

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NORTH EAST WESTCHESTER JANUARY 2019

YOUTH OUTREACH

STUDENTS INSIDE ALBANY 2019

DEADLINE LESS THAN A MONTH AWAY

High school girls and boys aged sixteen and over who reside in Bedford, Lewisboro, Mount Kisco, North Salem, and Pound Ridge are invited to submit applications to compete for a spot at the annual 4-day *Students Inside Albany (SIA) Conference*. SIA is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of New York State Education Foundation.

60 students from all across the state will observe the new state legislature at work, shadow their representatives, learn how voters' interests are processed, and tour the Capitol. **The conference will be held May 19-22 and is without cost to participating students**, including train transportation, meals, a three-night stay at Hampton Inn & Suites, and all activities chaperoned and led by members of the NYS League.

For applications and more information, contact the school social studies department, the local library, or the League of Women Voters of North East Westchester SIA Coordinator, Barbara Dodds, at (914) 275-6550.

All completed applications must be sent to: LWVNEW c/o Barbara Dodds at 2805 Canterbury Way, Mount Kisco NY 10549 or badodds@optonline.net. **The deadline is February 13th.**

Many thanks to Barbara for heading up our SIA efforts again this year. Please contact her if you'd like to be involved in selecting our student through the reading off applications and essays.

~ ARE YOU A NEW MEMBER? ~

LET US KNOW HOW YOU WOULD
LIKE TO GET INVOLVED!

DO YOU HAVE A PARTICULAR TALENT?
AN AREA OF INTEREST?

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS IN THE AREAS OF
>VOTER REGISTRATION

>VOTER EDUCATION >COUNTY ISSUES

>FUNDRAISING >HELP AT MEETINGS

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VOTING REFORM

OUR STATEMENT ON PASSAGE OF VOTING REFORMS IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE

"The League of Women Voters of North East Westchester is thrilled with the voting reforms passed by the state legislature and hopeful that primary consolidation, early voting, and same-day registration will be fully budgeted and enacted in a timely manner. We are proud to be a local chapter of the New York State League, which has worked tirelessly on these issues for decades, along with other voting rights advocacy groups.

There is more work to be done and the League is in it for the long haul. The ultimate goal is to empower and encourage all of our eligible citizens to exercise their right to vote."

MEMBERSHIP DUES

PAYPAL OPTION

To do this, go to the LWVNEW website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/leagueofwomenvotersnew/home>

**NEWS FROM
THE COUNTY LEAGUE (LWVW)**

2019 WESTCHESTER COUNTY BUDGET

The LWV of Westchester's statement on the proposed 2019 County Budget can be found here:

http://lwvw.org/files/2018_budget_county_statement_Final.pdf

WORKSHOPS!

The LWV of Westchester Education Foundation will be hosting its next round of workshops. The topic last time was "Know Your Government"; the new topic is the role of the media in politics and the workshop is tentatively titled "Fact or Fake." Here is a description:

This will be an interactive workshop to discuss the state of media in the current political environment. Throughout the 90-minute workshop, presentation and group discussion topics will include media biases, spotting fake news, different ways to access news, and the benefits of a comprehensive media diet. Moreover, we'll discuss how technology has influenced the changing political environment like never before! Developed through and sponsored by the League of Women Voters, this non-partisan workshop encourages all ages, and backgrounds to participate.

Sounds interesting, right?

If you would like to get involved as a facilitator, training sessions are available next month at the Westchester Library System in Elmsford: Mon Feb 4, 6-8 pm; Thurs Feb 7, 10 am til noon and 6-8 pm; and Fri Feb 8, 10 am til noon.

Contact Nancy Gould Ralphs if you are interested in training!
ngralphs@optonline.net

**NEWS FROM
THE STATE LEAGUE (LWVNY)**

**LWVNY STATEMENT ON PASSAGE OF
VOTING REFORMS IN STATE LEGISLATURE**

"As the New York State League proudly celebrates its 100th anniversary this year, it is a truly monumental achievement to finally see the passage of early voting, same day voter registration, and primary consolidation in New York State! Each of the reforms passed by the Assembly and Senate are huge advances to New York's election procedures. With these new policies in place, New York should no longer rank among the worst states in the Nation in voter participation.

Since the 1960's the state League has fought for comprehensive voting reforms. We are proud to be a part of this historic event and we applaud the New York State Assembly and Senate for finally passing these reforms. We thank Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie for their leadership and dedication to these issues. We commend the legislators who have long supported these voting reforms, even in the face of previous gridlock. Finally we want to recognize our members who have fought tirelessly to see New York's voting system made more accessible to all New Yorkers. We look forward to working with the Legislature and Governor on the roll-out of these new policies."

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The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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