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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
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May 10th at 6 p.m.
Domus Fare
Restaurant
In Fredonia

In addition, to enjoying a lovely dinner, electing officers, approving a budget we will learn more about New York State's Climate Action Plan.

See page 3 for menu choices and cost. We will be paying individually.

BUT, please let us know if you are attending to be sure all menu choices are available.

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New Yorkers for Clean Power (NYCP) is a statewide collaborative campaign to rapidly shift to a clean energy economy. Through education, advocacy and organizing, the campaign engages the public, local governments and businesses to advance a range of renewable energy, energy efficiency, heat pumps and clean transportation solutions.

NYCP is focused on advancing solar, wind, energy efficiency, electric vehicles, renewable heating and cooling, as well as creating jobs in these industries for all communities in New York.

From the President

LWV Positions on Gun Safety

The LWV of the United States' position is to protect the health and safety of citizens through limiting the accessibility and regulating the ownership of handguns and semi-automatic weapons. The LWVUS supports regulation of firearms for consumer safety.

Do you remember when we had to get under our desks in case of an atom bomb attack? Well, I do. It is nothing compared to what our children, and perhaps grandchildren, are experiencing now. We have many things to discuss and learn about as a group, but this issue stands front and center for me right now. Is this the new norm? I agree with the Martin Luther King, Jr. statement about being “creatively maladjusted”, refusing to accept school shootings as the norm. I am devastated, grieving, and trying to process the loss of children to gun violence in our schools and on our streets. Why are we choosing guns over children and why is there inactivity on Capitol Hill? We owe these slain children something.

- Ban assault weapons
- Require universal background checks for the purchase of guns
- Fund peace and violence prevention programs in local communities
- Have rigorous investigation of “Swatting.” This is calling in threats of school shootings.

I have been a member of the Children’s Defense Fund for decades. They report that firearms are the leading cause of death for children in our country. Just try and process that. There have been more mass shootings than days in the year in 2023 (CDF, March 31, 2023). The Children’s Defense Fund calls to #Protect Children Not Guns. We too can call or write our state legislators and congressman to work for the four advancements in gun legislation.

Warmly,
Mary Croxton
President, League of Women Voters Chautauqua

For more information about the League of Women Voters of Chautauqua County, and to become a member, visit <http://www.lwvchautauqua.org>; follow us on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/leagueofwomenvoterschautauqua/>; subscribe to our YouTube



Lisa Marshall, Director of Advocacy and Organizing, New Yorkers for Clean Power

Lisa joined the NYCP team after serving as Program Director of [HeatSmart Tompkins](#), New York's first and most successful Clean Heating and Cooling community program. As HeatSmart Director, Lisa implemented education and outreach about heat pumps and other building energy efficiency measures as well as providing direct support to households, businesses, and municipalities implementing building decarbonization. Under her leadership, HeatSmart Tompkins doubled previous program participation and dramatically increased the proportion of low-to-moderate homes getting heat pumps installed.

Prior to HeatSmart Tompkins, Lisa worked as a community organizer with the climate organization [Mothers Out Front](#) where she built and supported multiple local organizing teams around

New York State. As a community organizer, she recruited and trained volunteers and helped them to shape, execute, and win local climate campaigns. She also collaborated with allies on multiple statewide campaigns and mobilizations. Within Mothers Out Front, she helped to architect and launch a multi-state "Beyond Gas" campaign.

A long-time member of the [Renewable Heat Now](#) campaign team, Lisa has been at the forefront of advocacy for building energy efficiency and heat pump adoption policy at the state level where she advocated effectively for bringing affordable, equitable building electrification to scale through education and outreach, messaging, lobbying and building grassroots pressure on elected officials and state agencies.

Lisa's long-standing interest in climate change began decades ago when she wrote her first high school research paper on global warming. In graduate school, her research focused on changes in soil biogeochemistry due to climate and desertification. It wasn't until moving to NY's Southern Tier and buying a home that was leased to a gas company, that she became directly involved in climate and energy advocacy. Lisa holds an M.S. in Earth Science from Dartmouth College and a B.A. in Geology from Claremont McKenna College (via Pomona College).

Dinner Menu

Appetizers

House, Caesar, Greek or Harvest Salad 6

Turkey Noodle Soup 6

Entrees

Beef Tenderloin Tips: Choice beef tenderloin tips, grilled and simmered in a rich beef gravy with caramelized onions & mushrooms; served with mashed potatoes & grilled asparagus 24

Crab Cakes & Risotto: Two house made Maryland style crab cakes, served with risotto tossed with sundried tomatoes & baby spinach; drizzled with asiago cream sauce 25

Bacon Blue Burger: Black Angus Burger, crumbled blue cheese, bacon, organic greens, tomatoes, red onions & mayo; with French fries 15

Vegan Falafel Hummus Wrap: Father Sam tortilla stuffed with house made hummus, falafel, organic greens, tomatoes, red onions, banana peppers and Greek dressing; served with French fries 13

Desserts

Tiramisu 5.5 Peanut Butter Pie 6.5



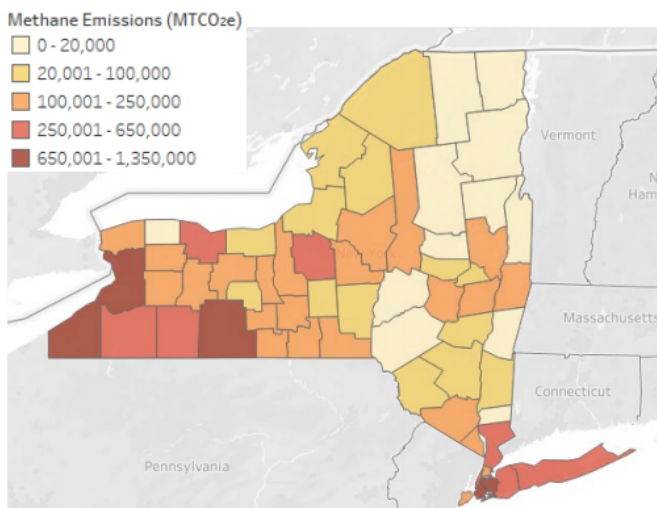
Climate Legislation Under Attack

This week, Senator Parker and Assemblymember Barrett, introduced S6030 which would have a disastrous impact on NY State's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA). The

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CLCPA measures greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions using a 20-year time frame. Heat trapping methane emissions, which account for approximately one-quarter of global warming effects today, present the greatest planetary harm in the first 20 years after release.



This measurement standard is a critical feature of the law. To the left is a map of methane emissions by county in NYS in 2018, 2019, and 2020.

Senate Bill 6030 would adjust New York's greenhouse gas emissions accounting system. If enacted it would measure emissions using a 100-year calculation, which would mask the actual damage to our climate.

This change would delay harmful emissions reductions and prolong unacceptable conditions that pollute, provoke extreme weather and could potentially trigger irreversible climate effects. The role of human generated GHG must be addressed aggressively and cannot be delayed. The NYS League strongly opposes the recently proposed bill and wrote a memo of opposition which you can read [here](#). Read more about the issue [here](#).

Later this week, the Governor announced that S6030 would be taken out of budget negotiations, but that does not mean that the bill can't move once the budget has passed. We will continue to monitor this issue.

LWV CHAUTAUQUA PROPOSED BUDGET
6/1/2023 - 5/31/2024

Income	2021 Approved	2021 Actual	2022 Proposed	2022 Actual	2023 Proposed
Dues	5,455.00	3,560.00	4,000.00	3,700.00	4,000.00
Interest	1.00	0.83	1.00	0.92	1.00
Fundraisers & donations	1,410.00	359.00	1,100.00	867.00	1,000.00
Luncheons	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	947.00	1,000.00
Annual Banquet	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	960.00	1,000.00
Other					
Total Income	10,866.00	3,919.83	9,101.00	6,474.92	7,001.00
Expenditures					
State Dues @\$23/primary member	1,866.50	2,219.52	1,345.50	1,392.00	1,392.00
National Dues @\$32/primary member	2,624.00	3,088.00	1,872.00	1,936.00	1,936.00
Voter Service	500.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
Luncheons	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00	1,008.53	1,000.00
Annual Banquet	1,500.00	50.00	1,500.00	900.00	1,000.00
Conferences	1,000.00	50.00	1,000.00	300.00	1,000.00
Fundraisers					
Fees for use of facilities	180.00	0.00	180.00	50.00	50.00
Postage, Printing & PO Box	118.00	194.36	200.00	182.00	182.00
Other					
Website	500.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
Street Banner Hanging Cost	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	11,038.50	6,001.88	9,247.50	6,168.53	6,960.00

Look for it in this publication



All Things Equal - The Life and Trials of Ruth Bader Ginsburg

- SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023
- 7:30 PM 9:00 PM
- REG LENNA ,116 EAST 3RD STREET, JAMESTOWN, NY, 14701

An evening with a great and compassionate icon of straight-thinking American justice emerges an RBG who is not only “notorious” but victorious as she takes a stand for ordinary people facing the many challenges of a changing world.

Annual Meeting

- WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023
- 6:00 PM
- DOMUS FARE RESTAURANT IN FREDONIA



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Chautauqua County is where
hands-on work to safeguard
democracy leads to civic
improvement.*

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of Chautauqua County**

Mary Croxton, President
Nancy Boynton
Kara Christina
Susan Evans
Pat Kirell
Marcia Merrins
Lisa Mertz

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Gift of League Membership!!

Make Your Voice Heard!

Membership Form

Mail to:

LWV Chautauqua County
P.O. Box 42
Fredonia, New York 14063

Membership dues: Individual: \$70.00, Household: \$105.00, Student: Free

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Check payable to LWV Chautauqua County. Please consider adding a donation!

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Name of additional member in household: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Home _____ Cell _____

Email: _____

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Area(s) of Interest

Programming _____ Newsletter _____ Lobbying _____

Voter Services: Voter Registration _____ Debates _____

Take me to Vote _____ (Schools)

Fundraising _____ Civics Education _____ Other _____