

LEAGUE'S LATEST

The League of Women Voters of Greater Hartford

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Annual Wine and Cheese

Bring your spouse or friend and join your Local and State elected officials from the Greater Hartford Area in a glass of "Election" Cheer

Sunday, December 7
4:00 – 6:00 pm

Home of Elaine Lowengard
727 Prospect Avenue, West Hartford

(Park in the Bristow Middle School Parking Lot,
34 Highland Street and walk down the stairs to Elaine's)

Munchies appreciated, but not required.
Click on one of the Email address below
by December 5 to RSVP:

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VOTERS SERVICES NEWS

The 2008 Election certainly brought out members of LWVGH to help with registering voters. In our multi town effort, these 15 did at least one event:

Vicki Albert	Elisa McCarthy	Janet Strachan
Betty Bell	Beverly Miller	Marlene Wenograd
Margot Callahan	Carole Mulready	Kathy Wilson
Kiki Eglinton	Karen Rosen	
Carol Hamilton	June Rosenblatt	

In addition, 2 new people volunteered: Susan Kalman and Mary Murray.

Several members worked more than one event and those events were varied. The Latino Community Services in Hartford's South End had live radio broadcasting from their outdoor event. CREC invited us to an English Second Language class, where Spanish and Farsi were the languages, to discuss the CT. Legislature. The Futures Initiative from Hartford Foundation for Public Giving runs dinner meetings for Neighborhood Families. We spoke to parents while the children had a story reading hour. They got to take home the books. In the North End we answered questions for an inspiring women's group which spends its breakfast time sharing job ideas and community news. Three of us also ran a table at a church outdoors fair that gave lunch and school items to the neighborhood as well as provide a chance for voter registration way early in August. They saw it coming.

Also in Hartford we worked at the Library Registration Day at three venues. In East Hartford we did 2 events at Goodwin College, an information session for incoming freshmen

and a Student Appreciation Day at their Main Campus. Students from all over the center of the state registered.

In Bloomfield we spent an afternoon at the 4H Fall Festival at the old Auer Farms. We found beautiful weather and a number of people recently moved into the area. Also in Bloomfield, although not a registration event, Kiki Eglinton worked on a planning committee for Seabury's Legislative Candidates Night. Our Jan Bruner moderated a lively session.

For West Hartford we were invited to all 3 Libraries for morning Registration events, all well organized and well publicized. We also spoke to everyone in the Food Share line at Hillcrest. Lots of good questions there. For the Park Road Parade we distributed information on the Voter's Guide and the Debate schedule for Channel 5. And we still managed to register voters too. For the venues where we were sponsors we hand delivered or mailed in the forms to over 12 towns.

Elisa McCarthy , Voters Services

Mission Statement:

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public polity through education and advocacy.

Here is a copy of the letter complimenting residents sent to local newspapers and other news outlets.

A Message to Greater Hartford Voters

You, the greater Hartford community, should be very proud of yourselves. 80% of registered voters went to the polls on Election Day. We met many of you during the League's non-partisan work to register thousands of new voters and renewed voters.

The enormous public response on November 4th showed a renewed interest in government and politics. This is truly a time when continued active citizen participation in our new administration is needed. We, the League of Women Voters of Greater Hartford, ask the electorate to maintain your enthusiasm. Study the events related to our economic problems and respond to your newly elected legislators as they attempt to right things with new laws and policies. Provide input and respond to positions. Use this newspaper to follow congressional votes. Use your online capabilities both for information and to contact the offices of elected officials. Use television to follow debates and voting results on Public Access channels. All levels of government; federal, state and local government will be severely impacted by current economic problems. Your input is important.

Continue to make your voice be resoundingly heard as it was on Election Day.

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WEBSITE UPDATE

Between October 27th and November 3rd, we had 633 visits to our website, and 90 visits to our Voters Guide. We can see which websites people have come to us from – most have come directly to our site, but 55 have come from the town website, about 12 from Google.

LEAGUE MEMBERS HELPED OUT ON NOV 4 WITH POLL REPORTING



Responding to a call from Associated Press, [Voter Service](#) members of our League recruited members and friends to do poll reporting for the presidential and local races on Tuesday, November 4. Poll reporters, or “stringers” as AP refers to them, made calls about candidate results from each of West Hartford’s 20 precincts and 12 of Hartford’s precincts. In addition, LWVGH covered the central reporting places in Avon, Bloomfield, Farmington, Hartford Newington, Wethersfield and West Hartford. LWVGH received a donation of \$25 for each precinct report and \$50 for each central location! A very nice payday and unique fund raiser for LWVGH. The precincts were exciting places on presidential election night with all the different people present who have an interest in the winners and losers.

Generally, the whole process went smoothly. When the polls closed, the moderator of the site printed out a report from the scanner, and then the moderator read the results or posted them at the site before bringing the results to the Town Clerk and Registrars. League members recorded the tallies on sheets provided by AP and used cell phones to immediately call in the numbers. AP was providing numbers to media outlets across the country including major television and cable stations like CNN, so time was of the essence.

Carole Mulready, LWVGH Voter Service



Many thanks to Carole Mulready for all the hard work and successful outcome of this debate!

John Larson and Joe Visconti at 1st Congressional Debate

NEW MEMBER

Let's welcome our latest new member!

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

<p>Sunday, December 7, 4:00 – 7:00 pm</p>	<p>Wine and Cheese at Elaine's Lowengard's home 727 Prospect Avenue, West Hartford (Park in the Bristow Middle School parking lot)</p>
<p>Saturday, January 10, 2009, 9:00 am (Snow Date Saturday, January 17, 2009)</p>	<p>Join us for a lively discussion with our state representatives and senators. Trinity Episcopal Church (corner of Farmington Avenue and Sigourney Street, Hartford (enter parking area from Farmington Avenue. Click on info@lwvgh.org to submit your questions.</p>