



League of Women Voters
of Hingham Announces:

Call to Annual Meeting

Sunday May 23rd, 2010

11:30a.m.-2:30p.m.

Salsa's Restaurant

211 Lincoln Street, (Rt. 3A), Hingham

SPEAKER: Eileen Pouch
Womanade of the South Shore

\$25.00 per person
(luncheon, coffee, dessert, tax & tip included)

Cash Bar

Make checks out to: League of Women Voters of Hingham

Send check and information to:

Marisa Costello
43 Woodlock Road, Hingham, MA 02043

Kindly Respond by May 14th.



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Co-President's Letter

Dear Members,

It is that time of year for our Call to Annual Meeting. Please see the enclosed flyer for Annual Meeting, to be held on Sunday, May 23rd, and sign up today. Our event will be held this year at Salsa's Restaurant on Route 3A in Hingham. Our Board will bring members up to date on League business and enjoy an afternoon of conversation. I hope that you can make it!

LWV of Hingham mem-

bers have been busy this past month. On April 7, we held our signature annual event, Candidates Night, which saw a full house! We owe many thanks to Chris Wilk for organizing this event, and to many other members who pitched in with their talents and those who came out to time candidates' answers, collect questions, etc.

The Board will be brainstorming over the next few months to determine our activities for next year. If you would like to get involved in any small or larger way, or have any

suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me or any other board member.

I look forward to seeing everybody at Annual Meeting!

Debbie

Visit <http://www.hingham-ma.gov/kmitan/articleback.php?newsid=194>

for Hingham Town Meeting results.

Upcoming Events...

Hingham Town Election

Saturday, May 1st, 2010
Location by precinct
Polls open 7am-8pm

Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 23 @ 11:30 a.m.
Salsa's Restaurant
211 Lincoln Street (Route 3A), Hingham

Monthly Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 12th @ 7:30 p.m.
Home of Marisa Costello

Highlights from the State of the State

March 10th, 2010

On March 10th, the League of Women Voters of Hingham held their annual State of the State meeting. State Senator Bob Hedlund and State Representative Garrett Bradley engaged the audience of 25+ members and friends in a lively, and at times sobering discussion of the issues and challenges currently facing our State Legislature which affect all of us.

The meeting opened with a discussion of the State budget, and it was no surprise to hear that budget reductions are coming. Bradley described the likely reductions to the fire department, teachers and police as no more than 3 – 5%, but said the budget will face even bigger challenges next year. The State is \$3 - \$3.5 billion in the red and many communities will be looking at Proposition 2 ½ for extra funding. Hingham may see \$900K - \$960K in federal stimulus money, due in large part to the Town's education spending, but it is not guaranteed. The State is also looking at hotel and meals taxes in lieu of raising personal taxes.

Hedlund spoke excitedly about a bill he sponsored,

together with Bradley, which will provide additional money to soldiers that serve multiple tours in Iraq. With this bill as a case in point, Hedlund suggested that constituents bring forth their own ideas to their state legislators to increase the chances they can be sponsored as a bill. There are about 6000 bills put forth every year.

According to Hedlund, pension reform is moving very slowly with only incremental change. The first bill put forward for pension reform was defeated, so they have a long way to go; the second bill will be put forth this July.

The legislators also touched on the financial issues with 40B, the state affordable housing law, before facing off on the issue of gambling with Bradley being for it and Hedlund against it. The proposal is to put slots at four existing structures and to place two casinos in different MA locations, probably at Suffolk downs and somewhere along Route 84 near the CT/MA/NY line. The State and Local Leagues oppose this. Jane Malme suggested that gambling is a volatile revenue source, and Bradley responded that CT

has the most profitable casino in the world. Hedlund views gambling as a regressive way to make money and stated it will take money away from the lottery and those communities that rely heavily on lottery funds.

There were so many things to discuss that the meeting could have gone far past ending time. The discussion ended on a positive note with attendees mingling more before heading home

for the night. Thanks to everyone who participated and also to Marisa Costello for opening her home for the event.



*Sen. Robert Hedlund (Left),
Rep. Garrett Bradley (Right)*

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CANDIDATES NIGHT 2010

The LWV of Hingham hosted another successful Candidates Night at Hingham Town Hall on April 7th.

With so many contested races and so many candidates this year, it was an interesting and informative evening with roughly 80 people in attendance! The forum is being rebroadcast on the local cable channels and can be found on our website at www.hingham.ma.lwvnet.org. Also check the Education Channel (Comcast 22/Verizon 29) for rebroadcasts.

Debbie Courteau moderated, opening the meeting with some introductions and guidelines for the evening. Unopposed candidates started things off with two minute statements. Next, candidates for each contested race addressed the audience and

fielded questions put forth by League members and members of the audience.

Candidates this year include:

Uncontested Races

Treasurer/Collector:

Jean Montgomery

Board of Health: Kirk Shilts

Light Board: Walter Foskett

Assessor: Mark Tyburski

Contested Races

Sewer Commission: Incumbent Edmund Demko, Peter Coletti

Recreation Commission: Thomas Belyea, Robert Keyes

Housing Authority: Stephanie McHugh, Mary Pizzelli

School Committee (two seats): Incumbents Chrisanne Gregoire and Caryl Falvey, Raymond Estes, Bernard Manning, Andrew Shafter

Town Moderator: Incumbent Thomas L. O'Donnell, Bernard Manning

Planning Board: Incumbent Susan Murphy, Thomas Patch.

Board of Selectmen (one seat): Incumbent Laura Burns, Irma Lauter, Bernard

Member Announcements, Spring 2010

From Mary Jane Shultz:

A new company called 'g' Green Design Center has opened a showroom in Norwell offering exclusively ecofriendly, nontoxic building materials including flooring, cabinets, countertops, paints, home products and cleaning supplies. 'g' Green Design Center is located at 134 Washington Street in Norwell, next to Marathon Sports and Webb Pro Fitness. They can be reached at 781-561-1221 or www.ggreendesign.com.

From Pat Granahan:

"TALKING TRASH" – TALK ON RECYCLING ON MAY 18th

Claire Sullivan of the South Shore Recycling Cooperation (SSRC), and Paul Howard of SEMASS, will present a slide show lecture on the home-to-electricity flow of our household trash. Their presentation will be given at the Abbey Center on Tuesday, May 18th at 7:30 pm. It is sponsored by REACH (Responsible Energy Alternatives of Hingham) with several co-sponsors. Come learn more about what you can do to recycle and save energy. See event listing and directions at <http://www.glastonburyabbey.org/upcoming-events.php>.

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Through participation in League projects, you will: discover new interests, develop new skills and learn about crucial issues in your community; make professional contacts and develop lasting friendships as you meet others in League who share your interests.

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Please fill out this Membership Application Form and mail with your check to:
**League of Women Voters of Hingham, c/o Marisa Costello, 43 Woodlock Road,
Hingham, MA 02043.**



Name(s): _____
Address: _____
City, State and Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

\$50.00 one member; \$75.00 two members same household; full time student \$25.00.
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