



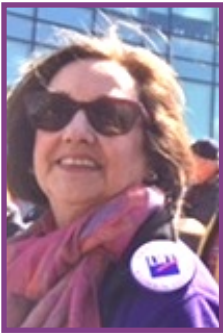
NEWS FROM THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW ROCHELLE **MAY 2018**

WHAT WE DO

The League provides information on community issues through our monthly *Coffee & Conversation* speakers and through interviews on our cable program, *City People and Issues*. We organize events to introduce candidates for state and local office and we encourage voters to submit their questions for debate. Young people are introduced to political careers through our state and county League programs, including *Students in Albany*. The League also registers voters and disseminates information about voting, to help make this basic right of citizenship a reality for every citizen.



VOTER REGISTRATION AT IONA PREP



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We hope you enjoyed the enhanced format introduced in last month's newsletter. I want to thank our editor, Leslie Mignault, for bringing you a more visually attractive, readable and informative edition. We welcome your comments and suggestions.

On Tuesday, May 15, voters have an opportunity to elect two new members to the New Rochelle City School District Board of Education, and to elect four members to the Board of Trustees of the New Rochelle Public Library. Voters will also decide whether to adopt the proposed \$273 million school budget and the almost \$6 million library budget. Historically, the turnout for these elections and budget decisions has been characterized as "low" - a mere 10-12%!! The school budget accounts for more than half the total annual tax paid by property owners. More importantly, however, decisions on the budget and on the selection of the school's policy makers directly impact the current and future lives of almost 11,000 children.

The NRPL, a mainstay in the vibrancy of our community, continues to face significant financial challenges in providing services. The newly elected members will constitute a majority on a Board that will have far-reaching decisions to make in charting a course for the Library as it moves forward in the center of downtown development. You need not have children currently in the school system to have a vested interest in this election. What happens in our schools and libraries is critical to the life of our city now, and perhaps to our nation in the future. Become informed: attend the League's Candidates' Debate on May 7th, watch the recorded replay, access material online at LWVNewRo.org, nred.org, and nrpl.org. Then, grab a friend, nudge a neighbor, and **go vote** on May 15th! --MONICA

LWV-NR FORUM FOR SCHOOL AND LIBRARY CANDIDATES TO BE HELD MAY 7th AT NEW ROCHELLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The League of Women Voters of New Rochelle will hold a Candidates Forum for contenders for seats on the city's Board of Education and New Rochelle Public Library Board of Trustees on Monday evening, May 7, in the library's Ossie Davis Auditorium, 1 Library Plaza. The election for the boards and the vote on school and library budgets will be Tuesday, May 15.

Eight candidates will be running for two seats on the School Board and five candidates are seeking four open seats on the Library Board.

The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. The Library Board candidates will speak and answer questions at 6 p.m. and the School Board candidates will do so starting at 7:30 p.m. The Forum's moderator will be from outside the city. The public may offer written questions at the event up until the start of the program, or e-mail them ahead to lwnewrochelle@gmail.com.

For the four openings on the Library Board, incumbent Quentin S. Jacobs is seeking re-election. Whitney Barrat and Daniel Bonnet, who had been appointed to replace two trustees who resigned, are seeking election; and the two remaining candidates are Corey L. Galloway, and Sarah Cullen Langlois. The two candidates with the most votes will serve full 5-year terms, the next two will complete the two unexpired 1-year terms.

The eight candidates for the two School Board positions are Adrienne Moses, Christopher Daniello, David Peters, Valerie Samn, Julia Muggia Ochs, Jakub Lau, Vincent J. Malfetano, and Heriberto Contreras. One seat is for a new 5-year term and the other will complete a two-year term on the nine person board.

The event will be video recorded and replayed on Cablevision channel 77 and FIOS channel 30 on a schedule to be announced. It will also be available on the internet on demand and the link will be announced.

For more information, contact Joan Alexander at royjoanalex@yahoo.com.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS PRESENTS COFFEE AND CONVERSATION IN MAY



On May 18th, New Rochelle Mayor Noam Bramson will discuss the State of Affairs of New Rochelle. He will also answer questions from the audience. Coffee, tea, and light breakfast will be served. The informal public meeting, open to all, is held in the New Rochelle Public Library's first floor meeting room.

At "Running and Winning," Elected Officials Encourage Teen Girls to Seek Community Service and Elected Office

Olivia Kelly, Alanna Reid, and Kimberly Collins from NRHS were among the 43 young women from high schools throughout Westchester who gathered for the seventh annual "Running and Winning" workshop on April 19 at the White plains YWCA, where they listened to 16 female elected officials share their stories of their journeys to elected office.

The workshop was sponsored by three women's groups known for empowering women: The League of Women Voters of Westchester, the American Association of University Women of Westchester, and the YWCA of White Plains and Central Westchester. The Westchester Community Foundation funded the workshop.

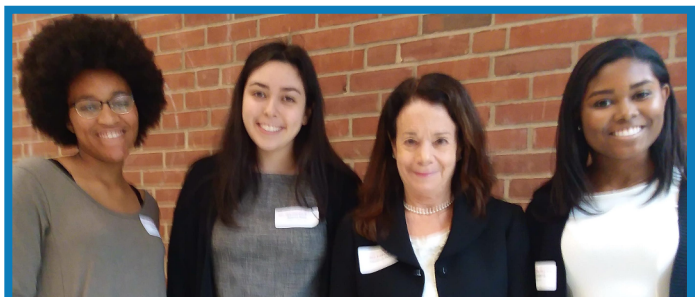
During the morning session, the elected officials told the students about their paths to becoming active in the community, often with no thought that it would lead them to later run for office. They then individually joined small groups of girls to talk further and to answer questions. Common themes expressed in these sessions were that women were less assertive than men about the decision to run, often started as volunteers, and eventually realized they could get more done if elected. Importantly, they believed that women brought a unique perspective to many civic and political issues.

Groups of 4-5 students then created a local political campaign focusing on one of three issues: an immigration center, community swimming pool, or a recycling center, choosing a candidate and dividing up the different jobs in a campaign. In the afternoon session, each group presented its campaign and poster as the other groups listened.

Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Democratic Conference Leader of the New York State Senate and the first woman to lead a legislative conference in New York State, is an annual participant in this event. She told the girls she did many things--teaching, journalism, public relations, raising a family and volunteering—before running for office (for a district that includes part of New Rochelle) became a natural next step.

Catherine Parker, who represents part of New Rochelle and other Sound Shore communities, was one of eight county legislators attending. Liz Fried, the lone woman on the New Rochelle City Council and one of several city, town and village officials, was impressed with the event. "I wish I could have experienced something like this when I was in high school," she said. "I learned a lot listening to the other women's stories."

Student evaluations were enthusiastic. NRHS AP Government teacher Deborah Minchin emailed, "Thank you. My girls had a great day."



Left to right: Olivia Kelly, Alanna Reid, Councilwoman Liz Fried, Kimberly Collins

LWV-NR DEBATES FOR SPECIAL ELECTIONS

The LWV-NR, along with LWV-WP and LWV-Larchmont/Mamaroneck, sponsored back-to-back debates on Monday, April 16 for candidates in an April 24 special election for two offices.

The debates took place in New Rochelle City Council Chambers (right) and were video recorded. Timekeeper was Liz Fried. NRTV recorded the debates.

A link to the debate between Julie Killian (Republican) and Shelley Mayer (Democrat) for the New York State Senate District 37 seat can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2HE7Nhh>.



A link to the debate between Terry Clements (Democrat) and James Freeman (Republican) for Westchester County District 11 legislator can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2FmmbtT>.

MAYER, CLEMENTS TAKE SEATS IN APRIL 24th SPECIAL ELECTIONS

Democrats were the big winners Tuesday in the two special elections resulting from the election of George Latimer, Westchester county executive, in January. State Assemblywoman Shelley Mayer, D-Yonkers, will move over to the state Senate after winning the special election for Senate District 37. She beat former Rye City Councilwoman Julie Killian 58 percent to 42 percent.



Voters in District 11, containing parts of New Rochelle and Pelham, also chose a Democrat to fill a long-held Republican county legislator seat, vacated when Jim Maisano became director of the county Department of Consumer Protection. New

Rochelle's Columbus School teacher Terry Clements bested Republican attorney Jim Freeman 53 percent to 47 percent.



-- Adapted from Patch, 4/25/2018

VOTER SERVICE COMMITTEE UPDATE

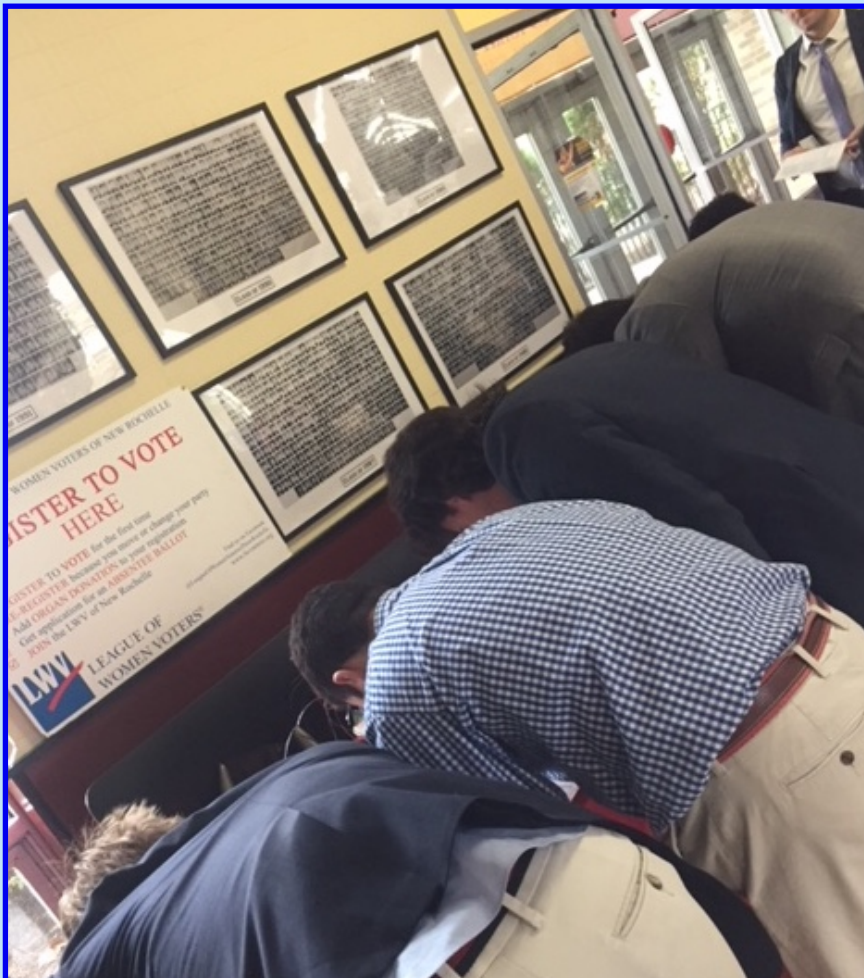
Thank you to all our LWV-NR Voter Service volunteers! We have been busy registering new voters in high schools and colleges in New Rochelle and Pelham, and the effort will continue through October, in response to the upcoming primaries and the election on November 6th.

Our focus in May and June will be the Big Book Sale at the Library and both Farmers Markets. We can use volunteers at the Big Book Sale on May 4-5, June 1-2, July 5-6, and August 2-3, any time between 10-4.

The Friday DOWN TO EARTH Farmers market is opening June 1st at its new location in front of City Hall. The Saturday Farmers Market at Library Green opens June 2nd. We'll need volunteers between 10-2 at these venues throughout the summer and early fall.

We'll be registering voters at Monroe College this summer. There is also an opportunity to volunteer at the Pleasantville music festival on July 14th along with other local Leagues.

Please contact Joan Alexander at 914 632-2308 or at royjoanalex@yahoo.com if you would like to volunteer and/or have an additional venue to suggest.



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER!

Deadlines to register for state and local primary elections and general elections, and deadlines to obtain absentee ballots for the September primaries and upcoming November 6th general election, can be found at :

<https://on.ny.gov/2jeVxK2>

(Left) Group Voter Registration at Iona Prep

MUNICIPAL HOUSING ELECTION ON MAY 1ST

Volunteers from LWV of New Rochelle conducted a New Rochelle Municipal Housing Authority election on May 1st to choose two tenants from the four resident buildings as tenant commissioners to the MHA. The League volunteers were Ina Aronow, Pearl Quarles, Cindy Kahn, Marilyn



(L-R) Marilyn Brown, Ina Aronow, Pearl Quarles

Brown, John Hessel, Pat Carter, and Monica Grey. They helped sign people in, checked voter identity against a roster, supplied voters with paper ballots, observed the voting process, and counted the votes.

The election was held in the community room of the senior housing building at 50 Sickles Avenue. The two tenants elected to the MHA were Shirley Oakley and Anea Benjamin.

APRIL COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Gina D'Agrosa, New Rochelle's Deputy Commissioner for Economic Development, was the featured speaker at Coffee



and Conversation on April 20th. She talked about New Rochelle's economic development and took questions from the audience in the New Rochelle Public Library's first floor meeting room.

LOCAL STUDENTS TO ATTEND STUDENTS INSIDE ALBANY PROGRAM

Elizabeth Crocker and Sophie Goldman, juniors at New Rochelle High School, have been chosen to attend this year's *Students Inside Albany* program, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of New York State Education Foundation, Inc.

This 18th annual *Students Inside Albany* program will take place from May 20-23, and will bring approximately 60 students from across the state to Albany to get a first-hand education about their state government.

The program is designed to increase high school students' awareness of their responsibility in representative government and to provide information about the tools necessary for meeting that responsibility.

While at the conference, students will join their peers in a hands-on learning experience about how state government works. Students will participate in a series of interactive lectures on topics such as the state budget process, the role of lobbyists in the legislative process, citizen rights to access government information, the role of media in politics, and the move to reform state government.

While in Albany, the students will have an opportunity to tour the state's Capitol. The highlight for most students is the opportunity to shadow Senators and Assembly members for an afternoon attending session on the Chamber floor. This year, in celebration of the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in NY State, LWVNR opted to underwrite the cost of sending a second student to this valuable program.

NEW ROCHELLE NEWS

TURN ON THE LIGHTS AT HUDSON PARK BANDSHELL

The band shell at New Rochelle's historic Hudson Park will once again be filled with the "sound of music" as the New Rochelle Council on the Arts (NRCA) presents its annual summer concert series starting June 27th. This year NRCA is hoping to shine a light on the free concerts at Hudson Park Bandshell by updating the antiquated lighting system. NRCA is asking for donations to its "Turn on the Lights for the Sounds of Summer" Campaign. "No donation is too big or small," says NRCA President Theresa Kump Leghorn. "Our goal is to raise \$25,000. Won't you help us turn on the lights?" As a special thank you, NRCA will send contributors, via email, a sneak preview of the NRCA Summer Sounds Concert line up. Contributions can be made at www.newrochellearts.org.

NRPL LOCATION CONTROVERSY; KEY ELECTION ON MAY 15th

In 1979, when the New Rochelle Public Library relocated to the geographic center of New Rochelle, that seemed to settle the ongoing debate over whether its location favored one segment of the City over another. Today, the Library's location is again a subject of controversy. As part of the City's overall redevelopment plan, RXR recommended a zoning overlay that called for the highest commercial density to be in the city's central district, where the NRPL is located. RXR has offered to fund a consultant of the Library Board's choosing to provide a valuation of the development rights associated with the library property.

Some NR residents have interpreted that agreement as a signal that the process will lead to the library being torn down, relocated, or moved to the bottom of a high-rise building from which the NRPL will lease space. The Library Board in a 3/28/18 [statement](#) explained that "the provision of funds ... in exploration of a public/private partnership is common practice." In exchange for the funding, the Board would have to agree not to speak with any other potential developers of the property for a period of nine months. Going forward, the Board statement reads, "discussion would likely commence regarding a detailed needs assessment for an enhanced facility and potential redevelopment opportunities. Any next step would involve an additional agreement that would be discussed and voted on by the Board."

New Rochelle residents, wherever they stand on this issue, have a unique opportunity to participate in the process, since four of the seven library trustee positions are up for a vote on May 15th; two as regularly scheduled five-year term positions and two to fill the final year of vacancies caused by resignations. To learn more:

- Attend the [LWV Candidates Forum on May 7th](#) in the library's Ossie Davis Auditorium
- Attend the library's Board of Trustees meetings in the Ossie Davis Theater on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. <http://nrpl.org/about/board/>
- View the petition <https://www.thepetitionsite.com/361/154/816/save-our-library/>

LWV of New York State: VOTING RIGHTS IN THE NEWS

VOTING PACKAGE PASSES IN ASSEMBLY

This week the state Assembly passed a small package of voting reforms. The package included early voting, no-excuse absentee voting, electronic registration, and closing the LLC loophole (technically a campaign finance issue). We were very excited to see bi-partisan support from the Assembly on no-excuse absentee voting. This reform would amend the Constitution to remove the requirement of an "excuse" to vote via absentee. Constitutional amendments require passage during two legislative sessions with a state-wide election in-between. This year would be the ideal year to pass this amendment.

Many Assembly Republicans likened absentee voting to early voting, which we don't necessarily agree with, but we were happy to see so many of them vote in favor of the bill! You can read more about the Assembly's package [here](#). --LWVNYS 4/30/18

EXECUTIVE ORDER RESTORING PAROLEE'S VOTING RIGHTS

We were very excited this week when Governor Cuomo announced he was issuing an executive order to restore parolee's right to vote. It was only within the last month that the State League Board accepted a recommendation by the Issues Committee to support this reform. Up until this point, we did not believe that the National position on voting rights covered restoring parolees' right to vote. We reviewed the position again after being asked about our position by several Local Leagues and other good-government organizations. We found that several other states supported this reform and we were able to approve our own support in March.

The executive order will allow the Governor to "pardon" all parolees so that their right to vote will be restored. Although we are pleased the Governor has taken the lead on this reform, we have many concerns over the actual roll out. There are no clear guidelines as to how or when the Governor will sign these commutations. There are also no clear deadlines as to when parolees' voting right will actually be restored. We are fearful that there will not be an adequate mechanism in place to alert parolees when their right has been restored. A lag between the time in which the commutation is signed and a parolee re-registered has the potential to prevent some parolees from exercising their opportunity to vote.

Next week, the Assembly Elections Committee will be taking up legislation that would amend election law to allow parolees to regain their right to vote immediately after serving their sentence. This bill will ensure that parolees are re-registered immediately and that they are informed their voting right has been restored in a timely manner. We will support this legislation and urge its passage. --LWVNYS 4/30/18

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May 20, 2018
8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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www.WoodlawnTours.org






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The League depends on the work and financial support of all of its to carry out its programs. Membership is open to women and men of voting age. Joining our local league confers membership in the State and National Leagues, enables you to receive publications from all three levels with access to members-only online resources, and provides the opportunity to be involved in local, state and national issues.

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