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LEAGUE OF
WOMEN VOTERS®
ROCHESTER METROPOLITAN AREA



**Celebrate another year of
League excellence!**

Thursday, June 7, 2018
4:00 – 6:00 PM

Locust Hill Country Club
2000 West Jefferson Road, Pittsford

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, wine, punch, coffee, tea – and wonderful company
Cost is just \$10 again this year!
Preregister at <http://www.lvv-rma.org> or 262-3730
We look forward to seeing you!

Annual Meeting information follows on pages 4-7.

**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 Spring – can you feel the increased energy in the air? Finally!

There’s so much news. In no particular order, here’s what’s happening:

Our Board of Directors voted to stop charging dues to students. We believe in education as a great investment, and we are delighted to have students of any age join us! All members will have an opportunity to vote on this change at the Annual Meeting.

In other board news, we’ll be well represented at the LWVUS Convention in Chicago this year. Judy Sternberg, Kim Byers and Marion O’Connor will be attending as our voting delegates. Look for lots of information and insights when they report back to us on their activities.

With four declared Democratic primary candidates for the House of Representatives seat held by Louise Slaughter (US Congressional District #25), we’ll be joining with Rochester People’s Climate Coalition (RPCC) and WROC-TV to invite candidates to participate in 2 candidate forums.


- The RPCC co-sponsored debate will focus on Racial, Economic, and Environmental Justice and will be held at Mount Olivet Baptist Church, 141 Adams Street. Rochester Faith Community Alliance and other organizations will join us as co-sponsors. Date is still unconfirmed – watch your email!
- Details on the WROC debate are still unconfirmed – watch your email!

Elaine Schmidt and I attended Advocacy/Lobby Day in Albany on April 24 and found it very informative. Priority legislation for LWVNY will be the Database of Deals (A8175/S6613B), Clean Contracting (A6355/S3984), Pay to Play (A9924/S8039), the LLC Loophole (A9758A/S27149) and Limits on Outside Income (A5831). Of course we’re always pushing for expanded access to voting – watch for another forum here in Rochester in the fall as we continue Breaking Barriers to Voting in NYS.

Our Annual Meeting is coming up on Thursday, June 7, at 4:00 P.M. at Locust Hill Country Club. It’s a wonderful combination of business and pleasure, whether you’re a new member or a long-time Leaguer. You’ll find information on the slate of candidates for board positions and nominating committee, recommended bylaws and dues changes and the proposed budget for 2018-2019 on pages 4-7. And of course we’ll celebrate another year of hard work and great friendships. This year we’ll honor the following:

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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE



Annual Meeting

of

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ROCHESTER METROPOLITAN AREA



Thursday, June 7, 2018

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VOTE FOR:

- New slate of candidates to our Board of Directors & Nominating Committee
- Annual budget for 2018-2019
- Elimination of student dues

CONSIDER:

- Changes to our by-laws

HONOR:

- Milestone League members

CELEBRATE:

- Carrie Chapman Catt & Making Democracy Work Awards

ACKNOWLEDGE:

- Members who earned You Make Us Proud Awards

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Dollars & Cents for 2018-19

The Budget Committee has prepared the 2018-19 League budget which received Board approval at the April 26 meeting, and is presented for your review in this issue of The Voter.

In reviewing the 2018-19 budget you will note that we have added 2 line items:

- Administration-Equipment/Software/Supplies (expense)
- The Voter’s Printing/Postage/Supplies (expense)

and added clearer descriptions on 4 line items:

- Education Fund - Special Projects (income transfers)
- VoterReg/GOTV (expense)
- General Membership Meeting (January) (expense)
- Printing/Paper Supplies/Miscellaneous (expense).

These changes were made in order to present a clearer picture of our finances. The committee feels these changes will make the Board’s fiscal monitoring and oversight easier, while adding transparency to the League’s finances.

Now that LWVUS has joined LWVNYS in charging no dues for student league members, the LWV-RMA Board recommends that we charge no dues to any student wishing to join.

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

In addition to the General Fund budget described above, we offer a summary of the beginning and ending balances on our Checking and Savings Accounts, as well as the Grants Management Account.

We feel confident that you will agree that our financial position is strong and that the League’s assets are well-managed. The 2018-19 budget is presented on page 5.

The Budget Committee: Judy Weinstein (Chair), Elaine Schmidt, and Mary Hussong-Kallen

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY IN ALL ACCOUNTS

AS OF THE END OF 3RD QUARTER, 2018

ACCOUNT	BEGINNING BALANCE	ENDING BALANCE
M&T Checking	\$16,156.06	\$20,692.37
M&T Savings	\$54,410.43	\$54,451.29
LWVNYS Grants Management	\$18,387.97	\$19,660.33

2018-19 BUDGET

LWV-RMA FINANCIAL REPORT 2018-19			
DESCRIPTION	2017-18 BUDGET	ACTUAL (4/30/2018)	2018-19 BUDGET
<i>Income</i>			
Dues	\$11,000.00	\$7,955.00	\$9,000.00
Donations (including Annual Appeal)	\$700.00	\$1,942.11	\$1,000.00
Monroe County Board of Elections (Ballots)	\$1,500.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,000.00
Annual & General Membership Meetings	\$400.00		\$400.00
Paid Programs/Events (RACF & SBA luncheons, etc.)	\$1,250.00	\$1,198.94	\$1,250.00
Interest Income	\$50.00		\$0.00
Other Income	\$500.00	\$110.00	\$100.00
Grants Management Transfers			
EF-LWVUS PMP	\$1,900.00	\$1,752.00	\$1,800.00
EF-LWVNYS PMP	\$1,100.00	\$2,050.00	\$1,100.00
EF-Special Projects	\$1,000.00	\$249.69	\$500.00
EF-Students Inside Albany (SIA)	\$800.00		\$800.00
EF-Reimbursement for Educational Materials	\$1,000.00	\$828.89	\$1,000.00
EF-Who Represents You (WRY)-RACF	\$2,400.00		\$2,500.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$23,600.00	\$18,486.63	\$21,450.00
<i>Expenses</i>			
National Dues	(\$4,000.00)	(\$3,504.00)	(\$3,570.00)
State Dues	(\$2,500.00)	(\$2,180.00)	(\$2,230.00)
Conventions			
National	(\$3,000.00)	(\$1,350.00)	
State			(\$1,500.00)
Programs/Events (LWV-RMA & other)	(\$1,500.00)	(\$1,850.83)	(\$1,500.00)
General Membership Meeting (January)	(\$500.00)	(\$430.00)	(\$500.00)
Annual Members' Meeting (May/June)	(\$1,275.00)		(\$1,000.00)
Voter Services			
Who Represents You (WRY)	(\$2,400.00)		(\$2,500.00)
Vote411	(\$100.00)	(\$129.45)	\$0.00
Fair Election Practices Campaign	(\$500.00)		(\$500.00)
Brochures/Educational Materials	(\$1,500.00)	(\$884.90)	(\$1,500.00)
Special Projects	(\$875.00)	(\$1,109.57)	(\$500.00)
Voter Reg/GOTV		(\$62.15)	(\$100.00)
All Other Committee Expense	(\$700.00)		(\$500.00)
Administration Expense			
Equipment/Software/Supplies		(\$646.70)	(\$250.00)
Internet Hosting	(\$70.00)	(\$70.00)	(\$70.00)
Office Phone	(\$850.00)	(\$716.52)	(\$850.00)
Paypal	(\$150.00)	(\$112.99)	(\$150.00)
PO Box (1 year)	(\$90.00)	(\$90.00)	(\$90.00)
Postage	(\$250.00)	(\$24.99)	(\$50.00)
Printing/Paper Supplies/Miscellaneous	(\$150.00)	(\$217.01)	(\$175.00)
Space Rental	(\$250.00)		(\$600.00)
Annual Appeal	(\$125.00)		\$0.00
Students Inside Albany	(\$800.00)		(\$800.00)
Allied Organization Events/Memberships	(\$15.00)		(\$15.00)
The Voter			
Layout	(\$2,000.00)	(\$1,400.00)	(\$2,000.00)
Printing/Postage/Supplies		(\$386.00)	(\$500.00)
TOTAL EXPENSE	(\$23,600.00)	(\$15,165.11)	(\$21,450.00)
NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT	\$0.00	\$3,321.52	\$0.00

PROPOSED CHANGES TO BYLAWS

ARTICLE III - Membership

Sec. 2. TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP. The membership of the LWV-RMA shall be composed of voting members and associate members.

a) Voting Members.

(1) Persons who are at least sixteen (16) years of age who join the League and whose dues are current shall be voting members.

ARTICLE IV - Officers

Sec. 1. ENUMERATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS. The officers of the LWV-RMA shall be a president (or co-presidents), a first vice president, a second vice president, a secretary and a treasurer, who shall be elected for terms of not more than two (2) years by the general membership at an annual meeting and take office upon election. The president(s), the first vice president, and the secretary should shall be elected in even-numbered years. The second vice president and the treasurer should be elected in odd-numbered years. No officer shall be eligible for election to the same office for more than two (2) full consecutive terms, up to 4 full years.

The board of directors may authorize the nominating committee to nominate a leadership team of up to four (4) individuals who will be elected as officers and share the responsibilities of the president and vice-president. Wherever president or president(s) appears in the bylaws, it is understood that it also applies to the leadership team.

Sec. 5. THE TREASURER.

The treasurer will present a written financial report of grants received activity with each quarterly board report and at the annual meeting.

RATIONALE FOR PROPOSED CHANGES:

ARTICLE III, Section 2

LWVUS has changed membership guidelines to include 16 and 17 year-old persons as well as non-citizens.

ARTICLE IV, Section 1

Changes in titles and terms of office as well as some wordings are recommended in order to accommodate the proposed organization leadership structure change.

ARTICLE IV, Section 5

The Treasurer's quarterly reports to the Board of Directors reflect all the information provided in LWVNY's Grants Managements regarding grant activity rather than just grants received. This change is recommended in order to align bylaws with best current practice.

NOTE

Various incidental "housekeeping" corrections and clarifications were made to the bylaws, with none affecting the intent or practice of League policy.

Respectfully submitted,

Bylaws Committee Review Members: **Sheila Abeling, Judy Weinstein and Mary Hussong-Kallen**

Report of the Nominating Committee

Following the lead of over half of the local Leagues in New York State, the Nominating Committee proposes a new LWV-RMA Board format. Pending approval of the proposed Bylaws changes, the Board will have a shared Management Team which will lead the board in managing the routine business of the Board in addition to other League responsibilities. This will replace the office of President(s) and Vice President(s). We are using this format for 2018 – 2019, but retain the option to return to our traditional structure in the future.

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

Officers:

Management team:

Gin Busack 2018 - 2019

Kim Byers 2018 - 2019

Judy Weinstein 2018 – 2019

Recording Secretary, Judy Sternberg 2018 - 2020

Directors:

Mary Hussong-Kallen 2018 - 2019

Ann Carmody 2018 - 2020

Gail Wilder 2018 – 2020

Kris Rogers 2018 – 2020

In addition, the following Non-Board Members are presented as candidates for membership consideration to serve on the Nominating Committee:

Nominating Committee

Ida Holloran, Chair

Joan Rosenthal

Julie Damerell

The Board will appoint two members of the Board to also serve on the Nominating Committee.

All members attending the Annual Meeting on June 7 will have an opportunity to vote for the candidates. During the Annual Meeting, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured. The bylaws stipulate a minimum of five (5) and a maximum of ten (10) elected directors and not more than five (5) appointed directors.

Nominating Committee Members: Lois Winterkorn (chair), Ida Holloran, Gin Busack, and Judy Sternberg.



Helpful Links:

Transparency in NYS Government Information

- Open Book NY-- Office of the State Comptroller
<http://www.openbooknewyork.com/>
- Project Sunlight – NYS Office of the Attorney General, A Public Integrity Initiative
<https://projectsunlight.ny.gov/>
- SeeThrough NY— Empire Center for NYS Policy, A Project of the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research
<http://www.seethroughny.net/>

LWVNY Legislative Action Webpage - bookmark this!

<http://lwvny.org/advocacy/legAction/>

National Women’s History Project: Writing Women Back Into History

<http://www.nwhp.org/resources/womens-rights-movement/detailed-timeline/>



New LWV-RMA Members!

- Holly Brookstein
- Joan Buckley
- Anne Casey
- Margaret Ferber
- Margaret Foo
- Jana Jackle
- Moira Lemperle
- Christine Maas
- Peter Oddleifson
- Clare M. Shea

President’s Corner

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Making Democracy Work Award: **Sister Grace Miller**

Carrie Chapman Catt Award: **Barbara Grosh**

You Make Us Proud Awards: **Sandy Frankel, Ida Holloran, Gloria Read and Judy Wadsworth**

Our New Life Members: **Sandy Frankel and Elizabeth Webb**

Special Recognition: **Georgia DeGregorio**

Cost is still just \$10. Please make your reservation today – call us at 585-262-3730 or visit our website at www.lwv-rma.org/!

If you’re not receiving LWVNY Legislative Director Jennifer Wilson’s weekly email updates, you’re missing a lot! Contact her at jennifer@lwvny.org to join the list.

Summer voter registration activities will be revving up soon – look for email “invitations” to help out at festivals and events throughout the summer.

And last but far from least, *Who Represents You* is available in print and on our website.

Thank you as always for all that you’re doing to Make Democracy Work for All!

Mary Hussong-Kallen
president@lwv-rma.org



LWV Training to Help Members Meet Our Mission

A regional training workshop hosted by the League of Women Voters of New York State (LWVNYS) on April 14 attracted 30 LWV members from four regional local Leagues to learn from LWVNYS leaders as well as one another about various issues:

- Engaging youth
- Voter registration
- Chapter leadership tips
- Civic education for youth and communities
- Resources, especially collaborations
- Voter services, including moderators
- Engaging new members and the public to act.

The conference allowed the 10 LWV-RMA members to share interests with those from Buffalo/Niagara, Cattaraugus-Allegany, and Chautauqua local Leagues under the leadership of representatives from LWVNYS.

Copies of all the informative materials distributed at the workshop are available on the LWVNYS website:

<http://www.lwvny.org/training/index.html>

Please feel free to share!



TOP ROW (left to right): LWV-RMA Members Ann Carmody, Kim Byers, Judy Sternberg, Kris Rogers, and President Mary Hussong-Kallen.

BOTTOM ROW (left to right): LWVNYS Executive Director Laura Ladd Bierman (standing) Katherine Smith, Barbara Kay, Sheila Abeling, Georgia DeGregorio, Marion O'Connor, LWVNYS Legislative Director Jennifer Wilson, and Mary Myers.



Naturalization

Three new citizens' oath ceremonies occurred in April. On April 5, Sheila Abeling welcomed 60 candidates for citizenship during the Naturalization ceremony at Rochester City Hall led by the Hon. Jonathan W. Feldman, Federal Court Judge. Marcia Eisenberg greeted 24 new citizens at a new venue, Dr. Walter Cooper Academy - RCSD School No. 10. The Fairport School District along with Marcia Eisenberg also participated in a Naturalization ceremony held at Fairport's Minerva Deland School. This ceremony always includes students who have been studying immigration in the classroom and who present letters they wrote to the new citizens.

I encourage anyone who has not witnessed an oath ceremony to please contact me and I will arrange for you to do so. It is a wonderful experience! All ceremonies are listed on the League website at lwv-rma.org

Sheila Abeling, sheiler162007@gmail.com

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Question: What is the Most Exciting Place to be within the Rochester League of Women Voters?

ANSWER: THE POINT WHERE EDUCATION AND VOTER REGISTRATION INTERSECT.

There is a lot of buzz these days from our young citizens around voting, and it is our great joy to respond to the youthful energy that is driving it. The Education Team has been very active over the past couple of months. In addition to our regularly scheduled presentations to Social Studies classes in the Rochester City high schools, we have been responding to requests to meet with students and assist in voter registrations drives. By the time the current school year ends, we will have met with students from Edison Tech, School without Walls, Franklin, World of Inquiry, and School of the Arts, as well as Aquinas Institute. Students from School of the Arts and Brighton HS initiated contact with us, looking for assistance in student-run voter registration drives during the school walkout on March 14. We have been invited by U of R students to help with voter registration drives on campus this spring and we have committed to a similar event at Nazareth in the fall. In addition to all that, there is discussion generated within our Get out the Vote group to organize a Take Your Kids to Vote Campaign, working through the City schools. Whew!! It's a great time to be part of the League in Rochester. We are energized and impressed by these young activists.

Beth Feldman, bfeldman@rochester.rr.com





Coming Events!



May

- 4 First Friday (11:00 A.M., I-Square, 400 Bakers Park)
- 10 Naturalization Ceremony (10:00 A.M., Monroe County Office Building)
- 14 Naturalization Ceremony (10:00 A.M., RIT Ingle Auditorium Bldg. 4-SAU)
- 26 LWV-RMA Board Meeting (2:00 P.M., Asbury First UMC.)

June

- 1 First Friday (11:00 A.M., I-Square, 400 Bakers Park)
- 7 **LWV-RMA Annual Meeting (4:00 P.M., Locust Hill Country Club)**
- 14 Naturalization Ceremony (10:00 A.M., Monroe County Office Building)
- 14 Naturalization Ceremony (1:00 P.M., Federal Building)
- 28 (through July 1) LWV 53rd National Convention (Chicago Hilton)

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

**THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER,
WE WILL OFFER MANY VOTER
REGISTRATION OPPORTUNITIES -
CHECK YOUR EMAIL!**

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.

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

May 4, 2018

June 1, 2018

July 6, 2018

August 3, 2018

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Board of Directors meets monthly 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, call 262-3730 or e-mail us at info@lwv-rma.org



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

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MEMBERSHIP LEVELS:

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 Scale