program for the coming year, adopt a budget, and reconnect with other League members. Our speaker will be Heather Ross, of the U.S. Attorney's office. She will talk about human trafficking, continuing the conversation started at the LWVVT Spring Lecture at the Best Western in Waterbury.

In other news, our Happy Hour in February was a success. We met new people and gained a member for the Vermont League. In fact, we were so pleased with the success of the event that we will repeat it every year in August (to celebrate the passage of the 19th Amendment) and in February (in observation of the League's founding).

Attendance at *Iron-Jawed Angels* was disappointing, although there was a lively discussion with the audience after. We appreciate the Library's co-sponsoring this showing, and look forward to more collaboration with the Library in the future.

You will find information on some future activities in this issue and in the state League newsletter, the *Green Mountain Citizen*. Many upcoming events will involve voter service in this big election year. We hope you will be joining us in Making Democracy Work!

Kate Rader

LWVCEN Offers Refreshments at East Montpelier Town Meeting

This year, the Central Vermont LWV was given the opportunity to take over the coffee concession at East Montpelier's Town Meeting. We offered coffee and pastries for a donation, and were able to spread the word about the League.

Thanks to Joanne Bair, Dottye Ricks and Panera Breads for pastries, and Capital Grounds for coffee.

And thanks to Joanne Bair and Chris Racanelli for help at the coffee table.



Kate Rader and Joanne Bair set up coffee and pastries before Town Meeting at the East Montpelier Elementary School.

We expect to take advantage of this opportunity again next year.

LWV to Host Democracy Tent

The League of Women Voters has again been invited to host the Democracy Tent at the big Montpelier Independence Day celebration on July 3.

At the tent, on the State House lawn, we register voters, have League handouts, and provide space for candidates to leave campaign signs and other materials. It is also a meeting place for the candidates and voters.

The LWVCEN is usually well represented in the tent, and we hope that this year is no exception.

Other Vermont League members will be there as well.

We also can join the parade at 5:00. We have done this in the past, but couldn't raise enough interest in our members to field an entry last year.

The parade is great fun, a wonderful vehicle for visibility, and (to repeat) great fun. Please practice your "royal wave" and plan on joining us. There's nothing quite like the response of the crowd as we travel the parade route. We'll have a car or truck for those who find the walk daunting. [With a little creativity we could have an actual float!]

Contact Sue (iracansue@gmail.com) or Kate (catherine.rader@myfairpoint.net) if you can help with either the tent or the parade, or both.

"Use Your Voice Concert" Promotes Civic Engagement

This spring the LWVUS collaborated with Grammy award winner Patty Griffen on her 39-stop tour to promote voter registration. Along with Griffen were Sarah Watson and Vermont native Anais Mitchell. League members around the country registered voters at the concerts.



One stop was at Fuller Hall in St. Johnsbury, where LWVCEN members Sue Racanelli and Kate Rader joined new member Karen Bufka to represent the League and register voters in the lobby of the Hall.



Don't forget to sell those raffle tickets! This is a beautiful quilt. Comparable quilts by donor valued at \$400 and up. See more of her work at <http://www.yellowwoodquilts.com/index.html>.

Quilt Raffle!



Size: 60" square lap quilt or wall hanging

Pattern: "Squares Interrupted" by Cindy Luby

Machine pieced and home machine quilted in large feather design in 2009; never used.

To benefit the League of Women Voters of Central Vermont

Tickets: \$1/each or six for \$5

Drawing will be held at Annual Meeting on May 11



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Calendar of Events

April

Fri. – Mon. 8-10 10th Annual Quad States Leadership Conference, Wells, ME

May

Wednesday 4 5:30-7:30 p.m. - LWVCEN Annual Meeting, Angeleno's Pizza,
Montpelier

June

Thurs.-Sun. 16-19 LWVUS Convention, Washington,DC