The LWV of South Kingstown/Narragansett is proud to announce this year's recipients of The 7th Annual Susan B. Wilson Civic Education Merit Awards. The 2013 - 2014 merit awards recipients are: Kimberly Rawson, social studies teacher, North Smithfield High School, who will receive the Grand Prize of \$1,000;

James Gemma, 5th-grade teacher, Edward Rhodes Elementary School, Cranston, who will receive the Jury Prize of \$500;

Deborah Marcello & Gregory Quirk, teachers, Portsmouth Middle School who will receive the Honorable Mention Prize of \$250.

With funding from the LWVRI Education Fund, The LWV of South Kingstown/Narragansett bestows this annual award in Rhode Island to encourage teaching of civic education, pre-Kindergarten to Grade-12, and honor teachers who have exhibited exceptional work in this area through remarkable ability and innovation.

Ms. Rawson was recognized as an "enthusiastic role model" encouraging her students to attend town council and school committee meetings. Parents compliment her on how their kids "for the first time...want to talk...about current events or their views on political issues."

Mr. Gemma's "students learn...qualities of leadership that will impact their lives and the lives of others. Students learn how to collect data and how to influence others."

Ms. Marcello & Mr. Quirk "provided students with an opportunity to learn about the Rhode Island General Assembly... These teachers provide a safe atmosphere for students to learn how they respond to political pressures and gain a better understanding of how leaders make decisions."

In recognition of these achievements:

You are cordially invited to

The Susan B. Wilson Civic Education Merit Awards Reception

Wednesday, June 11, 2014, @ 4:30pm

Governor's Reception Room

Keynote Speaker: Deborah A. Gist, RI Commissioner of Education