



Letter from the President - November 2023

Dear LWVSC Friends,

Did you know that the League of Women Voters is on a “transformation journey”? Begun in 2016, the League has been working hard to review its By-Laws, assess its organizational structure, and confirm its commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Using surveys, working groups, and board discussions (local, state, and national) LWV has been developing a new structural framework. Implementation of this new structure has begun, and Framing the Future has been the theme for 2023.

One of the plans of the “framing” will affect local Leagues, State Leagues, and the national League itself. LWV will institute a new national dues structure. The goal is to streamline the way we pay our dues which has become cumbersome for many Leagues and labor intensive for everyone. Here are some of the basic points of this new process that should take place at some point in 2024-2025:

- Dues will be set at \$75 for single memberships for all Leagues. Family memberships will be set at \$112.50. Up to now, each League set their own dues amount.
- Both new and continuing members will be given the choice to “pay what you want” with a minimum dues amount being \$20.
- There will be no change for Life Members (those who have been members for 50 or more years). Life members do not pay dues.
- If possible, all members will be asked to join or renew online. Local Leagues like ours may continue to accept checks for dues payment; however, this will be a slower process.
- All dues will go directly to the national organization LWVUS, which will retain 33%, pay out 47% to State Leagues, and 20% to local Leagues. Local Leagues should see an increase of what they are now receiving under the current membership process.

This is still a work in progress, so additional information will be forthcoming over the coming months, and I will keep you posted. We all look forward to a smooth transition.

In League,

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General Elections 2023

On November 7, we'll be voting for local elected officials:

Supreme Court Justice

Schenectady: Mayor, City Council, County Legislature District 1 and 2, Family Court Judge

Glenville: Town Board, County Legislature District 3

Niskayuna: Town Supervisor, Town Board, County Legislature District 3

Rotterdam: Town Supervisor, Town Council, County Legislature District 4

To find out who's running in your district, go to the Board of Elections website at

<https://www.schenectadycountyny.gov/sites/default/files/BOE/Sample%20Ballots%20GE23%20for%20website.pdf>

Early Voting

When can I vote early?

Early Voting for the November 7, 2023 general election will be from: **Saturday, October 28 through Sunday, November 5.**

Where can I vote early?

In Schenectady County, the early voting poll sites will be:

Hon. Karen B. Johnson Library
Central Branch, 99 Clinton Street
Schenectady, NY 12305

Glenville Senior Center
32 Worden Road
Glenville, NY 12302

South Schenectady Fire Station
6 Old Mariaville Rd.
Rotterdam, NY 12306

Niskayuna Town Hall
1 Niskayuna Circle
Niskayuna, NY 12309

All voters can vote at any of the early voting locations within Schenectady County during the following hours:

Saturday, October 28, 2023
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 29, 2023
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Monday, October 30, 2023
Noon – 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 31, 2023
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 1, 2023
Noon – 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 2, 2023
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday, November 3, 2023
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 4, 2023
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 5, 2023
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Cheryl Nechamen
Voter Services Chair

Register to vote, find your polling place, look up your ballot, and more at [VOTE411.org](https://www.vote411.org).



*Don't forget!
Save the Date!*

*LWVSC
Holiday
Luncheon*

You are invited to the LWVSC Holiday Luncheon

Wednesday, December 6 at 11:30 am

Turf Tavern ~ 40 Mohawk Avenue ~ Scotia

Entree Choices:

Chicken Milanese, Panko Tilapia, or Eggplant Parmesan

RSVP to Ann Hatke

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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”

Don't forget 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.



**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.



**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** \_\_\_\_\_