



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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Join Us for Our OCTOBER FORUM: VOTING IN MONROE COUNTY 2016

*A presentation by
Monroe County Board of Elections Commissioners*

Thomas F. Ferrarese

David Van Varick

Q/A to follow

Wednesday, October 26

7:00 P.M.

First Unitarian Church of Rochester

220 Winton Road South

Rochester 14610

Handicapped accessible, parking available.

Preregister at <http://www.lwv-rma.org> or 262-3730

We look forward to seeing you!

**your VOTE
is your VOICE**

Presidents' Corner

What a busy time of year!

The League is registering voters at a record pace, thanks to Gin Busack and the amazing Voter Services volunteers. Are your friends and family registered? October 14 is the deadline – you can make a difference by helping them all become voters...

Thanks go to Mary Myers, our new Program chair, and the National Council of Jewish Women, our co-sponsor, for an excellent September forum. Professor Tim Kneeland of Nazareth College gave us all new insights into the upcoming election – how important the down-ballot races are, and how our politics and media are changing. It's available on YouTube.

We're introducing a new theme in our monthly forums. The everyday activities of the Executive branches of our state and local government have a profound impact on our lives, and periodically, we'll be inviting representatives of various government agencies to offer information on services and resources they offer – beginning in October when the Monroe County Board of Elections Commissioners Tom Ferrarese and David Van Varick will discuss voting in NY – and answer your questions. See you at the First Unitarian Church (South Winton) on October 26 at 7:00 P.M.

Plans are underway to co-sponsor another televised candidate debate with WROC-TV Channel 8. We hope to present Congresswoman Louise Slaughter and her challenger Mark Assini, candidates for the 25th Congressional District, on October 18 at 7:00 P.M. Watch your email and our website for confirmation!

Congratulations to our Fair Election Practices Campaign – once again, just over 50% of candidates signed the Pledge!

Sheila Abeling is looking for volunteers to welcome new citizens and register them to vote at Naturalization ceremonies. If you've never attended a ceremony, please accept this invitation! Every month about 100 people relinquish their homeland and pledge allegiance to our country. It's quite an emotional experience to witness, and positive in every way.

Hope to see you at First Friday on October 7 – and please, take a friend to vote on November 8!

In League,

Mary Hussong-Kallen
president@lwv-rma.org

Mark Your Calendar!

Annual WROC-TV/LWV-RMA Candidate Debate

This year's race:

Congressional District 25
Louise Slaughter vs Mark Assini

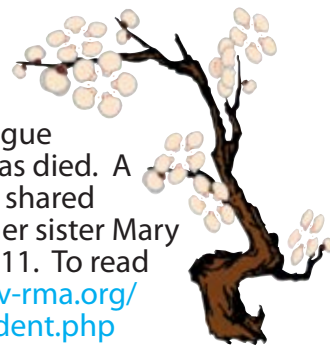
October 18, 2016 at 7:00 PM

Attend the debate in WROC studios
(201 Humboldt Street) –

reserve your ticket at 585-262-3730 or
info@lwv-rma.org!

In Memory

With sadness, we report that League member Jean Anthony Tischer has died. A relative of Susan B. Anthony, she shared remembrances of Susan B. and her sister Mary in a wonderful Voter article in 2011. To read that article, please visit http://lwv-rma.org/voter/2011-06/Susan_B_descendent.php



I WANT YOU
TO CONTACT CONGRESS
ONCE A QUARTER

October Forum: Voting in Monroe County 2016

Every week, the League receives questions about the rules for voting in Monroe County. Since every state sets its own rules and regulations (except for voting age), it can be confusing with national media reporting on so many different circumstances.

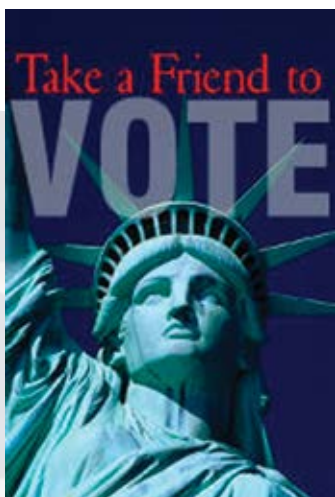
We hear about voter fraud and extreme measures to protect against it – and we also hear that it's actually not a problem at all. We hear about LWVUS participating in lawsuits in states where access to voting is being reduced, and we advocate for increased access in our own state. League members can see that the rules are complex and we take great care when registering voters to explain – or refer potential voters to the Board of Elections phone number (585-753-1550) or website (<http://www2.monroecounty.gov/elections-index.php>).

Some important questions are:

- What security measures does Monroe County take to protect voters and their votes?
- What issues do we have using the current paper ballots?
- What do voters need to know before Election Day?
- What election reforms are we seeing across the country and will we see any of them in New York State?

We've invited our Monroe County Board of Elections Commissioners Thomas Ferrarese and David Van Varick to answer these and other questions about voting in 2016.

We in Monroe County are most fortunate that our Board of Elections is committed to listening to and serving local voters. So bring your questions! Invite your friends! Come to the First Unitarian Church, 220 Winton Road South, at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, October 26.



Notices!

CANCELLATION!

The Brown Bag Lunch scheduled for October 14 has been cancelled.

FYI...

The Webster Library will offer a display entitled "Women's Suffrage History" throughout the month of October until Election Day, sponsored by the Webster Museum.

HELP WANTED

We're looking for a Membership Committee chairperson. For further information (without obligation, of course) please contact Mary Hussong-Kallen at president@lwv-rma.org!

Save the Date!

The Susan B. Anthony Birthday Luncheon is scheduled for February 15. Let's celebrate the life of one of our prominent local foremothers together!

Amazon Smile

The state League has joined a 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 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.

Election Services Report

At the Primary Election on September 13, the following LWV-RMA volunteers opened absentee ballots: Sheila Abeling, Chris Burleigh, Shirley Eberly, June Glaser, Carole Hoffman, Ida Holloran, Kathy Mock, Elaine Schmidt, Judy Weinstein, Alison Wilder, Don Wilder, and Katherine Smith. Thank you for your help in raising money for our League! It was a very successful fundraiser!

The election season continues with the voter registration deadline on October 14. We encourage you to be sure to get out to vote on November 8. If you know of anyone who may need a ride to the polls or may need a reminder to vote, please check on them.

Our League members will be opening absentee ballots at the General Election on November 8. Since it is again a fundraiser, please consider volunteering to help on that day. Contact Sheila Abeling if you are available.

Sheila Abeling, Election Services Chairperson
sheiler162007@gmail.com or 223-6819,

Fair Election Practices Campaign Pledge Signing Ceremony

On September 7, 2016, the League of Women Voters-Rochester Metro Area (LWV-RMA) and The Interfaith Alliance of Rochester (TIAR) held a Signing Ceremony/Media Conference in the Atrium of the Monroe County Office Building at noon. At that time, if candidates running for office hadn't already signed the Pledge of the Fair Election Practices Campaign (FEPC), they were welcome to do so. (Those candidates who have not yet signed may download the form, sign and return to the League.)

The Pledge, available at <http://lwv-rma.org/fepc/pledge%202016.pdf>, states that the candidate will conduct an issue-oriented, civil campaign.

The updated list of signers can be found at http://www.lwv-rma.org/fepc/FEPC_signers2016.pdf. All information regarding the FEPC is also available on the League's website.



Senator Joseph Roboch prepares to sign pledge

Naturalization Report

On September 8, LWV-RMA Member Marcia Eisenberg welcomed new citizens during a Naturalization ceremony at the Monroe County Office Building. On September 16, Sheila Abeling and Katherine Smith met 77 candidates for citizenship at The College at Brockport. All League members are always welcome to attend ceremonies as well as to join our Naturalization Committee. The Naturalization Committee met on September 26. If you are interested in attending a ceremony or attending a committee meeting, contact Sheila Abeling.

Sheila Abeling, Naturalization Committee Chairperson
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Katherine Smith addressing new citizens on September 16.



New Americans taking their oath of citizenship at The College at Brockport.



The College at Brockport President, Dr. Heidi MacPherson; one of the new citizens; and the Honorable Jonathan W. Feldman, United States Magistrate Judge in the Western District of New York, who administered the oath of citizenship.



Assemblyman Mark Johns signing pledge

Voter Services

October 14, the final date for registering for the General Election, is drawing near, so our voter service volunteers were kept incredibly busy.

Overall we registered voters at 27 locations during this past month, working with our community partners—Rochester Voter Alliance, the American Red Cross, FingerLakes Donor Recovery, and The Susan B. Anthony Museum and House. We continued our work with the Anthony Jordan Health System, joined with Project Homeless Connect, and expanded our outreach to area college students participating in orientation sessions at Nazareth, the Eastman School of Music, the University of Rochester, Rochester Institute of Technology, Monroe Community College, The College at Brockport, and SUNY Geneseo. We assisted a Burmese population at Lake Avenue Baptist Church, worked at a TIPS program at the Carter Street Recreation Center, and provided registration services at Mayor Warren's Annual Commemorative at the Keller Park Apartments.

In addition to our registration activities, Barb Grosh made presentations on voting to advocacy groups at Monroe Developmental and Lifetime Assistance while Georgia DeGregorio and Hasana Martin spoke with a seniors group at the Maplewood YMCA. We also took on the role of Election Inspectors for the AFSCME Local 1635 Election of Officers and Board Members.

None of this could have been accomplished without our very loyal group of volunteers:

Joan After, Rachel Brill, Nancy Brush, Larry Burnette, Camille Clayton, Donna Eggleston, Georgia DeGregorio, Kathy Farrar, Yolanda Gavin, Barbara Grosh, Beth Feldman, Ida Holloran, Mary Hussong-Kallen, Hasana Martin, Kathy Mock, Mary Myers, Chris Pryor, Joan Rosenthal, Betty Schaeffer, Elaine Schmidt, Bertha Simpkins, Judy Sternberg, Judy Weinstein, Gail Wilder, and Lois Winterkorn.

Scheduled for October are additional registration sessions at the University of Rochester, a presentation at the Rochester Psychiatric Center and a candidate forum with the Center for Disability Rights.

Gin Busack, Voter Services Chairperson
ginbusack@aol.com

Gail Wilder and Joan Rosenthal at the R.I.T. Service Fair providing LWV outreach. Several students expressed interest in knowing more about us and left their phone numbers.

Commemoration of the passage of the 19th Amendment

LWV-RMA members were among the many people who gathered at the Susan B. Anthony House on August 21 to celebrate the passage of the 19th Amendment.



Kathy Mock LWV, Carrie Chapman Catt, Gin Busack



Newly registered voter



League of Women Voters of NYS

League Day at the United Nations

November 17, 2016

Join League members and friends for a day exploring the United Nations and hearing from top UN experts on current issues.

On November 17, 2016, the League of Women Voters of New York State Education Foundation, in conjunction with the United Nations Department of Public Information, the Women's Bar Association of the State of NY and Zonta International District 4, is hosting its annual daylong event at the UN Headquarters in New York City.

This year's briefing will include two topics:

- **Sexual Violence in Conflict Areas**
- **Anti-Terrorism**

The briefings will be presented by experts from the United Nations and provide information on the problems and the action being taken to assist in these global issues.

As usual, we will offer tours of the newly renovated United Nations (come see the Security Council Room and the General Assembly Room, among other significant areas and exhibits) and lunch in the Delegates' Dining Room.

A bus is available from the Capital Region with a stop at Exit 18 (New Paltz) on the Thruway. (This wasn't included in original notice, but has been added again so join us on the bus, too!)

Schedule:

9:15 am Required Arrival Time for Tours
10:00 am Tours of the United Nations
11:30 am Lunch in the Delegates' Dining Room (arrival 11 am)
1:30-3:45 pm Briefings (arrival 1 pm)

Cost:

All three events (tour, lunch & Briefings) discounted: \$115
Tour: \$17
Lunch: \$55
Briefing: \$50 (\$40 for students)
Bus: \$50



REGISTRATION FORM

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NYS EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.

in association with United Nations Department of Public Information

INVITE YOU TO ATTEND

Briefings at the United Nations on Two Topics:

Sexual Violence in Conflict (1:30-2:30 p.m.)

Anti-Terrorism (2:45 -3:45 p.m.)

Topics subject to change with availability of speakers

Thursday, November 17, 2016

Name: _____
(U.N. requires that your name matches your identification, please provide name as it appears on your i.d.)

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: () _____ E-Mail: _____

Discounted fee to members of sponsoring organization for all THREE activities:

☐ **Tour, Lunch, & Briefing.....\$115**

Entree Choice: (choose one)

Includes Salad, Entree, Dessert & Coffee/Tea

- ☐ Skillet Seared Wild Salmon, Lobster Mash, Vegetable du Jour, Port Wine Sauce
- ☐ Petit Filet of Beef, Duo Fingerling & Corn Ragout, Portobello, Rapini & Peppers, Bordelaise Sauce
- ☐ Vegetarian Option TBD

OR

Individual Choices:

- ☐ Tour of the UN- 10 a.m. (Space is limited).....\$ 17
- ☐ Lunch in the Delegates' Dining Room.....\$ 55
Includes Salad, Entree, Dessert & Coffee/Tea only
 - ☐ Skillet Seared Wild Salmon, Lobster Mash, Vegetable du Jour, Port Wine Sauce
 - ☐ Petit Filet of Beef, Duo Fingerling & Corn Ragout, Portobello, Rapini & Peppers, Bordelaise Sauce
 - ☐ Vegetarian Option TBD
- ☐ Briefings Program 1:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
 - ☐ **\$50** League Members or Members of Sponsoring Organizations
 - ☐ **\$40** Students
 - ☐ **\$60** Non-Member \$ _____

Transportation

- ☐ **Bus** ☐ **Albany** ☐ **New Paltz (Exit 18 Park and Ride).....\$ 50**

Total \$ _____

My Check for \$ _____ is enclosed (make payable to LWVNYS EF) OR Please charge my credit card:

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Card Holder's Name: _____ Signature: _____

PLEASE RETURN TO:

United Nations Briefings/LWVNYS**62 Grand Street** Albany, New York 12207

Fax: 518-465-0812 (Credit Card Registrations ONLY); E-Mail: lwvny@lwvny.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL OR TO MAKE RESERVATION BY PHONE: 518-465-4162

SPACE IS LIMITED, SO RESERVE EARLY; \$25 administrative fee for any cancellations

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 1, 2016

Sunshine Corner

**IRONDEQUOIT TOWN
BOARD, 8/18/2016,
PER TOWN WEBSITE:**

The Town Board passed resolutions to take action on three more vacant properties.

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

**MONROE COUNTY LEGISLATURE, 8/9/2016
OBSERVED BY ELAINE SCHMIDT:**

The Legislators witnessed a demonstration by County CSEA workers, many of whom carried picket signs into the legislative chambers. President Daniele allowed the signs to stay providing participants were respectful of people in the gathering.

Bess Watts addressed the Legislature, questioning why Harris Beach is paid expensive fees when the County has attorneys already in its employ.

The operating budget for Monroe Community College was passed with dissenting votes from Cynthia Kaleh and John Lightfoot.

A contract with Greater Rochester Enterprise, Inc, was authorized for general operating expenses.

Eight individuals were appointed or reappointed to the Monroe County Recycling Advisory Committee. The names of those appointed may be found on the County website under "government" "referrals, resolutions and local laws"

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

**WEBSTER TOWN BOARD, 8/18/2016
PER TOWN WEBSITE:**

The board voted on a resolution to approve variances for a cell tower at 1350 Chiyoda Drive.

Elaine Schmidt, Observer Corps Chairperson
e.schmidt8@frontier.com



LWVNYS at State Fair

Kudos to the 31 LWVNYS volunteers (including our own Elaine Schmidt) from many different LWV chapters at the 2016 NYS Fair who registered almost 485 people as voters. They also distributed 77 absentee ballot applications, and 17 organ donor forms.

SOURCE: Laura Ladd Bierman, Executive Director, LWVNYS.



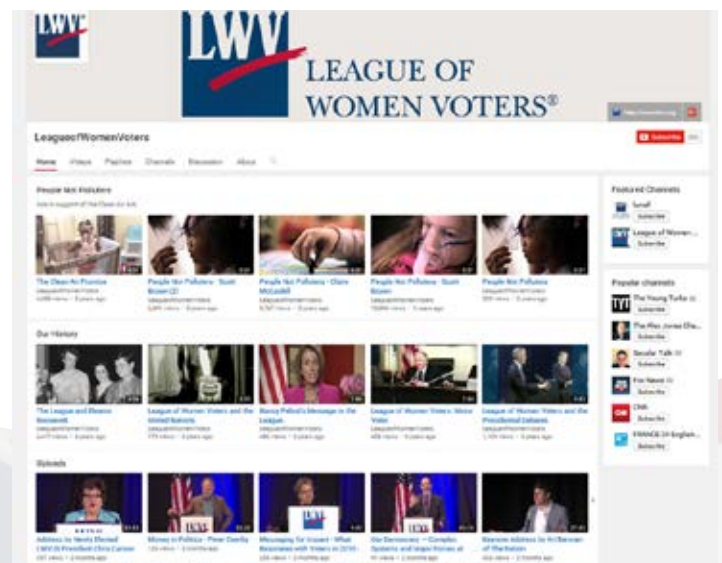
LWV-RMA Member Elaine Schmidt volunteered at the LWVNYS table at the 2016 NYS Fair.

Check Out LWV Videos on YouTube

The LWVUS has uploaded videos of League issues to YouTube.

These tapes deal with issues such as pollution, LWV history, money in politics, among others.

Access them at <https://www.youtube.com/user/LeagueofWomenVoters>.



**Democracy is not a
spectator sport.
Tag! You're It!**

2016 LWV-RMA Dues

Please continue your financial support our our League by renewing your membership. To send your dues:

- make a check to LWV-RMA and mail it to PO Box 10573, Rochester NY 14610,
or
- pay via Paypal by visiting our website (www.lwv-rma.org) and selecting "Join/Renew" on our homepage.

The levels of membership are the same as last year:

Individual/Associate	\$75
Household	\$105
Susan B. Anthony/Frederick Douglass	\$150
Carrie Chapman Catt	\$200
Student (full-time/under 25)	\$25
Low income, call office	\$sliding \$cale

An additional gift of \$10, \$25, \$50 or more can provide much-needed funding for our local voter registration, education and advocacy efforts. (Be sure to include a note to clarify your intent if you include a donation with your dues!)

Thank you for supporting our local League!

Sincerely,

Mary Hussong-Kallen

President, LWV-RMA

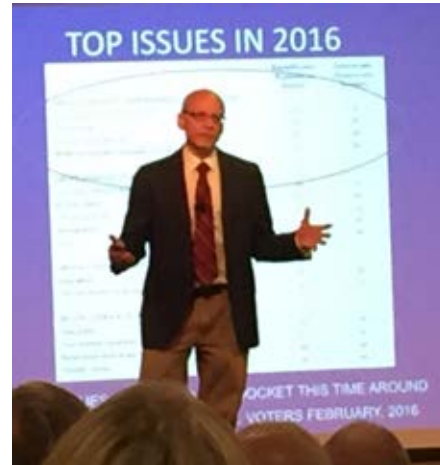
president@lwv-rma.org

585-729-5183



September 22 Forum: The Upcoming Elections

Issues not being covered well by the media during this election season were discussed during a forum at Nazareth College on September 22. Leading the discussion was Dr. Timothy Kneeland, Chair and Professor of History and Political Science at the College. The event was co-sponsored by LWV-RMA and the National Council of Jewish Women.



Dr. Timothy Kneeland



Hasana Martin



Katherine Smith, Dorothy Borgus and Sheila Abeling



Coming Events!



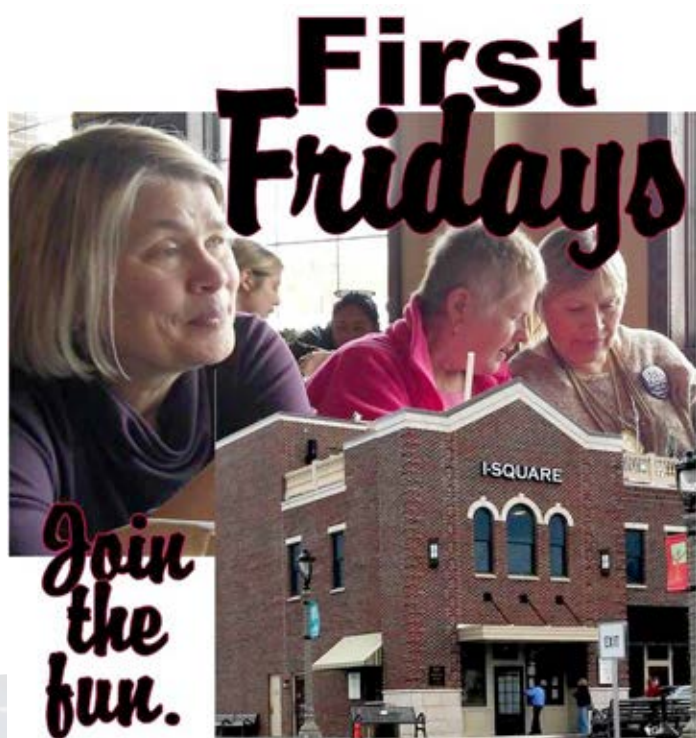
October

- 7** First Friday (11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M., I-Square)
- 7** NY Women's Suffrage Centennial Conference (9:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. Holiday Inn, Seneca Falls in Waterloo)
- 13** Naturalization Ceremony (11:00 A.M. at Monroe County Office Building)
- 13** Naturalization Ceremony (1:00 P.M. at Federal Building)
- 13** LWV-RMA Board Meeting (3:00 P.M., Asbury First UMC)

November

- 4** First Friday (11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M., I-Square)
- 8** ELECTION DAY!!!
- 10** Naturalization Ceremony (11:00 A.M. at Monroe County Office Building)
- 10** Naturalization Ceremony (1:00 P.M. at Federal Building)
- 10** LWV-RMA Board Meeting (3:00 P.M., Asbury First UMC)
- 17** U.N. Day
- 24** Thanksgiving!

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



First Fridays

Join League colleagues for lunch or a mid-day coffee break each First Friday of the month, 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. at I-Square, 400 Bakers Park, at Titus Avenue, Irondequoit, NY 14617.

First Fridays provide us all with an opportunity to get to know one another by chatting informally.

The work we love to do is more fun when we know one another better.

We hope to see you on:

October 7	January 6	April 7
November 4	February 3	May 5
December 2	March 3	June 2

Board of Directors meets the second Thursday of each month at 3:00 P.M. at Asbury First UMC. Board meetings are open to all members.

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

On second Thursday of each month at 10:00 A.M. Naturalization Ceremonies are held at Monroe County Office Building at 39 W. Main Street.

On second Thursday of each month at 1:00 P.M. 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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**NOVEMBER VOTER
DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 15!**



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: _____

Please send this form and your check payable to
League of Women Voters/RMA to:

LWV/RMA

PO Box 10573

Rochester, NY 14610

or join us online at: www.lwv-rma.org/join.php

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- To influence public policy through education and advocacy

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