

NEWS FROM THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW ROCHELLE SEPT. 2020



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BOARD NEWS: The nominating committee is working on nominating members for Board positions that are becoming vacant in September. happy to announce that Joan Alexander has been unanimously voted Acting President of the League of Women Voters of New Rochelle. Congratulations, Joan!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS: Our League year begins on July 1, and Annual Dues are due. Please see our membership form or lwvnewro.org to renew. If you have any questions about membership, please contact mzoebrown@gmail.com. Student memberships are always free. Do you know a future activist who would like to join our ranks?

VOTER SERVICE

Today is **National Poll Worker Recruitment Day.** The right to vote is one of our nation's oldest and most important entitlements, and with



this right comes responsibility. Free and BECOME A POLL WORKER open elections are the basis on which this country was formed and you can make a difference by becoming a poll

worker to help protect those freedoms. If you'd like to become a poll worker, see ttps://www.elections.nv.gov/BecomePollworker.html.

Here's an interesting new **facemask** for proponents of voting (isn't

everyone?) The LWVW is selling these on-point masks for \$10. including tax and shipping. They will be available for purchase vis paypal on the LWVW website, http://lwvw.org/ Get them while supplies last!

There are **Presidential debates** scheduled for September 29, October 15 and October 22. A Vice-Presidential debate is scheduled for October 7.

The LWVW (Westchester County) **Voter Service Youth Corps** was formed this summer to develop social media platforms with League content for messaging to peers!

The group will roll out its first project with a focus on registering and educating college students on how to register and how to plan to vote all the many different ways.

As a result of local Leagues' outreach, The YC has 17 members from throughout the county and is growing. The plan is to present facts on Twitter and Instagram on Early Voting, Vote<u>411.org</u> and Absentee Ballot applications. These would be available in time for all deadlines. The YC will also participate in National Voter Registration day 9/22/20 as well with our League.

Three of the corps are local students who are now proud League of New Rochelle student members!!

If you know any student age 16 and up who wants to join please have them email Joan Alexander at royjoanalex@yahoo.com.

National Voter Registration Day is a nonpartisan civic holiday celebrating our democracy. First observed in 2012, it has quickly gained momentum ever since. Nearly 3 million voters have registered to vote on the holiday to date.

Celebrated on the fourth Tuesday of September, National Voter Registration Day will next take place on **September 22**, **2020**. The holiday has been endorsed by the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED), the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC), and the National Association of Election Officials (The Election Center).

This year the LWV's county-wide focus will be on student-led Voter Registration Drives at College Campuses. The League will drop off and pick up table materials. We will need volunteers to register students outdoors using the online DMV site or directing them to the table to fill out the forms. All Covid rules will be followed!

For more information contact Joan at royjoanalex@yahoo.com

The LWV Westchester Seeks **Facilitators for Virtual Voter Education Workshops with Libraries**. This year, the League of Women Voters of Westchester is partnering with the Westchester Library System to offer two virtual workshops: 1) How to Register to Vote and Why It's Important and, 2) Prepare to Vote: 3 Ways to Vote. Each virtual workshop will be one hour in duration. See the flyer for the descriptions.

We are in need of Facilitators. Kathy Meany, President of LWVW, will review the Trainer Toolkit and the technology to all facilitators, so all will be thoroughly prepared. Please contact her at kzmeany@gmail.com if you would like more information or would like to sign up to be a Facilitator.

VOTING INFORMATION FROM COUNTY BOE WEBSITE

https://citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com/

2020 General Election updates – The Polls will be open on General Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020, from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Registration deadline: The last day to register to vote for the Nov. 3 General Election is Oct. 9, 2020 in person or by postmark.

Change of Address deadline: Any change of address (within Westchester County) must be received by Oct.14, 2020.

All registered voters may apply for an **Absentee Ballot** due to risk or fear of illness including COVID-19 as one of the valid reasons by checking the temporary illness or physical disability box on the absentee ballot application. Voters may apply by in person, e-mail, fax or mail.

For absentee applications received by e-mail or fax, the deadline is close of business on Oct. 27, 2020.

Absentee applications received by postal mail with a postmark on or before Oct. 27 must be processed.

After Oct. 27, voters may apply in person (over the counter) through Nov. 2; or by early voting from Oct. 24 to Nov. 1.

All returned absentee ballots received by postal mail must be postmarked no later than Nov. 3, 2020. (General Election Day)

All completed ballots can be dropped off at any of these locations: our office located at 25 Quarropas St., White Plains, NY 10601 any early voting poll site from Saturday, Oct. 24 through Sunday, Nov. 1 any Nov. 3 Election Day poll site.

EARLY VOTING INFORMATION FROM COUNTY BOE WEBSITE AS OF SEPT.1, 2020

Early Voting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020 through Sunday, Nov.1, 2020.

Registered voters voting early may cast their ballots at ANY of the seventeen (17) designated early voting locations. On Election Day, voters must vote at their assigned polling sites.

Early Voting Times:

- Saturday, October 24:12 p.m. 5 p.m.
- Sunday, October 25:12 p.m. 5 p.m.
- Monday, October 26:8 a.m. 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 27:12 p.m. 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 28:8 a.m. 4 p.m.
- Thursday, October 29:12 p.m. 8 p.m.
- Friday, October 30:8 a.m. 4 p.m.
- Saturday, October 31:12 p.m. 5 p.m.
- Sunday, November 1: 12 p.m. 5 p.m.

Early Voting Locations:

- Eastchester Public Library,11 Oakridge Place, Eastchester, NY 10709
- Dobbs Ferry Village Hall,112 Main Street, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522
- Greenburgh Town Hall,177 Hillside Avenue, White Plains, NY 10607
- Veterans Memorial Building,210 Halstead Avenue, Harrison, NY 10528
- Pound Ridge Town House,179 Westchester Avenue, Pound Ridge, NY 10576
- Mamaroneck Town Center,740 W. Boston Post Road, Mamaroneck, NY 10543
- Mt. Kisco Memorial Complex at Leonard Park,1 Wallace Drive, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549
- Mt. Pleasant Community Center, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla, NY 10595
- Mt. Vernon City Hall,1 Roosevelt Square, Mt. Vernon, NY 10550
- New Rochelle City Hall Annex,90 Beaufort Place, New Rochelle, NY 10801
- Joseph G. Caputo Community Center,95 Broadway, Ossining, NY 10562
- Peekskill Nutrition Center, Neighborhood Center, 4 Nelson Avenue, Peekskill, NY 10566
- Somers Town House,335 Route 202, Somers, NY 10589
- Westchester County Board of Elections, 25 Quarropas Street, White Plains, NY 10601
- Grinton I. Will Library,1500 Central Park Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10710
- Riverfront Library, One Larkin Center, Yonkers, NY 10701
- Yorktown Cultural Center, 1974 Commerce Street, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

If you have any other questions, please visit the Westchester County Board of Elections

A TRIBUTE TO THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW ROCHELLE

by David Rose; Archivist, Historian, Blogger



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August 18, 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment, which gave women the right to vote. This success of the women's suffrage movement stands as a transcendently important moment in the history of American democracy. Carrie Chapman Catt, who led the movement as president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, also established the League of Women Voters in 1920 to continue to educate on all the social and political issues bearing on the rights and responsibilities that come with voting. Four years later, in 1924, New Rochelle established its own branch of the League of Women Voters, and the fact that Ms. Catt was a resident of the city ensured that their challenges, their power, and their successes would be intertwined. The New Rochelle Public Library was also part of the equation as a venue for lectures, meetings, and programs sponsored and organized by the League.

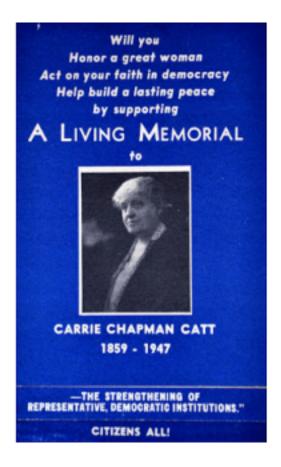


An inconspicuous part of the League's legacy has been the preservation of its own history. The art and practice of keeping documents often happens unseen, but League officers have carefully preserved the record of its work over the years as the most knowledgeable curators of its history. However, let this important work be inconspicuous no longer! The League of Women Voters of New Rochelle has utilized the Library for the storage of its records, and its entire collection is now formally organized as part of the Library's Archive. An archival finding guide to the collection is available here. This is a rich and wonderful collection

of documents that provides, in great detail, not only the history of the League but a political history of the City of New Rochelle itself. The League of Women Voters of New Rochelle has been a formidable actor in the field of education, and with the organization of its historical records its legacy as a nonpartisan political organization is again revealed as a vital leader in the education of the community. Kixdos to the League of Women Voters of New Rochelle! It is interesting to know that other local branches of the League have maintained archival collections, such as the one at Columbia University Libraries documenting the League of Women Voters of the City of New York. And, there are archival collections of Carrie Chapman Catt papers at the Library of Congress and the NY Public Library. Ms. Catt's work as an advocate for world peace as also deserves renewed attention. In 1930, she participated in a "World Affairs Conference" in her honor held in New Rochelle that focused on the possibilities for lasting peace. With



the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment, and with availability of the archival collection at the New Rochelle Public Library, there will be many occasions to study the work of Carrie Chapman Catt and the League of Women Veters even further.



August 13, 2020 / David Rose / New Rochelle Public Library Archives

LWVNR's "The Ballot Box" Radio Show Featured Jennifer Wilson, Deputy Director, League of Women Voters of New York State and legislative specialist, and Helen Hellmuth of Disability Rights New York

The Ballot Box is the monthly WVOX 1460 AM radio show of the League of Women Voters of New Rochelle. Co-hosted by LWVNR members Tamar Tait and Nina Luban, the show features local, state, and national electoral issues and relevant civic matters. It airs live on the third Wednesday of the month from 9 am - 10 am and is live streamed on the radio website, www.wvox.com.

The August 19th show hosted two legislative and disability rights experts -- both with voting access uppermost in mind. Its first guest, Jennifer Wilson, (right,) Deputy Director of the League of Women Voters of New York, is the League's in-house lobbyist, policy advisor, and communications representative. She described New York's newly approved absentee voting expansion laws. Under these laws, all New York State voters can now (a) apply to vote by absentee ballot using the "temporary illness" cause, and (b) apply to vote by absentee ballot more than 30 days ahead of the election. Additionally, New York State boards of



elections now must process all absentee ballots received the day after the election whether or not they have a visible postmark date.

The Ballot Box's second guest, Helen Hellmuth (left) of Disability Rights New York (DRNY), identified issues faced by, and solutions New York provides for, disabled voters. DRNY is



a federally- and state-authorized protection and advocacy organization for children, adults and seniors with disabilities, providing free legal and advocacy services across New York. Ms. Hellmuth described DRNY's voting access program, what DRNY is working on right now to get voters out to the poll, and the disabled voter technical assistance that is *required* to be at every polling place.

The Ballot Box maintains an ongoing, non-partisan conversation about the rights and responsibilities of – and the issues that face – our representative democracy.

All broadcasts of *The Ballot Box* are recorded and can be found on the League of Women Voters of New Rochelle website, <u>www.lwvnewro.org/TheBallotBox.html.</u>

Commemorating an Incomplete Victory: The 19th Amendment at 100

"Girls in Caps and Gowns": The Deltas March for Suffrage

For Black Suffragists, the Lens Was a Mighty Sword 11 Female
Voices, From
Age 13 to 110,
on Why the
Vote Matters

IN HER
WORDS:
QUEER
SUFFRAGISTS

Fighting for the Vote
With
Cartoons

The Women
Who Fought
Against the
Vote

100 Years
Later, These
Activists
Continue Their
Ancestors'
Work

Tackling a
Century-Old
Mystery: Did
My
Grandmother
Vote?

The Suffragists
Fought to
Redefine
Femininity. The
Debate Isn't
Over.

SUFFRAGE at 100: A VISUAL HISTORY

LWVNR Awarded a Humanities NY grant for "Votes for Women" themed Book groups

The LWV of New Rochelle will be hosting four Reading and Discussion groups led by an experienced facilitator as part of its ongoing 2020-21 celebration of the Centennial of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which granted women the right to vote.

The first 90 minute book group meeting will be on Zoom on **Wednesday, September 30, at 5 pm** on the book <u>Seneca Falls and the Origin of the Women's Rights Movement</u> by Sally McMillen. Barbara Davis, City Historian, will lead the discussion, which covers the period leading up to and following the Women's Rights convention at Seneca Falls in 1848. The Declaration of Sentiments which demanded women's rights was written including the then shocking demand for the right to vote.

Future events will be publicized and include <u>African-American Women in the Struggle for the Vote,1850-1920</u>, by Rosalyn Terborg-Penn; <u>Elizabeth Cady Stanton: An American Life</u>, by Lori D. Ginzberg; and <u>A Woman's Crusade: Alice Paul and the Battle for the Ballot</u>, by Mary Walton.

Each group will be limited to 12 participants and priority will be given to LWV members. See membership application form in this newsletter. Books will be at the Library under League Book Group starting 9/9/20.

Please contact **Joan Alexander** for information or to reserve a spot, a 914-632-2308 or at **royjoanalex@yahoo.com**. Automatic reminders will be sent out via Zoom.

CITY PEOPLE AND ISSUES ON PAUSE

"City People and Issues," the League of Women Voters of New Rochelle cable TV program has suspended production of new interviews while we are all social distancing and while City Hall and its NRTV studio is not available. Previously produced programs can be seen on demand at www.vimeo.com/24211396 or by going to www.vimeo.com/visitor and searching for League of Women Voters of New Rochelle.

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Sojourner Truth Statue Unveiled At Walkway Over The Hudson

Truth was enslaved in Ulster County and freed herself one year before enslavement ended in the state.

A 7-foot statue of Sojourner Truth was unveiled Wednesday at the Ulster County entrance to the Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park. The statue commemorates the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage.

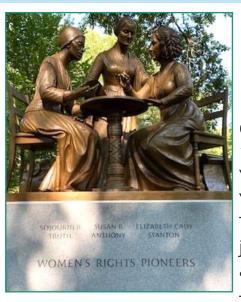


Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul, chairwoman of the New York State Women's Suffrage Commission, said the unveiling of the statue was a fitting way to honor the abolitionist and suffragist.

"The granting of the right to vote in New York in 1917 as the first major state to do so helped lead the way three years later for the 19th Amendment," Hochul said.

"But often missing from those decades of struggle is the stories of strong African American leaders like Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman and others," she said. "This monument finally expands representation of all who have contributed to New York's rich history. We have made great strides in the fight for women's equality, but we still have more work to do to achieve true equality and justice for all." -Patch, 8/26/20

READ THE REST AT TRUTH



NYC's First Female Historical Statue Was Unveiled 105 Years Ago. The Sixth Just Arrived Last Week

On August 26, Women's Equality Day, commemorating the 1920 ratification of the 19th Amendment, a group of New Yorkers gathered in Central Park for the unveiling of New York City's sixth statue honoring real women. Sojourner Truth, Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton now join the 23 historical statues in the park that honor men, along with fictional females like Alice in Wonderland.

This is the first statue in Central Park to depict real women, a celebratory occasion, but one that was briefly controversial when the group behind it — the nonprofit Monumental Women's Statue Fund — originally chose to feature only white women, casting aside the importance of Black women's voices in the fight for the right to vote. -Gothamist, 8/26/2020 READ THE REST AT STATUE



JOIN THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW ROCHELLE

The League depends on the work and financial support of all of its members to carry out its programs. Membership is open to women and men of voting age. Joining our local league confers membership in the State and National Leagues, enables you to receive publications from all three levels, and provides the opportunity to be involved in local, state and national issues.

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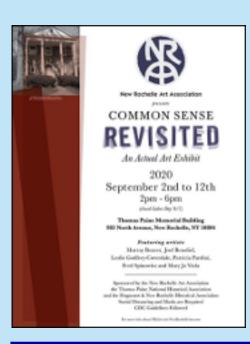
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SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

An Exploration of the Woman Suffrage Movement

Date: Saturday, September 12, 2020

Time: 1:00 PM

Duration: 1 hour

In a distance presentation, through a shared platform, Professor Lisa Keller of SUNY Purchase, author of many books on American history and a distinguished public historian, will chronicle and interpret the woman suffrage movement, commemorating the centennial of the final approval of the 19th amendment in 1920.

To register for this distance presentation, through a shared platform, please contact us through dho59stpaul@yahoo.com.

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COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD UPCOMING EVENTS





AMENDED, AN HNY PODCAST

Amended travels from the 1800's through to the present day to show us a quest for women's full equality that has always been as diverse, complex and unfinished as the nation itself. For this week's ongoing Online Community Conversations series we will be using a brief excerpt from Amended to open a conversation about the past, present, and future of the struggle for gender equality.

Join us to talk through issues related to these and other questions. Hosted by HNY's Michael Washburn & Scarlett Rebman.

Wed, September 2, 2020

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM EDT

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