



President's Letter

We're looking forward to having Kim Siciliano, CEO of Schenectady's YWCA of Northeastern NY, as our guest speaker at the **Annual Dinner at the Turf Tavern on Thursday June 4, 2026 at 5:30 PM**. Kim will tell us about the exciting plans for the YWCA in the coming year.

Included in this bulletin is the proposed budget for 2026-2027. Our fiscal year starts on July 1st. As you'll notice, it's a modest budget. Fortunately, our expenses are minimal. Our biggest expenses are to record candidate forums and to send two delegates to the State League convention next year. Candidate forums are one of the unique services that the League provides to inform voters about the candidates running for office. Sending members to the State or National League conventions is also important to give members a chance to absorb the culture of the League, particularly our core value of nonpartisanship.

The proposed leadership team for 2026-2027 can also be found in the bulletin. We are fortunate to have so many League members willing to step up for the big and little jobs that we depend on to keep our League functioning.

Cheryl Nechamen
President

New Board Meeting Time

In recent years, our board meetings have been held at 3 PM because it's been convenient for many of our members who are retired and do not like to drive at night.

Our board has been discussing changing our meeting times to accommodate working people who may not be able to attend a meeting so early on a weekday. Board members voted and the consensus was that we want to provide opportunities for working members to attend board meetings and that it would be easier to keep track of times--and address night driving concerns--to keep the same time for six months at a stretch.

So, starting **Wednesday, April 8, 2026, we'll be meeting at 6 PM in the McChesney Room**, Karen Johnson Library. The McChesney Room was the only meeting room available on Wednesday evenings. We'll continue meeting at 6 PM from April-September and then switch to 3 PM from October- March. We'll also revisit this decision in six months to see how it's impacted board meeting attendance.

All members are always welcome to attend board meetings. If you'd like to mark your calendars, our board meetings are typically on the second Wednesday of the month.



Voter Services Report

On Saturday, March 21, the League of Women Voters of New York held a regional training in Saratoga. One of the main themes was shifting our focus from just talking about voter registration to a greater emphasis on voting information and getting out the vote. Is it too early? No. So many people pass our voter registration tables saying, "I'm registered." If we leave it at that, we're passing up a chance to engage with voters. The list of topics we can discuss with voters is long. Here are a few to get started: "SAVE" America Act; changes to mail-in voting procedures; the complexity of this year's mid-term elections—governor, state legislature, congressional representatives, AND town and village elections, which have moved to even years.

On the last Sunday of April, we will be at First United Methodist Church on State Street to help with their free breakfast program, and to register voters. Homeless people can vote, and being able to offer voter registration in such a welcoming space makes people feel easier about reclaiming their rights. Our visit in January was a rewarding experience for all the League members who were there. Street Soldiers volunteers have space at the church for donations. Right now, people need cool weather clothing (jackets, windbreakers, sweaters, and sweatshirts) and socks.

Upcoming Opportunities:

- Thursday, April 16, Schenectady High School cafeteria: 11:30 AM-1:15 PM: 1 volunteer needed.
- Monday, April 20, Mohonasen High School, at cafeteria 1 and cafeteria 2, 10:30 AM-1 PM: 2 volunteers needed.
- Sunday, April 26, First United Methodist Church on State Street, 8-9:30am: 2 volunteers to help register voters and 3 or more to help serve breakfast. Breakfast volunteers need to wear a cap and/or hair ties.

If you haven't registered voters -- no worries. You'll be partnered with an experienced League member.

Here's the signup link: [LWV voter registration](#).

Any questions? Contact me at lwvschenectady@gmail.com

*Joan Fucillo
Voter Services*

Advocate for the Environment

Beyond Plastics PRRIA Rally and Lobby Day

Monday, May 11, 10 am- 4 pm

Empire State Plaza – Concourse, Conference Rooms 2, 3, and 4

Come wearing your LWV pin, because this is a LWVNY priority bill.

The Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act (PRRIA), a LWVNY priority bill for several years, ended last year's legislative session within a hair's breadth of passing. We hope for good news from the current legislative session, and you can help! You'll meet people from across the state, hear energizing speakers, and help make a case for this bill in meetings with legislators. For more information, contact Nancy Tudor at nancytudor@gmail.com. **RSVP** no later than May 1.

Plastics, Microplastics, and Human Health: The Race to Scientific Research, Regulation and Personal Care Solutions Webinar

April 16 at 7:00 pm on Zoom

LWVNY is hosting Megan Wolff, PhD, MPH, founder and Executive Director of The *Physician and Scientist Network Addressing Plastics and Health* (P-SNAP), which is a national alliance of professionals acting on the health harms of plastics. Megan will discuss current related science research, steps to passing the **Packaging Reduction and Recycling Infrastructure Act** (S1464/A1749) in 2026 and essential consumer solutions to preserve your health. **[Register Here](#)**.

Clean Energy in NY: Challenges and Opportunities - Update on NYS Climate Legislation Webinar

Thursday, April 16, 2026, 7:00 - 8:30 pm on Zoom

LWV Saratoga is hosting this discussion on New Yorkers facing dual challenges: rising energy costs and the accelerating impacts of climate change. Are we meeting the goals of New York State's signature legislation: **Climate Leadership & Community Protection Act**? If not, what is an alternative plan? What are the challenges and opportunities for solar and wind energy in New York State? [Register Here.](#)

Co-presenters:

Michael Richardson, national Campaigns Director for [Third Act](#), founded by Bill McKibben, an organization of elders using their life experiences, skills, and resources to safeguard the climate and protect democracy.

Katherine Nadeau, Deputy Executive Director, Environmental Advocates of New York. Katherine played a pivotal role in enacting New York's nation-leading Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA).

*Nancy Tudor
Environmental Chair*



JOIN/RENEW

Membership

There are no new members this month. Thanks to everyone who is renewing online, appreciate it!

Membership Updating:

If you have received an email from me, Ellen Daviero, about needing to update your membership and would like help please call, text or email and I would be happy to help! My contact information is lwvschenectady@gmail.com I look forward to hearing from you. You can also [log in or sign up here](#) to join or renew online.

New Tool for Get Out The Vote:

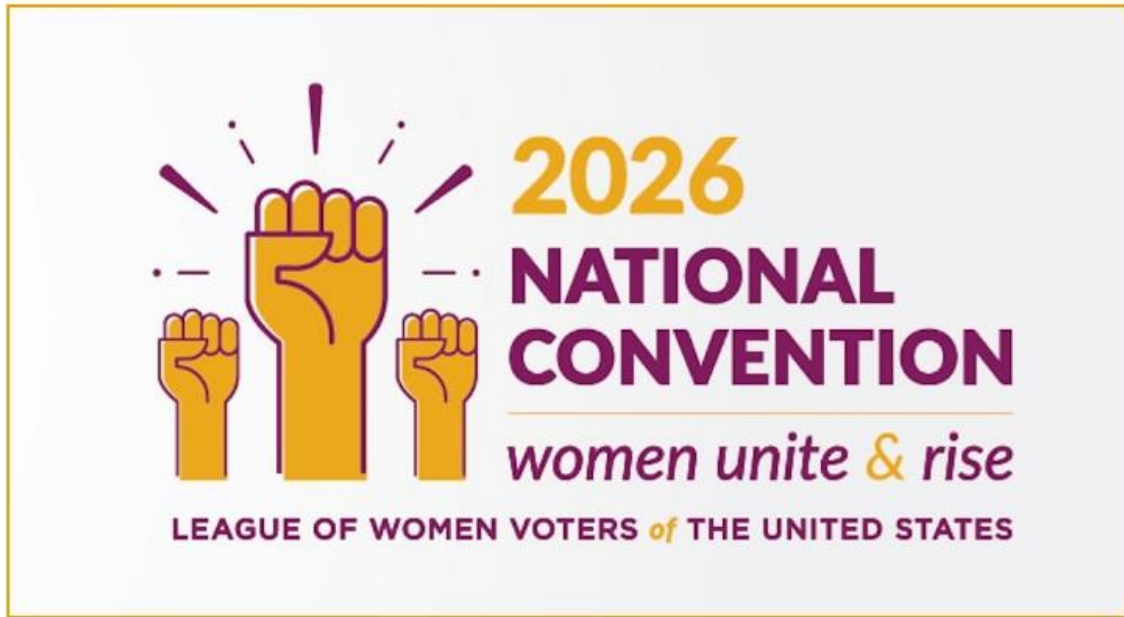
The State League has joined with NYCET(The New York Engagement Table). With this partnership we have access to VAN (Voter Activation Network) providing us with information from voting rolls.

This new tool will allow us to engage with voters to educate and strengthen our GOTV (get out the vote) efforts. It is an online database from public voting rolls.

Anne and I have been working on creating lists throughout the county with registered voters who have not voted in the last 2 elections. We also created a list of 18- to 30-year-old registered voters who have not voted. Our plan is to create a text message to send to encourage them to vote. This message will be created after the primary in June.

If you are interested in this project or a postcard project, please reach out to me at lwvschenectady@gmail.com

Ellen Daviero
Membership



League of Women Voters of the US Convention

The 57th Biennial League of Women Voters National Convention will take place from June 26 to 28, 2026 in Columbus, Ohio. Our Schenectady County League will be sending Kate Rose and Lisa Pritchard to attend in person, but anyone can choose to attend individually at their own expense either in-person or virtually.

Consider registering to attend this powerful multi-day event where League members from across the country come together to network, learn, and chart the course for the next biennium.

Proposed Leaders of LWVSC 2026/2027

President	Joan Fucillo	2027
Vice President	Open	
Treasurer	Janet Hollocher	2027
Secretary	Kathryn Rose	2027
Inside Albany	Maxine Brisport	2027
Voter Services	Cheryl Nechamen	2027
Forums	Liz Yanoff/Cheryl Nechamen	2027
Niskayuna	Heide Westergard/Liz Yanoff	2027
Scotia/Glenville	Connie Young/Ellen Daviero	2027
Rotterdam	Margarets Wexler and Verhayden/Elaine Troy	2027
Schenectady	Nancy Benz/Cheryl Nechamen	2027
Vote 411	Open	
Voter Registration	Cheryl Nechamen /Cindy Engel	2027
	Vicki Hoshko/Connie Young/MaryJane Shave	2027
Bulletin	Katie Beltramo	2027
Roster Manager	Judy Middlekoop	2027
Advocacy/Lobbying	Open	
Nominating Committee	Ellen Daviero /Johanna Peterson/Connie Young	2027
	Sally Knutson/Vicki Hoshko	2027
Membership	Ellen Daviero /Connie Young	2027
	Vicki Hoshko/Johanna Petersen	2027
Community Outreach		
Membership Events	Karen Bradley	2027
Facebook	Anita Sanchez	2027
Website	Judy Middelkoop/Barbara Vivier	2027
Observer Corps	LWV Membership	
At Large Board Members	Cathy Lewis/Heide Westergard	2027
	Vicki Hoshko/Lisa Pritchard	2027
	Kerrie Wolf Piechota/Wendy Bender	2027
Citizen's Police Review Board Representative	Megan Haessig	2027
Committees		
Environment	Nancy Tudor	2027
Immigration Issues	Ann Hatke	2027

Proposed Budget for LWVSC 2026/2027

LWV Schenectady Proposed 2026/2027 Budget	2025-2026 Budget	As of Feb. 28, 2026	Projected 2025-26 Year End Amount	2026-2027 Proposed Budget
INCOME				
A. Dues	1,500.00	855.74	1,255.74	1,300.00
B. Contributions				
1. Membership	500.00	505.25	505.25	500.00
2. Non Member	0.00	85.00	85.00	0.00
3. Earmarked Funds				
a. Youth Voter Registration	500.00	687.50	687.50	750.00
b. Fundraising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
c. Citizenship Mentoring	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
d. Jail Outreach	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00
e. DDDA	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
C. Other Contributions				
1. Interest	12.00	7.30	12.30	12.00
2. Election Monitoring	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3. Meeting Revenue	3,000.00	1,180.00	3,000.00	2,500.00
4. Co-sponsorship/collaboration	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
D. From Reserves				
1. LWVNY Ed Foundation				
a. Youth Programs/Inside Albany	700.00	0.00	650.00	650.00
b. Other Grants	3,600.00	1,311.00	3,135.00	0.00
2. Our Reserves	10,533.00	0.00	TBD	4,193.00
E. Miscellaneous Income	0.00	385.00	385.00	0.00
	Total Income:	21,245.00	5,766.79	11,155.00
EXPENSES				
A. Operating Costs				
1. General Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2. P.O. Box Permit	220.00	216.00	216.00	220.00
3. Bank Charges	30.00	0.00	0.00	30.00
4. Copy Expense	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
5. Bulletin Expense	40.00	0.00	0.00	40.00
6. Web Page	425.00	425.00	425.00	425.00
7. Meeting Expense	3,000.00	1,140.48	3,000.00	2,500.00
	<i>sub total:</i>	<i>3,765.00</i>	<i>1,781.48</i>	<i>3,265.00</i>
B. Board & Admin Committees				
1. President	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
2. Board Tools & Expenses	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
3. Fundraising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4. Membership Committee				
a. Copying/Supplies	30.00	82.36	82.36	84.00
b. Postage	10.00	0.00	0.00	16.00
	<i>sub total:</i>	<i>290.00</i>	<i>82.36</i>	<i>350.00</i>

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C. Delegates					
	1. State Convention	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
	2. National Convention	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00
	<i>sub total:</i>	<i>5,000.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>5,000.00</i>	<i>2,000.00</i>
D. Financial Support of the League					
	1. National PMP	3,616.00	912.00	3,616.00	0.00
	2. State PMP	2,599.00	1,966.50	2,599.00	0.00
	<i>sub total</i>	<i>6,215.00</i>	<i>2,878.50</i>	<i>6,215.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>
E. Educational Activities					
	1. Environmental Committee	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	2. Observer/Action/Lobbying	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	3. Judicial	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	4. Youth Programs/Inside Albany	650.00	0.00	650.00	650.00
	5. Voter Services				
	a. Voter Resources	1,000.00	239.38	500.00	650.00
	b. Take Me To Vote	100.00	39.31	39.31	40.00
	c. Candidate Forums	2,000.00	2,018.53	2,018.53	2,300.00
	d. GOTV	500.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
	6. Other Studies/Consensus	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	7. Youth Voter Registration	500.00	0.00	687.00	750.00
	8. Citizenship Mentoring	150.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
	9. Jail Outreach	750.00	0.00	750.00	750.00
	10. Community Outreach	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
	<i>sub total:</i>	<i>5,750.00</i>	<i>2,297.22</i>	<i>4,644.84</i>	<i>5,440.00</i>
F. Position Support					
	1. Affiliation				
	a. Schenectady Foundation	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	b. Human Rights Commission	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	2. Co-sponsorship/collaboration	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
	<i>sub total:</i>	<i>200.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>100.00</i>
G. Miscellaneous					
	2. Other Expenses	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	<i>sub total:</i>	<i>25.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>
	Total Expenses:	21,245.00	7,039.56	19,583.20	11,155.00

Mission Statement

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization. We encourage the informed and active participation of citizens in government. We work to increase the understanding of major public policy issues and influence public policy through education and advocacy.

“Empowering Voters, Defending Democracy”

Mark Your Calendar

- Wednesday, April 8, 2026: L WVSC Board Meeting at 6 pm in the McChesney Room at the Karen Johnson Library (Main Downtown Schenectady Public Library Branch) - just show up!
- Thursday, April 23, 2026: Deadline to submit items for this Bulletin. Email submissions to Katie Beltramo at lwvschenectady@gmail.com
- Monday, May 11: Beyond Plastics PRRIA Rally and Lobby Day from 10 am- 4 pm at Empire State Plaza [RSVP](#) by May 1.
- Wednesday, May 13, 2026: L WVSC Board Meeting at 6 pm in the Swanker Board Room at the Karen Johnson Library (Main Downtown Schenectady Public Library Branch) - just show up!
- Tuesday, May 19, 2026: Democracy During Detention Act panel discussion at 6 pm at Sycamore Collaborative
- Thursday June 4, 2026: L WVSC Annual Dinner at the Turf Tavern
- Friday, June 26-Sunday, June 28, 2026: National L WV Convention in Columbus, OH - [learn more & register](#).

Board Members

President: Cheryl Nechamen

Vice President: Joan Fucillo

Voter Services Chair: Joan Fucillo

Membership: Ellen Daviero

Secretary: Kate Rose

Bulletin Editor: Katie Beltramo