

LWVNEW FEBRUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

FROM YOUR CO-PRESIDENTS

February 14th is not only Valentine's Day but the birthday of the League of Women Voters. The League is 102 years old this year.

This is a short month and March will be here before we know it. At that time, we will start to focus on the spring school board elections and budget votes.

March also brings our student selections for the Students Inside Albany conference. It's such a great program!

We hope it will return to its original in-person format this year. Read on!

-Katherine & Lisa

VOTER SERVICE

PARTY AFFILIATION DEADLINE

In New York State, you must be registered with a party to vote in that party's primary. Anyone wishing to change their party affiliation for the June primary election MUST do so by February 14! Any changes submitted after Feb. 14 will not take effect until *after* the primary on June 28, 2022.

To change your party affiliation, go to the State Board of Election website at <https://www.elections.ny.gov/VotingRegister.html>.

REDISTRICTING

What a wild ride since the last newsletter! You can get all caught up on the *News & Events* page of our website but here's a recap:

The Independent Redistricting Commission had a second opportunity to come up with a proposal after the state legislature rejected their first, which involved two sets of partisan maps because the bipartisan commission could not/would not agree on one set. The IRC declined to try again. Once the IRC was out, redistricting fell to the state legislature. The League joined other good government groups in a letter to state legislative leaders, expressing the importance of allowing another period of public comment prior to any vote on new maps. Days later, the state legislature released a proposed congressional district map and quickly put it to a vote. The new map passed, largely along party lines – as did the state senate and state assembly maps the next day. Governor Hochul signed them into law in short order.

>The new maps:

<https://newyork.redistrictingandyou.org>

It can be a little confusing at first. Suggestion: zoom in a bit to lower New York State/Westchester County. Choose Congressional, Assembly or Senate and then move the slider from left to right to see the current "old" district lines (in black) and the new lines in purple. Moving the slider to the middle allows you to see both displayed at once.

The new maps take effect for the 2022 election; until that time, nothing changes with regard to representation. Candidates will campaign and run for office based on the new districts.

Town-by-Town

Bedford: Currently in congressional district 18, will be in CD 16 & CD 18, depending on street address.

Currently in state senate district 37, will be in SD 42.

Currently in assembly district 93, will remain in AD 93.

Lewisboro: Currently in congressional district 18, will remain in in CD 18.

Currently in state senate district 40, will be in SD 42.

Currently in assembly district 93, will remain in AD 93.

Mount Kisco: Currently in congressional district 17, will remain in CD 17.

Currently in state senate district 40, will be in SD 37.

Currently in assembly district 93, will remain in AD 93.

North Salem: Currently in congressional district 18, will remain in CD 18.

Currently in state senate district 40, will be in SD 42.

Currently in assembly district 93, will remain in AD 93.

Pound Ridge: Currently in congressional district 18, will remain in CD 18.

Currently in state senate district 40, will be in SD 42.

Currently in assembly district 93, will remain in AD 93.

That is the latest as of this newsletter. We strongly suggest visiting the *News & Events* page of our website to keep up with the rapidly-developing redistricting news.

www.LWVNEW.org/events-1.

Some articles explaining what happened:

>[New York panel tasked with redistricting calls it quits, handing the keys to lawmakers \(wshu.org\)](#)

>[The 2022 Democratic congressional gerrymander in New York – revealed - City & State New York \(cityandstateny.com\)](#)

>[Takeaways from the new redistricting proposals for New York state Senate and Assembly - City & State New York \(cityandstateny.com\)](#)



YOUTH

STUDENTS INSIDE ALBANY

Our applications, press release, and publicity are out! The state league is proceeding as if the May conference will indeed return this year to its original, in-person format. (Due to the pandemic, 2021 was an abbreviated, virtual version of SIA and 2020's conference was cancelled.) SIA is open to high school students age 16 and over. We are accepting applications from students who reside in any of the towns we serve: Bedford, Lewisboro, Mount Kisco, North Salem, and Pound Ridge.

The multi-day conference runs from May 22 to May 25. Sixty students from all around the state will meet in Albany to attend workshops, tour the Capitol, attend a legislative session, and shadow their state legislators.

Please note that proof of full vaccination will be required for participation, as will masks in all public settings for the duration of the conference.

SIA is of no cost to our selected students.

The League covers the cost of the conference, hotel accommodations, and transportation (via Amtrak). We plan to send two students this year. **Completed applications must be received no later than March 1.**

All of the information is available on the *Student Outreach* page of our website, www.LWVNEW.org/student-outreach.

Any questions? Our Youth Committee chairs are Barbara Dodds and Susan Polos: bdodds214@gmail.com
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*Welcome to our
newest
members
Liz Curtis,
Susan Ferris Rights
&
Bruce Rights*

OTHER WEBSITE

Make it a habit to visit our website periodically. We keep the *News & Events* page updated; right now, it's populated with the congressional and state senate & assembly information. The *Student Outreach* page currently features *Students Inside Albany* and the *Elections & Voting* page will become a go-to online destination in the lead-up to the school board elections. Check it out: www.LWVNEW.org

AN EASY WAY TO HELP

If you are on Facebook, please consider sharing our posts with Facebook friends and groups. If you are on Nextdoor, or similar social media apps, please post there as well. Take *Students Inside Albany*, for instance. Local media outlets ran the information and we posted it on local calendars...but it was also seen on Nextdoor because one of our members posted it there. *SIA* is a great program and a wonderful opportunity for area high school students. The more people that know about it, the better.

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

LWVNYS has published its *2022 Legislative Agenda*. There are 8 areas of focus: Election Law; Good Government Reform; Healthcare: Judicial Issues; Natural Resources; State Finances & Education; Equality of Opportunity; and Domestic Violence & Human Trafficking.

Check it out/print it out here: [Legislative Agenda 2022 LWV New York State \(lwny.org\)](http://www.LWVNEW.org/legislative-agenda-2022)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LWVUS

To read about the history of the League:

[History & Timeline | MyLO \(lww.org\)](#)

Read about the League’s founder, Carrie Chapman Catt:

[Carrie Chapman Catt | National Women's History Museum \(womenshistory.org\)](#)



Suffragists in front of the White House, circa 1918 (courtesy of the LWVNYC website)



League of Women Voters Board of Directors, 1920 Chicago (courtesy of the LWVUS website)

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