

THE CHAMPLAIN VALLEY VOTER

Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of the Champlain Valley in Vermont

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Calendar of Events

We sponsor meetings and events for the public and League members.

Date	Time	Place	Description
Feb. 8	10:30 AM	412 Farrell St. United Way Room South Burlington	CVLWV Board of Directors Monthly Meeting. All members are welcome.
Feb.22	9AM	State House Room 10 Montpelier	Legislative Day at the State House League sponsored coffee with legislators in cafeteria. Briefing for members in Room 10 at 9am.

Legislative Day Feb. 22

Please clear your calendar and consider a carpool: LWVVT's annual Legislative Day is Wed., February 22 at the State House in Montpelier.

The day begins with League-sponsored coffee in the State House cafeteria. Here League members can find their favorite legislators and have face-to-face conversations, bringing our positions to their attention.

At 9 am members gather in Room 10, to get a rundown of bills under consideration, with an emphasis on those of interest to the League.

The rest of the day, attendees are free to observe the House or Senate in action, or to sit in on committee hearings. We will be watching for bills on health care, transportation funding and renewable energy. Because this is the second session of the biennium, there should be much to take in.

Lunch will be on our own, in the cafeteria or downtown Montpelier.

Advance information about bills of interest will be posted on the state League website at <http://www.lwvofvt.org>.

This event is a most important and effective way to increase the League's visibility in Vermont. Please contact your legislators and let them know that we will be in the State House cafeteria on February 22, and invite them to join us for coffee. (Sponsored coffee service is a regular feature at the cafeteria.)

Check out our website for more information for legislation of interest to us. You can also learn about bills and committee hearings on the legislative website at <http://www.leg.state.vt.us/>.

The Vermont Center for Women will be cosponsoring this event with us, so there will be more opportunity to network with their members.

National Privatization Study

Ever more frequently government services are being privatized or contracted out with private companies. As public schools are closed, charter schools are opened. The National League is studying the effects of this privatization trend.

Local and State Leagues are being asked to hold study sessions and, hopefully, come to consensus on this issue by the May 1st. If this study interests you, please let your local Board members know soon when you could attend a meeting. How many of you could attend our regularly scheduled Board Meetings on the 2nd Wed. of the month to discuss this issue in the morning or attend an evening meeting on it?

Town Meeting Day

Town Meetings are held the first Tuesday in March, but some towns gather the night before, and some not at all.

Consider volunteering to help at the polls. Does your town/city/village/gore have on their ballot the question about amending the Constitution? Ask for an early copy of the ballot so you can share and discuss with your neighbors.

League Communications

Did you receive the December issue of Green Mountain Citizen? If not, let Kate Rader know at Catherine.rader@myfairpoint.net or 229-4737.

The December issue has more information on the Privatization Study and Legislative Day. The Spring issue will arrive in March or April.

Also check our state League website at www.lwvofvt.org

You can go to our Facebook page from there, too.

If computers aren't your thing for long winter nights, pick up the phone and call a League member you haven't seen in awhile. Jean and Vee's numbers are listed at the top of this newsletter.