

Programs

3/31/22 @ 6:30PM Voter Choice CT presents Ranked Choice Voting
via Zoom

Learn about Ranked Choice Voting and the citizen led movement to bring this must-have election reform to our state. Jonathan Perloe of Voter Choice CT will lead an educational forum that will begin with an overview of our current "plurality voting" system, then explain how Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) works and why it gives voters a better way to express their preferences and produces more representative election outcomes. Sponsored by LWV North Central and LWV Greater Hartford Register now <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?meeting=60202203310630&meetingRef=1>

5/18/2022 @ 6:30PM LWVGH Annual Member Meeting via Zoom
The honorable Denise Merrill, Secretary of the State, will be our guest speaker. A meeting notice will be sent soon.

Denise Merrill Annual Meeting Guest Speaker

The Honorable Denise Merrill will be our guest speaker. She is requesting topics that we are interested in having her discuss. For example, we can ask for updates on the constitutional amendment to allow early voting. Please email me topics you are interested in having her review or discuss to karen_licht@yahoo.com.

LWVGH Merger with LWV Glastonbury

The members of LWVGH have approved a proposed merger between the Greater Hartford and Glastonbury Leagues. We await approval from LWVCT and LWVUS before finalizing the details. The name of the new League will remain LWV Greater Hartford. Thank you for your continued support of League activities.

LWVGH Strategic Planning Committee

The Greater Hartford League of Women Voters is embarking on a strategic planning process. The process will help to reinvigorate the League as a viable and impactful regional organization. Using a Technical Assistance Grant from the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving, the League will hire a consultant to help it to envision a desired future state, better define what it means to be a member of the League, more clearly define its regional identity, and determine an approach for expanding and diversifying membership. If you would like to be part of this important work, please contact Doretta at doretta.andonucci@gmail.com

Annual Report

Our League has been busy! If you were part of a meeting, gathering, march or other event in the past year, we'd love to include it in our 2021-22 Annual Report. If you have a story, event or photograph to share please contact Doretta at doretta.andonucci@gmail.com

Advocacy

On March 4, the GAE Committee held a public hearing on SB-184 to extend COVID Absentee Voting through the November 8 election. Without an extension, AV will be allowed only for the 6 reasons stated in the CT Constitution. Your LWVGH Board submitted testimony in favor of SB-184.

LWVCT VP for Advocacy, Patricia Rossi, listened to all 7.75 hours of the hearing. Testimony came from 31 supporters and 24 opponents of the bill. Opponents argue that we should return to the way our state voted before the pandemic. But as Patricia points out we also used to have to bank between the hours of 10-3; stores used to be closed on Sundays and after 6:00; downtown West Hartford used to close after 5:00. The pandemic ushered in a change to voting that our state would otherwise not have experienced. COVID is still here, and its future expression remains uncertain. Let's keep AV in place through November 8!

Voter Services

Hartford Votes

Might you be interested in helping to engage Hartford voters? LWVGH is a member of the Hartford Votes~ Vota coalition. Planning for this engagement involves an hour long ZOOM meeting twice a month. The two working committees are data development for the website and voter programs like debates.

You can contact me at caroleannmul@gmail.com for more information if you are interested in participating.

Other items for short term commitments in Voter Service:

- Hartford Votes participant
- Getting candidate names and emails in preparation for an election or primary in one town– 1-2 hours
- Developing questions for an election cycle with others - initial 90 minutes meeting; 30 minutes for follow-up revisions online
- Serving as a debate timer for candidate responses length of the event (usually no more than two hours)
- Voter Registration events – two hours or length of the event (periodic)
- Becoming knowledgeable with LWV voter service site VOTE 411.org to help candidates upload their information

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