

Rochester/Metro League of Women Voters Mission Statement

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.

Voter education is one of the League's most important functions, and the League encourages all citizens to register and to cast an informed vote.

The League does not support political parties or candidates, but does take stands on important issues after careful study and research.

Membership in the League is open to all citizens of voting age.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

LWV-RMA and the Social Justice Council
of the First Unitarian Church present

The 5th Anniversary of the Affordable Care Act: Challenges of Implementation

Exploring implementation challenges of the ACA
five years after its enactment.

Our distinguished moderator

Sarah Liebschutz, Professor Emerita, SUNY, Brockport
and LWV-RMA member

Our expert panel

Bryan Hetherington of Empire Justice Center

Kim Wynn of Coordinated Care Services

Christine Wagner of St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center

Monday, April 27

7:00 – 8:00 PM

First Unitarian Church of Rochester

220 South Winton Road 14610

Handicapped Accessible/Parking in Rear

Pre-registration is appreciated:

585-262-3730 or www.lwv-rma.org



President's Corner

We've "sprung forward" – and the snow is finally melting! Welcome to spring, Rochester-style!

Our program year ends with a forum you won't want to miss – a look at the Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare") 5 years after it was enacted. Our own Sarah Liebschutz moderates a panel of local experts to discuss the challenges encountered so far in implementing this still-controversial legislation. If you attended Sarah's earlier forum introducing the ACA, you know that this evening promises in-depth analysis as well as an opportunity for questions and well-informed answers. The Social Justice Council of the First Unitarian Church joins us in sponsoring this important forum on **Monday, April 27, at 7:00 PM**. Mark your calendar! (As with other recent forums, the panelists will be interviewed on "Connections with Evan Dawson" on WXXI 1370AM at noon. Be sure to tune in!)

On **Monday, May 4, at 7:00 PM** our Government Committee leads a discussion on updating the LWV-NYS position on the proposed NYS Constitutional Convention. This promises to be informative and most interesting. This meeting is for members only.

We'll be hosting a regional workshop introducing a new initiative by LWVNY pairing our ongoing voter registration activities with increasing awareness of organ donation. Led by LWVNY, it offers us an opportunity for open discussion on other topics as well. Bring your questions and suggestions on Saturday, **May 9, at 11:00 AM**.

And finally, our **Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 27, at 4:00 PM** at Locust Hill Country Club. This is your opportunity to review and vote on the budget for 2015-16 and bylaws revisions, and to elect new members to the board of directors. (Please see pages 7 and 8 for the details.) And of course, we'll take this opportunity to celebrate our accomplishments over the last year – and the amazing members whose hard work made good things happen.

We're making some format changes this year – first and foremost, it's very affordable. **The cost is \$10 per member**, and we offer hors d'oeuvres, punch, coffee/tea and a cash bar. Equally important, the time is late afternoon – hopefully accommodating work schedules. So please reserve your place at this important meeting, mixing the business of "making democracy work" with the pleasure of good company!

We look forward to seeing you often in the coming weeks – and as always, we're eager for your comments and suggestions. Please feel free to contact us at 262-3730 or by email.

In League,

Gloria S. Read gloell@rochester.rr.com
Mary Hussong-Kallen mmhk@rochester.rr.com

April Forum

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) was adopted by Congress in March 2010 after overcoming a gauntlet of obstacles including a polarized political environment and soaring budget deficits. Since then, the Act's constitutionality was affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2012, but its implementation was marred by the botched rollout of the health insurance exchanges in 2013. Although the exchanges worked largely as intended in 2014, a pending Supreme Court case and Republican majorities in both houses of Congress call into question both the future and form of the ACA.

"The Fifth Anniversary of the Affordable Care Act: Challenges of Implementation"—a community forum—will be held on Monday, April 27, at 7:00 PM at the First Unitarian Church on South Winton Road to ponder the challenges. This Forum is co-sponsored by the Social Justice Council of the First Unitarian Church.

The panel will be moderated by Sarah Liebschutz, Professor Emerita, SUNY, Brockport and League member. Panelists will provide insight into various dimensions of health care under the ACA. Bryan Hetherington, Empire Justice Center, will analyze *King v. Burwell*, a pending Supreme Court case about whether subsidies in the ACA can be provided to low- and middle-income enrollees in states with federally operated insurance marketplaces. Kim Wynn, Coordinated Care Services, will discuss local success rates of enrollment in the New York State of Health exchange. Christine Wagner, St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center, will reflect on access to health care for persons exempted from coverage in the ACA. The 90-minute forum will provide ample time for questions and answers about the implementation of the ACA.

Please mark your calendar and join us on April 27 at 7:00 PM at the Unitarian Church as we explore implementation challenges of the Affordable Care Act five years after its enactment.

Sarah Liebschutz
Health Care Study Group

The League on WXXI

Advocacy Director Katherine Smith was interviewed by Evan Dawson on "Connections" (WXXI 1370AM) on Monday, March 30, as part of a state-wide panel discussing "Ethics Reform in the NYS Budget."

The podcast is available at http://wxxinews.org/post/connections-ethics-reform-nys-budget?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+wxxi-1370featured+%28Connections+with+Evan+Dawson%29&utm_content=FeedBurner.

Advocacy:

THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT

With the current focus on the 50th Anniversary of the Selma March, many citizens across the country are becoming aware or renewing their awareness of the 1965 Voters Rights Act and the Supreme Court ruling that has led to a needed updating of the Act. There has been a great deal of media coverage of new election regulations, especially since the Supreme Court's Shelby County decision. LWVUS and many others recognize this decision as making it harder for people to vote.

However, there also has been action to stop some of these new barriers to increasing voters' participation in our representative democracy, along with some new regulations that may increase voter turnout in 2015. LWVUS, as always in its 95 year history, is in the forefront of this movement to increase voter participation in our country. The Florida League (LWVFL), in an amicus brief, has stopped the state from purging the voter rolls. The League in Nebraska and Colorado, along with voting rights coalition partners, has prevented voter ID laws. In Michigan, South Carolina and elsewhere, members are lobbying for early voting. Online registration may happen in Florida, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota and Oklahoma this year.

Please take time to read more about all this good work at <http://lww.org/issues/voting-rights>.

PEOPLE'S VOTING RIGHTS MANIFESTO

LWVUS joined the People's Voting Rights Manifesto on March 8, 2015 during the re-enactment of the Salem March. The Manifesto reads in part: "...we commit to protecting the right to vote by ensuring that everyone is registered and educated on the issues..."

We must tell our members of Congress to show support for democracy by pressing for the Voting Rights Act of 2015 to receive a hearing before the US House of Representatives Judiciary Committee this spring.

LWVRMA is committed to registering voters, informing citizens on candidates' positions (Vote 411) and getting citizens to the polls. The power of the vote impacts every aspect of our lives from the womb to the tomb.

Read the entire Manifesto at <http://lww.org/content/league-joins-peoples-voting-rights-manifesto>.

Katherine Smith

1st Vice-President, Advocacy Chair

LOOK FOR US ON FACEBOOK! 

We know you'll "like" us!

www.facebook.com/lwvofrma

Advocacy: NYS Budget

LWVNYS gave testimony on February 26 on the Governor's 2015-2016 proposed public protection budget as set forth in the Appropriations bill and the related Public Protection and General Government Article VII legislation. We in the League have lobbied for years for many of these items, but do not support including them in the budget process. Our position is that ethics reforms, election administration and campaign finance enforcement should be separate bills individually debated. LWVNYS looks forward to the 2015 session producing meaningful changes in contribution limits for state offices, closing of the LLC loophole completely and expanded disclosure of campaign expenditures. We strongly support public financing of elections.

Additionally, LWVNYS testimony supported monies to upgrade the 2007 NYSVoter, a statewide database and integrated list of each of the county boards' voter registration data, which serves as the single, official voter registration list. This system of recordkeeping of the 7,000 poll sites in our state and registration needs to be modernized, including the use of electronic poll books in the 2016 election.

Complete testimony can be found at http://www.lwvny.org/advocacy/2015/Testimony-Public-Protection-Budget-Hearing_0215.pdf.

Information on this and other pending legislation can be found at <http://www.assembly.state.ny.us> and www.nysenate.gov.

Katherine Smith

1st Vice-President, Advocacy Chair

Are you using our online calendar?

If not, then you may be missing important League events! When you visit our website next time (www.lwv-rma.org), take a look at the calendar before you leave – you'll find meetings, forums, and other events, all in one easy-to-find place.

Do You Tweet?

If you use Twitter, consider following LWVNY. You'll find great information on many topics. Look for <https://twitter.com/LWVNYS> next time you're online!



LWVNY recommends a video titled "This Won't Hurt a Bit" available online at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=syMjY0-cT9E>

LWVNYS Constitutional Convention Position

Consensus Meeting Update

At the LWVNYS convention two years ago, the delegates voted to update the current Constitutional Convention position with an emphasis on the method of delegate selection.

We will have a meeting for LWVRMA members to discuss the proposed updated position on Monday, May 4, at 7:00 PM in the Brighton Town Hall. The purpose of the consensus meeting will be to determine whether there is member agreement on updating the Delegate Selection portion of the League 1993 Constitutional Convention position:

- to make it more flexible and adaptable for the future (bringing it more in line with most League positions), and
- to clarify how the board should consider any reforms or lack thereof to the delegate selection process as part of the decision on whether or not to support the proposal for a constitutional convention when it comes up again for a vote in 2017.

This update is not intended to consider whether or not the League will support or oppose the proposal. The state board will decide that question in light of current policy concerns and the entire League position.

There will be only one question: Do we wish to retain the current position or do we wish to adopt the new position? Please join us as we help LWVNYS prepare for the 2017 ballot question on whether or not to have a Constitutional Convention.

Judy Weinstein

Government Committee Member

Who Represents You

Our annual brochure "Who Represents You" is now available! This handy and very informative publication is updated each year, thanks to a grant from the Rochester Area Community Foundation.

If you would like a copy (or would like to distribute copies as you attend events in the community), please contact Barbara Grosh at barbaragrosh@gmail.com.

Who Represents You is also available on our website at www.lwv-rma.org.

If you're interested...

In meeting with NYS Assembly members on Fridays during April and May to advocate for League positions on important issues, please contact Katherine Smith at 585-334-3991 or kathysmith292@gmail.com.

Membership Corner

Say Hello to the Millennials!

As I write this, we are about to have our first meeting with the MCC students who expressed an interest in working on political issues as referenced in the last Voter. A sincere thank you goes out to those who helped with setting up the agenda (Hasana Martin, Gin Busack, and Patrina Freeman) and to those who have volunteered to work with the students (Ellen DeGregorio and Jackie Smith).

This adventure arises from our trying to increase our diversity. So many Millennials have never heard about "the League." You can help to change this by giving "the gift of membership" in LWV-RMA to your children or grandchildren as they turn 18. For that matter, there's no need to wait - those under 18 can be associate members! We have already welcomed Steve Penta (MCC), Rebecca Comisar (UB), and Jeffrey (MCC) and Anthony Wagman (Brighton HS). *Who else is waiting for that invitation?*

As busy as young people are, there are so many little but important things we can invite them to do with us. And best of all, they will take the League story with them wherever they settle. They will be our "good will ambassadors" for the future of our League. Yea!!

Georgia DeGregorio

Membership Committee Chair

Naturalization:

March Naturalization ceremonies brought us to two venues. Lois Winterkorn welcomed fifty new citizens at the Monroe County Office Building at 10:00 am on March 12th. Also on that day at the same time, Sheila Abeling met 75 candidates for Naturalization at Monroe Community College. What a wonderful day for the newest USA citizens and what a joy for the League to be a part of the Americanization process!

If you are interested in observing or becoming part of the Naturalization project that the League is a part of for twelve months a year, please contact Sheila Abeling at 585-223-6819 or sheiler162004@yahoo.com.

Sheila Abeling

1st Vice-President, Naturalization Committee Chair



Sunshine Corner

HENRIETTA TOWN BOARD MARCH 18

From Town of Henrietta website

No LWV issues were noted (per agenda).

(To view the full minutes from these and other meetings, please click here: <http://www.henrietta.org>)

IRONDEQUOIT TOWN BOARD MARCH 19 OBSERVED BY PATRINA FREEMAN

No LWV issues were observed.

The Town Board passed a resolution clarifying that jewelry and coin exchange dealers, pawn brokers and second-hand dealers may operate only in manufacturing districts.

The Town Board authorized the Supervisor to enter into agreements with Monroe County for STOP DWI crackdown weekends.

April 4 is annual Electrical Recycling Day, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM at Irondequoit Town Hall.

(To view the full minutes from this and other meetings, please click here: <http://www.irondequoit.org/>)

MONROE COUNTY LEGISLATURE MARCH 10

From draft minutes on County website

No public speakers were noted.

No LWV issues were noted.

The entire agenda, with the exception of Resolution 29, was moved in one vote. Most of the agenda referred to sanitation items.

Next meeting of the Legislature is April 14 at 6:00 PM.

(To view the full minutes from this and other meetings, please click here: <http://www2.monroecounty.gov>)

WEBSTER TOWN BOARD MARCH 19 OBSERVED BY LOIS WINTERKORN

No LWV issues were noted.

The Town Board referred the rezoning of 50.28 acres of real estate on the eastern side of Hard Road north of Route 104 to the Planning Board for review and recommendations.

(To view the full minutes from these and other meetings, please click here: <http://www.ci.webster.ny.us>)

Elaine Schmidt

Observer Corps

Organ Donation and Voter Registration

New York State ranks LAST of all states and DC in the percentage of residents (18 years of age and older) who have registered to be organ donors (23%). Yet, NYS has the 3rd highest need for donors in the US. New York State is also the only state in the country that includes organ donation registration on the voter registration form.

The New York Alliance for Donation (NYAD) and the League have joined together in a partnership to try and increase both voter registrations and organ donor registrations at the same time. With this partnership, local Leagues will provide information on organ donor registration at voter registration drives.

NYAD's mission is to ensure a transplant for every New Yorker in need.

Come learn how our local League can participate at the training sessions being held for the Western NY region on Saturday, May 9.

The schedule is:

- 11:00 -12:00 Organ Donation Program
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch (provided) and networking with other League members
- 1:00 - 3:00 How do we get our League jobs done with the people resources we have?

All members are invited to attend the workshops at no charge.

Pre-registration is appreciated:

585-262-3730 or www.lwv-rma.org

Amazon Smile

The state League has just joined a new program to help raise funds. AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support the state League every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a 0.5% of the purchase price to the state League's Education Foundation. To shop at Amazon Smile, simply go to smile.amazon.com instead of just amazon.com and search for the League of Women Voters of NYS as your selected charitable organization.

Do You Have...

Comments? Suggestions? News We Can Use?

Contact The Voter at:

lwvrma-voter@rochester.rr.com



It's time once again, and you are **WISE** (Warmly Invited and Strongly Encouraged)
to attend our

Annual Meeting

Please join us on
Wednesday, May 27, 2015
at 4:00 PM at Locust Hill Country Club.

Vote for:

New slate of candidates to our Board of Directors
and Nominating Committee
Budget for 2015-2016
Bylaws revisions

Recognize Milestone League members

Honor our Carrie Chapman Catt, Making Democracy Work and
Lifetime of Service Award winners

Celebrate all of our many accomplishments this year

Enjoy socializing with other members

If you've never attended an Annual Meeting, please make this your first!

Cost is \$10 per person

Hors d'oeuvres
Coffee, Tea, Punch
Cash Bar

RSVP at <http://www.lwv-rma.org> – we look forward to seeing you!

The following information on bylaws, slate of candidates and budget is offered for your review and will be presented for vote by all members attending the Annual Meeting on May 27.

Report of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee will present for membership consideration at the Annual Meeting the following slate of candidates to serve on the Board of Directors:

2nd Vice President, 2015-2017: **Sheila Abeling**

Treasurer, 2015-2017: **Ida Holloran**

Secretary, 2015-2016: **Patrina Freeman**

Director, 2015-2016: **Ernest DuBois**

Director, 2015-2017: **Gin Busack, Carole Hoffman, Judy Weinstein**

In addition, the following candidates are presented for membership consideration to serve on the Nominating Committee:

2015-16 Nominating Committee (Non-Board Members): **Lois Winterkorn** (Chair), **Barbara Kay, Phyllis Walker**

All members attending the Annual Meeting on May 27 will have an opportunity to vote for the candidates.

During the annual meeting, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

There is room on the board for additional candidates for Director, 2015-2016, and Director, 2015-2017. The bylaws stipulate a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of ten (10) elected directors and not more than five (5) appointed directors.

Many thanks to the committee members: Phyllis Walker, Gin Busack and Katherine Smith.

Rita Garretson

Nominating Committee Chair

Dollars & Cents for 2015-16

Budget Committee members Dorothy Borgus (Chair), Barbara Hendry, Ida Holloran, Mary Hussong-Kallen and Gloria Read have been busy preparing the League budget for 2015-16. The budget received Board approval at the March 12 meeting, and is presented for your review on page 8 in this Voter.

In reviewing the 2015-16 budget you will note that the format has changed somewhat. Most significantly, some items have been moved off-budget, some line items have been clarified to better describe the expense or income involved, and there has been a consolidation of some administrative costs, namely postage, copying and the cost of brochures. Previously many of these costs were budgeted under specific programs or events, making overall cost difficult to track. The committee feels these changes will make the Board's fiscal monitoring and oversight easier as well as adding transparency to the League's finances.

Overall, the committee feels that this is a moderate budget which takes advantage of the educational dollars in our Grants Management Account and exercises judicious spending while still producing good programs and fulfilling the mission of the League.

Dorothy Borgus

Budget Committee Chair

Bylaws Committee Report

Our bylaws committee reviewed the rules which govern LWV-RMA's operations and recommends the following five changes. All changes were accepted by the Board of Directors at its March 12 meeting:

Article V, Section 1 – "The terms of office for all elected directors shall begin on July 1st following the election. (*previously immediately following election*)

Article V, Section 1 – Appointed directors shall serve until June 30th following their appointment. (*previously unspecified*)

Article V, Section 9 (new) – When matters arise upon which the board must vote between scheduled board meetings, information may be distributed electronically and by telephone, and votes may be received by the Secretary by those same methods. This activity should be noted in the minutes of the following board meeting.

Article VII, Section 2 – An annual meeting shall be held between May 1st and June 15, the exact date to be determined by the board. (*previously April 15*)

Article VII, Section 2f – The minutes of the annual meeting shall be approved by the Board at the first regular meeting of the Board following the annual meeting not more than thirty (30) days after July 1st. (*previously not specified; historically the meeting took place immediately following the annual meeting*)

In addition to these recommendations, several miscellaneous changes were made in the interest of clarifying or fixing typographical errors.

J. Ernest DuBois and Mary Hussong-Kallen

Bylaws Committee Members

Budget

LWV-RMA BUDGET 2014-15

Income	
Dues	\$ 8,175.00
Donations	
Annual Appeal	\$ 1,000.00
Members	\$ 350.00
Non-Members	\$ 400.00
Mon Co Bd of Elections (Ballots)	\$ 1,400.00
Moderator	\$ 100.00
Programs	
Annual Meeting	\$ 1,675.00
Monthly Program/Events	\$ 280.00
Go-See Tours	\$ 250.00
Restricted Funds	
B Bibby (NYS Ed Fund)	\$ 3,000.00
B Bibby (CGR - project to be named)	\$ 15,000.00
NYS Education Fund	\$ 500.00
RACF Grant (WRY)	\$ 1,200.00
G Shafer Fund (SIA)	\$ 700.00
Schwab Investment Income	\$ 850.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 34,880.00

Expenses	
National Dues	\$ (3,534.00)
State Dues	\$ (1,989.00)
Conventions	
National	
State	\$ (2,400.00)
SIA	\$ (790.00)
Support - Allied Organization Events	\$ (50.00)
Programs	
Forums/events	
Honorariums	\$ (500.00)
Printing/Supplies	\$ (250.00)
Postage	\$ (200.00)
Go-See Tour	\$ (250.00)
Program Planning Meeting (January)	
Postage	
Food	\$ (400.00)
Room Rental	\$ (100.00)
Annual Member Meeting	
Food/Room	\$ (950.00)
Supplies	\$ (200.00)
Speaker	\$ (100.00)
Program Printing	\$ (150.00)
CGR Program	\$ (15,000.00)
Misc Program Supplies	
Administration Expense	
PO Box (1 year)	\$ (75.00)
Office Phone	\$ (540.00)
Paper/Printer Supplies	\$ (600.00)
Postage	\$ (92.00)
Misc Fees	
Website Design	\$ (1,250.00)
Development Costs	
Annual Appeal	\$ (60.00)
Public Relations	\$ (100.00)
Voter Services	
Who Represents You (WRY)	\$ (1,200.00)
Vote411	\$ (250.00)
FEPC	\$ (250.00)
Printing of Guides	\$ (875.00)
The Voter	\$ (2,250.00)
Membership Committee	
Postage/Printing/Paypal	\$ (160.00)
Welcome New Members	\$ (300.00)
Other	
Advocacy Notes & Postage	\$ (15.00)
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ (34,880.00)
NET CHANGE	\$ -

LWV-RMA BUDGET 2015-16

Income	
Dues	\$ 9,630.00
Donations	
Annual Appeal	\$ 250.00
Members	\$ 200.00
Non-Members	\$ 200.00
Monroe County Board of Elections (Ballots)	\$ 1,500.00
Programs	
Annual Meeting	\$ 500.00
Monthly Program/Events	\$ 100.00
Go-See Tours	\$ 250.00
Other Income	
Grants Management Income	
EF-LWVUS PMP	\$ 1,888.00
EF-LWVNYS PMP	\$ 1,062.00
EF-Special Projects	\$ 2,000.00
EF-Students Inside Albany (SIA)-Shafer	\$ 800.00
EF-Other	\$ 2,200.00
EF-Who Represents You (WRY)-RACF	\$ 1,200.00
Schwab Investment	\$ 450.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 22,230.00

Expenses	
National Dues	\$ (3,776.00)
State Dues	\$ (2,124.00)
Conventions	
National	\$ (3,000.00)
State	
Membership	\$ (100.00)
Advocacy	\$ (100.00)
Programs	
Forums/events	
Equipment	\$ (250.00)
Space Rental	\$ (300.00)
Go-See Tour	\$ (250.00)
Program Planning Meeting (January)	
Food	\$ (200.00)
Room Rental	\$ (100.00)
Annual Member Meeting (May/June)	
Food/Room	\$ (1,000.00)
Supplies	\$ (125.00)
Program Printing	\$ (150.00)
Voter Services	
Who Represents You (WRY)	\$ (1,300.00)
Vote411	\$ (250.00)
Fair Election Practices Campaign	\$ (250.00)
Brochures	\$ (1,200.00)
Special Projects	\$ (2,000.00)
Administration Expense	
Internet Hosting	\$ (70.00)
Office Phone	\$ (840.00)
Paypal	\$ (75.00)
Paper/Printer Supplies	\$ (905.00)
PO Box (1 year)	\$ (75.00)
Postage	\$ (400.00)
Development Costs	
Annual Appeal	\$ (275.00)
Public Relations	\$ (100.00)
Students Inside Albany	\$ (800.00)
Support - Allied Organization Events/Memberships	\$ (15.00)
The Voter (layout)	\$ (2,200.00)
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ (22,230.00)

NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT \$ -

School to Prison Pipeline Forum Photos



Grand Jury Forum Photos



First Friday Photos





Coming Events!



April

- 9 Naturalization Ceremony AM (Minerva Deland School in Fairport)
- 9 Naturalization Ceremony 1:00 PM (Federal Building)
- 9 LWV-RMA Board Meeting (BTH)
- 9 Rochester Federation of Women's Clubs Luncheon 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- 27 Forum: Affordable Care Act 7:00 PM (First Unitarian Church on Winton Road)

May

- 1 First Friday 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM (TBA)
- 4 Constitutional Convention Meeting 7:00 PM (BTH) This meeting is for members only.
- 9 LWVNYS Organ Donation/Voter Registration Regional Workshop 11:00 AM (TBA)
- 14 Naturalization Ceremony 10:00 AM (Monroe County Office Building)
- 14 Rochester Federation of Women's Clubs Luncheon 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- 18 Naturalization Ceremony (RIT)
- 27 **ANNUAL MEETING** 4:00 PM (Locust Hill CC)

Be sure to check your email and our website for other events as they are scheduled!

First Friday Update

As you may have heard, 1872 Café has closed. We'll resume our gatherings on May 1 - but where???

Please let us know your suggestions at info@lwv-rma.org - and look for an email to let you know where to meet us in May!



Watch and Listen to our Forums on YouTube!

The League is trying something new, something that has had success in other cities - we are now recording our forums and posting the videos on YouTube for your viewing pleasure. Can't make the forum? Not a problem. Catch a 'replay' on YouTube!

To access the League's YouTube videos, please click on this link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjC9NCupn9AhZpH2k83m5_g

Enjoy!

Capitol Beat Blog

Check in for important updates from League Legislative Director Barbara Bartoletti!

Please visit frequently:

<http://www.lwvny-capitolbeat.blogspot.com/>

for this week's post!

Board meets monthly on the second Thursday of each month. Board meetings are open to all members.

Government Committee meets monthly. For details, call Elaine Schmidt at 530-7414.

Membership Committee meets monthly. For details, call Georgia DeGregorio at 787-9692.

10:00 AM Naturalization Ceremonies are held at Monroe County Office Building at 39 W. Main Street.

1:00 PM Naturalization Ceremonies are held at Federal Court House at 100 State Street.

Forums are open to the public. Calendar information is subject to change.

For more complete information, consult our website at www.LWV-RMA.org, call 262-3730 or e-mail us at info@lwv-rma.org



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SPEAK UP, BE HEARD,
IF YOU DON'T SAY A WORD, EVERYTHING WILL STAY THE SAME WAY

Join the League Today!



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Check Amount: _____

Level of Membership: _____

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