

# LEAGUE'S LATEST

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## Legislative Breakfast MEETING

**Saturday, January 9, 2010 9:00 AM**

**Trinity Episcopal Church  
Hartford, Connecticut**

**Corner of Farmington Avenue and Sigourney  
(free parking – enter from Farmington Avenue)**

**Start the new year and the new decade with a conversation with  
State Representatives and Senators about issues important to you  
prior to the opening of the Legislative Session.**

**Our representatives from Hartford, Bloomfield, Farmington, Newington,  
Rocky Hill, West Hartford and Wethersfield are invited.**

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### **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 policy through education and advocacy.

## **The League of Women Voters is 90 years young in 2010**

In January of 2010, the LWVCT will have a large display at the state Capitol /Legislative Office Building in commemoration of the 90th birthday of the League of Women Voters. The Exhibit will hang from January 5 through January 29. It will be largely pictorial and celebrate our Suffragist foremothers and the intense struggle to win the right to vote. There was much more drama than one would expect. Seventeen Connecticut women were jailed in Washington for picketing. Women from 48 states met with our recalcitrant governor to get him to call a special session to ratify the Susan B. Anthony Amendment. He didn't. The brand new LWV published materials and got out into neighborhoods to register woman voters and teach them about the offices. And they haven't stopped since 1920. The exhibit will have examples of League activities over the decades, some well-known and some not; some familiar faces and some not.

LWVGH has taken the lead for this project. We have been very lucky to get lots of help from the Connecticut State Museum with a loan of materials and advice. The Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame based in New Haven has also been generous with portraits and information. Many local Leagues have contributed pictures and articles to be included. Beverly Miller, LWVGH (Bloomfield), has contributed some items from her personal collection. The Greater Hartford League is putting the display together after some enjoyable research. Mary Murray, Pat George, Beverly Miller and Carole Mulready are working with Elisa McCarthy.

The official opening of the exhibit will be on Thursday, January 7, 2010 at 2 PM. A reception will be held in the Old Judiciary Room after an opening lecture by Tracey Wilson, historian and Leaguer and a tour through the exhibit. Connecticut legislators and the Governor are invited. The exhibit is open to the public. We hope many Leaguers will take advantage of this milestone in League history and join us for the opening.

On January 4<sup>th</sup>, we will need a great deal of HELP with hanging the display. Another area where we will need help is doing some publicity. Please contact Carole Mulready (860-523-1771) to let us know in what way you would like to help. Also, if you have any ideas on persons or groups to invite to the exhibit please let us know. This may be quite exciting!

Elisa McCarthy

## **Report on LWVGH 2009 – Compiled by Marlene Wenograd**

Halfway through this League year, where are we? We have continued our usual activities involving our membership. Since our annual meeting in May we have:

- Held the Voters Guide Questions meeting at Nancy Rion's in August
- Hosted the annual Pot Luck Supper with guest speakers on Housing at the Lyceum
- Published the Voters Guide in Cooperation with West Hartford LIFE and on our website [www.lwvgh.org](http://www.lwvgh.org)
- Sponsored and moderated W.H. Council and Board of Education debates in cooperation with WHC-TV
- Led a Book Discussion on Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell in cooperation with the West Hartford Public Library
- Held the first meeting of the Study Committee on Education
- Participated in LWVCT sponsored Fall Conference on HEALTH CARE IN CONNECTICUT: WHAT'S NEXT?
- Held our Annual Reception for Elected Officials at Ilze Krisst's home

- Members participated in two LWVCT Committees, Vetting Criteria for state constitutional offices; LWV 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee

### Coming up soon:

- January 7, 2010 – 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary LWV exhibit at LOB; primary creator, Elisa McCarthy (LWVGH, West Hartford)
- January 9, 2010 - Legislative Breakfast – representatives and senators from Bloomfield, Hartford, Farmington, Newington, Rocky Hill, West Hartford and Wethersfield invited. Jan Bruner will moderate.
- Education Study continues
- Regionalism Study begins
- Book Discussion in April – What book would you suggest? Submit by January 31

Do you have an idea you would like to contribute?

Do you have a person to suggest as a new member?

Do you want to contribute to one of the studies? There is strength in numbers.

Contact: Sandy Fry, Communications [plsmfry@ntplx.net](mailto:plsmfry@ntplx.net) ; Carole Mulready, Chair [cgm1@mulready.biz](mailto:cgm1@mulready.biz)

### Connections

Marlene Wenograd reported that League member Susan Wilson is coordinating a monthly networking breakfast, titled “Fertile Ground” that is being held at the Universalist Church, 432 Fern Street, West Hartford. Sue welcomes any Leaguers who want to talk about projects they’re involved in or come to discover what others are doing. Sue Wilson can be reached at 860-523-9970 or [swplanner@sbcglobal.net](mailto:swplanner@sbcglobal.net) .

Marlene has also been keeping up with members by phone and found that several members are very interested in the Regionalism Study which will be led by Elisa McCarthy and Mary Murray who are currently working on the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibit. They plan to gear up for the study sometime in late January. Members who indicated interest to Elisa are former LWV President Danna Dyer, former W.H. mayors Katie Reynolds and Nan Streeter, and Kathy Golas who helped push the original “deposit bottle bill” through the legislature.

Annual Elected Officials Reception at Ilze Krisst’s. Thanks Ilze, it was an afternoon of hospitality “superior” and lively conversation!



Hartford and West Hartford officials attended the December 6 event. From left, Doris Hedrick, Rob Durbin, Darlene Adler, Steve Adler, Eddie Perez, David McCluskey and event coordinator Mary Andrews.



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# 90th Anniversary Celebration Exhibit

January 5<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Lower Concourse  
Legislative Office Building (LOB), Hartford



*You're invited to the Grand Opening!*

**Thursday, January 7, 2009**

## Program

Dr. Tracey M. Wilson  
West Hartford Town Historian

## Reception\*

Old Judiciary Room, Capitol  
☑ 3:00 - 4:30 pm.

2:00 pm ☑ Room 1B, LOB

\* Compliments of **Comcast**

**RSVP:** LWVCT office • 203-288-7996 or [lwvct@lwvct.org](mailto:lwvct@lwvct.org)



# Celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the LWVCT!

The Education Fund is planning a series of events beginning in January 2010.  
Here's a sneak preview of what's coming - save the dates!

- **Jan 5 - 29, 2010** - LWV historical exhibit in the lower concourse of the Legislative Office Building. *Free*
- **Jan 7, 2010** Grand Opening of Historical Exhibit (see **Elisa's article p.2**)
- **January 27 - Feb 8, 2010** - online auction of items ranging from restaurants, to hotel stays, to specialty chocolates to spa services. Log onto the LWVCT website to see items donated to date:  
<http://www.lwvct.org/events/anniversary90.htm>
- **May 16, 2010** - celebratory benefit tea with a one-woman show "*Susan B. Anthony - The Invincible*" to be held at the historic Keeler Tavern in Ridgefield. The feisty activist comes to life- circulating petitions, getting arrested, and challenging legislators. Letters, speeches and diaries reveal her wit and intellect. Great mother-daughter event!
- **June 27, 2010** - benefit performance of "*This Old Hat: Patriots of Liberty*" Danbury Music Center. Winner of the 2005 DAR Nutmeg Award, Actress Patty Carver in a tour de force performance portrays 5 female patriots of liberty: Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Betsy Ross, Deborah Sampson, Harriet Tubman and Amelia Earhart. Program appropriate for children from grade 3 and up. A great grandparent/grandchild event - and bring the boys with you!

Also in the works are author events, comedy performances and film nights.

Keep a lookout for more details in mailings and on the website in the months ahead.

Stay tuned!



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## Calendar

### January

January 7, Official opening of 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of LWV in CT. Nine decades of history and movements leading to women's suffrage at LOB at 2 PM

January 9, Legislative Breakfast at Trinity Episcopal Church at 9AM

January 12, 2010 (Tuesday), 6 PM Executive Committee Meeting - Potluck and Board meeting

January 27 to February 8. Look for the LWVCT Anniversary online auction – Bid on Carole Mulready's Pie-a-Month for six month. Go to [lwvct90@biddingforgood.org](mailto:lwvct90@biddingforgood.org)

### February

Education study continues (contact: Sandy Fry 860-561-1201)

Regionalism study (contact: Mary Murray 860-521-1518 or Elisa McCarthy 860-523-8161)

February 9, 2010 (Tuesday), 6 PM Executive Comm. Meeting - Potluck and Board meeting

### March

March 9, 2010 (Tuesday), 6 PM Executive Comm. Meeting – Potluck and Board meeting

March 15, 2010 Joint meeting with New Britain  
First Church of Christ Congregational, 830 Corbin Ave., New Britain

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