

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. Non-citizens and those under 18 can be associate members.

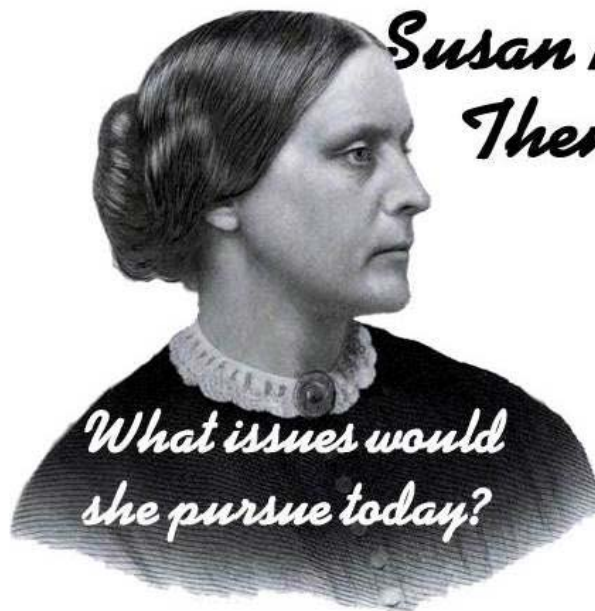
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The League of Women Voters Rochester Metropolitan Area presents

If Susan B. Anthony were alive today...

A presentation by Catherine Cerulli, JD, PhD
Director, University of Rochester Susan B. Anthony Center



Susan B. Anthony Then & Now



**April 11, 2016
7:00 – 8:30 PM**

**Asbury United Methodist Church
1050 East Avenue, Rochester, NY**

Handicapped Accessible/Parking in Rear

Preregister at <http://www.lwv-rma.org> or 262-3730
We look forward to seeing you!

Presidents' Corner

It's spring! Time to ignore the stray snow flurries and enjoy the sunlight that lasts into the (early) evening!

This year is going by so quickly – and we have so much more to do. Are you checking our website and online calendar to make sure you don't miss anything?

Our final monthly forum for this program year will be held on April 11, and it's a gem. Catherine Cerulli, Director of the Susan B. Anthony Center at the U of R, will introduce us to Susan B. as we've never known her. Catherine's research and personal commitment to activism in areas that one can easily believe Susan B. would eagerly support will provide us all with an enlightening evening. Don't miss it!

And LWVNY will be offering regional training sessions in Syracuse (April 2) and Buffalo (April 9). These annual gatherings offer us all an opportunity to meet folks from State and our neighbor Leagues, and also to discuss issues and challenges common to all of us. Please let us know ASAP if you're interested...

Several committees are busy preparing next year's budget, meeting with our proposed slate of board candidates, reviewing and updating our policies, and planning the Annual Meeting (Thursday, June 2, at 4:00 PM at Locust Hill). The next issue of the Voter will offer info on all the items to be voted on at that meeting, along with year-end reports from our committees and study groups.

Speaking of the Annual Meeting, we'll be honoring many members who have taken leadership and accomplishment to new heights in this current year. Who will receive the "Carrie Chapman Catt" Award, Life Memberships, and the 5 "You Make Us Proud" Awards? Who from the community will receive the "Making Democracy Work" Award? Plan to join us to find out! We do have work to do, but this meeting is just as much a celebration! Make your reservation today.

And last, but most certainly not least, we're pleased to announce that Judy Wadsworth has volunteered to serve as our new Voter Editor! Judy brings talent and experience and a wonderful enthusiasm to this role – and we're so grateful to her for sharing her wonderful gifts with us. You'll begin seeing her creative influence in the next few editions as she transitions into her new role. Welcome, Judy!

In League,

Gloria S. Read (gloell@rochester.rr.com)

Mary Hussong-Kallen (mmhk@rochester.rr.com)

If Susan B. Anthony were alive today...

How well do you know Susan B. Anthony? We suspect that nobody knows her quite as well as Catherine Cerulli, Director of the Susan B. Anthony Center at the University of Rochester, and she'll be joining us on April 11 to introduce us to Ms. Anthony in a whole new (activist) way.

We've invited Dr. Cerulli to share with us her extensive knowledge of Susan B., including the issues and causes Susan B. might support today.

In addition to her role as Director of the Center, Dr. Cerulli is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the U of R, and continues to practice law (she's a former Assistant District Attorney here in Monroe County). She is a nationally recognized expert and activist on a host of social justice issues.

The Center's website states, "We are inspired by Susan B. Anthony's vision and passion, and seek to continue that work by translating research into policy and practice to improve lives. The Susan B. Anthony Center works to overcome remaining barriers to equality, including social justice issues and violence against women. We recognize that empowerment comes through education and safety."

According to the website, "The Susan B. Anthony Center faculty and staff have been working on a local, state and national level to raise the profile of disenfranchised populations and examine ways to integrate science into policy. Additionally, the team has been reviewing letters written by Susan B. Anthony to examine what advice she would likely offer women in today's world."

We strongly suggest browsing the Center's website for information on courageous suffragists of the past as well as research and advocacy activity on current social justice issues: <http://www.rochester.edu/sba/>.

Mark your calendar for a very interesting and informative evening! Join us on Monday, April 11, at 7:00 PM at Asbury First United Methodist Church, 1050 East Avenue.

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Meet Gloria Read

BACKGROUND

Gloria was born and grew up in Rochester, NY, and graduated from the "old East High School" on Alexander Street. After high school she worked at many local companies before retiring from Eastman Kodak Company with 26 years working in the Motion Picture Division in the Student Filmmaker Program. After graduating from the United Way's African American Leadership Development Program, Gloria became involved in serving the community on a volunteer basis with The Young Audiences of Rochester, the United Way's Helping Seniors Program and Wilson Commencement Park. She later graduated with a Master's Degree in Management from Keuka College.

WHY YOU JOINED LWV-RMA

Several years ago, Gloria learned that our "Who Represents You," a much-used resource for her, was produced by the League of Women Voters-RMA. Upon checking the League website, she saw a notice about an upcoming luncheon. She was impressed by the League's mission and vision and wanted to learn more about politics, so she signed up for membership and attended the next Annual Meeting luncheon.

LEAGUE ROLE/ACTIVITY

Gloria became active in the Membership Committee upon joining and learned much in the way of political activism. After experience with the Membership Committee, she was nominated and elected Co-President, a position she still holds. She has attended both State and National conventions; has introduced panelists and welcomed members at our monthly forums; helped coordinate annual meetings and annual "Picnic in the Park" membership meetings; and welcomed viewers to our WROC Channel 8 Debates. Gloria loves the friendship and volunteerism of our members at National, State, and Local levels.

QUOTE

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream"

Welcome to

Martha Nemes Fried



Naturalization Report

On March 10 at 10:00 AM, members of LWV-RMA gathered at the Monroe County Office Building to witness the naturalization process. Mimi Wilson welcomed more than 50 citizenship candidates. Camille Clayton and Sheila Abeling welcomed 87 new citizens at 10:30 AM at the George Eastman Museum's Dryden Theatre, a first time event that will hopefully become a tradition. It's so powerful to be in a room with so many smiles and so much positivity.

During April League members will visit the Federal Building and Minerva Deland School in Fairport. Members are always welcome to attend. Contact Sheila Abeling for details at 585-223-6819 or sheiler162007@gmail.com.

Sheila Abeling

Naturalization Services Coordinator

Election Services Report

The New York State Presidential Primary is scheduled for April 19.

First, please remember to go to the polls and vote!

Second, please help anyone you know who needs a ride to the polls or who needs a reminder to vote.

Third, the League volunteers to open absentee ballots each year for primaries and elections as a fund raiser. Please volunteer to open absentee ballots on April 19.

If you are interested, please contact Sheila Abeling at 585-223-6819 or sheiler162007@gmail.com for details.

Sheila Abeling

Election Services Coordinator

For NYS Budget Updates...

Visit Capitol Beat Blog by LWVNYS Legislative Director Barbara Bartoletti and LWVNYS Director of Program and Policy Jennifer Wilson! You'll find the inside story on many NYS government news events here. If you haven't visited before, be sure to check it out, and then make it a habit when the Legislature is in session: www.lwvny-capitolbeat.blogspot.com/

Sunshine Corner

MONROE COUNTY LEGISLATURE 3/8/2016

OBSERVED BY ELAINE SCHMIDT



Note: Some members of the Observer Corps were not available to attend their Town Board meetings. To learn what happened at local meetings, please access the town websites for agendas and minutes.

The Rev. Alan Newton spoke in support of an increase of child care subsidies. Brigit Hurley of The Children’s Agenda spoke in support of the Nurse-Family Home Visit Partnership Program, citing the program’s efficacy.

The Legislature enacted the Office of Public Integrity by a vote of 28 to 1. Previous to the passage of the primary resolution, Legislator James Sheppard introduced an amendment requiring a five-person commission to select the Director of the Office of Public Integrity and establish a 10-year term of office, along with stricter standards. This amendment was voted down 19 to 10 along party lines. The discussion previous to the vote on the primary resolution touched on the fact that there is no list of qualifications for the job of Director. It was stated in the discussion that there are no qualifications listed in the Monroe County Charter.

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

The remainder of the agenda (items 3-36) was moved in one motion and passed unanimously.

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

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

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

(To view the full minutes from the City of Rochester, please click here: <http://www.cityofrochester.gov/>)

(To view the full minutes from the City School District, please click here: <http://www.rcsdk12.org>)

(To view the full minutes from Greece, please click here: <http://www.greecenyny.gov>)



Presenters at the March 21 program on Paid Family Leave included:

LWV-RMA Co-President Gloria Reed, at the podium, who introduced the program; Yvette Tagano, CEO of CAR Engineering & Manufacturing, who discussed issues faced by employers when employees are absent; Greg Biryly, Executive Director of Unshackle Upstate, who discussed economic issues caused by unfunded mandates; Larry Marx, Executive Director of The Children’s Agenda, who supported family leave and noted that almost all industrialized nations provide family leave universally; Blue Carreker, Manager of Paid Family Leave Campaign, who reviewed the various family leave bills in the NYS Legislature and discussed their pros and cons; and LWV-RMA Member Barbara Grosh, who served as panel moderator.



**SAVE THE DATE:
Thursday, June 2 -
Annual Meeting**

LWV-RMA Activities on College Campuses

Members of the League have participated in activities on four campuses this past month – the University of Rochester (UR), Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), and two Monroe Community College (MCC) campuses: Brighton and Damon.

At UR we met with Dr. Catherine Lewis, Assistant Director of the Center for Community Leadership, and a variety of students representing political interests on campus. We shared our goals and described our activities at area colleges. Ellie Drake of our partner LWV Wayne County shared our “Why Vote” presentation and we explored the idea of UR students helping us with the presentation at area high schools. Doing voter registration during summer orientation was also explored and we offered to help with that. In addition to Ellie, Gin Busack and Gail Wilder attended.

Carole Hoffman and Gail Wilder represented the League at an event at RIT on “Why People Do Not Vote.” This was hosted by Rebecca Johnson and Phyllis Walker and attended by a small group of faculty and students. We all participated in a lively discussion. We learned that their Vice President of Student Affairs has approved the purchase of TurboVote. TurboVote makes it easy for students to register to vote, request an absentee ballot, and sign up for text and email reminders with important election information, dates and deadlines. RIT might also be interested in voter registration help from the League during summer orientation.

Georgia DeGregorio and Ann Carmody continue to meet with the active group at MCC Brighton campus, “Power to the People” (formerly known as ‘Roc the Vote’). These groups have been holding debate nights and offering pizza and time for discussion and interaction. “Power to the People” now includes three faculty members and hosted two more events in March:

On March 18 – Supreme Court Justice issues, and

On March 21 – a Meet the Candidates time.

The League attended both events and provided voter registration information.

The LWV-RMA now has two new contacts at MCC- Damon campus: Professor Verdis Robinson, Campus Coordinator of History and African- American Studies, and Dr. Ann Topping, Dean of Students. Gin Busack, Gail Wilder and Ida Holloran participated in four noon hour events on campus and registered 95 students to vote. Dr. Topping expressed interest in League help with voter registration during summer orientation and we will pursue that. We have a solid connection with Professor Robinson and he may be interested in asking League members to present or participate in classes at Damon.

Gail Wilder

Voter Services College Coordinator



It's nearly time and you will be WISE (Warmly Invited and Strongly Encouraged) to attend our Annual Meeting!

Please plan to join us on Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 4:00 PM at Locust Hill Country Club.

- Vote for:
 - * New slate of candidates to our Board of Directors and Nominating Committee
 - * Annual budget for 2016-2017
- Honor Milestone League members
- Celebrate “Carrie Chapman Catt” & “Making Democracy Work” Awards
- Acknowledge the members who earned “You Make Us Proud” Awards this year

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, punch, coffee, tea, cash bar – and wonderful company.

Cost is just \$10 again this year!

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

The LWV-RMA Online

WEBSITE:

<http://www.lwv-rma.org>

YOU TUBE:

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or <http://bit.ly/1XY8Bju>

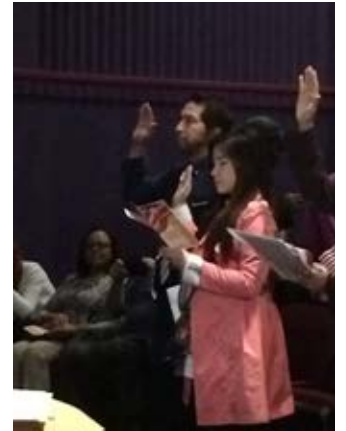
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<https://twitter.com> sign in (or set up an account) then search for @LWVrochesterNY

FACEBOOK:

<https://www.facebook.com/lwvofrma/?ref=bookmarks>
or <http://on.fb.me/1Rju80N>

Naturalization Ceremonies Photos



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Coming Events!



April

- 1** First Friday (11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at TBA)
- 2** LWVNYS Regional Training (Syracuse)
- 5** Board Meeting (6:30 PM at Asbury First United Methodist Church, East Avenue)
- 9** LWVNYS Regional Training (Buffalo)
- 11** Forum: Catherine Cerulli of the Susan B. Anthony Center at U of R: *If Susan B. Anthony Were Alive Today...*
- 14** Naturalization Ceremony (1:00 PM at Federal Building)
- 19** Primary Day
- 21** Naturalization Ceremony (TBA at Minerva DeLand School)

May

- 3** LWV-RMA Board Meeting (6:30 at Asbury 1st UMC)
- 6** First Friday (11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at TBA)
- 9** Naturalization Ceremony (TBA at RIT)
- 10** LWVNYS Lobby Day
- 12** Naturalization Ceremony (10:00 AM at Monroe County Office Building)

June

- 2** Annual Meeting (4:00 PM at Locust Hill Country Club)
- 3** First Friday (11:00 AM – 1:00 PM at TBA)
- 17-19** LWV National Convention (Washington DC)

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

First Fridays

Are you free for lunch or a mid-day coffee break? If so, we'd like to spend it with you – look for an email announcing our new location.

When: First Friday of the month between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM

Where: TBA

What: Chatting with other League members – topics are up to you

If you've wanted to get to know more members, here's an opportunity – because we think the work we love to do is more fun when we get to know one another better.

See you on:
Friday, April 1
Friday, May 6
Friday, June 3

NEW LOCATION TBA — ASAP!

First Friday Photos



Board meets monthly on the first Tuesday 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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Individual/Associate	\$75
Household	\$105
Susan B. Anthony/Frederick Douglass	\$150
Carrie Chapman Catt	\$200
Student (full-time/under 25)	\$25
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