

LWVNEW APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER

SAVE THE DATE!

ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON

The LWVNEW Annual Meeting and Luncheon is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, June 11. Please pencil in this date while a location and speaker are being worked out.

For those of you not familiar with the League – or who may need a refresher – Annual Meeting takes place towards the end of the League year, which runs from July 1 to June 30. LWVNEW typically holds the business meeting (open to all members) about an hour before lunch. During the business meeting, members vote on a slate, an “outlook for work” and a proposed budget for the coming year. All of these materials will be sent to members at least 30 days in advance as per LWVNEW bylaws. Members are encouraged to attend the business meeting, as it is a great way to get involved in the decision-making process for our local chapter.

Members are also, of course, encouraged to attend the Annual Luncheon and to bring friends and neighbors. Some past speakers at our luncheon include current and former county legislators (Kitley Covill, Francis Corcoran, Peter Harckham), and political commentator Jeanne Zaino.

Annual Meeting provides an opportunity to wrap up one League year as we look forward to the next. You can catch up with people you don’t see all that often – or meet someone new. In any event, SAVE THE DATE and we will be back in touch with details as soon as possible.

ADVOCACY

EQUAL PAY DAY LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sent to local editors to mark Equal Pay Day on April 2nd

To The Editor:

According to laws already on the books, Equal Pay Day for ALL women should be December 31. But it's not. The average woman must work far into the next year to earn what the average man earned the previous year.

It takes until April 2nd for women who work full-time to catch up with their male counterparts; Mom's equal pay compared to Dad's happens on June 10; black women reach parity on August 22; and equal pay day for Latinas is observed on Nov. 20. There are wide wage gaps among Asian women, so some catch up by March 5 but others not until mid-July.

The wage gap starts at the beginning of a woman's career and multiples over time. Right out of college, women experience a 7% wage gap. Females are often pushed into lower paying jobs and job titles that allow women to be paid less for substantially equal work. The pay gap can begin even earlier as teens. According to a 2018 analysis, boys earn on average twice what girls earn for chores.

Collectively women in New York State lose \$17 billion dollars a year due to the pay gap. This hurts women and their families, but it also hurts the communities they support: local businesses are hurt through lost sales, as are local schools and governments that depend upon sales tax and property tax dollars to fund the programs and the

infrastructure those communities need to exist. Change needs to happen but there is good news. Our state legislature and governor have the opportunity to pass game-changing laws this session. Congress may finally move forward on common sense reform. That will only happen if we all speak out, contact our elected representatives, and call for equal pay for all New York women, now.

Del Bashkow, Katonah

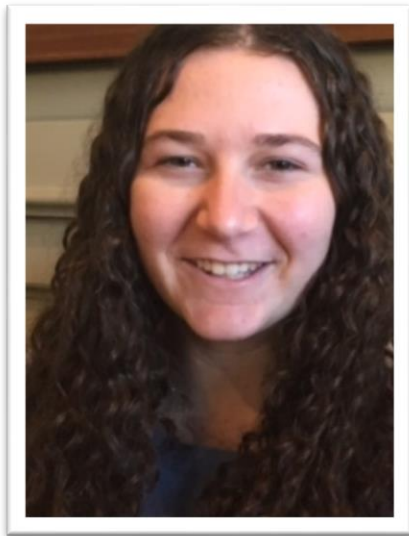
Peter G Rose, South Salem

Co-presidents of the League of Women Voters of North East Westchester

YOUTH OUTREACH

OUR 2019 SIA SELECTIONS

Meet Molly Siegel and Elyse Sherr!

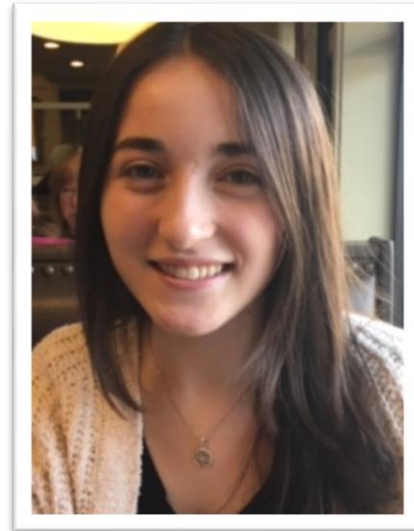


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Molly Siegel

Molly & Elyse are both seniors at John Jay High School in Cross River with interests in government and public service. They excel academically and have received multiple awards and recognitions. Both young women are college-bound: Molly will attend

Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island this fall and Elyse will be heading to the Honors Program (along with her twin sister) at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.



Elyse Sherr

Molly & Elyse will be two of approximately 60 students from across NY who observe the new state legislature at work, shadow their reps, learn how voters' interests are processed, and tour the Capitol May 19-22. We look forward to hearing more from these bright young women at Annual Meeting, where our SIA students typically report back on their experiences in Albany. Last year, we were captivated by our 2018 SIA recipient Sophia DeCubellis; she was a high school junior at the time and is now finishing up her senior year. Sophia is heading to Wellesley College this fall. SIA is a wonderful program and LWVNEW has sent some impressive young men and women to the annual conference. If you'd like to get involved with next year's selection – or with youth outreach in general, contact Barbara Dodds, the head of our Youth Committee:

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School Board Elections & Budget Votes
Tuesday, May 21st

Vote at the elementary school serving your attendance area.

For more info, visit your district's website:

Bedford Central: www.bcsdny.org

Katonah-Lewisboro: www.klschools.org

North Salem: www.northsalemschools.org

We will let you know of any upcoming candidate forums – watch your inbox!

NEWS FROM
THE COUNTY LEAGUE (LWVW)

KATONAH & SOMERS WORKSHOPS:
“FACT OR FAKE? EXPLORING THE ROLE OF THE MEDIA IN POLITICS”

An interactive workshop, led by volunteers from the League of Women Voters, to discuss the state of media in the current political environment. Throughout the 90-minute session, 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. We'll also 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.

>Thursday, April 25th, 7-8:30 pm
Somers Library, Route 139 & Reis Park
>Tuesday, April 30th, 10-11:30 am
Katonah Village Library, 26 Bedford Rd.

For more information, contact the LWV of Westchester at 914-949-0507

NEWS FROM
THE STATE LEAGUE (LWVNY)

LEAGUE STATEMENT ON NYS BUDGET

The League had praise for the inclusion of funding for early voting and electronic poll

books but expressed disappointment about campaign finance reform. More good news than bad, though; the League also praised enhanced online voter registration and expanded primary day polling hours upstate.

Read all about it here:

https://www.lwvnyonline.org/advocacy/election-law/2019/April/LWVNYS-on-Passage-Budget_040119.pdf

TEACHING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HOW TO ENGAGE IN POLITICS

The State League and the NYS Social Studies Supervisory Association (NYS4A) are pleased to announce the publication of seven lesson plans on state and local government for teachers of the New York Grade 12 Participation in Government course.

Check out the topics and lesson plans!:

<https://my.lwv.org/new-york-state/civics-education>

Read press release:

<https://www.lwvnyonline.org/civics-education/press/Press-Release-LWVNYS-and-NYS4A-Civics-Education-Package.pdf>

MEMO OF SUPPORT

The State League joined with other good government groups to support A.2513/S.3695, an act to repeal section 50-a of the civil rights law, relating to personnel records of police officers, firefighters and correction officers. The League feels that 50-a is a detriment to law enforcement accountability and deprives the public of important information.

Read the memo here:

<https://www.lwvnyonline.org/advocacy/Civil-rights/2019/April/LWVNYS-Good-Government-MOS-A2513-S3695-CRL50a-Repeal.pdf>

**NEWS FROM
THE NATIONAL LEAGUE (LWVUS)**

**LEAGUE SUPPORTS THE FOR THE PEOPLE
ACT**

This is the companion Senate bill to H.R. 1, the bill that passed last month in the House.

Read press release here:

<https://www.lwv.org/newsroom/press-releases/league-women-voters-supports-people-act-senate>

Witnessing the historic passage of H.R. 1:

<https://www.lwv.org/blog/observing-historic-passage-hr-1>

Show YOUR support:

http://participate.lwv.org/c/10065/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=13648&_ga=2.153223864.1043807187.1555949651-1819954664.1549837653

**MUELLER REPORT REVEALS URGENT NEED
FOR ELECTION SECURITY**

LWVUS President Chris Carson's statement calling on Congress to modernize elections and increase transparency.

Read the statement here:

<https://www.lwv.org/newsroom/press-releases/mueller-report-reveals-urgent-need-election-security>

**SUPREME COURT HEARS LEAGUE'S
LANDMARK REDISTRICTING CASE**

The decision could help set a nationwide standard for redistricting.

Read about it here:

<https://www.lwv.org/newsroom/press-releases/supreme-court-hears-leagues-landmark-redistricting-case>

Inside the Courtroom:

<https://www.lwv.org/blog/inside-courtroom-rucho-v-lwvnc>

**THE GERRYMANDERING CASES BEFORE
THE SUPREME COURT**

<https://www.lwv.org/blog/breaking-down-partisan-gerrymandering-cases-us-supreme-court>

ENGAGING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Read the lwv.org blog post:

<https://www.lwv.org/blog/high-schoolers-want-vote-we-have-responsibility-show-them-how>

CENSUS 2020: ONE YEAR OUT

The League is committed to a fair and accurate census count.

Read about it here:

<https://www.lwv.org/blog/census-2020-one-year-out>



**DO YOU HAVE AN AREA OF INTEREST?
WE HAVE A COMMITTEE FOR YOU!**

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> YOUTH

> MEMBERSHIP

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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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And if you happen to be on Twitter, please "follow" us at *LWVNEW*.



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