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Arlene Violet to Speak at LWVRI Convention on June 1

The League of Women Voters of Rhode Island will hold its biennial convention on Thursday, June 1, in the Meeting Hall at the Jamestown Public Library, Jamestown, R.I. from 5 p.m.-7:30 P.M. Attorney Arlene Violet, the first woman elected to the office of state attorney general in the United States, will speak at 5:15.

The convention is open to all members. Member delegates will approve the budget and update and approve program. The delegates will also choose a new president, secretary, first vice president, and three directors. The nominating committee report and other convention material is found beginning on page 4.

The annual meeting business and updates on new activities will complete the evenings's program.

Arlene Violet grew up in Providence and after attending Providence College she entered the convent of the Sisters of Mercy. She eventually graduated from Salve Regina University, and in 1974 received a law degree from Boston College. Her class of 250 included only fifteen women. (The 2016 entering class had 247 students; 47% female and 53% male.) After her second successful run as Attorney General in 1984, she left the Sisters of Mercy. While in office, she sounded the warning cry against Rhode Island Share and Deposit Indemnity

(RISDIC) and the looming Credit Union crisis in Rhode Island. Ms. Violet, who was a popular radio talk show host, still practices law, writes a weekly column for several local newspapers in Rhode Island and is the author of an autobiogra-

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League Day at the State House, Rescheduled for April 27

League Day at the State House has been rescheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2017 from 2:30-4:30 P.M. The meeting will be held in a new location this year, the State House Library.

The program will include brief remarks from LWVRI President Jane Koster, briefings from the League's Advocacy committee, and "Lobbying 101" with League member Linda Finn. Linda will share her experiences as a lobbyist and RI State Representative. We'll be given a chance to role play with Linda on how to talk to and lobby our representatives. We'll have seating charts, sample scripts and bill descriptions relating to League Issue. After Q&A, we'll move out around 3:40 to Senate and House floors to find our respective reps and gather back in the Library Room for sharing when Legislative Session begins around 4:15 P.M.

What you need to know:

RSVP—There is no registration fee for League Day, but please contact us (sknarr@lwvri.org) so we will have sufficient materials for all attendees. Just add "League Day" in the subject line and tell us how many are attending.

Location—We have a new location for League Day, the State Library. It is on the second floor of the State House, directly across from the Governor's Reception Room. A State House map is available at the League's website (www.lwvri.org).

Directions—Visit the Secretary of State's website for directions and parking information.

Parking—Parking is also available at the Providence Place Mall, which is down the hill from the State House. Allow about 20 minutes to park and walk up the hill.



LWVRI's Mary Chace testifying at the State House on Women's Health issues in March.

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Democracy—Definitely Not a Spectator Sport!

by Jane W. Koster

What makes the League different from other organizations? Why since 1919 have so many women and men chosen to be members of the League? The League is the outcome of an historical movement that started even before the passage of the 19th amendment giving women the right to vote. Once the vote was earned, the League founders wanted to focus not simply on choosing candidates and voting but also on what happened after voters left the polls. Although they didn't express it in this way, from the beginning the League founders pressed the importance of democracy not being a spectator sport. The League is a grassroots organization and has gained the power that comes with being one of a most respected names in activism.

Although known for voter service activities, the League also supports positions on issues that we have studied. The League speaks with one voice, and as members of the League all of us are part of a powerful voice when the League speaks out.

These past six weeks have been busy ones for the LWVRI as we lobby our state legislators for League issues. Even those of you who can't be in Providence to support elections/voting rights and reform, women's health and reproductive rights, immigration, gun safety, and open meetings and access to public records, the League is there representing all its members. These were late nights of testimony as we joined our partner organizations and friends of the League from many other groups who support and look for direction from LWVRI.

The League testified on House bill 5515 supporting towns, cities, counties, and states that make a decision not to cooperate with federal deportation and enforcement actions that include non-criminal undocumented immigrants. Also testifying was a young woman who stood supporting this bill and described how her mother's entire was lived in the shadows as she raised her two children to become honorable U.S. citizens.

On March 29, the LWVRI Advocacy Team offered testimony before the House Judiciary Committee on bills relating to health and safety. This was another late night with five bills

LWVRI President Jane W. Koster and former columnist for the Providence Journal Ed Fitzpatrick now Roger Williams University at the LWVRI forum "A Call To Action: Seizing Opportunity in a Time of Uncertainty" on March 7,



being heard for and against a woman's right to privacy when making reproductive choices. There were more than 350 persons at the State House that night to weigh in on these bills. Representative Edith Ajello, District 1 Providence representative since 1992, offered passionate explanation and testimony to her House bill 5343 that prohibits the state from interfering with a woman's decision to prevent, commence, continue, or terminate a pregnancy prior to fetal viability. Mary Chace and I witnessed testimony well into the night. (Mary describes these issues in full on page 4.)

A great audience was in attendance at the LWVRI's forum "A Call To Action: Seizing Opportunity in a Time of Uncertainty" held in Newport on March 7. A great success! Looking ahead we hope to see you all on April 27 for our League Day/Lobby Day at the State House. Also, please join us on June 1 for the LWVRI's 2017 Biennial Convention (see article on page 1). We are so fortunate to have Rhode Island's former attorney general Arlene Violet (the first woman state attorney general in America) as keynote speaker.

LWV Newport County League is planning forums for RI Senatorial district 13 (Newport and Jamestown), the seat recently vacated by Senator Teresa Paiva Weed. We continue to attend meetings with our Congressional delegation and partner with LWVUS on National issues.

Earlier this month, I was in Wells, Maine, for the eleventh Annual LWV New England Leadership Development Conference, a gathering of Leagues from throughout New England. Toni Zimmer, LWVUS board member and our New England liaison from the LWVUS, was our keynote speaker. Toni reminded us of the important work the state Leagues do in continuing the advocacy and lobbying for their local Leagues.

Please join us in our work and support us with a donation. Our LWVRI Annual Appeal letter will be sent out soon. Please give generously. We need your support.

In League,


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The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Membership in the League is open to any citizen of the United States. Non-citizens may become associate members. Annual dues of \$50 for an individual and \$75 for a household include automatic membership in Local, State and National Leagues. Membership forms are available at www.LWVRI.org or call 401-434-6440. Please join us and help promote informed citizen involvement in government.

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Pell Center's Jim Ludes, to Speak at LWV Newport County Annual Meeting

Dr. James Ludes, Vice President for Public Research and Initiatives and Executive Director of the Pell Center at Salve Regina University will be the featured speaker at the LWV Newport County's annual meeting on Wednesday, May 17 at 11:30 A.M. at Green Valley Country Club on Union Street in Portsmouth. On the agenda for the meeting will be a discussion of thoughts and ideas for LWV Newport County's initiatives and actions in the upcoming year, as well as election of officers and adoption of a budget.

RHODE ISLAND ACTS: BEYOND THE 2016 ELECTION

The LWV Providence and the Lippitt House Museum are presenting the final in its community discussions focusing on the aftermath of the 2016 elections.

The second and final discussion to be held on Monday, April 24, will be "Citizen Voices: What Can Do?" Jim Vincent, President, NAACP-Providence Branch; Aaron Regunberg, Rhode Island State Representative; and Josh Fenton, CEO & Co-Founder, GoLocal24.com will be the featured speakers.

The discussion is free and will be held at Lippitt House Museum, 199 Hope St., Providence. The evening begins with a reception at 6:30 p.m.; the discussion starts at 7. The Lippitt House Museum is wheelchair-accessible.

Call for Applications— Susan B. Wilson Civic Education Merit Awards

The League of Women Voters of South County is pleased to announce the ninth annual Susan B. Wilson Civic Education Merit Awards, which honor Rhode Island's innovative teachers and their exceptional work in civic education. The award is funded through the generosity of the LWVRI Education Fund. Three prizes will be awarded: the \$1,000 Grand Prize Award, the \$500 Jury Prize, and the \$250 Honorable Mention Prize. The Wilson Awards committee is currently accepting nominations for the award. Apply online at www.lwvri.org/wilsonaward.htm. Deadline is April 30.

Since 2007, this annual award has been given to three individual teachers or teams of teachers for work that has already been accomplished and whose impact has already been assessed. The Award is open to any teacher currently teaching in any Rhode Island school (preK – Grade 12).

Susan B. Wilson, a founding member of the League of Women Voters South Kingstown/Narragansett (now the LWV South County), was a passionate proponent for education and civic engagement. Naming these awards in honor of Susan B. Wilson, acknowledges the importance of her work for the League and for the values of voter education and civic engagement, which she espoused.

The meeting will be followed by lunch after which Dr. Ludes will discuss "Current threats to our Democracy (from Russian hacking, the election, to the current administration)." Dr. Ludes well-received talk at the League's 2016 meeting focused on his take on the upcoming 2016 presidential election.

The cost is \$20, which includes entrée, beverage, tax, and gratuity. For more details and menu, visit the LWVRI website (<http://www.lwvri.org/newportcounty.htm>). Please RSVP to Susan Wells (swells229@gmail.com) by Wednesday, May 10. You may send your check for lunch to LWV Newport County Treasurer Kathy Gallagher, 484 Riverside Drive, Tiverton, RI 02878 or pay at the door.

LWVRI Talked Issues and Opportunities at March Meeting



Speakers Ed Fitzpatrick, John Marion, Susan Taylor and Susann Mark share a light moment at the League's forum on March 7.

Cold, wet weather did not deter citizens anxious to learn more about the issues that have come to the forefront following November's election at the LWVRI forum "A Call To Action: Seizing Opportunity in a Time of Uncertainty" on March 7 in Newport. It was well-attended and had very a favorable response. People were anxious to learn more about the issues and how to take action on those issues that matter most to them.

Our panel of experts spoke on immigration, voter protection and reform, free press and the right to choose. Edward Fitzpatrick, formerly of the *Providence Journal* and now with Roger Williams University; immigration lawyer Susan Taylor; John Marion, executive director, Common Cause RI; and Susann Mark member of the board of directors of Planned Parenthood of Southern New England. The LWVRI's Advocacy Committee had prepared packets of relevant legislation that would be considered at the State House.

Thanks to LWVRI Board Members Jill Kassis and Susan Wells and Advocacy Committee members Susan Escherich and Derry Riding for helping to put the meeting together.

Advocacy: Hearing on H-5343 in the RI House

by Mary Chace

The League joined about 300 other people at the State House to testify on the proposed Reproductive Health Care Act, H-5343 (which would secure the right to an abortion even if the federal law *Roe v Wade* were to be overturned) and other abortion-related bills. The League and many other groups, including religious coalitions, members of the medical community, women's rights advocates, and individuals supported this legislation. As always there was a large vocal opposition, and the hearing was long.

The League's position is stated as a right to privacy, and a woman's right to governance over her body, which the League asserted in its testimony. But supporting that position is the underlying understanding of a need for compassion for women's individual situations, including their health and economic security. This was vividly described by many individuals, several of whom had had abortions before they were legal. There was also one account of a death by so-called "back-alley" abortion. The woman was desperate: she already had several children. She and her family paid the ultimate price.

What happens next? All the bills H-5343 and H-5830, which the League supports, and those the League opposes—H-5100, H-5158, and H-5399, which attempt to erode the right to a woman's sovereignty over her body—were held for further study. With the growing momentum this year to secure reproductive rights, this action at the State House has

been discouraging. In the past "holding for further study" has meant no further action will be taken on these bills.

But pressure on the Committee and on the Speaker of the House to bring them to the House floor for a vote could force a vote. If your legislator sits on the Judiciary Committee, you can urge her or him to vote for the bills the League supports, and to persuade the Committee Chair to do so, or at least bring them to the House floor. You could also contact the House Speaker to bring them to the floor for a vote should they be allowed out of the committee.

The Senate. So far S-274, the Senate mirrored version of H-5343, and S-660, which would repeal the unconstitutional spousal notification law on the Rhode Island books, have been introduced. The League supports both. As of this writing, April 4, no hearing has been scheduled. We will alert you when this will happen.

What can you do? Write your senator to urge support for these bills—especially if she or he is on the Judiciary Committee. Both the Judiciary chair, Erin Lynch, and Senate president, Dominick Ruggiero, control what bills reach the Senate floor for a vote. Visit the state Legislature website to download copies of all the bills (<http://status.rilin.state.ri.us/>). **This is urgent.** We must gird ourselves for another battle. Let's do it!

League Lessons: Convention's Coming Up, Will You Be There?

by Patty MacLeish

The LWVRI holds its convention in odd-numbered years; the LWVUS holds its convention in even-numbered years. Between conventions, each group holds council, when issues that need to be resolved are taken care of. In Rhode Island, the League also elects officers and directors, considers program change, and adopts a budget at both convention and council.

Each League sends delegates to convention. Every local League president is automatically a delegate (the president may send an alternate) to the convention. The rest of the delegation is determined by the number of members in the League. Each League also receives one delegate for each ten members and fraction thereof. A League of 34 members will have four delegates: the president and three others. A League of 35 members will have five delegates, the president and four delegates. Members at Large caucus before convention begins and choose delegates in the same fashion. Each member of the LWVRI board is also automatically a delegate. Local League Presidents and all Members at Large will be notified in advance of convention regarding the number of delegates.

The convention is open to all members, but only delegates can vote and address the convention on agenda items.

So why come to convention if you can't vote? First and foremost, members who attend convention get to see

first hand how the League operates. The League has been around for almost 100 years and is proud of its tradition of thoughtful process. Although only delegates will be voting, convention is a time for all members to share ideas, to communicate with state board members, and to gain greater understanding of what issues communities across the state are facing.

Rhode Island is also the smallest state, and its size makes it easier for all League members to gather together to meet one another and form relationships—relationships that help the League carry out its goals. Convention is the perfect opportunity to have that interaction. It is one of the times that members from throughout the entire state gather together and have this important exchange.

One of the most important parts of convention in "Direction to the Board." Before the meeting is adjourned, delegates *and* members may address the Board on any issue during "Direction to the Board."

Finally, each year convention planners try to choose an interesting speaker to address the League. No one will be disappointed with the choice for Convention 2017—Arlene Violet the first female attorney general in the United States.

See you on June 1.

Convention: Adoption of Program

The League of Women Voters of Rhode Island recommends the adoption of the existing LWVRI program.

The LWV Providence is requesting concurrence with the **State Funding of Libraries** position. (See Reaching Member Agreement, below.) The position was adopted by the LWV Providence in June 2016.

State Funding of Libraries

The Board of Directors of the LWVRI recommends adoption of this position through concurrence at its April 2017 meeting.

Background:

From 2014 through 2016 the LWV Providence conducted a study of state funding of Rhode Island libraries. Currently the state “matches” each community’s contribution to its library system; the legislative formula is set at 25%, but recently the state has fallen short of this amount.

This match yields wide disparities. Per capita, the wealthiest communities get the most state funds; the poorest, with the poorest children, the least. For the 10 wealthiest communities, the average is \$10.57 per capita (excluding New

Shoreham). For the ten poorest communities, the average is \$5.67 (excluding Central Falls, which receives .91).

The League interviewed by mail and in person librarians and officials from a range of communities.

The LWV Providence came to consensus in February, 2016, and the following position was approved by the annual meeting in June, 2016. More information and background documents including the RILA report are available on the web at <https://sites.google.com/site/lwvriprovdocs/home/program/library-funding>

The new position will read:

State Funding of Libraries

The League of Women Voters of Rhode Island affirms the crucial niche of libraries: they are repositories of knowledge; they enhance learning for all ages; they serve as community centers. In a world linked to the internet, libraries provide essential computer access for many Rhode Islanders.

The League of Women Voters of Rhode Island supports both state and local funding for public libraries.

Libraries, particularly those in urban areas, need additional funds to maintain, if not enhance, services. We support additional state funding for public libraries, provided that the state consider the following principles for distribution of funds:

- A population component
- Tax base of the community
- The League supports the state assuming the fees of statewide services of the Ocean State Network (or any other cataloguing and distribution system the state sets up)

The League of Women Voters of Rhode Island believes that local communities should prioritize library funding in years of increased revenue. The League is concerned with the impact over time of continuous flat funding.

Reaching Member Agreement

Before the League can take action, members must agree in broad terms on what they think about various aspects of a policy issue. The nature of the issue will affect how it is studied and how positions are reached. The board usually selects the method to be used: consensus (where agreement is reached using League responses to specific questions) or concurrence (where agreement or a vote on a pre-stated position is required). The technique most often used in the League for reaching member agreement is consensus by group discussion. It is not a simple majority, nor is it unanimity; rather it is the overall sense of the group as expressed through the exchange of ideas and opinions, whether in a meeting of the full membership or a series of smaller discussion meetings.

Regardless of the method used, it is essential that members have an opportunity to become informed before being asked to make decisions on the issue under consideration. It is through this process that League members become educated on a given issue, and this is what makes subsequent League action on that issue uniquely credible and respected. During the study phase, members have an opportunity to examine the facts and key pro/con points. They are encouraged to discuss the political realities of action and to contribute ideas for the board to consider when it formulates an action strategy after a position is reached. If the League has a position on a given issue, action can be taken as appropriate. The issue does not need to be studied each time action is thought to be necessary.

From *League Basics*

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phy, *Convictions: My Journey from the Convent to the Courtroom* (1988) and *Me and the Mob* (2010).

Convention begins at 5 P.M. sharp; registration opens at 4:45. Registration is \$10, which covers the cost of convention materials and light snacks; deadline for registration is May 26.

Ms. Violet’s talk will begin at 5:15 P.M. and is free and open to the public; please invite friends and colleagues to join you.

Although only delegates chosen by the local Leagues will vote on the agenda items, members can caucus with their delegates and any member may speak during the “Direction to the Board” segment. Convention also provides an opportunity for members to learn firsthand about upcoming League programs and to meet League members from throughout the state. Register using the form on page 7 or online at www.lwvri.org and make your payment by credit card. To learn about serving as a delegate at convention, contact your local League president.

Bylaws Change

At convention in 2017, the LWVUS made a change in the requirements of membership. The bylaws of all Leagues must conform to the first three articles of the bylaws of the LWVUS. The requirements of membership are covered in Article III. This bylaws change is not subject to vote at convention, since it is a requirement of remaining a League. It is published here as a point of information and to serve as a reminder to all delegates that the change is required to local League bylaws as well.

LWVRI bylaws currently read:

ARTICLE III,

Section 2 TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

(a) Voting Members. Citizens at least 18 years of age residing within the United States, a territory, or an associated commonwealth who join the League, shall be voting members of local Leagues, state League and the LWVUS.

(1) individuals who live within an area of local Leagues may join that League or any other local League;

(2) those who reside outside the area of a local League may join any local League or shall be members-at-large; and

(3) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members, excused from the payment of dues.

(b) Non-Voting Members, Associate Members. All others who join the League shall be associate members.

To conform to the LWVUS bylaws (Article III, Section 2) will now read (the significant changes are in *italic.*)

ARTICLE III,

Section 2 TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

(a). *Voting Members. Persons at least 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, state Leagues, and of the LWVUS;*

(1) those who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League;

(2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large;

(3) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues.

(b). *Associate Members. All others who join the League shall be associate members.*

LWVRI NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT 2017

The LWVRI will hold elections for members of the Board of Directors at its Biennial Convention, scheduled to take place on Thursday, June 1, 2017.

The Nominating Committee of LWVRI offers the following nominations for the Board of Directors to serve for a two-year term, 2017 through 2019:

President: Jane Koster, LWV Newport County
First Vice President: Jill Kassis, LWV Newport County
Secretary: Linda Poole, Member at Large
Director: Patty MacLeish, LWV Newport County
Director: Derry Riding, Member at Large
Director: Susan Escherich, Member at Large

Additional nominations may be made from the floor of the Convention meeting provided that the consent of the nominee has been obtained.

Respectfully Submitted,
The LWVRI Nominations Committee
Rosemary Forbes-Woodside, chair

The following persons remain on the Board of Directors through 2017:

Second Vice President: Susan Wells, LWV Newport County
Treasurer: Rosemary Forbes-Woodside, LWV Newport County
Director: Pam Ancheta, LWV South County
Director: Marion Styles-McClintock, LWV Providence
Director: Christine Davidson, LWV South County

League of Women Voters of Rhode Island 2016-2017 Budget and 2017-2018 Proposed Budget

	Adopted Budget 2016/17	Proposed Budget 2017/18		Adopted Budget 2016/17	Proposed Budget 2017/18
INCOME			EXPENSES		
Memberships			Office Expenses		
PMP	\$1,190	1,235	Rent	\$4,800	\$5,040
MAL Dues	700	1,250	Electric	300	300
Membership Total	\$1,890	\$2,485	Telephone	100	240
Education Fund			Insurance	700	700
Support for Office			Office Total	\$5,900	\$6,280
Rent & Electric	\$2,400	2,520	Administrative Expenses		
Other Utilities	150	150	Voter Publishing/Mailing	\$1,200	\$1,200
Insurance	350	350	Printing	250	250
Ed Fund Total	\$2,900	\$3,020	Administrative (including postage)	400	200
Fund Raising (including local League gifts)			State Council/Convention	200	200
Annual Appeal Letter	\$2,500	\$2,500	Nation Council/Convention	500	500
Event(s)	450	450	Administrative Total	\$2,550	\$2,350
Local League Donations	700	700	League Functions		
State Council/Convention	400	400	Program Support	\$300	300
LWV Day/State House	400	0	Membership	50	50
Donations	700	700	PMP/MAL	480	768
Fund Raising Total	\$5,150	\$4,750	Fund Raising: Annual Letter	200	200
Miscellaneous			Fund Raising: Event	100	100
Interest (Bank)	\$2	\$1	League Day/State House	250	250
Misc./Sales	200	200	Web Site	300	390
Poll Running	1,050	0	Miscellaneous/Other	51	58
Miscellaneous Total	\$1,251	\$201	PayPal*	10	10
Transfer from Savings		\$800	League Functions Total	\$1,741	\$2,126
Total Income	\$11,191	\$11,256	Advocacy Expenses	\$1,000	\$500
			Operating Expenses	\$11,191	\$11,256
			Income Less Expenses	\$0	\$0

* These costs are for fees assessed by PayPal for use of its service.

Convention 2017 Registration

To register, use this form or download one from the LWVRI Web site. Please enclose a check in the amount of \$10 and return to LWVRI: Convention, One Richmond Square, Providence, RI 02906.. Please print clearly as we will use this information for your name tag. Registration deadline is May 26. Visit the LWVRI web site to pay on-line using a credit card.

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Coming Up—League Events

Monday, April 24, 6:30 P.M.

“Rhode Island Acts: Beyond The 2016 Election” cosponsored by the LWV Providence and Lippitt House. Learn more inside on page 3.

Thursday, April 27, 2:30-4 P.M.

League Day at the State House. See story on page 1.

Saturday, April 29, NOON

The League of Women Voters South County will honor longtime member Nancy Burroughs with a tea on Saturday, April 29, at noon at the Westerly Yacht Club, Westerly, RI. To make a reservation or for more information contact Chris Martone at martonechristine@gmail.com.

Sunday, April 30. Deadline for the Susan B. Wilson Award Application

See story on page 3.

Monday, May 1, 10 A.M.

LWVRI Board Meeting, Jamestown Library

Thursday, May 4, 1 P.M.

Book Group: Crossing the Bamboo Bridge, Memories of Bad Luck Girl by Mai Donohue at Susan Escherich’s home in East Providence. All are welcome. To learn more about the Book Group, call Hollie Courage at 401-274-6173 or Linda Jenkins at 401-816-0331.

Thursday, June 1, 1 P.M.

Book Group: The Debs of Bletchley Park and other Stories by Michael Smith at Susan Escherich’s home in East Providence. All are welcome. To learn more about the Book Group, call Hollie Courage at 401-274-6173 or Linda Jenkins at 401-816-0331.

LWVRI CONVENTION! Thursday, June 1, 4:45 P.M.

League of Women Voters of Rhode Island biennial convention with keynote speaker Arlene Violet. Registration 4:45 P.M.; Keynote at 5:15 P.M.; business meeting to follow. Jamestown Library, Jamestown, R.I. See story on page 1.