



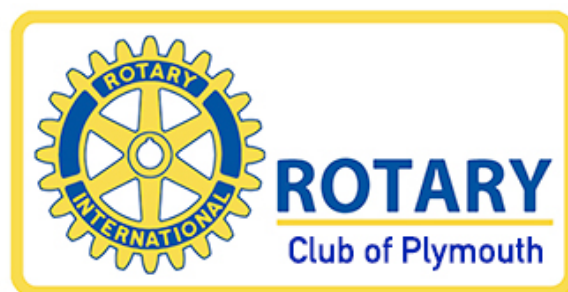
May 2019

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CALENDAR

Date/time	Event	Location
Thursday, April 4, 2019 7:00 pm	Monthly Board Meeting Board meeting to discuss upcoming events - ALL MEMBERS WELCOME	Mary LeSeuer's 7 Bay Colony Dr
Saturday, April 6, 8:00 AM	Town Meeting It's your town, and it's your voice in town government.	Plymouth North High School
Thursday, April 11, 2019 6:30 PM	Vaping - Just the Facts Informative panel discussion on the Vaping Crisis in our schools	PCIS Little Theater 117 Long Pond Road
Thursday, April 25, 7:00 PM	Candidates Night Meet the candidates for Selectman.	Town Hall, 26 Court St Great Hall
Saturday, May 4, 2019 9:15 AM	Monthly Board Meeting to discuss upcoming events - All members welcome	TD Bank Pinehills downstairs conference room
Thursday, June 13, 2019 5:30 PM	Annual Meeting more details to follow	TBD



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ABOUT CANDIDATES NIGHT: The Plymouth Area League of Women Voters is conducting a Candidates Night, Thursday, April 25 at 7PM at Plymouth Town Hall, Great Hall. Candidates for the Board of Selectmen will be participating.

The following individuals are running for two open seats for a three year term on the Board of Selectmen: Alan Costello, Patrick Flaherty, Shelagh Joyce, Kevin Lynch, Frank Mand, and Tony Provenzano.

Lisa B. Reilly and Dennis Sampson are on the ballot, competing for a one year position on the Plymouth Housing Authority. The five-year and three-year seats on the Plymouth Housing Authority are uncontested. Other uncontested races are those for School Committee, Planning Board, Redevelopment Authority and Town Moderator.

The program will be telecast live on PAC TV. Consult local listings for the times of rebroadcasts.

THE BUDGET

The next Fiscal Year starts on July 1, 2019. Following is the proposed budget to be voted on at the ANNUAL MEETING on June 13, 2019. Please review for the details. Here are the highlights.

- We currently have 60 members, which include two 50+ designated Lifetime members, 1 student member and 6 additional family members.
- We spent more money than we took in this year, which is unusual. Normally we plan on that happening but it doesn't.
- The expenses that drove that included sending a member to the National convention - something we always budget but has happened only once before in recent times, website expenses as we paid for more than one year of one part of the hosting expense and Voter Services for which we have increased the budget for next year, as arguably it is our top priority.
- We did take in \$590 of member donations (members adding to their annual dues) and hope that that continues and that you will consider it. Every donation helps, as we owe \$55 of your \$60 dues to State and National.
- Not to worry though we have over \$1000 of cash on hand and \$3,600 in savings.
- Dues are not being raised by State & National.

If you have any questions, please email Deb at daetzel@gmail.com

Proposed BUDGET FY 2019-20					
	Budget	Est Year End	Proposed	Explanations	
EXPENSES	2018-19	2018-19	2019-20		
Operating Costs					
Printing Postage, Office Supplies(Bulletin)	\$50	\$0	\$50		
Fees (ie PACTV)	\$75	\$0	\$75		
Website	\$250	\$290	\$250	*2018 paid 3 years of GODaddy	
				plus LEW \$250	
Donations Given	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Meetings					
Annual Meeting	\$300	\$300	\$300	balanced by income for event	
Legislative Night	\$250	\$0	\$250	balanced by income for event	
Spring/ Fall Membership meeting	\$200	\$0	\$200		
Holiday Meeting	\$50	\$36	\$50		
State/national Convention (June 2018)	\$1,000	\$500	\$500		
Support LWVUS/LWVMA					
National @\$32 + \$16 per hhm	\$1,648	\$1,648	\$1,760	3 + 1 spouse new since Feb 1	
State @23 +\$5.75 per hhm	\$1,156	\$1,156	\$1,231	2 50 year lifetime members, 1 student	
Educational Activities					
Civics Bee	\$500	\$416	\$550	includes in kind	
Citizen Education	\$200	\$125	\$200	* 2018 Muslim Neighbor video \$50	
				*2018 speaker fees for Vaping \$75	
Voter Services	\$300	\$460	\$500	forums, date stickers & candidates night	
Donations to LWVMA		\$50		*2018 at Convention	
Position Support	\$0	\$0	\$0		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,979	\$4,981	\$5,916		
INCOME					
Dues (\$60/p;90/f) 2018-19	\$2,970	\$2,710	\$3,090	based on all renewing	
Civics Bee Grants	\$500	\$366	\$229	Eversource grant carryover*	
	\$0	\$0	\$250	Scharfman Grant	
In kind Civics Bee	\$350	\$50	\$300	Printing & gift certs	
Fund Raiser(s)	\$0	\$0	\$0		
Phonathon (State League)	\$0	\$50	\$0		
Member donations	\$500	\$590	\$500		
Offsets					
Legislative Night	\$250	\$0	\$250	income covers expenses	
Annual Meeting	\$300	\$300	\$300	income covers expenses	
Use of Cash on Hand to balance	\$1,109	\$915	\$997	cash on hand needed to balance budget	
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,870	\$4,066	\$5,916		
NOTES:					
Saving Account as of June 1	\$3,614	\$3,616			
Checking account June 1 FY	\$1,559	\$1,202		estimated on April 20, 2019	
Membership		60			





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LOCAL CANDIDATES FORUM

Thursday April 25, 7:00PM

Plymouth Town Hall, Great Hall
26 Court Street

Featuring five candidates for
Plymouth Select Board

Public Welcome

or Watch PACTV for live or rebroadcasts

Sponsored by
Plymouth Area League of Women Voters

BE INFORMED - SUPPORT DEMOCRACY

VOTE!

Saturday May 18, 7am-7pm

In Memoriam

Marie Fehlow

Our League sadly notes the passing of long time member, Marie Fehlow. Marie was a native of Plymouth and younger sister of Selectwoman Alba Thompson. She began her own career as a US Army nurse during World War II. Marie dedicated her life to her family and her community generously and passionately, donating her many gifts to causes meaningful to her including the Red Cross and Jordan Hospital. Of special concern to Marie was the safety and health risks posed by the Pilgrim Nuclear facility. The latter was certainly how we in the League will fondly remember Marie.

Doug Post

Our League sends its condolences to our Secretary, Lois Post, who recently and unexpectedly lost her beloved husband, Doug. All of us in the League, have also lost a dear friend and longtime contributor. Whenever an upcoming forum or event has required a clever poster, we would ask Lois if Doug had the time to help us out. He always did (no matter what other challenges he had going on) and, very cleverly too! Of special note was the poster he designed for our first water forum. Hopefully we have kept a copy of each of his designs. Our thoughts and prayers are with Lois, their children and grandchildren.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NUCLEAR COMMITTEE. EYES ON PILGRIM. APRIL 2019.

1) Awaiting NRC decision. Last month, the AGO filed a *petition to intervene* in the proposed license transfer from Entergy to Holtec (see March Bulletin). Duxbury's Pilgrim Watch filed a parallel petition. Both argue that Holtec's finances and their financial guarantees are insufficient for a full, safe decommissioning, and would therefore put the Commonwealth at risk both financially and environmentally. The petitions also claim that Holtec has failed to fulfill the environmental impact study required by NRC and Commonwealth law. They argue that before being granted the transfer, Holtec must guarantee full financial responsibility and must fulfill the required environmental impact studies. Entergy and Holtec have rebutted these petitions. *The NRC will make its decision by May 15th. Stay tuned! Much hangs in the balance.*

2) Holtec proposes to buy New York's Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant. If federal regulators authorize the license transfer, the firm will own six reactors in four states, most being decommissioned simultaneously, adding to doubts about Holtec's fitness for the job. See Christine Legere, 17 April, in the Cape Cod Times: <https://www.capecodtimes.com/news/20190417/potential-pilgrim-buyer-may-add-to-nuclear-cleanup-projects>.

3) Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel (NDCAP) meets every 3rd Wednesday, PCIS Little Theatre, 117 Long Pond Road. In March, the V. P. of Holtec was invited to address the serious concerns of the committee. Instead she stonewalled every question. Sean Mullin, Chair of the NDCAP, voiced the frustration felt by the board members and the public. See the Boston Globe, April 10: <https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2019/04/09/less-than-two-months-before-pilgrim-closes-questions-grow-about-potential-sale/>. Holtec was invited to return for the April NDCAP but at the last minute the company declined to send a representative, declaring there was no further information to share. Again, board members and public vented their frustration. **Next meeting: May 15th.** This council represents all of us. Come listen, learn and speak out. *The last 20-30 minutes are given to public commentary. Consider attending! Make your voice heard!*

4) Action at the Federal Action. Senators Markey & Warren and Representative Bill Keating wrote the NRC posing six urgent questions about the planned transfer of license. Their requests were casually rebuffed. The original letter, attached to the NRC response, can be found at: <https://adamswebsearch2.nrc.gov/webSearch2/main.jsp?AccessionNumber=ML19066A315s>. Consider writing the NRC to express your dismay about this. Contact info as follows:
Senator Ed Markey: DC office: (202) 224-2742; Boston office (617) 565-8519
Staff assigned to nuclear issues is Mark Appleton: mark.appleton@markey.senate.gov
Senator Elizabeth Warren: DC office: (202) 224-2742; Boston office (617) 565-8519
Staff concerned with nuclear issues is Bruno Freitas: bruno_freitas@markey.senate.gov
Representative William Keating: DC office (202) 225-3111; Plymouth office (508) 746-9000
Staff concerned with energy: ask to speak with Chris Burk (staff assigned to energy)
NRC Chair Kristine Svinicki: (301) 415-7000; cmrsviniski@nrc.gov

5) Several Bills Pending in Massachusetts Legislature. Please contact your local representative to express support for each of these bills. If you are interested in the specifics of each bill,

please see the chart below, with hyperlinks to the bills. *They are all important.* Some will be heard in the Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy Committee (TUE); others in the Committee on Public Health. If you would like to join citizen lobbyists at any of the State House hearings, let me know: henrietta.cosentino@gmail.com or 323-868-3296.

deMacedo (S1949) and Muratore (H2904) – Re level of residual radioactivity after license determination, require assessing costs incurred for radiation control; costs of site remediation. Senator Viriato [Vinny] deMacedo: 508-747-6500; vinny.demacedo@masenate.gov Representative Mathew [Matt] Muratore: (508) 930-2979; matmuratore@gmail.com

O’Conner (S1992) & Cyr (S1948) – assess \$25 million per year for decommissioning starting in 2020.

Cutler (H3492) and Cyr (S1943) – fully fund Commonwealth and municipality off-site radiological response emergency responses until all spent fuel is removed from spent fuel pool and placed in dry casks.

Balser (H1847) – place monitoring stations throughout a 20-mile radius, store KI in towns within 50 miles, distribute KI to residents within 10 miles, nuclear disaster brochure to each household within 50 miles all until spent fuel has been removed from reactor, placed in dry cask storage or moved off-site.

Meschino (H1970) – assess each not less than \$500,000 for first fiscal year, and thereafter “in amounts that, in the aggregate, are equal to the costs incurred in the prior fiscal year by the department’s radiation control program in the performance of its duties under this section,” to defray costs of DPH radiation control program.

For the specifics of each bill, use hyperlinks, below

<u>BILL NUMBER</u>	<u>BILL</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>COMMITTEE</u>
<u>S1992</u>	An Act establishing funding to provide monies for postclosure activities at nuclear power station-	Sen Patrick O’Connor	TUE
<u>S. 1948</u>	An Act relative to the prompt decommissioning of nuclear power stations (same O’Connor’s but different title)	Sen Julian Cyr	TUE

<u>S.1949</u>	<u>An Act protecting the taxpayers of the Commonwealth</u>	Sen deMacedo	TUE
<u>H 2904</u>	<u>An Act protecting the taxpayers of the Commonwealth</u>	Rep. Matthew Muratore	TUE
<u>H. 3492</u>	<u>An Act relative to community radiological emergency response funds</u>	Cutler, Josh S	PUBLIC HEALTH
<u>S. 1943</u>	<u>An Act relative to responsible emergency planning</u>	Sen Julian Cyr	TUE
<u>H. 1847</u>	<u>An Act incorporating the public health Fukushima lessons for nuclear emergency preparation</u>	Rep. Ruth Balser	PUBLIC HEALTH
<u>H 1970</u>	<u>An Act to amend Section 5K(E) of Chapter 111</u>	Rep Joan Meschino	PUBLIC HEALTH

To contact the joint committee that the bill is heard in (Telecommunications Utilities and Energy or Public Health) and hearing dates click here <https://malegislature.gov/>

Plymouth Area LWV Committees

We encourage each of you to join at least one committee.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Follow Local efforts to provide Affordable Housing and encourage local government to do so.

Chair Kathy Dunn (gordod1@comcast.net or 508-747-0039)

Current Volunteers include Peg Bergiel, Sheila Bruce, Shannon Burrington

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Know Your Muslim Neighbor: Current focus on improving community perception of the Muslim community.

Chair Kathy Dunn (gordod1@comcast.net or 508-747-0039)

Current Volunteers: Judy Barber

COMMUNICATIONS

Bulletin: Monthly(ish) publication to keep membership informed. Sent by email and posted on the website. Heidi Mayo, Editor (LWVBulletin@heidimayo.com or 508-747-5467)

Website: Maintain the PlymouthLWV.org website. Deb Etzel, Editor (daetzel@gmail.com or 508-224-1667)

FaceBook Page – Maintain the Plymouth Area League of Women Voters FaceBook page Deb Etzel, Editor (daetzel@gmail.com or 508-224-1667)

EDUCATION

Civics Bee: Organizes the annual high school competition based on civics questions. March 10, 2019 is the next Bee.

Co-Chairs Erin Palladino (esutherland@hotmail.com or 617-827-8255) & Lyle Lawrence (lyle.lawrence@comcast.net or 774-343-5548)

Current Volunteers: Evelyn Strawn, Deb Etzel, Jane Goodwin, Alice Lague.

HEALTH & WELL BEING

Vaping Forum: Focus is on the physical and mental wellbeing of the community. Next session will be on Vaping.

Chair Birgitta Kuehn (Birgitta.Kuehn@gmail.com or 978-886-4026)

Current Volunteers include: Deb Etzel, Kathy Dunn, Lyle Lawrence, Vedna Heywood, Jane Goodwin

MEMBERSHIP

Finding and welcoming new members.

Chair Deanna Nealey (deannap-1@verizon.net or 508-224-3797)

Current Volunteers: Diane Flaherty, Vanda Heywood, Birgitta Kuehn, Mary Tousignant, Mary LeSueur

NATIONAL OR STATE STUDIES

State Ballot Question Study: LWVMA has issued study materials for a consensus building event on the process around how MA puts community sponsored measures on the ballot.

Chair Lyle Lawrence (lyle.lawrence@comcast.net)

Current Volunteers : Sharon Reed-Eramian, Martha Sheldon, Cheryl Fisher, Deb Etzel

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NUCLEAR

Follows what is current regarding the Pilgrim Energy Plant and reports to the membership and suggests action to local government

Chair Henrietta Cosentino (Henrietta.cosentino@gmail.com or 508-224-3251)

Current Volunteers : Lyle Lawrence

OBSERVER CORPS

The League tries to follow local government in action. Currently we are watching the Charter Committee and County Government, other entities are out there for the watching. Those observing write brief reports to share with the local league and potentially influence action items.

Current Volunteers include: Cheryl Fisher, Mary Tousignant, Jane Goodwin, Evelyn Strawn

SUSTAINABILITY

Water: Studies topic area of interest related to Sustainability, currently Water. Other topics are encouraged. Offers local education in the topic area and/or community/governmental action. Water Study Committee - Evelyn Strawn, Don Williams, Monty Fischer

Chair Harvey LeSueur (hclesueur@yahoo.com or 508-746-4252)

Current Volunteers include: Cheryl Fischer, Henrietta Cosentino, Lois Post, Brian Harrington, Judy Barber

VOTER SERVICES

Provides voter registration when requested, plans *Get out the Vote* campaigns (GOTV) and runs candidate forums for local and state election

Chair Martha Vautrain (cvautrain@verizon.net or 508-746-8606)

Current Volunteers: Vedna Heywood, Birgitta Kuehn, Sharon Reed-Ermanian, Cheryl Fischer, Evelyn Strawn, Mary Tousignant, Ginny Johnson, Alice Lague.

Please contact the chair(s) listed above to loan your time and talents to these important projects.

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