



## 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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## Following elections held at the Annual Meeting on May 10, we are pleased to introduce our LWV-RMA Board of Directors for 2014-15:



Co-President	Gloria S. Read (2016)
Co-President	Mary Hussong-Kallen (2016)
1st Vice-President	Katherine Smith (2016)
2nd Vice-President	Sheila Abeling (2015)
Treasurer	Ellen DeGregorio (2015)
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Director/Parliamentarian	Ernest DuBois (2015)
Director	Gin Busack (2015)
Director	Barbara Grosh (2015)
Director	Brian Valenti (2016)
Off Board	Georgia DeGregorio (2015)

## In addition, we are grateful to the following League members who will comprise the Nominating Committee for 2014-15:

Ida Holloran, Chair  
Rita Garretson  
Phyllis Walker  
Ellen DeGregorio (board)  
Katherine Smith (board)

***Thank you for your confidence –  
we welcome your insights and ideas!***

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## Presidents' Corner

As you will read throughout this issue of the Voter, our local League is in transition – from a year of solid accomplishment into a long-awaited summer, and then on to a new year of new accomplishments.

On behalf of our League's board of directors, we thank all who made last year so successful! We are especially grateful to outgoing President Georgia DeGregorio and look forward to working with her as she chairs the Membership Committee. Thanks also to outgoing VPs Brian Valenti and Gin Busack for their enormous contributions in the last two years and for continuing on our new board as directors. And thanks to Elaine Schmidt for serving so capably on the board and as chair of the Government Committee. Our local League has grown in numbers and in many intangible ways. We've been active in our community (city and suburbs alike), and we've come to know one another better. We have all learned some good and useful lessons.

We appreciate your confidence in us, and in our entire leadership team. We are so grateful to Katherine Smith and Sheila Abeling for bringing their considerable talents to the board as VPs. Many thanks to Ellen DeGregorio, Ernest DuBois, Barbara Grosh and Barbara Kay for their valued continuing service.

Of course, it takes all of us to make this League strong. Please accept our challenge to attend as many monthly forums as you can in the coming year. They are amazing! Consider joining one of our League's many study groups or committees. Help register new voters in August at sites all over the city. Attend school, city or town board meetings in your own community and share the results in our Sunshine Corner. And talk to us – by phone (585-262-3730) or by email (Gloria: [gloell@rochester.rr.com](mailto:gloell@rochester.rr.com) or Mary: [mmhk@rochester.rr.com](mailto:mmhk@rochester.rr.com))!

So, here's to a safe and relaxing summer – followed by renewed energy as we work together to make 2014-15 our most productive, collaborative and fun year yet!

In League,  
Gloria and Mary

## Membership Committee Update

Many members have commented that your Membership Committee prepared an excellent program for the Annual Meeting of the LWV-RMA. Thank you to each of you who helped to plan and present the event, including Ellen DeGregorio, Phyllis Walker, Michael Barbato, Gloria Read and Lois Winterkorn.

We were enlightened by Van White's talk on the "surprises" he encountered as he became president of the Rochester City School District Board of Education. He shared with us that his birthday present came on March 14 when the NYS Board of Education informed the district of a mandate to make major changes at East High.

As a member of our Membership and Leadership Development (MLD) team, I was pleased to see that he is using some important "best practices" which are invaluable to good leadership: everyone will start the meeting knowing what the goal of that meeting should be when the hour is up, and everyone will bring at least one positive comment to the table. Bad news and complaints seem to be always with us, but it is time to recognize the good that is happening in our community as well.

Our *Making Democracy Work* Award recipient, Constance Mitchell, inspired us with her experiences as a civil rights activist through the many decades since she and her husband John came to Rochester to begin their married life together. We are indeed fortunate that she has led the way for us as we continue the fight for basic human rights for all.

Finally, I encouraged our members to continue to be "name-droppers" as you share your enthusiasm for the League. This year's twelve new members have joined because of what YOU have done to spread the word on what a great organization we are.

**Georgia DeGregorio**  
*Chair, Membership Committee*





## Naturalization & FEPC

**Naturalization:** The League participated in an average of two Naturalization ceremonies per month in Monroe County in 2013. This brought about 1,200 new citizens into the USA. A dedicated committee of League members welcomed those citizens. Thank you to: Lois Winterkorn, Mimi Wilson, Katherine Smith, Kay Saunders, Joan Rosenthal, Barb Hendry, Beth Feldman, Kathy Farrar, Marcia Eisenberg and Sheila Abeling.

**Fair Election Practices Campaign (FEPC):** The 2013 FEPC was co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters/Rochester Metro Area (LWV/RMA) and The Interfaith Alliance of Rochester (TIAR). All candidates for public office were encouraged to run positive, issue oriented campaigns. The Committee/Hearing Panel heard complaints about candidates who had not followed the Pledge of the FEPC. A special thank you to the Committee for volunteering their valuable time for this project: Jim Morris (Chairperson), Ralph Esposito, Lois Giess, Channing Philbrick and Kay Wallace. Thanks also to our Alternates: Jim Peters, Sue Roberts, Jean Keplinger, Carol Saum, Peter Knapp, Tom Frey, Michael Miller and John Curran.

**Sheila Abeling**

*2nd Vice-President, Naturalization & FEPC*

## Advocacy

Advocacy involves direct lobbying of elected officials. It also involves holding public education forums about the League's legislative agenda, moderating debates for candidates, giving interviews with media personnel, testifying before public policy hearings, signing and sending petitions and letters, attending rallies and press conferences and responding to LWV-RMA's e-blasts and other requests to email and call officials immediately when there is legislation ready for a vote.

Dozens of local League members have been part of these activities during the 2013-2014 session of our NYS Legislature. A special thank you to Carole Hoffman, Kay Saunders, Sheila Abeling, Brian Valenti, Georgia DeGregorio, Mary Myers, Chris Pryor, Barbara Grosh, Phyllis Walker, Gloria Read and Gin Busack for their involvement in these League events, often on very short notice.

Our legislative priorities were not achieved this session, but the League will continue to promote the Dream Act, Women's Equality Act (WEA), public campaign financing and election reforms. We are ready for this election season and the 2015 legislative session.

**Katherine Smith**

*1st Vice-President, Advocacy*

## The Voter

Our newsletter is sent digitally to all our members as well as our "Friends of the League." Currently 14 hard copies are being mailed to members without e-mail. Chris Burleigh (layout designer) and Dorothy Borgus and Georgia DeGregorio (proofreaders) work hard to keep our newsletter informative, accurate and attractive. Our accomplishments last year included:

- expanding emphasis on local events/activities and introducing *Following Up On... and Meet...* features;
- enhancing interconnectivity with our website and with various internet sites, including municipalities mentioned in Observer Corps reports;
- including articles and various info/activities about community partner organizations, thereby fostering collaboration; and
- encouraging submissions from our many newly formed study groups in order to allow all readers to learn about their research and activities.

The Voter is only as good as the members who provide info and those who take the time to read it—thanks to all for articles, suggestions and PHOTOS.

**Mary Hussong-Kallen**

*Editor, The Voter*

## Voter Service

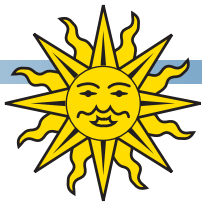
The Voter Service Committee is always looking for ways to help people become informed and involved voters. This year we:

- registered graduating seniors at several city high schools.
- collected information, printed and distributed 5,000 copies of our *Who Represents You* brochure whose printing was funded by a grant from Rochester Area Community Foundation.
- produced the Vote411.org digital Voters Guide for the 2013 general elections.
- moderated candidate forums for 2013 elections.
- trained and supported community groups doing door-to-door voter registration.
- held a voter registration drive just before the deadline for primary elections at most of the Tops Markets, branch libraries and some health centers in the city.

Thanks to all those who assisted in these activities!

**Barbara Grosh**

*Chair, Voter Service*



## Sunshine Corner

**HENRIETTA TOWN BOARD 4/16/14**

**OBSERVED BY JANE AND JOHN SCHMITT**

No LWV issues were noted. Several citizens spoke about parking problems in the neighborhood near RIT. Students park cars on both sides of the streets limiting roads to one lane. This has been a problem for the last couple of years.

**HENRIETTA TOWN BOARD 5/7/14**

**OBSERVED BY JANE AND JOHN SCHMITT**

No LWV issues were noted.

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

**MONROE COUNTY LEGISLATURE 5/13/14**

**OBSERVED BY ELAINE SCHMIDT**

The Legislature was overflowing with citizens at this meeting! Workers from Monroe County Human Services spoke about the difficulties in meeting current expenses due to lack of Cost of Living increases for the last 5 years and the lack of a new contract with the County.

A large group of citizens voiced opposition to any new casinos in the area.

Most resolutions were passed unanimously; however, 3 resolutions were voted by roll call. Confirmation of re-appointments to the Monroe County Water Authority Board passed along party lines (18-9), a resolution to authorize "Public Stadium Refunding Bonds" was not passed (17-10), and a resolution to authorize the issuance of \$7,500,000 in bonds to settle a lawsuit by Mr. Frank Sterling passed (27-0).

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

**CITY OF ROCHESTER SCHOOL BOARD**

**4/8/14 AND 4/22/14**

**OBSERVED BY GEORGIA DEGREGORIO AND HASANA MARTIN**

Some members of the board were not in attendance. An audience of over 20 people was present. There was media coverage of this meeting. The area where board members sit was not well lit.

Both meetings were budget hearings. After the 4/22 hearing there was open discussion among board members and invited representatives of people who have a stake in the closing of East High School.

Note: Since this meeting, discussion of a plan is under way with the UofR pending NYSBOE approval.

(To view the full minutes from this and other meetings, please click here: <http://www.rcsdk12.org>)

**WEBSTER WORKSHOP 5/22/14**

**OBSERVED BY LOIS WINTERKORN**

No LWV issues were noted.

There was discussion on Public Safety issues such as: the use of cameras and wireless infrastructure, 5K race permits and the necessity that the fees cover costs such as police coverage, the Lexis Nexis MVA Report with Chief Pickering, and a tax certiorari issue.

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

**CITY COUNCIL OF ROCHESTER 5/20/14**

**OBSERVED BY AMY ROLL**

No LWV issues were noted.

The Council added a resident to its numbers aimed at creating more diversity on the Council. The Council voted to remove an item from its job application. There is no longer a request for a criminal history on the application.

The Council was presented a petition to ban fracking in the city at this meeting.

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

## Government Committee

The Government Committee was involved in many different activities this year. We assisted the development of Vote411 contacts in the recent elections; we were the initial contact for the debate between Louise Slaughter and Maggie Brooks which led to other debates being moderated by the LWV-RMA; we researched and followed the Local Development Corporations (LDCs) and kept a close eye on Monroe County Legislature procedures. The Government Committee recently addressed the Monroe County Charter Review Commission, requesting that the re-districting commission for 2021 include non-partisan members in order to better reflect our community.

We have also enjoyed stimulating discussions at every one of our meetings! Thank you to the talented members of our committee, Sarah Yaworsky and Judy Weinstein, for their time and expertise they put into efforts.

The Observer Corp has grown in the past year! We have expanded our observations from Henrietta, Irondequoit, the County Legislature, Rochester City Council and the Rochester City School Board. Observing for the LWV-RMA is a good way to get to know your own town a little better! Thank you to Jane and John Schmitt, Gin Busack, Amy Roll, Lois Winterkorn and Linda Howland for their time and hard work.

**Elaine Schmidt**

*Member, Government Committee*

## Our Annual Meeting

Thirty-five members met at Locust Hill Country Club on Saturday, May 10, and as usual, the meeting was both enjoyable and productive. Kudos to the Membership Committee!

Our updated bylaws were adopted, as submitted with just a few suggested clarifications from the floor. Thanks go to Judy Weinstein, Ernest DuBois and Georgia DeGregorio for their many hours of hard work – well done!

The budget for 2014-15 was also adopted. Thanks to our Budget Committee: Brian Valenti, Rita Garretson and Ellen DeGregorio.

Elections were held, and the new leadership team is listed on the front page of this Voter. Congratulations to the new board – and thanks to all who voted! Special thanks to the hard-working, forward-thinking Nominating Committee: Joan Rosenthal (chair), Ida Holloran, Jane Schmitt, Barbara Grosh and Ellen DeGregorio.

Our Guest Speaker, Van H. White, Esq., President of the RCSD Board of Education, urged us all to start with the positive and address problems honestly and fearlessly. His presentation was insightful and dynamic!

The League honored Constance Mitchell with the *Making Democracy Work* Award. She shared memories of her years as a community organizer, civil rights advocate, and first African-American woman elected to the Rochester Board of Supervisors (now the County Legislature) as Supervisor of the Third Ward where the 1964 riots occurred. She marched from Selma to Montgomery, AL, and with her husband John attended Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech. She shared several inspirational personal stories and challenged us to work as she did to make a difference in our communities.

Sheila Abeling received the *Carrie Chapman Catt* Award in recognition of her tireless volunteer activities in the League and in her community. In addition to her years as Voter Services chair (coordinating the League's voter registration activities, producing the annual "Who Represents You" brochure, scheduling League members to welcome naturalized citizens at every ceremony held in Rochester, and managing all aspects of the high-profile Fair Election Practices Campaign), she has established important liaisons with the Board of Elections (providing League volunteers for ballot opening in exchange for a donation from the BOE). In addition to all her League activities, Sheila has volunteered in her church as a teacher and on the education committee; she's served on the nursery school board of education (as President for several years), and has participated in the PTA in both

her home and work districts. She has been active in various youth sports activities as a parent, including coaching Pop Warner Cheerleading for several years! And as of this year, she'll be adding Vice-President of LWV-RMA. We are both proud of and grateful for all that Sheila brings to our League and our community.

And last, but far from least, Georgia DeGregorio was recognized for her strong and visionary leadership of the League over the last 2 years. We've increased in number, new committees and study groups have been formed, and our visibility in the community has been raised. Georgia suggests that, like all good things, it all began with a dream, and this League is grateful to Georgia for sharing her dream and allowing us all to be a part of its coming to fruition.

If you were unable to attend the annual meeting we hope you'll join us next year to celebrate another year of your accomplishments.

## Naturalization & FEPC Update

May brought the League to two venues for Naturalization ceremonies. On May 8th, Marcia Eisenberg welcomed 46 new citizens at the Monroe County Office Building. Kathy Farrar and Lois Winterkorn represented the League at RIT for its annual Naturalization ceremony.

On June 12th at 10:00 AM Marcia Eisenberg will welcome candidates for Naturalization at the Monroe County Office Building. Marcia will also be at the 1:00 PM ceremony at the Federal Building.

The Naturalization schedule for citizenship ceremonies in Monroe County can be found on our League website <http://www.lwv-rma.org>. If you'd like to observe a ceremony, please contact Sheila Abeling at [sheiler162004@yahoo.com](mailto:sheiler162004@yahoo.com) or 585-223-6819.

**Sheila Abeling**

*2nd Vice-President, Naturalization and FEPC*

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## Following Up On... Our May Forum:

### WHO CARES ABOUT HUNGER? WE DO!

The monthly forums just continue to get better and better!

Over 50 people gathered at the 1st Unitarian Church of Rochester to hear moderator Edward J. Doherty convene a distinguished panel of experts on the multi-faceted issue of hunger in Rochester. With new demographic data showing that Rochester is the 5th poorest city in the US, poverty in Rochester is a major part of the hunger problem, and as Ed said, "Rochester's poor are poorer than other poor in the nation."

Congresswomen Louise M. Slaughter spoke first, asking, "How can we handle a 21st Century economy if our workforce is hamstrung by poverty and hunger?" She cited disturbing facts:

- 88% of RCSD students are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.
- Only 40% of Rochester's freshmen graduate from high school.
- Only 10% of graduates are "college ready".
- Federal food programs (SNAP) provide an average of \$1.45 per meal.
- 58% of families receiving SNAP benefits have at least one family member working.
- In 2012, one-sixth of New Yorkers qualified for food benefits.
- Poverty is urban, suburban and rural – every neighborhood in our 9-county area is affected.

The Congresswoman pointed out that the employment focus on high tech, high paying jobs works against the poor.

Julia Tedesco, Foodlink Co-Executive Director & Chief Development & Communications Officer, described the unique role Foodlink plays in the struggle to address not just hunger but the root causes. Following the vision of founder Tom Ferraro, Foodlink seeks to "end hunger today and solve the problems associated with hunger by leveraging the power of food in changing policies."

Toward the short term goal, Foodlink distributes more than 18 million pounds of healthy, nutritious food every year. No "junk food" or empty calories are given to people who are in need of food.

Toward the long term goal, Foodlink recognizes food as the cornerstone of societal change; it advocates for policy changes in government and education of those experiencing "food insecurity."

Foodlink strives to succeed on the Triple Bottom Line, also known as the Three Ps: People, Planet and Profits, or the "three pillars of sustainability." Its enlightened approach sets it apart from other food banks and crisis-focused organizations.

Sue Sigelman of Western NY Legal Assistance offered a "boots on the ground" look at the problem of hunger in Monroe County. Her agency works to assist clients in locating and applying for benefits from a mosaic of available aid providers, both public and private. It provides legal assistance to people in need of advocacy. The system is complex and difficult for private individuals to navigate – this agency helps to identify eligibility in benefits from various sources from SNAP to SSA. She pointed out that WalMart is the largest employer in the US and is, in fact, partially subsidized by the government through benefits paid to low-wage employees who qualify for social services.

All 3 panelists answered a variety of questions from the audience but, in the end, the complex relationships among food insecurity, poverty, education, the economy and the bureaucracy seem to lead one to acknowledge a discouraging prognosis in the short term.

## Fracking: What if...?

### ARE WE PREPARED?

An overwhelming concern of the attendees at our Winter Membership Meeting was the potential impact of fracking on the environment of Western New York. How would our community deal with transportation, storage, disposal and restoration issues and problems? What about liability issues?

Our State League has been actively studying the issues involved with fracking. In our April Voter our new Fracking Study Group member Pat Tobin detailed the League position and actions to date.

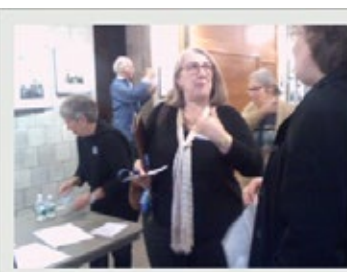
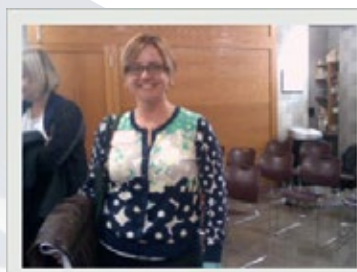
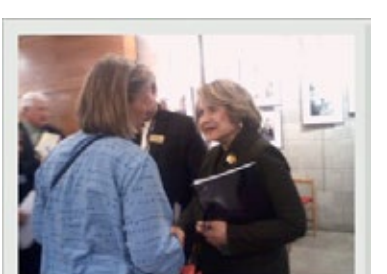
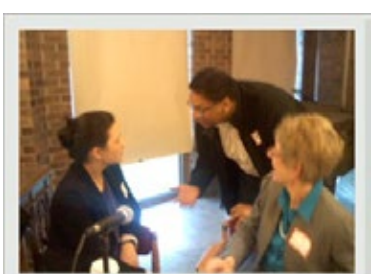
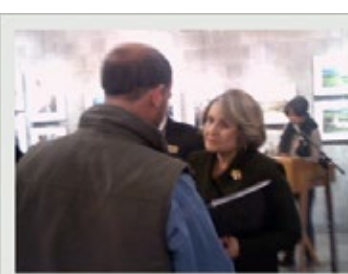
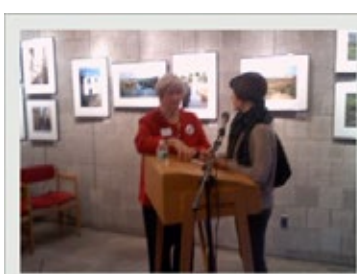
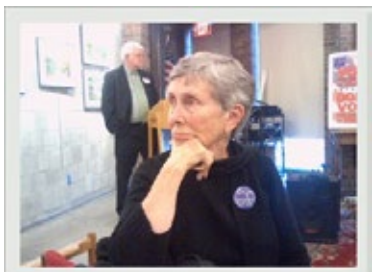
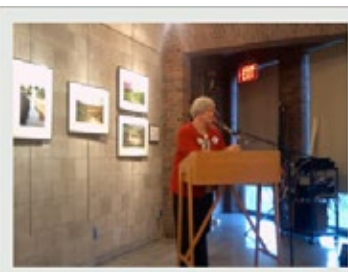
We would like to begin exploring the local impact issues, and we invite you to join us in our efforts.

If you share our concerns, please contact me at [gin-busack@aol.com](mailto:gin-busack@aol.com).

**Gin Busack**

*Chair, Program Committee*

## Hunger Forum Photos





## Education Forum

On May 7, 2014, Channel 13 WHAM-TV and the Strong Museum of Play co-hosted a town hall meeting entitled "Your Voice, Your Future, Your City Schools."

The panel consisted of **Dr. Adam Urbanski**, President, of the Rochester Teachers Association (RTA); **Van White, Esq.**, President, of the Rochester City School District Board of Education (RCSB); **Dr. Anne Kress**, President of Monroe Community College; and **Anna Hall**, Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Uncommon Schools. The capacity audience was comprised of educators, parents, children, some elected officials, members of the media, and LWV-RMA members Hasana Martin and Michael Barbato of our new education study group.

The approximately 90-minute forum began with parent Eileen Graham's question, "What is the community willing to do to work and collaborate with the families of black and Latino students?" Some of the many topics addressed during this forum were: parental and student responsibility, the concentration of poverty, charter schools, student and teacher disciplinary issues, workplace diversity, and the lack of diversity among some student populations.

The full telecast of the forum can be found at [13wham.com](http://13wham.com). Questions concerning the Town Hall forums can be sent to [townhall@13wham.com](mailto:townhall@13wham.com).

**Hasana Martin**

*Member, Education Committee*



## Toastmasters Workshop

On May 12, 2014 a group of LWV-RMA members which at various times included Ellen DeGregorio, Georgia DeGregorio, Carol Hoffman, Mary Hussong-Kallen, Barbara Kay, Mary Myers, Gloria Read, Brian Valenti, Judy Weinstein and Hasana Martin, completed our 5-session Toastmasters Speechcraft training. Diane Navarro, a member of Monroe Community College's Instructional Technology Department and a Toastmasters officer, led our training along with several of her talented fellow Toastmasters.

Speechcraft exercises covered topics such as speech organization and development, introduction of speakers, and the evaluation of speeches. The workshops emphasized the importance of well-crafted speeches and effective speech delivery, citing the value of appropriate gestures, pacing, and adherence to specific time limits. Although there was a podium at every session, we were encouraged to also use the floor space as we delivered our speeches.

LWV-RMA members chose their topics, wrote their own speeches and, in the process, learned not only good skills but got to know one another better. Mary Myers delivered a speech entitled "Who Am I?" One of Brian Valenti's most moving speeches was entitled "My Road to Here." Georgia DeGregorio used music during her speech, "Cliburn, Tchaikovsky and Me: A Brief Encounter." Gloria Read shared her passion for researching her family history in "Why I like Genealogy." Mary Hussong-Kallen's speech "Delegating" explained that particular leadership quality. Carol Hoffman explored the subject of female self-esteem in "Affirmative Action: A Loaded Philosophy." And I enjoyed writing my speech, "What Does It Mean to Be Civically Engaged?"

The use of a stopwatch and color coded cards by timekeepers was especially helpful. During our "icebreaker" speeches we were challenged to use two assigned words in our 2-3 minute spontaneous addresses. My favorite words were "sagacity" and "perspicuity."

If you would like to improve on your public speaking skills, contact Diane Navarro at 585-292-3428 or at [dnavarro@monroecc.edu](mailto:dnavarro@monroecc.edu). Please visit <http://mcc.toastmastersclubs.org> for more information. For information on national and international clubs please visit [www.Toastmasters.org](http://www.Toastmasters.org).

**Hasana Martin**

*Member, Education Committee*



# Annual Meeting Pictures





## Coming Events!



### July

**12** Board Orientation

**??** Book Club will meet to select books to be read in the coming year. Contact Georgia DeGregorio for information at 787-9692.  
**All are welcome!**

### August

Voter Registration Drives will be held throughout the month.  
**Volunteers Needed!**



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

## Program Committee

This has been a wonderful year of COLLABORATION! Benefitting from the insight, inspiration and expertise provided by long-term and new members, our sisters in Wayne County and other friends, we have been able to provide informational forums and activities on a range of timely issues.

We began our year with a celebration of our Voter Services and Advocacy work, culminating with a forum on voter access. This was followed by forums which dealt with the local challenges in the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, sexually exploited children, and food production issues involved with the update of our 1988 Agriculture Position and hunger. Go-See Tours of Foodlink, the Noblehurst Farms, Inc. and the New York Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva rounded out the year.

We especially thank our community partners in these undertakings: Asbury First United Methodist Church, The Unitarian Church of Rochester, Brighton Town Hall and Foodlink, without whom we could not have brought these forums to fruition.

Further, we thank our MEMBERS for their participation and support this year in our January Program Planning Meeting. We LISTENED and want you to know that our League is working COLLABORATIVELY to provide upcoming forums and events addressing poverty, human trafficking, fracking, local education, redistricting and affordable housing.

**Gin Busack**

*Chair, Program Committee*

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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](http://www.LWV-RMA.org), call 262-3730 or e-mail us at [info@lwv-rma.org](mailto:info@lwv-rma.org)





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**AUGUST VOTER  
DEADLINE IS JULY 15!**

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

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## Goals of the League of Women Voters:

- To encourage informed citizen participation in government and politics
- To influence public policy through education and advocacy

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