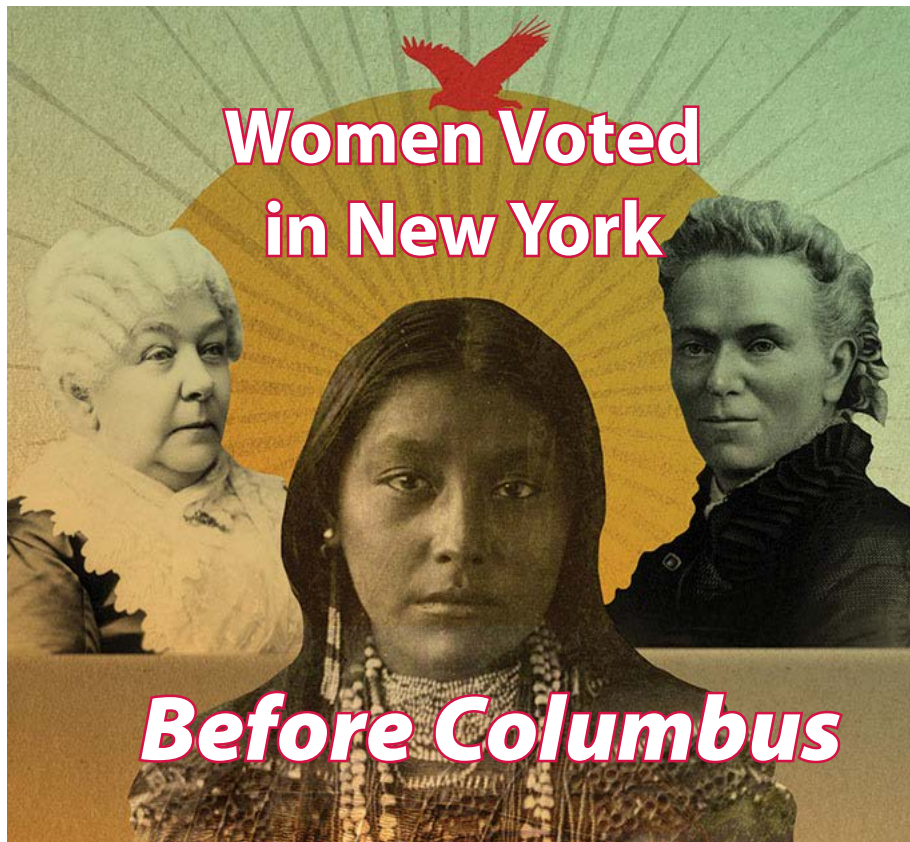




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Monday, March 19, 2018  
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## League of Women Voters Rochester Metro Area Mission Statement

*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 persons who are at least 16 years of age.

Those under 16 can be associate members.

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## President's Corner

Happy Winter's Last Gasp (we hope)! Whatever the weather, we're busy!

Hopefully you were able to attend our recent forum on the issue of Bail Reform. Judy Sternberg organized an outstanding panel of presenters – we've posted the recording to our YouTube website at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjC9NCupn9AhZpH2k83m5\\_g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjC9NCupn9AhZpH2k83m5_g) and have already had many requests for the link. Be sure to check it out!

And our upcoming forum is another treasure: Women Voted in New York Before Columbus - a talk by Dr. Sally Roesch Wagner, Professor at Syracuse University and Director of Matilda Joselyn Gage Center for Social Justice Dialogue, on Monday, March 19, 2018, 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. at Nazareth College. Be sure to mark your calendar and plan to attend.

While you have your calendar, note these upcoming events too:

**April 14** – LWVNYS Regional Training at Rush-Henrietta Senior High School, 10:00 A.M. til 2:00 P.M. It's open to all members (see page 7).

**April 6, May 4 & June 1** – the next 3 First Fridays, 11:00 A.M. til 1:00 P.M. (or so) at I-Square, 400 Bakers Park, Irondequoit.

**June 7** – Annual Meeting at Locust Hill Country Club, 4:00 til 6:00 P.M. Look for more details soon...

And we have many, many voter registration events scheduled. Check your email and please volunteer when you're able!

We've recently received verification of all contact information for local elected officials, so look for the new **Who Represents You** brochure to be available near the end of March. We've had more requests than ever for this helpful resource, so be sure to spread the word that it's not only available in print but it's posted on our website as well.

Thank you for all that you do to keep our work visible in the community – it takes every one of us to Make Democracy Work For All!

In League,

**Mary Hussong-Kallen**  
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When women in New York State began to organize for their rights in 1848, they took their cue from the nearby Haudenosaunee communities, where women lived in the world that non-native women dreamed.

The program will be followed by a book signing and a reception with light refreshments provided by our host, Nazareth College.

Hosted by Nazareth College in recognition of the  
Helen Guthrie Memorial Lecture

This event, which is free and open to the public, is made possible through the support of the Humanities NY Public Scholars program.

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## Bail Reform in New York State

On any given day thousands of legally innocent New Yorkers sit in jail because they cannot afford bail.

A panel of advocates discussed issues with the New York State system of bail and its negative effects on financially poor suspects and their families:

- **Iman Abid**, *Director, Genesee Valley Chapter NYCLU*;
- **Precious Bedell**, *Founder and Director of Turning Points Resource Center (Prison Ministry - Episcopal Diocese of Rochester)*;
- **Tim Donaher**, *Monroe County Public Defender*; and
- **Gary Pudup**, *Retired Monroe County Sheriff's Command Officer, Former Director of the Genesee Valley Chapter NYCLU*

Among their comments were the following:

- Bail was created as a safeguard against lengthy pre-trial imprisonment, but for those living in poverty it has the opposite effect.
- In every NYS jail outside NYC, pre-trial incarceration has doubled since 1991 while in NYC it has decreased.
- On any given day in Monroe County in 2013, 1,000 people were being held in pre-trial incarceration, 40% of them on misdemeanor charges.
- Since people without financial means cannot afford bail, they lose their jobs and their families are dismantled.
- Judges tend to equate darker skin color with more danger and impose bail on that basis.
- Bail equality is impossible in the presence of poverty.
- Governor Cuomo's proposal for bail reform would eliminate money bail for those charged with misdemeanor and non-violent felonies. For those charged with a violent felony, bail would be permitted after an individualized review of bail factors. The plan also provides for preventive detention when the defendant is seen as a physical threat to others or a flight risk.



**TOP** (left to right): Panelists Gary Pudup, Tim Donaher, Precious Bedell, and Iman Abid.



**MIDDLE** (left to right): LWV-RMA President Mary Hussong-Kallen welcoming participants; Nancy Brush asking a question of the panel; and Judy Sternberg moderating the discussion.

**BOTTOM**: Ida Holloran assisting with audio-visual components of the presentations.



## Naturalization Ceremonies Welcome New Citizens

The first two naturalization ceremonies of 2018 were held on January 11. Mimi Wilson welcomed candidates for citizenship at the Monroe County Office Building at 10:00 A.M. At 1:00 P.M., Julie Damerell and Lois Winterkorn greeted new citizens at the Federal Building. Many people registered to vote that day!

On February 8, Julie Damerell and Joan Rosenthal met new citizens at the Monroe County Office Building, while Kathy Farrar registered new voters at the oath ceremony at the Federal Building.

Much appreciation goes to all League members who have committed to attending naturalization ceremonies in 2018! The new schedule is up on the League website, [lwv-rma.org](http://lwv-rma.org). Anyone interested in attending a ceremony should contact Sheila Abeling at 585-223-6819 or [sheiler162007@gmail.com](mailto:sheiler162007@gmail.com).

Officiating at the naturalization ceremony at the Monroe County Courthouse on February 8 were the Honorable William Taylor, NYS Supreme Court Judge, and Adam Bellow, Monroe County Clerk. Laura Stradley, Executive Director of the Veterans Outreach Center and an Army veteran, gave a welcoming speech during the ceremony. All three are seen in the photos (below) with the new citizens.





## Seen at the Susan B. Anthony Luncheon

LWV-RMA members Sheila Abeling, Shirley Eberly, Mary Hussong-Kallen, Katherine Smith, Judy Sternberg, Kay Wallace and Elizabeth Webb were among the almost 1,000 participants in the 2018 Susan B. Anthony Luncheon on February 14. This annual event sponsored by the Susan B. Anthony House celebrates the work of the local Suffragist and the steps taken since her time to promote voting rights for all Americans.

Pictured (below) are some of the participants as well as some of the quilt squares created to commemorate 100 years of voting rights for women.



*Note our quilt square made by Elaine Schmidt second from the left.*



## League of Women Voters of NYS Regional Training Meeting April 14, 2018

The League of Women Voters of NYS invites all members to come to your local training workshop – one of several being held on Saturdays from 10:00-3:00 in March and April at various locations across the state. All members are invited to attend at least part of the day. Lunch will be provided and will allow for informal networking among the attendees (no program). There is a \$20 charge to cover other expenses.

**April 14 - Rochester Area**  
(Rush Henrietta Senior High School, 1799 Lehigh Station Rd, Henrietta, NY 14467)

### Tentative Workshop Topics

- Moderating Candidate Forums
- Creatively Managing Your Local League
- Getting your Members Active on Issues
- Motivating Voters to Vote
- Engaging Youth in Our Democracy
- Social Media & Apps for Engaging New Members and the Public
- Becoming a Player in Your Community: Observer Corps, Hot Topics & Collaboration
- Raising Funds & Having Fun
- Making the Most of Voter Service Activities
- Civic Education & Engagement for Students & Communities

Register online OR download and complete registration form Links can be found on LWNYS homepage [www.lwvny.org](http://www.lwvny.org).

To register by mail, send completed registration form and \$20 check payable to LWNYS to: League of Women Voters of NYS, 62 Grand St, Albany, NY 12207.

Or with credit card, by fax 518-465-0812 or by phone 518-465-4162 or email [Meg@lwvny.org](mailto:Meg@lwvny.org).

## Sign Up for the LWNYS Weekly Legislative Newsletter

This year the League has launched a new initiative to help keep members up-to-date on what's going on in Albany. Our weekly legislative newsletter includes what's happening at the Capitol, upcoming events surrounding advocacy, weekly legislative committee agendas, and weekly League news clips. The newsletter is sent to all members every Friday. If you haven't been receiving the newsletter, check your Spam or Junk folder or email [Jennifer at Jennifer@lwvny.org](mailto:Jennifer@lwvny.org) to make sure you're on the list.

## Advocacy Training and Lobby Day

The state League's annual Advocacy Training and Lobby Day has been scheduled for April 24th in the NYS Museum (we'll make sure you have time to view the special exhibit at the Museum on women's suffrage history, too). Any member is welcome to attend. Come learn about our advocacy agenda, hear directly from the Issue Specialists about our expected action for the 2018 Legislative Session and lobby your own legislators.

The topics on which we will be lobbying will depend on how the budget negotiations turn out.

## Electronic Voter Guide: Ballot Ready

As many of you have heard, the state League will not be subscribing to Vote 411 this year for its electronic voter guide. Instead, we have a contract with Ballot Ready to provide race and candidate information online. You can view their website at: <https://www.ballotready.org/> or see how ours will look at the LWV of IL website (they have an election coming up): <https://lwvil.civicengine.com/>. The good news is that the local Leagues will have to do NOTHING for this program but can provide questions for candidates if they desire. Ballot Ready will cover ALL races in NYS for the June primary, September primary and the November general election.

Watch for more information on this new service!





*One way to be heard on federal issues:*

## Join Postcard Fridays

Place  
Stamp  
Here

If you are looking for a way to express your opinions about some of the major issues affecting our nation, you might want to consider Postcard Fridays. Participants receive an email packet mid-week every week outlining issues, suggested comments on these issues, and contact information for postcard recipients.

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Group members then meet every Friday from 9:15 – 10:30 A.M. at the Soul Café in Village Gate on Goodman Street near the Memorial Art Gallery. (Enter Village Gate through the back entrance near the Children's Institute. The tables outside Soul Café will be straight ahead.)

At the Friday sessions, participants write their comments on provided postcards and leave them with leaders for mailing. Since February 2017, group members have sent about 7,500 postcards, an average of about 170 per week. Those who cannot attend the Friday session can send postcards from home.

To learn more, send an email to [postcardfridays@gmail.com](mailto:postcardfridays@gmail.com).

**Editor's Note:** This is just one such group in our region; there are perhaps others. If you know of another group please let me know at [judithw@frontiernet.net](mailto:judithw@frontiernet.net).

## Why We Should Never Take the Right to Vote for Granted

It's been so long since women won the right to vote that we have perhaps forgotten how violent the opposition to women's suffrage was. Suffrage would not have happened if some women hadn't been willing to suffer to gain this basic right. Evidence of the violence faced by suffragists can be found in images at found at

<http://www.openculture.com/2016/10/vintage-postcards-document-the-deplorable-propaganda-against-womens-rights.html>

**YOU CAN EITHER  
VOTE BY VOTING OR  
VOTE BY NOT VOTING.  
IF YOU DON'T VOTE,  
SOMEONE ELSE'S  
VOTE COUNTS MORE.  
IT'S MATH.**



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## Voter Services Get Out the Vote

The statistics are horrendous and incredible: NEW YORK STATE IS REPORTED TO BE 41ST OUT OF 50 IN VOTER TURNOUT!

A group of our concerned members has formed an ad hoc committee, GOTV/OUTSIDE THE BOX, to brainstorm on the question – HOW DO WE INCENT OUR LOCAL VOTERS TO GO TO THE POLLS?

Our members include Gin Busack, Ann Carmody, Julie Damerell, Judy Hartmann, Ida Holloran, Mary Hussong-Kallen, Hasana Martin, David Newman, Kris Rogers, Bertha Simpkins, Gail Wilder, and Lois Winterkorn, with Ellie Drake representing the Wayne County MAL and Rob Coatsworth, a Nazareth College undergraduate, bringing the perspective of the young adult voter.

Our first couple of brainstorming sessions have involved defining our audiences and, then, determining how best to reach those audiences. The group consensus is that our initial focus should be on young adults and underserved populations – those voters who perceive themselves as disenfranchised.

Now comes the hard part: how should we proceed? We agreed that registration efforts should be more about listening ... not telling people why they should vote – but hearing why the individual does not vote. We agreed that somehow we need to make participation exciting, not just a duty. We'll begin a collaboration with Professor Timothy Kneeland, Chair of the Political Science and History departments at Nazareth, along with several other faculty and staff at the college.

It's not too late to join in ... Just contact any of our members.

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## PRESS STATEMENT

### Governor Cuomo Includes Funding for Early Voting in 30-Day Amendments

Contact: Jennifer Wilson, 518-465-4162

February 12, 2018

"The League of Women Voters of New York State applauds Governor Cuomo for including \$7 million in funding for early voting in his 30-day budget amendments, recognizing that implementing early voting will require funding from the state. Although the proposed legislation will not take effect until the 2019 elections, this money provides crucial assistance to county board of elections as they begin to plan for future elections and upgrade their technology. The League has supported early voting for several years and we are thrilled to see that the Governor recognizes the importance of this program by providing seed funding and thereby avoiding passage of an unfunded mandate.

New York State has had an abysmal rate of voter turnout and participation for far too long. With these reforms, voters will be able to vote at a time when it is most convenient for them. We thank Governor Cuomo for recognizing the importance of democracy and we hope that the Assembly and Senate will follow the Governor's lead and fund these reforms in the 2018-2019 state budget."

**Important  
DATE!**

**Cost is just  
\$10 again this year!  
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

### 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 7, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.  
at Locust Hill Country Club.

- Vote for new slate of candidates to our Board of Directors and Nominating Committee and the Budget for 2018-2019
- Honor Milestone League members
- Celebrate Carrie Chapman Catt & Making Democracy Work Award winners
- Acknowledge the members who earned You Make Us Proud Awards this year
- Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, punch, coffee, tea, cash bar – and wonderful company!

# Coming Events!

## March

- 2 First Friday (11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M., I-Square)
- 8 Naturalization Ceremony (10:00 A.M., Monroe County Office Building)
- 8 Naturalization Ceremony (10:00 A.M., George Eastman Museum, 900 East Avenue)
- 8 Naturalization Ceremony (1:00 P.M., Federal Building)
- 15 Book Club: **The Firebrand and the First Lady: Portrait of a Friendship: Pauli Murray, Eleanor Roosevelt, and the Struggle for Social Justice** by Patricia Bell-Scott (1:00 – 2:00 P.M., Greenhouse Café, 2271 East Main Street)
- 15 Naturalization Ceremony (10:00 A.M., Monroe County Office Building)
- 19 Forum: **Women Voted in NYS Before Columbus:** a talk by Sally Roesch Wagner (7:00 – 9:00 P.M., Linehan Chapel at Nazareth College) FREE but registration required ([www.lwv-rma.org](http://www.lwv-rma.org))

## April

- 5 Naturalization Ceremony (1:00 P.M., Rochester City Hall, 30 Church Street)
- 6 First Friday (11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M., I-Square)
- 10 Book Club: **Sex Wars: A Novel of the Gilded Age in New York** by Marge Piercy (1:00 – 2:00 P.M., Greenhouse Café, 2271 East Main Street)
- 24 LWVNYS Advocacy Training Day 2018 (10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M., New York State Museum, Albany) ([https://secure.lglforms.com/form\\_engine/s/i\\_ELCaUOhYyrY6YYjXYp0g](https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/i_ELCaUOhYyrY6YYjXYp0g))
- 26 Naturalization Ceremony (9:30 A.M., Minerva DeLand School)



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

## Don't Miss First Fridays with LWV-RMA

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

April 6, 2018

May 4, 2018

June 1, 2018

No need to RSVP. Pencil us in on your calendar and join when you can! There's a place at the table for you!



Board of Directors meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 2:00 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.

Naturalization ceremonies are usually held on second Thursday of each month. Check League website for updated info each month.

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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