

LWVNEW FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER

YOUTH OUTREACH

STUDENTS INSIDE ALBANY

The submission deadline for the 2020 Students Inside Albany conference has passed (February 12) and now the selection process begins. Watch this space, as well as your email inbox, for information about our decision!

UPCOMING EVENT

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, LWVNEW will be commemorating the passage of the 19th Amendment with a splashy event sometime this spring.



We now have a tentative date for our event: **Saturday, May 9**. Perhaps pencil that in on your calendar while plans take shape?

(Photo credit: www.LWV.org)

VOTER SERVICE

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

Spring is fast approaching, which means school board candidate forums. No dates yet but they are usually held in early May. This year's school board elections/budget votes are Tuesday, May 19.

2020 PRIMARY DATES

New York State's presidential primary date is Tuesday, April 28.

Tuesday, June 23, is the primary date for both federal (US Congress) and state (NY Senate & Assembly) races.

LWVNEW BY THE NUMBERS

A quick look at our federal, state, and county voting districts:

>US Congressional Districts:

#17 – Mount Kisco

#18 – Bedford, Lewisboro, North Salem & Pound Ridge

>NY State Senate Districts:

#37 – Bedford

#40 – Lewisboro, Mount Kisco, North Salem & Pound Ridge

>NY State Assembly District:

#93 – All five towns

>Westchester County Legislative District:

#2 – All five towns

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY LEAGUE (LWVW)

SUFFRAGE EVENT

On Saturday, March 14, LWVW will cosponsor a program entitled, *The Untold Story: The Alienation of Black Female Suffragists and Women of Color in the Women's Suffrage Movement*. Dr. Carol Faulkner of Syracuse University has agreed to be the keynote speaker. She will present the history of the suffrage movement: who

was included, who was intentionally excluded, and how those inclusions and exclusions shaped the policies of the women's suffrage movement. A roundtable discussion will follow. This FREE program is being held at Manhattanville College and runs from 1 to 4 pm.

For event and registration information:
<http://bit.ly/Suffrageuntoldstory>

MEDIA LITERACY WORKSHOP

Know Your Government: Coping with Disinformation is a workshop brought to you by the League of Women Voters of Westchester County. As of right now, there are two local opportunities to participate:

>Wednesday May 6, 7-8:30 pm

Bedford Hills Free Library

26 Main St, Bedford Hills

>Tuesday May 19, 6:30-8 pm

Somers Library, 82 Primrose St. Katonah

For more information, email
leaguevote411@gmail.com

NEWS FROM THE STATE LEAGUE (LWVNYS)

ADVOCATING FOR PROPER FUNDING OF EARLY VOTING IN THE NY STATE BUDGET

The League of Women Voters of New York State, along with other good government groups, is very concerned about the state government providing adequate funding for Early Voting in the state budget. LWVNYS took the opportunity to use the February 14th anniversary of the founding of the League of Women Voters as a "Day of Action." LWVNYS encouraged members to contact their elected state representatives to push for the adequate funding of Early Voting. Since members of local Leagues are also members of the New York State

League, LWVNEW sent an email to its members, asking them to contact their reps. LWVNEW also advocated for the funding on its social media platforms.

Information about the funding of Early Voting can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mbTzJ-hDtgy8vUpOzhLZDEwEWGbiKULdSkj-zD7Haic/edit>

REGIONAL TRAINING MEETING

Training workshops are being offered regionally throughout the month of March. The one closest to us will be held in Manhattan on Saturday, March 7, from 9:30 am until 3 pm. Topics include: *Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Beyond Just Race: How do we include more?; Get Out the Vote: How do we get more people to vote?; After Parkland: How to keep the youth engaged?; Stats and Lines: Get everyone counted and represented fairly?; and Hot, Hot, Hot: Attracting and engaging your community with the League.* There will be a break for lunch that includes a legislative update. The workshop is being held at 4 West 43rd St. The cost is \$35 and includes lunch.

Register online at:

https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/HOhq-CqnO8wQHrms7-w8Kg .

Or download the [registration form](#) and mail to LWVNYS, 62 Grand Street, Albany, NY 12207 or call office at 518-465-4162.

NEW! INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION

The LWVNYS Board adopted new rules regarding concurrence and consensus and now individual members may participate in the process if they have not already done so with their local League. The current matter at hand is the League's position on a Constitutional Convention (also known as

Con-Con). If you'd like to learn more, see the link at the end of this section. A member-wide phone call will also be held on Tuesday, February 25 at 7pm, so individual members may participate in a group discussion on the issue.

Email Jennifer@lwvny.org if you would like to join the Feb. 25 call.

Background information here:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/37d635eb001/5eb9c5dd-5065-449a-9ab9-bce5fae95885.pdf>

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL LEAGUE (LWVUS)

UPDATE: 2020 PRESIDENTIAL GUIDE

As of January 29th, all qualified presidential candidates have responded to the League's questions. The link below takes you to a page on the National League's website which provides information about the process and then links to the Guide.

https://www.lwv.org/league-management/elections-tools/lwvef-2020-presidential-voters-guide-information?utm_source=LeagueUpdate&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=01302020

You can also, of course, find the information online at the League's election website:

www.Vote411.org

EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

On January 27, Virginia became the 38th state to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment. The League of Women Voters has supported and pushed for ratification of the ERA since it was first passed by Congress in 1972. Leagues across the country have worked to engage lawmakers and organize at the grassroots level to ensure equal rights for all, regardless of sex, is enshrined

in the Constitution. Now that the amendment has passed the 38-state threshold, several questions remain about its viability – including whether the deadline for ratification has passed.

https://www.lwv.org/blog/equal-rights-amendment-what-happens-now?utm_source=LeagueUpdate&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=01302020

100TH ANNIVERSARY!

Yes, February 14th was Valentine's Day...but this year, it also marked the centennial anniversary of the founding of the League.

<https://www.lwv.org/about-us/history>



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The League was officially founded in Chicago in 1920, just six months before the 19th amendment was ratified and women won the vote. Formed by the suffragists of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, the League began as a "mighty political experiment" designed to help 20 million women carry out their new responsibilities as voters.



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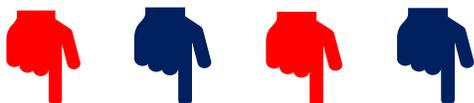
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