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Here are a few benefits of membership!

- Receive our LWWNR information packed newsletter and e-blasts
- Quadruple membership to the Westchester County, NY State, and National Leagues and receive their emails and notices
- Opportunity to join Local and County League issue-specific committees: Environment, Government, Voter Service, Social Media, Youth Corps

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The League of Women Voters of New Rochelle

46 Longvue Ave

New Rochelle, NY 10804

or

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Voter Information

General Election for Westchester County

IMPORTANT DATES

- October 8 - Last day to postmark voter registration form or register in person at the Westchester County Board of Elections
- October 18 - Last day to postmark Absentee Ballot application
- October 23-31 - Completed Absentee Ballots may be dropped off at ANY of the 23 Early Voting Poll Locations in Westchester County
- November 1 - Last day to apply in person for Absentee Ballot
- November 2 - Last day to postmark Absentee Ballot for general election
- November 2 - Last day to deliver Absentee Ballot in person to WBOE

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

LWV of NY State has studied the five referenda on the ballot and have made the following recommendations for them:

Prop #1 Amending the Apportionment and Redistricting Process: Vote NO.

- would unfairly empower the majority party during the redistricting process by preventing minority parties from having input into the final proposed legislative maps
- would give a single party total control of redistricting legislative maps in NYS
- would hurt communities by diminishing minority party input into the redistricting process

Prop #3 Eliminating Ten-Day Advance Voter Registration Requirement: Vote YES.

- would enfranchise more voters by shortening or eliminating the deadline to register to vote
- would allow the Legislature to implement same-day voter registration

Prop #4 Authorizing No-Excuse Absentee Ballot Voting: Vote YES

- would increase voter access to elections by allowing any voter to request an absentee ballot

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VOTE 411



Find out:

- Who's on your ballot
- Information on the 5 statewide ballot proposals
- Where to vote early and on Election Day
- How to get an absentee ballot

Early Voting Information

General Election Dates and Early Voting Hours

- Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021 from noon until 5 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021 from noon until 5 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 25, 2021 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2021 from noon until 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2021 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021 from noon until 8 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 29, 2021 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021 from noon until 5 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021 from noon until 5 p.m.

Early Voting Locations in New Rochelle:

New Rochelle City Hall Annex – 90 Beaufort Place, 90 Beaufort Place, New Rochelle, NY 10801

New Rochelle United Methodist Church, 1200 North Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10804

You can vote early at ANY location in Westchester



Click Here for More from The County Board of Elections

Presented by the LWNYS DEI (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion) Task Force

The League of Women Voters of New York State (LWNYS) is honored to welcome back Debby Irving, racial justice educator and bestselling author of *Waking Up White: And Finding Myself in the Story of Race*. **Register here:** <https://lwnysdebbyirving.eventbrite.com>

On Tuesday, October 19th, Debby Irving continues the DEI training begun in August. She now speaks to our League members about enhancing our communications skills, and about the systemic racism in our country that prevents some of its citizens from accessing a “level playing field”. Members of the LWNYS are invited to Part II and Part III of the workshop, having had the foundation established in Part I as the prerequisite training for these topics:

Part II: Transformational Conversations: Moving from Fear to Curiosity

In contrast to the social norms of whiteness, Part II will explore how to embed new, transformational norms into our personal and institutional practices, building skills to take into our daily conversations.

****Participation in, or subsequent viewing of the August 17th recorded session of Debby Irving's presentation to LWNYS entitled, "I'm A Good Person! Isn't That Enough?" was a prerequisite for attending this workshop as well as for Workshop III.*

Part III: How to Explain White Privilege to a Skeptic

In a pre-taped segment, using a series of pointed questions, Debby builds a graphic map of the groups people belong to, and have belonged to, because of social locations and roles throughout U.S. history. Workshop participants think about how various groups have and have not had *access to rights, resources, representation, and respect*. Debby will then lead participants in an exploration of social dynamics and dominant cultural attitudes and behaviors that perpetuate power and privilege patterns, even when best intentions are in play. Participants will leave with two powerful tools to analyze power dynamics and cultivate transformative cultures within their circles of influence.

****A homework assignment entails viewing a 30-minute video prior to attending this workshop.*

Both workshops II and III will be conducted on October 19th and we begin at 5:30pm with a break provided approximately between 7:00 – 7:30pm.

Upon registering, members of the League will receive a confirmation email from Eventbrite that includes the link to your essential homework video. Then, on Monday, October 18th, a separate message will be sent to the email address that you registered with, contain your Zoom link. **Register soon!** Deadline is 12 noon on Monday, October 18th.

We continue to look forward to members of the LWNYS attending these workshops, intended to continue the transformational equity journey for member themselves, and within their League affiliates. Questions? Contact Regina Tillman, LWNYS 3rd Vice President for DEI, with subject heading “LWNYS DEI Training”, to email address rmt370@gmail.com.

Voter Registration on Constitution Day at Iona College



***Jesse Wegman, NY Times Editorial Board Member, Revisits
LWVNR Radio Show with Argument for Abolishing Electoral
College, WVOX, Oct. 20, 9 am***

The Ballot Box, the monthly radio show of the League of Women Voters of New Rochelle, will feature a return visit by Jesse Wegman, a member of the New York Times Editorial Board, on its next program Wednesday, October 20, 9 to 10 am on WVOX at 1460 AM and livestreamed at www.wvox.com.

Co-hosted by LWVNR members Tamar Tait and Nina Luban, *The Ballot Box* features local, state, and national electoral issues and relevant civic matters. On the October 20 program, Mr. Wegman will discuss the topic of his 2020 book, *Let the People Pick the President: The Case for Abolishing the Electoral College*. Mr. Wegman, who has a law degree, puts the electoral college in historical context and argues that it distorts the country's political system.

During the September broadcast, Mr. Wegman had discussed his August 4th New York Times' essay, *Thomas Jefferson Gave the Constitution 19 Years. Look Where We Are Now*. The essay explored the past, present and uncertain future of Constitutional amendments pointing out that an amendment needs a two-thirds vote of approval by both houses of Congress and ratification by at least 34 of the 50 states to be approved. All *Ballot Box* broadcasts are recorded and are available for replay on demand without commercials on the League website, www.lwvnewro.org.

LWVNR book group explores African American suffragists

David Rose, New Rochelle Public Library Archivist, led a lively Zoom discussion on October 6 in the first of a series of book discussions on the role of African-American women who faced both racism and sexism in the battle for women's suffrage. The discussion was based on the book *African American Women in the Struggle for the Vote, 1850-1920* by the late historian Dr. Rosalyn Terborg-Penn. The series was made possible by a grant to the League of Women Voters of New Rochelle by the 'Reading and Discussion' program of Humanities NY.

Dr. Terborg-Penn had searched various archives seeking original documents for records of African American women in the suffrage movement and found dozens of Black women from all walks of life--elite, working class, professional—across the nation who contributed significantly to passage of the 19th amendment in 1920

The next discussion book will be *Vanguard. How Black Women Broke Barriers, Won the Vote and Insisted on Equality for All*, by Martha S. Jones, a professor of history at Johns Hopkins University and a legal and cultural historian. Her work examines how Black women shaped the story of American democracy.

A date for this discussion has not been set. But more information on Dr. Jones book can be found on <https://marthasjones.com/vanguard/> and copies of the book are available for loan at the New Rochelle Public Library.

For more information email or call Joan at royjoanalex@yahoo.com/

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*How familiar are you with the redistricting process?
Do you know what your districts' maps look like?
Do your maps represent your locale's Communities of Interest?
How can YOU participate to ensure fair mapping?*

Redistricting 101

Congressional districts and government legislative bodies should be apportioned substantially on population. The League opposes partisan and racial gerrymandering that strips rights away from voters.

Why it matters

Political and racial gerrymandering distorts and undermines representative democracy by allowing officials to select their voters rather than voters to elect their officials. When done for purposes of racial discrimination or to ensure the dominance of one political party, gerrymandering runs counter to equal voting rights for all eligible voters and undermines representative democracy.

Learn more about Redistricting/Fair Mapping in
Westchester County and New York State

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New Rochelle and Community



NEW ROCHELLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
OCTOBER NETWORKING NIGHT
 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19
 6PM - 8PM

179 Bar & Grill
 on the Outdoor Heated Patio
 179 E MAIN ST, NEW ROCHELLE



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 At the Thomas Paine Cottage Museum
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