

**Letter from the President – June 2023**

Dear LWVSC Friends,

June is both a beginning and an end – the end of the LWV fiscal year and the beginning of a new one. But that’s not all that’s beginning for our League as we will begin ramping up our voter service activities, signing up to volunteer at GOTV events, and working to see how many people we can register to become new voters in our community. Be sure to watch for news from the Voter Services team – and remember, we need your expert help!

We have a June holiday coming up soon, too – Flag Day. There is both a reading sentence and a writing sentence about Flag Day on the US Citizenship exam: Question: When is Flag Day? Answer: Flag Day is in June. There are many civics questions about the flag, including what do we show loyalty to when we say the Pledge of Allegiance? There are 2 correct answers to this question: The United States, or The Flag.

In 1777, John Adams announced:

“Resolved, that the flag of the thirteen United States shall be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the Union be thirteen stars, white on a blue field, representing a new constellation.” There have been twenty-seven official versions of the flag so far; stars have been added to it as states have entered the Union. The current version dates to July 4, 1960, when Hawaii became the 50th state. Flag Day is always celebrated on June 14, the day the flag was first adopted in 1777.



Wishing you a happy Flag Day and a glorious summer...  
In League,

Ann Hatke

**LAST CHANCE TO RSVP!**

**& Please Join Us  
for the LWVSC Annual June Dinner Meeting  
Thursday, June 15 at 5:30 pm  
Turf Tavern in Scotia**

**House Salad  
Choice of Entrée: Tuscan Chicken (GT)  
Baked Scrod (GTA)  
Eggplant Parmesan (V)  
Dessert: Tuxedo Mousse Cake  
Coffee or Tea  
Cost per member: \$35.00~ cash or check\*  
Cash Bar**

**Please RSVP with your entrée choice no later than May 31 to:  
Cheryl Nechamen at [lwvschenectady@gmail.com](mailto:lwvschenectady@gmail.com)**

**It's Graduation Time!**

Do you know a college student getting ready to graduate? Give them the lifelong gift of voting. Help a young person register to vote and learn about absentee ballots.

Need the perfect graduation gift for a high school or college grad? How about a League membership? And throw in an absentee ballot application for when they go away to school!

Only 27% of young people (under 30) voted in the 2022 midterms. Based on research conducted by the Tufts University Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning and Engagement, lack of information about the voting process is their biggest barrier. Ten per cent of young voters missed registration deadlines, while 37% said they forgot or were too busy on Election Day. More than 20% said they didn't have enough information about when or where to register and vote.

Students heading to college have a lot on their minds. When November rolls around, it will catch these young voters far from their polling places. Most aren't even registered. Few understand the complicated process of applying for an absentee ballot.

Spread the word to every mom and dad, grandma, grandpa, aunt and uncle: get your freshman registered and ready to vote in November, absentee if necessary.

### Voter Services

Primary elections will be held on June 27, with early voting from June 17- 25.

Niskayuna has a primary for the Conservative Party for the position of Town Supervisor. The candidates are Brian Backus and Jaime Lynn Puccioni.

In the town of Rotterdam, four Conservative Party candidates are competing for 2 seats on the Town Board. The candidates are Teri Gallucci, Spencer Lanning, Michael Martell and Ronald Schlag.

The City of Schenectady has a Democratic primary for Mayor between Gary McCarthy and Marion Porterfield. Schenectady also has a Working Families primary for Mayor between Marion Porterfield and Edward Varno.

And lastly, County Legislature District 4 (Rotterdam) has a Conservative primary for 2 seats between Sarah Gwiazdowski, Anthony Jasenski Sr. and Holly Vellano.

Early voting times and locations will most likely be the same as for last year. Check the Board of Elections website for details at <https://www.schenectadycounty.com/boe>.

*Cheryl Nechamen, Voter Services Chair*

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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”**

**It's June - Time to renew**

**If you haven't already done so, don't forget to renew your League membership – we need YOU. If you don't have a chance to renew at the June dinner, please mail your check and renewal form to:**

**LWV Schenectady County  
PO Box 9135  
Schenectady, NY 12309**

**Thank You!**

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Our League goals are to educate citizens about government and public policy, encourage citizen participation in elections, and influence public policy relating to issues we've studied. Membership makes working on our goals possible.

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**Membership for July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024**  
Return to: LWV of Schenectady County, P.O. Box 9135, Schenectady, NY 12309  
***New or Renewing Members Please Confirm This Contact Information***

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$60 Individual \_\_\_\_\_ \$85 Household \_\_\_\_\_ No Fee Full-time student  
Additional support for the League, dues plus \$10 contribution (\$70 or \$95 – circle one)  
Confidential arrangements for special payment or partial assistance can be made. Contact Connie Young at 393-7061 with questions about dues or payments. Dues and contributions are not tax deductible.

\_\_\_ I am sending my membership dues payment, but please consider me an **INACTIVE** member.  
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**ACTIVE MEMBERS:** The League depends upon the work of its members, even if for just a short task. Please check any areas that interest you. We appreciate your help.

**Register Voters** \_\_\_\_\_ **Candidate Forums** \_\_\_\_\_ **Get Out the Vote** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Citizenship Mentoring Group** \_\_\_\_\_ **Environment** \_\_\_\_\_ **Students Inside Albany** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Observer Corps** \_\_\_\_\_ **Judicial** \_\_\_\_\_ **Health** \_\_\_\_\_ **Membership** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Facebook** \_\_\_\_\_ **Website Work** \_\_\_\_\_ **Other Technical Skills (Describe)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other areas of interest** \_\_\_\_\_