

Bulletin Fall 2014

September Message

We have some exciting and challenging events planned for the next few months, as you can see from the Calendar on p. But to do them, we need your help. Here are some choices for you:

September 23 – National Voter Registration Day. We'd like to be able to organize voter registration tables at the Berlin Mall. Posters and stickers are provided.

October 14 – Washington Country State Senate candidate forum, Old Labor Hall, Barre. We need: Greeters; Runners to gather audience question cards; Screeners, to check written questions for legibility, repetition, civility; Moderator.

For all our public events, we need planners and we need to spread the word! If you have graphics skills, design a poster. Post the event on your Front Porch Forum. Tell your friends. Come and bring a friend.

Holiday event. We had a couple successful holiday teas, by invitation to nonmembers early on, but have not hosted such in a long time. We are also considering other such events, in members' homes at other times as a means of recruiting new members. We need planners for this sort of event.

We hope there is something here for everyone. Some take more time than others, and each takes different strengths and interests. Please reply to either me or Sue and let us know what you can do to strengthen our League and make it more visible.

Most important, we hope to increase our Leadership Team, to help us see these activities through. Make life-long friends, gain valuable skills, and have fun. To learn more about what being part of the Leadershp team means, talk to me or Sue Racanelli, or come to our next Leadershp team meeting to observe first-hand how we work.

Kate Rader

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LWVCEN to Host Candidate Forum

We are proud to again host a forum for the Washington County State Senate Candidates at the Old Labor Hall in Barre.

This traditional League event will take place on Tuesday, October 14, from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Susan Clark, LWVCEN member and Moderator of the Middlesex Town Meeting, will moderate the event.

We need help to make this event a success. We need.

a greeter or two to welcome people in and as them to sign in;

a timekeeper (we have a stopwatch) to keep the candidates honest;

a runner or two to pick up question cards from the audience;

two screeners to check questions for clarity, repetition, civility and pass them up to the moderator;

In the afternoon before the event, we need two or three strong backs to help set up the stage.

This is a BIG EVENT! Be part of it. Please let Kate (<u>catherine.rader@myfairpoint.net</u>; 229-4737) if you can help.

We are also working with the LWVVT to host a candidate forum for Lt. Governor. It is scheduled for 7:00-8:00 on October 21 at the Old Labor Hall. At least two of the candidates must accept our invitation in order to proceed.

Another candidate event in the works will be the state League's October segment on "Spotlight on Issues," featuring the Washington County candidates for State's Attorney. This is an important but little noticed race, and we hope to give it some visibility.

Sell Those Raffle Tickets!!



64" x 64" Tickets - \$1 each or 6/\$5

Ticket sales keep our dues rate down. Don't be limited to the dozen you received with your dues notice – I'll be happy to send you more, or even fill out chances you have sold. Kate

Join Us on September 23

According to the National Voter Registration Day organization, in 2008, 6 million Americans didn't vote because they missed a registration deadline or didn't know how to register. In 2014, we want to make sure no one is left out.

On September 23, 2014, volunteers, celebrities, and organizations from all over the country will "hit the streets" for National Voter Registration Day. This single day of coordinated field, technology and media efforts will create pervasive awareness of voter registration opportunities—allowing us to reach tens of thousands of voters who we could not reach otherwise.

LWVCEN is a partner in this great event. We will be registering voters from 10:00-4:00 at the Berlin Mall. *There's still time to join us! Contact Kate (catherine.rader@myfairpoint.net; 229-4737) or Sue (iracansue@gmail.com; 225-6032) if you can put in an hour or two.* Go to www.nationalvoterregistrationday.org/ for more information.

New Citizens Welcomed by League

The LWV Champlain Valley and LWV Central Vermont welcomed 86 new citizens on Thursday, September 11, with a reception in the Cedar Creek Room at the State House, and helped them register to vote.

Thanks to Hedi Ballantyne, Susan Clark, Sue Racanelli, Tess Taylor, Barbara Thompson, Neely Washington (all of LWVCEN) and Sonja Schuyler (LWVCV) for cookies. Susan Clark and LWVCV members Marge Gaskins and Jean Norton helped with voter registration. All helped to make this special annual event a success.



The Governor got the first cookie (missing, center front).



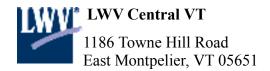
New citizens from forty-two countries enjoyed the celebration.



Kate Rader, LWVCEN, served, assisted by Neely Washington.



A couple of the colorful costumes on display at the State House.



Calendar of Events

September 20 Saturday Sen. Leahy's Women's Economic Opportunity Conference, Randolph 22 Monday 10:30 a.m. Leadership Team Meeting, 1186 Towne Hill Road. All members welcome. 23 10:00 – 4:00 National Voter Registration Day, Berlin Mall Tuesday **October** 14 Tuesday 7:00-8:30 p.m. Washington State Senate candidates forum, Old Labor Hall, 45 Granite Street, Barre 21 Tuesday 7:00-8:30 p.m. Lt. Governor candidates forum, Old Labor Hall, Barre (tentative)

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