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Please forward this update to your local League members. Many will appreciate knowing what LWVCT is doing on their behalf.

ADVOCACY DAY AT THE CAPITOL

We are pleased to announce that we have a date for our annual legislative training day: **Thursday, December 3, from 9:15 to 11:30 in the Legislative Office Building (LOB).** We will meet with legislators, who will provide us with insights into the legislative process, so we can make our advocacy as effective as possible. Judy Blei and her staff, our lobbyist organization, are coordinating the program and will provide an update on the services and support they will be giving to our advocacy specialists as the legislative session gets underway.

At the meeting we will also talk about our general frustration with the public hearing process and some ideas for advocating for changes in that process.

We invite all League advocacy chairs to join us on December 3; and ask you to encourage any local League member who has shown an active interest in advocacy to also come. Please let the office (lwvct@lwvct.org) and Jane Eyes (janeeyes@aol.com) know if you will be attending. Specific details will be provided closer to the meeting date to those who register.

INTER-LEAGUE GUN SAFETY WORK

This group of state Leagues is designed to share information and advocacy strategies. Representatives of LWVCT include Jane Eyes, Wendy Skratt, Gloria Bent and Alison Rivard. There has been one conference call so far. We will keep our local Leagues in the loop.

NEW MINI-GRANTS APPROVED IN NOVEMBER

Greenwich for support for publication cost of *How to Run for Office in Greenwich*
Canton for signage to support voter turn out in light of new polling locations
Ridgefield for “boosting” posts on their Facebook page
Bridgeport Area for financial assistance in hosting a Bridgeport mayoral debate.

LWVCT requests that local Leagues prepare to share their mini-grant projects at the 2016 LWVCT Annual Convention.

ONE CRITICAL TOPIC + TWO LOCATIONS = THREE CHEERS!

Breaking with tradition, LWVCT Ed Fund offered two Fall Conferences with the same topic and different speakers. “Voting Fraud, Voting Suppression: Myths and Realities” was a fascinating, informative conversation. Attendees were energized to consider the League’s response in this critical area. More information will come as a brainstorming group considers our options and makes suggestions. Attendance at UConn Law School in Hartford was 54, including several walk-in law students. Darien hosted 52 attendees, including 5 Stamford high school students.

LWV Weston has posted a “Picture Story” from the Hartford session, up now at: <http://www.lwvweston.org/2015LWVCTfallconference.html>

WEBSITE STATUS



Yes, we are working on it! Megan Dalton expects to send the transferred site to our review committee within the next two weeks. The committee will get right to work. Watch this space. A better web is coming soon.

SAVE THE DATES:

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

Advocacy at the Capitol

See the description and invitation above.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

“Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters’ First Hundred Years” at Long Wharf Theatre, New Haven

The sisters were civil rights pioneers, but their stories were largely unknown until Amy Hill Hearth, a reporter for *The New York Times*, interviewed them for a feature story in 1991, then expanded her story into book form. It is now a fascinating and lively play. Join us for fun and help to support LWVCT Ed Fund. The full announcement follows on the next page.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

SIR (Symposium on International Relations)

Social Media: Global Impact on Political Engagement, Youth & Privacy

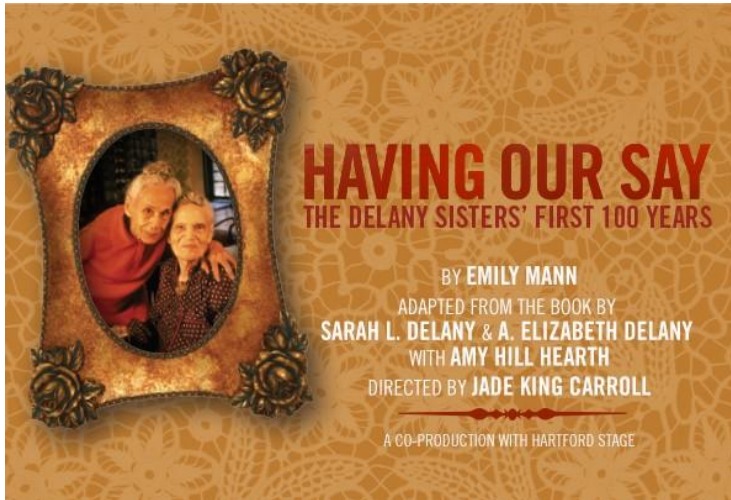
Stay tuned for more information as we near the date.



Stumped for a great holiday gift?

Everyone so enjoyed last year's theater outing, we're doing it again. But don't delay because these orchestra tickets are limited and will go FAST!

Join us for camaraderie and support of the League's good work when you join us at the Long Wharf Theater on Sunday, February 21, 2016 at 2PM for



103-year-old Sadie Delany and 101-year-old Bessie Delany were the daughters of a former slave, grew up in the Jim Crow South, lived in Harlem during its renaissance, and had professional careers as a teacher and a dentist, respectively. While they make dinner to remember their father's birthday, the two sisters tell us the story of the last century, as they lived it. History at its most immediate, and poignant.

The LWVCT Education Fund is pleased to offer its members and friends a limited number of prime seating tickets for this outstanding event. Your contribution in excess of \$40 per ticket is tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

Please make check payable to "LWVCT Education Fund." Tickets available on first come-first serve basis. Transportation not provided. Your check is your order (please, no phone orders). Please send your check payable to LWVCT ED Fund, 1890 Dixwell Ave. Suite 203 Hamden, CT 06514-3183. Pick up your tickets at the theater on the day of the performance.

Tickets for the Sunday, February 21, 2:00 p.m. matinee performance can be reserved by completing this form and sending payment as follows:

Reserve tickets for me:

- _____ tickets @ \$ 75 Friend
- _____ tickets @ \$ 96 Supporter (one dollar for every year since LWV's founding)
- _____ tickets @ \$125 LWV Leader

I cannot attend but enclosed is my contribution for \$ _____ \$ _____ Total Enclosed

My company's matching gift form is enclosed.

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone (_____) _____