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of the Morristown Area

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*Stand Up and Be Counted!* 2007 LWVNJ Convention

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**LWVMA Calendar for Fall 2007**

- Sunday, September 30    Morristown Fall Festival on the Green —12 Noon to 5:00 PM
- Monday, October 8        Board Meeting — 7:30 PM at the home of Annette Tyler
- Thursday, October 11    Book Group – 7:30 PM at the home of Joy Buchfirer  
*The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafon
- Wednesday, October 24    Candidates Night—Alexander Hamilton School, Morristown,  
7:00–9:15 PM (*See details on page 3*)
- Sunday, October 28        Jane Roberts lecture on 34 Millions Friends of the Women  
of the World (*See details on page 3*)
- Monday, October 29        Public discussion of Ballot Questions— Presbyterian Parish  
House at 7:30 PM (*See details on page 3*)
- Thursday, November 8    Book Group — location/book TBA (*See details on page 3*)
- Monday, November 12    Board Meeting/Presentation of LWVUS Immigration Study  
Report (*See details on page 2 in President's Message*)
- Thursday, December 13    LWVMA Holiday Party — Join us for our annual Holiday Party  
at the home of Marge and Wendell Brady — 7:00 PM

**Note:** Board/Business Meetings are on the second Monday of the month. They are open to all and all members are invited to attend. There will be no Board Meeting in December.

Book Group meets on the second Thursday of the month. There will be no Book Group in December.



**2007  
General  
Election  
Calendar**



**October 16, 2007:** Last day to register or change voting address for general elections

**October 30, 2007:** Deadline for receipt by County Clerk of mailed application for absentee ballot for the general election

**November 5, 2007:** 3 PM deadline for obtaining an absentee ballot application in person at the County Clerk's office for the general elections

**November 6, 2007:** General Election Day (polls open 6 AM to 8 PM)

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The web site for the Morristown League has been finalized . . .

[www.lwvnj.org/MorristownArea](http://www.lwvnj.org/MorristownArea)

Check it out!

**President's Message** by Joy Buchfirer (973-451-1233; jbuchfir@bu.edu)

We are beginning our new League year with a very busy and exciting schedule of events. On October 24, we are sponsoring a local Candidates Night at the Alexander Hamilton School. Both Morristown and Morris Township candidates will be represented. On October 28, we will cosponsor a program with several other Morris County women's organizations. Our featured speaker will be Jane Roberts, a cofounder of 34 Million Friends of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities. (See page 3 for more information.)

For our next two programs, our speakers will be the current president of the LWVNJ and the immediate past president. Anne Maiese, the current president of the LWVNJ, will participate in a *public discussion of the ballot questions for the November General Election* on October 29. (See page 3 for more information.) Deborah Macmillan, Immediate Past President of LWVNJ, and a member of the **LWVUS Immigration Study** will present the Committee's report at our Board meeting on November 12, in preparation for consensus.

Our annual Holiday Party will be held on December 13, at the lovely home of Marge and Wendell Brady.

A discussion of National Program Planning issues and positions for the 2008 National Convention in Portland, Oregon, will take place on January 12. To celebrate National Women's History month in March, our program will be devoted to women's issues.

Finally, in May, we will complete the year with our Annual Meeting.

The LWV is a participatory organization and I look forward to working with you on our various projects.

**Been there . . . done that!**

*What our fellow League members have been up to:*

- ☑ Edith Frank, Louise Murray and Joy Buchfirer attended the LWVNJ 2007 Fall Workshops on September 8 at the Livingston Campus, Rutgers University. Edith led a workshop on Voter Service.

**We want to stay in touch!**

Stay in touch with all LWVMA events. Make sure the e-mail listing we have for you is up-to-date. Send any changes to Edith Frank at [edithnotto@yahoo.com](mailto:edithnotto@yahoo.com). Check your e-mail often for League happenings. This is our best way of staying in contact with you — but you need to check your mail to make sure you are in touch.

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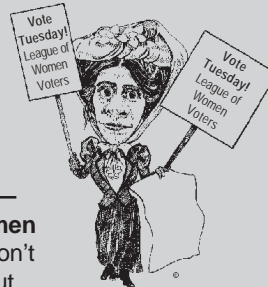
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**Put up your lawn signs for the election on November 6!**

If you have your "Vote Tuesday—League of Women Voters" sign, don't forget to put it out the week before the election and then take it down and put it away for the next election. The signs were distributed last year by the LWVNJ and were a big success!



**Welcome New Members of the League of Women Voters of the Morristown Area**

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**Kudos to our members!**

*Congratulations to our fellow League members for their achievements:*

- ☞ Linda Stamato for her opinion piece in the Star Ledger on Sunday, September 16 "Let adoptees find biological identity"
- ☞ Jane Kurek's new title is assistant Vice President/Community Development at the Provident Bank
- ☞ Corinne Gunther was honored at the LWVNJ convention for being a lifetime member of the League—over 50 years as a member!

THE LWV OF the Chatham-Madison Area is pleased to sponsor a free public forum  
**2007 NJ Stem Cell Research Bond Act: What is it all about?**

The Stem Cell Research Bond Act, upon approval by voters in November, authorizes the sale of State general obligation funds in the amount of \$450 million over 10 years. This forum aims to inform voters why this Act is on the ballot, the scientific research that this Act would support, the Act's potential benefits/pitfalls, how the money would be spent, and how it would be financed. Presentations will be followed by a question and answer period.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 200—4:00 PM**

Location: The Council Chambers of Chatham Borough, 54 Fairmount Avenue, 3rd Floor  
 Please park in the rear lot or street, and enter through the Police door on the side.

**Featured Speakers:**

Assemblyman Neil Cohen (D-Union)  
 Assemblyman Michael Carroll (R-Morris)  
 Dr. Barry Komisaruk (Professor-Rutgers University)  
 Dr. Donald Sebastian (Sr. VP-NJ Institute of Technology)  
 Dr. Richard Nowakowski (UMDNJ-R.W. Johnson Medical School)

This event will be televised live on Channel 21 (in Chatham Borough) and taped for additional distribution. We would appreciate if you could let us know how many are coming from your League by e-mailing us at [lwvcma@gmail.com](mailto:lwvcma@gmail.com).

**Voter Service** by Willie Juhlin

Voters Service will launch its fall season with the **Festival on the Green**. This event, sponsored by the Morristown Partnership, will take place on the newly renovated Green from noon until 5:00 PM on Sunday, September 30. Our booth will be near Century 21. The main purpose of our presence is to register voters. Of course, a little publicity for the League is always a good thing. Volunteers are always welcome. If you cannot commit to a two-hour shift, stop by for a while to say hello.

We will sponsor a **Candidates' Night** for Morristown and Morris Township on Wednesday night, October 24, at Alexander Hamilton School from 7:00–9:15 PM. Morristown and Morris Township both have interesting contests. There are two candidates running for Morris Township Committee: Dan Caffrey (R) and Ron Goldberg (D).

In Morristown Timothy Jackson (D) and Rebecca Feldman (Ind.) are facing off in the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Edward France (R) and Raline Smith-Reid (D) are running. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward has James Smith (D) and Stefan Armington (Ind.) running and the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward has Allison Deeb (R) and Richard Tighe (R). During this forum all the candidates will have an opportunity to air their views and the audience will be able to have their questions answered.

LWVMA presents a  
**Public Discussion of the  
 Ballot Questions for the November Election**  
 Monday, October 29, 2007

7:30 PM

**Presbyterian Parish House in Morristown**

Leading the discussion will be Anne Maiese, President of the LWVNJ.

**Ballot Questions for General Election (November 6, 2007)**

**State Question 1:** Dedicate Annual Revenue of 1 % under State Sales Tax for Property Tax Reform (League OPPOSES this)

**State Question 2:** Stem Cell Research Bond Issue (No League Position)

**State Question 3:** Green Acres, Farmland, Blue Acres, and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2007 Dedicate Revenue (League SUPPORTS this)

**State Question 4:** Constitutional Amendment Concerning the Right to Vote for Certain Persons (League SUPPORTS this)

**Municipal Question 1:** Shall the Town of Morristown Establish an Annual Levy . . . for the Acquisition of Land or Easements for Recreation and Conservation Purposes

See the forthcoming **Fall 2007 NJ Voter** for additional information and analysis on the four public questions. Or check out the website of the LWVNJ at [www.lwvnj.org](http://www.lwvnj.org).

**34 Million Friends  
 of the Women of the World**  
 A talk by Jane Roberts, Cofounder,  
 34 Million Friends of the  
 United Nations Population Fund

7:00 PM, Sunday, October 28, 2007

At the Morristown Jewish Center,  
 177 Speedwell Avenue, Morristown

Jane Roberts and Lois Abraham established **34 Million Friends** in 2002 when the Bush Administration first announced they would withhold the \$34 million that Congress allocated to the United Nations Fund for Population Activities. Today the total amount of blocked funds stands at over \$125 million. The idea behind this project is to ask 34 million Americans to donate at least \$1.00 and in turn, send a message that Americans support UNFPA. The United Nations Population Fund helps the most vulnerable women in the world plan their families, give birth safely and protect themselves from HIV/AIDS. It promotes the rights of women by encouraging equal access to food, education, and health care. UNFPA works worldwide to eliminate gender-based violence including genital cutting and rape used as weapons of war.

**Event Co-Sponsors**

The Sisterhood, Morristown Jewish Center, The New Jersey Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, The National Council of Jewish Women, West Morris Section, Morris County National Organization for Women and **The League of Women Voters of the Morristown Area**.

**Upcoming LWVNJ events—**

**Mark your calendars!**

- 1) **Panel discussion on Immigration: National Legislation and Consensus—** Based in local, regional and national experience. Saturday, October 20, 9:30 AM–12 NOON, Tillett Hall, Rutgers University (Livingston Campus, Piscataway, NJ)
- 2) **“Soiree Between the Lions”:** A tour of the NJ State House and the LWVNJ State Office. November 10, 2007, 3–6 PM. Tour begins at 3:00 promptly, followed by the Soiree at 204 West State Street. Cost is \$35. (Please make checks payable to LWVNJEF and mail to LWVNJ, 204 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608). RSVP by November 1.

For more details on both of these LWVNJ events, be sure and read the upcoming **Fall NJ Voter**. Copies should be arriving in your mailbox by mid-October! Or check out the **News and Upcoming Events** section of the LWVNJ website today for more details . . . [www.lwvnj.org](http://www.lwvnj.org).



**Book Group** by Helga Barkmeyer

On October 11 at the home of Joy Buchfirer, the Book Group will begin its new season with *The Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafon.

The setting is Barcelona in 1945. An antiquarian book dealer's son finds a mysterious novel by an obscure author and begins a journey to find other works by this writer. His quest opens the door into one of the city's darkest secrets—an epic story of murder, madness and doomed love. Critics hail the book as a masterpiece.

Some of the other books we will read this year include: *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Housseinei, *Suite Francaise* by Irene Nemirovsky, *Of Human Bondage* by Somerset Maugham and *Snow* by Orhan Pamuk.

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**The *Bulletin* Board of the LWVMA**

Membership in the LWVMA runs from July through June. If you did not renew your membership at our May Annual Meeting, it is not too late — use the form below to renew.

Not sure if you renewed your membership? Contact our treasurer, Marie Fornaro, at 973-267-0894 or e-mail her at **fornaro@aol.com** — she will be more than happy to check for you.

Send us photos that you take at League functions for inclusion in our **Bulletin**. Share your memories with other League members. Send them by e-mail or snail mail to Cindy Schafer at **cindyschafer3@yahoo.com** or 12 Old Army Post Road, Morristown, NJ 07960. Send ideas for articles to Edith Frank at **edithnotto@yahoo.com**.



**Join the  
League of Women Voters  
of the Morristown Area**

Fill out the information below, and mail this application with your check to:  
**The League of Women Voters of the Morristown Area  
Box 525  
Convent Station, NJ 07961**

Membership in the League of Women Voters is open to U.S. citizens of voting age. Noncitizens or younger people are welcome to join as associate members. Membership is not by invitation.

**Annual dues are:**

Individual Membership: \$ 60  
Two Household Memberships: \$ 100  
Friend of the League (F.O.L.): \$ 75  
Two F.O.L. Household Members: \$120  
Suffragist: \$100  
Program Patron: \$200  
Student: \$ 25

**Additional**

**Contribution:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(\*Note: Any additional contribution above the membership dues is appreciated. Additional contribution checks must be made payable to *LWVMA Education Fund* in order to be tax deductible.)

\_\_\_\_\_ Renewal **or** \_\_\_\_\_ New Member

\_\_\_ Check enclosed (Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_ I need more information. Please call me.

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