

## Press Release

### The League of Women Voters of South Kingstown/Narragansett

The LWV of South Kingstown/Narragansett is proud to announce this year's recipients of The 8th Annual Susan B. Wilson Civic Education Merit Awards.

The 2014 - 2015 merit awards recipients are:

Louise Oliveira, West Greenwich Senior High School and Mark Gardiner, Chariho High School Wood River Junction, RI, Grand Prize of \$1,000; Barbara Walton-Faria Thompson Middle School, Newport, RI, who will receive the Jury Prize of \$500; Stacy Andreozzi and Heather Simmons, Pleasant View Elementary School, Providence, RI 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.

Louise Oliveira and Mark Gardiner are co-directors of the Model Legislature where there is a simulation of the Rhode Island General Assembly from the creation of a bill proposal to the General Assembly Process. Their goal is to help encourage students from every district to participate.

Ms. Barbara Walton-Faria has introduced Generation Citizen (not in her science class but in her Homeroom) a movement that introduces students to real-world problem solving model and guides them along a pathway towards assuming civic responsibility. Her students rebuilt a playground.

Stacy Andreozzi and Heather Simmons co-teach 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in a collaborative classroom. During an advisory time the teachers created a program titled "Bake the World a Better Place: one cupcake at a time. The children learn fractions and reading during the reading of recipes baking the cupcakes. The students then sell the cupcakes and donate the funds to charities of their choice. Students learn how and why civic engagement is important.

In recognition of these achievements: You are cordially invited to The Susan B. Wilson Civic Education Merit Awards Reception Wednesday, June 10, 2015, @ 4:30pm Governor's Reception Room Keynote Speaker: Judith Savage,