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CALL TO ACTION!

Help explore issues, plan programming,
and inform voters.

Get involved with LWVWP to explore
White Plains topics that matter to you,
and to your friends and neighbors.
We're looking for people who'd like to
work with us to figure out how to have
productive dialogs about:

- ♦ **White Plains city budget and
White Plains school budget**
- ♦ **Housing in White Plains**
- ♦ **Development in downtown
White Plains**

*No agendas, no rhetoric, we're open to all ideas
about how to have productive, civil conversations
about each of these local topics.*

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President's Message

October 2017

Here we are in the midst of your League's busy season. After all, voter information, elections and voting rights are what we're all about. And there's a lot to tell.

During the summer LWVWP volunteers worked with the Westchester County League to collect election and candidate information for the League's VOTE411.org web site and the print version, **LWVW Voters Guide**. This year LWVWP will distribute 7,500 copies of the guide to schools, senior residences, apartment buildings and other locations.

Use guide and Vote411.org for the 411 about White Plains and Westchester county elections as well as the three ballot questions (be sure to flip your ballot to vote on these!!). And use VOTE411.org to create a personalized ballot that you can take into the voting booth.

Labor Day had barely passed and your League hosted a successful **Candidates Forum prior to the Democratic Primary**. We had a record crowd and there was some thoughtful discussion among the candidates about the important issues and challenges facing the City of White Plains going forward. Turnout on Primary day was about 22% of registered Democrats. Improving voter participation is another important League goal.

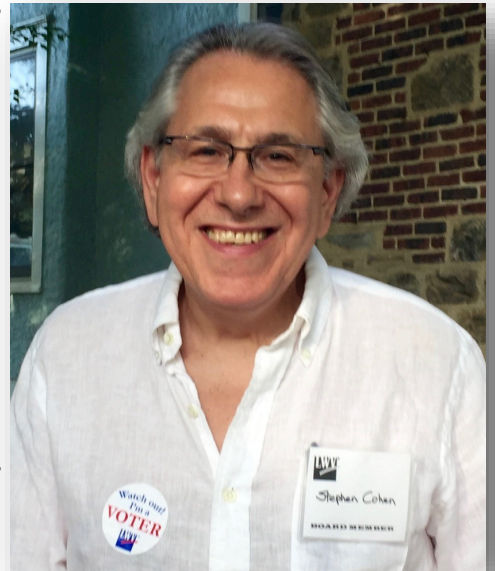
Then it was on to **National Voter Registration Day**. Volunteers from LWVWP along with volunteers from NAACP of White Plains/Greenburgh and the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority were at four area colleges to register voters. Unlike last year when there was overwhelming interest in registering, the total number of new voters was very small. We were all disappointed because every election is important. Especially disheartening were those who wouldn't register for fear of being called for jury duty (false!!) and the future lawyer who told us that in a democracy it is one's right to NOT register (true, but disturbingly cynical). The League is dedicated to encouraging citizens to understand that voting in every election is important and that every vote matters.

Next on the program is the **Candidates Forum** for the general election, scheduled for **Weds., October 25th at White Plains High School from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM**.

The season culminates on Monday November 6th when LWVWP will celebrate the centennial of women achieving the right to vote in New York State elections. We will mark the occasion at the *Give Us the Vote* exhibition at ArtsWestchester's ArtsW gallery. So come join us that evening, and the next day, **Tuesday November 7th, mark the centennial in the best way possible by voting!!**

In League,

Stephen Cohen, President



PLEASE JOIN US OCTOBER 25

FORUM FOR CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL

In support of our mission to provide information about issues and candidates to the public, The League of Women Voters of White Plains will be holding a forum for candidates running for Mayor and Common Council. It will be held on Wednesday, **October 25th, 7 pm – 9:30 pm** at White Plains High School Auditorium and will be co-sponsored by the Woman's Club of White Plains and the White Plains/Greenburgh NAACP.

There are two candidates running for Mayor – Milagros Lecuona (R, C) and Tom Roach (D, WF, IN). There are seven candidates running for three Council seats - Justin Brasch (D, IN), Cass Cibelli (R, REF), Andrew Custodio (R, REF), Alan Goldman (R, C, REF), John Kirkpatrick (D, IN), Michael Kraver (WF), and John Martin (D, IN). All have accepted our invitation to participate.

The forum will begin promptly at 7:00 pm. We anticipate that after introductions and sharing of the ground rules of the event, the candidates for Mayor

will begin the forum, from approximately 7:10 pm to 8:00 pm, followed by the candidates for Common Council, from approximately 8:05 pm to 9:25 pm. (Times may be subject to modification.)

The forum will be recorded for subsequent broadcast by White Plains Community Media.

In accordance with League policy and in order to insure that a wide range of issues are addressed by the candidates, questions will be submitted in writing in one of two ways: by email in advance of the meeting (by NOON on October 25)

to bethkava@gmail.com or at the forum itself. Doors will open at 6:30 pm and cards will be available for audience members to submit questions. Please include your name and address on submissions. Questions will not be taken from the floor.

For questions about the event or additional information please email Beth Kava, using the subject line "Candidate Forum" at bethkava@gmail.com.



Moderator of the LWVWP's Sept. 7th Forum for Candidates Running in the Democratic Primary



NAACP

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WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

November 6, 2017 is the 100th Anniversary of
Woman Suffrage in New York State

LWVNYS was founded on November 19, 1919

LWVUS was founded on February 14, 1920

The 19th Amendment to the US Constitution
(giving American women the right to vote) was
officially certified on August 26, 1920



The LWVWP has begun a new collaboration with Arts Westchester, partnering in an exhibit, Give Us The Vote, opening October 6, at the ArtsW Gallery. Please join LWVWP for a special evening on Monday, November 6 (see details on following page). Over the summer, Curator Kathleen Reckling gave a private tour to League members of its summer exhibit.

Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Suffrage
in New York State

Join the League of Women Voters of White Plains at

Give Us The Vote

A contemporary art exhibit examining the state of
voting rights in America today

Monday, November 6th, 2017

6:00 – 8:00 PM

at ArtsW Gallery
31 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains

Free admission

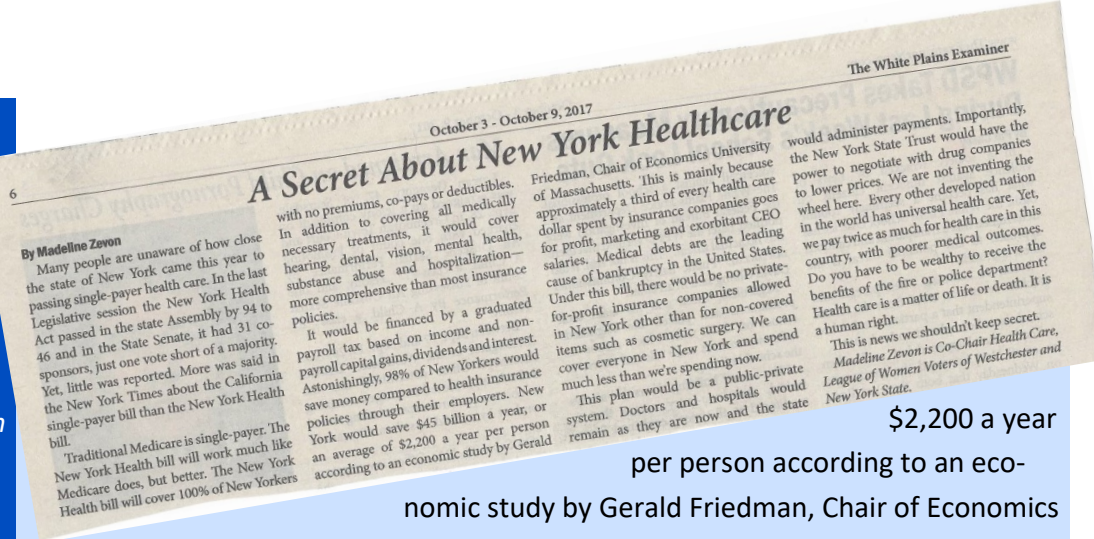
The event is co-sponsored by The League of Women Voters of White Plains and ArtsWestchester



ArtsWestchester's "Give Us The Vote" is inspired by the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in New York State. This contemporary art exhibition features works by 20+ contributing artists who examine the state of voting rights in America today.

The exhibition is made possible thanks to the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature, and Westchester Medical Center.

Madeline Zevon,
LWVWP Publicity
Chair, and co-
Chair, State and
County League's
Health Care Com-
mittee, had this op-
ed piece published in
the White Plains Ex-
aminer.



A SECRET ABOUT NEW YORK HEALTHCARE

Many people are unaware of how close the state of New York came this year to passing single-payer health care. In the last Legislative session the New York Health Act passed in the state Assembly by 94 to 46 and in the State Senate, it had 31 co-sponsors, just one vote short of a majority. Yet, little was reported. More was said in the New York Times about the California single-payer bill than the New York Health bill.

Traditional Medicare is single-payer. The New York Health bill will work much like Medicare does, but better. The New York Health bill will cover 100% of New Yorkers with no premiums, co-pays or deductibles. In addition to covering all medically necessary treatments, it would cover hearing, dental, vision, mental health, substance abuse and hospitalization—more comprehensive than most insurance policies.

It would be financed by a graduated payroll tax based on income and non-payroll capital gains, dividends and interest. Astonishingly, 98% of New Yorkers would save money compared to health insurance policies through their employers. New York would save 45 billion dollars a year, or an average of

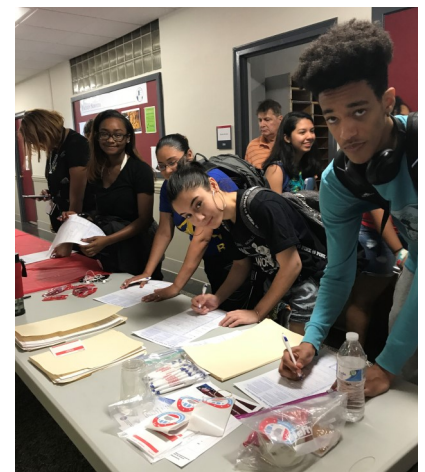
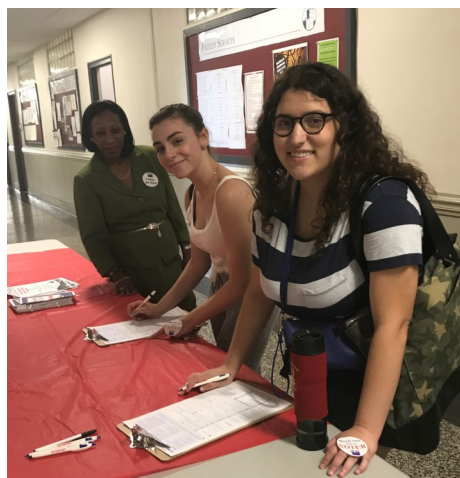
\$2,200 a year per person according to an economic study by Gerald Friedman, Chair of Economics University of Massachusetts. This is mainly because approximately a third of every health care dollar spent by insurance companies goes for profit, marketing and exorbitant CEO salaries. Medical debts are the leading cause of bankruptcy in the United States. Under this bill, there would be no private-for-profit insurance companies allowed in New York other than for non-covered items such as cosmetic surgery. We can cover everyone in New York and spend much less than we're spending now.

This plan would be a public-private system. Doctors and hospitals would remain as they are now and the state would administer payments. Importantly, the New York State Trust would have the power to negotiate with drug companies to lower prices. We are not inventing the wheel here. Every other developed nation in the world has universal health care. Yet, we pay twice as much for health care in this country, with poorer medical outcomes. Do you have to be wealthy to receive the benefits of the fire or police department? Health care is a matter of life or death. It is a human right.

This is news we shouldn't keep secret.

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Scenes from National Voter Registration Day





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MEMBERSHIP

JOIN THE LEAGUE & MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Yes! I/We would like to join the League of Women Voters of White Plains

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

We do not share personal contact information. Since we lobby on issues, dues are not tax deductible.

- ☐ Individual \$55 ☐ Household \$80 (payable to LWV White Plains)
☐ I do not wish to join the League, but please accept my contribution in the amount of \$ _____

Please send checks to: LWWVP, PO Box 2032, White Plains, NY 10602

\$32 of dues goes directly to LWVUS, \$18 goes to LWVNYS, \$2 goes to Westchester County LWV.

Only the remaining \$3 goes to fund local White Plains efforts.

☐ I prefer to receive the Headlines newsletter electronically.

My interests are: ☐ Voter service ☐ Education ☐ Environment ☐ Help with Headlines
 ☐ Health care ☐ Election Reform ☐ Youth ☐ Other _____

For questions or to suggest someone who might be interested in League membership, please contact Membership Chair Doris Dingott, phone: 914-289-0869, email: dldingott@gmail.com

Mission Statement: The League of Women Voters of White Plains is a non-partisan organization that encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.