



The

**MAY/JUNE 2024
LOCAL VOTER
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
SYRACUSE METROPOLITAN AREA**

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**Students Inside Albany
May 19 –22**

**May 21
NYS School Board & Budget
Elections**

**June 13
LWVSUR Annual Meeting**

**June 25
NYS Primary
Polls Open 6AM-9PM**

**LWVUS Biennial Convention
June 27 –30
Washington DC**

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF SYRACUSE METROPOLITAN AREA

Invites you to our

“Annual Meeting”

Thursday June 13 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

The Collegian Hotel 1060 E. Genesee St, Syracuse



**Meet the local LWV leadership team &
Socialize with fellow LWV members.**

**Vote on our Board of Directors,
Programs, & Budget for 2024-2025.**

Charcuterie Platter / Heavy Hors D’oeuvres
Coffee, Tea, Water and Cash Bar

Event \$ 25. Reservations to lwvsyr@gmail.com due June 6.

BOARD NOTES

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Aileen Gallagher
 Jeanie Gleisner
 Lisa Jacques
 Diane Luft
 Janis Scaturro
 Deb Virgo

**Time to Renew
 Your LWVSYR
 Dues**



**Our League Year Runs From
 July 1st-June 30th**



Students Inside Albany (SIA) is a conference sponsored by the League of Women Voters of New York State Education Foundation, Inc.

The conference is interactive and brings together high school students from across the state to learn about New York State government and the process by which citizens can participate in the policy-making arena. 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 their senators and their assemblymembers for an afternoon attending session on the Chamber floor.

This year's conference is from May 19-22, 2024. Our Syracuse Metro League will be sending two students to the conference this year. Sofia Beck and Isabella Clark are both seniors at C.W. Baker High School in Baldwinsville.



ELECTION INFORMATION YOU NEED

- Just enter your address & your personal ballot appears
- Register to vote or check your registration
- Learn where your candidates stand on issues
- Find your polling place & early voting sites
- Discover upcoming debates & forums

Officers

Leadership Team

Joan Durant
 Margrit Diehl
 Roberta Millert
 Amanda Slisz

Secretary
 Treasurer

Dona Wonacott
 Roberta Millert

Directors

Education...
 Program/ Issues & Advocacy
 Membership

Margrit Diehl
 Margaret Chase
 Robin Browning-Bolewski
 Jessica Bumpus Hess

Voter Service

Joan Durant
 Mary Kuhn

Events
 Communications
 Social Media
 Publications
 DEI

Cheryl Matt
 Nodesia Hernandez
 Chanel Turnquest
 Joan Johnson
 Karen Chisholm

Off-Board Positions

Budget Director
 Healthcare Specialist
 Issues & Advocacy Advocate
 Development
 Nominating Committee

Kathy Zabinski
 Dorothy Wrase Hares
 Kim Margosian
 Ellyn Lentz
 Linda Alario
 Trymeter Carter
 Dorothy Wrase Hares
 Ellyn Lentz

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. For more information please call the League at (315) 396-8225 or e-mail us at lwvsyr@gmail.com

LWV Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Policy

The League of Women Voters is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion in principle and in practice. Diversity, equity, and inclusion are central to the organization's current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, and communities and policy maker in creating a more perfect democracy. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, gender identity, ethnicity, race, native or indigenous origin, age, generation, sexual orientation, culture, religion, belief system, marital status, parental status, socioeconomic status, language, accent ability status, mental health, educational level or background, geography, nationality, work style, work experience, job role function, thinking style, personality type, physical appearance, political perspective or affiliation and/or any other characteristic that can be identified as recognizing or illustrating diversity.

JUNE 25, 2024 PRIMARY ELECTION DEADLINES

June 15– Last day to register to vote in the Primary
June 15– Last day to apply for a mailed Absentee Ballot
June 24– Last day to appear in person for an Absentee Ballot
June 25– Last day to postmark an Absentee Ballot by mail
June 25– Last day to bring an Absentee Ballot to the BOD or any polling site in your County

EARLY VOTING SITES

Armond Magnarelli Community Center At
McChesney Park
2300 Grant Boulevard, Syracuse NY 13208

Beauchamp Branch Library
2111 South Salina Street, Syracuse NY 13205

Camillus Fire Department (Rear Entrance)
5801 Newport Road, Camillus NY 13031

Clay Town Hall Courtroom (Rear Entrance)
4401 Route 31, Clay NY 13041

Dewitt Town Hall Courtroom
5400 Butternut Drive, East Syracuse NY 13057

LaFayette Fire Station #1 (Rear Entrance)
2444 Route 11 South, LaFayette NY 13084

EARLY VOTING DATES & HOURS

Saturday, June 15 2024 - 9:00AM - 5:00PM
Sunday, June 16, 2024- 9:00AM -5:00PM
Monday, June 17, 2024 - 9:00AM - 5:00PM
Tuesday, June 18, 2024- 12:00 PM - 8:00PM
Wednesday, June 19, 2024- 12:00PM - 8:00PM
Thursday, June 20, 2024 - 9:00AM - 5:00PM
Friday, June 21, 2023- 9:00AM - 5:00PM
Saturday, June 22, 2024 - 9:00AM – 5:00PM
Sunday, June 23, 2024 - 9:00AM - 5:00PM



OFFICIAL CANDIDATES LIST

DEMOCRATIC

Representative in Congress—22nd District (Vote for 1)
Sarah Klee Hood
John W. Mannion

New York State Senate 50th District (Vote for 1)
Thomas Drumm
Christopher J Ryan

REPUBLICAN

New York State Senate—48th District (Vote for 1)
Caleb C. Slater
Fanny Patricia Villarreal

Town of Lysander Council (To fill Vacancy) (Vote for 1)
Joel Lorenzo
Eugene F Dinsmore

There are also several County Committee races in the Republican and Conservative Parties.

The LWV of the Syracuse Metro Area's Proposed Budget for 2024-2025

INCOME		2023-2024 Budget	Estimated Actual	Proposed 2024-2025
A. Dues	1. Individuals members (90) members @ \$60)	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 4,390.00	\$ 5,400.00
	2. Household (10 households @ \$85)	\$ 840.00	\$ 780.06	\$ 850.00
	Subtotal	\$ 6,240.00	\$ 5,170.06	\$ 6,250.00
B. Contributions	1. Member	\$ 700.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 500.00
	2. Non-member	\$ 250.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
	Special Events	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
	Subtotal	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 600.00
C. Elections	1. Election Reporting	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
	2. SHA - Monitoring Elections	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	Subtotal	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
E. Grants -Voter Registration	1. GOTV			
	2. Naturalization LWV National	\$ 375.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 375.00
	3. Student Voter Reg LWV	\$ 188.00	\$ 562.50	\$ 125.00
	4. Formerly Incarcerated	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,625.00	\$ 225.00
	Subtotal	\$ 1,063.00	\$ 3,687.50	\$ 725.00
F. From Reserve	1. NY Education Fund	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,434.82	\$ 3,000.00
	2. Geddes Savings			\$ 3,000.00
	3. Surplus from Checking	\$ 7,027.50		\$ 5,222.64
	Subtotal account	\$ 9,027.50	\$ 1,434.82	\$ 11,222.64
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 18,380.50	\$ 11,057.38	\$ 19,397.64
EXPENSES		2023-2024 Budget	Estimated Actual	Proposed-2024-2025
A. Per Member Payment	1. National LWV (\$32 per each)	\$ 2,992.00	\$ 2,992.00	\$ 2,768.00
82 Individual HH 1 Lifetime	2. State LWV (\$23.00 per member)	\$ 2,150.00	\$ 2,150.00	\$ 1,989.50
9 Additional 2	Subtotal	\$ 5,142.00	\$ 5,142.00	\$ 4,757.50
B. Operating Costs	1. General Supplies / Operations	\$ 275.00	\$ 276.29	\$ 300.00
	2. Postage & PO Box	\$ 300.00	\$ 243.20	\$ 300.00
	Subtotal	\$ 575.00	\$ 519.49	\$ 600.00
C. Board & Admin Tools	1. IT & Board Support	\$ 150.00	\$ 102.25	\$ 150.00
	2. Board Tools(Website & Mail Chimp, Zoom)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,086.82	\$ 1,500.00
	3. Finance Drive & Fundraiser	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
	4. Membership	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,465.50	\$ 1,500.00
	5. D.E.I.	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
	6/ Public Relations	\$ 250.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 250.00
	Subtotal	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,674.57	\$ 4,000.00
D. Delegates:	Conventions	\$ 175.00		\$ 2,000.00
State/National Conventions	1. Supplies & Printing		\$ 74.02	\$ 175.00
E. Local Voter	1. Publications & Who's Who	\$ 325.00	\$ 332.40	\$ 505.00
F. Educational Activities	2. Program	\$ 500.00	\$ 437.70	\$ 750.00
Line will be eliminated	3. Who's Who	\$ 180.00		\$ -
	4. Voter Service	\$ 4,763.00	\$ 1,827.36	\$ 5,610.14
	6. Youth Activities / SIA	\$ 900.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 1,000.00
	Subtotal	\$ 6,668.00	\$ 3,447.46	\$ 7,865.14
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 18,560.00	\$ 11,857.54	\$ 19,397.64

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS SYRACUSE METROPOLITAN AREA 2024-2025 PROPOSED LOCAL ISSUES/POSITIONS

MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK

- Promote greater citizen participation in the political process by encouraging citizens to become knowledgeable about the issues and to actively lobby elected officials
- Encourage individuals to exercise their right to vote especially among underrepresented populations and young People
- Support for Ranked Choice Voting on all levels of government

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- Study and support where appropriate legislation, which promotes proposals to modernize local government by sharing services among villages, towns, public schools, the City of Syracuse, and Onondaga County
- Support efforts to contain sprawl with planned growth throughout Onondaga County and the City of Syracuse

SOCIAL POLICY

- Monitor the state school aid formula and its implications for upstate school districts and the Big 5 city districts
- Promote the economic growth of Syracuse and Onondaga County in order to improve the quality of life for all
- Monitor the I81 project (including the rebuilding of the city's 15th ward) to ensure that hiring is as local as possible
- Support county wide Wi Fi that guarantees safe technology
- Promote a single-payer healthcare system for all New Yorkers
- Support optional Medical Aid In Dying for the terminally ill
- Promote educational efforts dealing with domestic violence and the Integrated Domestic Violence Court in Onondaga County, including a childcare program for victims of domestic violence when they appear in court.
- Advocate for mass transit routes to assure the citizens living in the city and county poverty areas have transportation to the areas of employment, education, health care and voting.
- Promote equal opportunity for all regardless of race, color, gender, religion, sexual orientation, age or disability

NATURAL RESOURCES

- Support the Declarations of Climate Emergency, adopted at the 2021 LWVNYS Convention, and take appropriate action to meet the global climate challenge through public policy and legislation on the local level.
- Support efforts to facilitate improvement projects for Onondaga Lake and its watershed *including monitoring and support of the planned walking and biking paths looping around Onondaga Lake and the Erie Canal Trail Way**
Support the protection of wildlife and natural vegetation while making improvements to Onondaga Lake and its surroundings.

LOCAL SUPPORT FOR STATEWIDE ISSUES/STUDIES

- Promote improved training for poll workers, adequate staffing at polling places, and the use of split shifts for election workers.
- Promote improved election processes which extend and encourage voting, including no-excuse Absentee Balloting and Election Day registration
- Monitor Early Voting to ensure it is utilized by providing convenient and adequate polling sites
- Promote efforts to simplify the procedures and format for obtaining petition signatures for candidates and potential candidates
- Promote and encourage meaningful campaign finance reform including the New York State Small Donor Public Financing Program.
- Promote the creation of a citizen led independent redistricting commission on the state and local level.
- Promote the creation of an independent and enforcing ethics commission
- Promote meaningful reform of public authorities
- Promote additional legislative rules reform
- Promote and encourage meaningful property tax reform.

**Remove*

**League of Women Voters of the Syracuse Metro Area
2024-2025 Proposed Slate of Officers & Directors**

OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED:

TERM

Leadership Team - Administration - Vacant	2024-2026
Leadership Team – Education- Margrit Diehl	2024-2026
Secretary - Dona Wonacott	2024-2026

DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED:

TERM

Events – Cheryl Matt	2024-2026
Social Media – Chanel Turnquest	2024-2026
Voter Service Co-Chair – Mary Kuhn	2024-2026
Issues & Advocacy Programs – Peggy Chase	2024-2026
Healthcare Advocate – Dorothy Wrase Hares	2024-2026
Publications - Joan Johnson	2024-2026
Membership – Robin Browning-Bolewski	2024-2026
Co- Treasurer - Vacant	

OFF BOARD DIRECTORS TO BE ELECTED:

TERM

*Nominating Committee – Vacant (2 positions)	2024-2026
	2024-2027

CONTINUING OFFICERS:

TERM

Leadership Team - Treasurer - Roberta Millert	2024-2025
Leadership Team - Voter Service - Joan Durant	2024-2025

CONTINUING DIRECTORS

TERM

Development – Ellyn Lentz	2023-2025
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion - Karen Chisholm	2023-2025

CONTINUING OFF -BOARD

TERM

Budget Director – Kathy Zabinski	2024-2025
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

TERM

Linda Alario	2024-2025
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*To provide experience, stability & wider knowledge of local members interests & abilities, the Off Board members of the Nominating Committee term will be 3 years. They will expire at staggered years. Two additional members of the committee will be appointed by the Board following the Annual Meeting.

2024 LWVSYR LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

On May 3, 2024, at the Collegian Hotel in Syracuse, members and friends of the League enjoyed a buffet breakfast and the company of our state representatives. Moderated by Channel 9 reporter, Andrew Donovan, we learned where they stand on many of the state issues we care about.

Thank you to Assemblymembers John Lemondes, Al Stirpe, William Maganrelli, Pamela Hunter and Senator John Mannion for sharing your thoughts with us. Senator Rachel May was unable to be there but did send a recorded message to us. Thank you to Andrew Donovan for moderating our event and to member Cheryl Matt for making arrangements for the event.



May 8, 2020 the Syracuse League presented a showing of the documentary, “Deciding Vote.” The producer and director of the documentary, Rob Lyons was our guest.

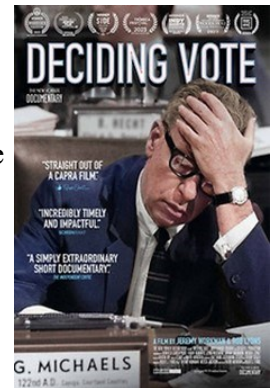


The film tells the story of how one deciding vote in 1970 by Assemblyman George Michaels of Auburn NY, gave women the right to an abortion in New York State.

“Deciding Vote is a history of a woman’s rights over her reproductive health as well as a profile in political courage. A five term Assemblyman, Michaels knew his vote would end his political career.

After the showing of the documentary Rob Lyons hosted a discussion on how the project came about including interviews with many of the members of the Michaels family.

If you missed the event, you can view the movie online by googling “Deciding Vote.” The New Yorker is a great site to view it.





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**Syracuse Metropolitan Area League of Women (*and Men*) Voters
 Membership or Renewal Form**

Join the LWVSYRMA as a member:

_____ \$60.00 Individual _____ \$85.00 Family * _____ Student (full time student 16 years and older free)
 (Annual Membership—July 1—June 30)

And or Show your SUPPORT for LWVSYRMA by donating:

\$ _____ LWVSYR gifts support our local general operation fund
 \$ _____ LWVNYS Education Foundation (tax-deductible) gifts support our local educational efforts (ask your employer if they have a Matching Gift Program that will double or triple your donation)

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____ PHONE: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Email _____ Date _____

*Family Membership two in same household
 Please mail your check payable to: Syracuse Metro LWV, PO Box 11862, Syracuse NY 13218 or
 pay by Pay Pal at www.lwvsyr.org

THANK YOU

