

TheVOTER

ELECTORAL COLLEGE



Forum: The Electoral College

October 19, 2020

7:00 P.M. via Zoom

See page 3 to learn more.

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President's Corner

The peak of the 2020 Presidential Election year is now upon us. Foremost for the League at this time is urging citizens to vote and providing clear and accurate information on the safest and most secure ways to do so. The League will also be working to combat voter suppression messaging and address voters' concerns about possible violence or chaos on Election Day or the days immediately following while the nation awaits absentee ballot results.

Absentee ballot voting is the gold standard method for personal safety in voting. Absentee ballots will soon arrive in the homes of voters who have applied for them. Voters can take a look at [VOTE411.org](https://vote411.org) to find information about the candidates on their ballots. Prioritize the time you need to make up your mind and then fill out your ballot. At that point you can decide to mail the ballot back to the Board of Elections (BOE) or arrange to deliver it in person to the BOE, or to any polling site once early voting has started on October 24. The BOE and polling sites will have drop boxes for receipt of those ballots. Ballots can be given to a trusted individual to deliver for you. This method of delivery to drop boxes will ensure timely receipt of your ballot by the BOE. If that is not possible then aim to mail your ballot so it is received by Election Day, November 3rd. The deadline for postmarks is November 2nd but the earlier ballots are received by the BOE the better.

Early Voting addresses other concerns and provides many convenient voting days and hours. Early Voting spaces out the number of voters at the polls at any one time, lowers the risk of invalidated ballots due to voter mistakes, bypasses the US Postal Service, increases the percentage of results available on Election Day, and can keep to a minimum the volume of absentee ballots to be counted (which cannot begin until the close of polls on Election Day). There are nine days of Early Voting opportunities, beginning on October 24, at four city locations and eight additional county sites. Voters can vote at any of these sites. See page 5 for times and locations, also available on the BOE website <https://www.monroecounty.gov/elections-earlyvoting>.

In-person voting can also be done on Election Day, November 3rd, at a voter's assigned polling place. Election Day voting usually provides convenient locations close to a voter's residence but there will be fewer sites available this election due to COVID-19 and those sites may be more crowded. The BOE has recently mailed polling site information to each voter's home. Voters need to check this and weigh it into their considerations. All in-person voters, for safety of themselves and others, should wear masks, observe social distancing as much as possible and consider bringing their own pens. Remember, in the end your vote is important and worth some inconveniences.

Now is the time for all voters to think about the available choices, decide what is best for you and make a plan. The first presidential debate is scheduled for September 29th, followed by two more on October 15th and 22nd. A vice presidential debate is scheduled for October 7th. Locally, the League will be co-sponsoring televised debates on WROC-TV8 for the Monroe County Clerk, the 56th State Senate District, the 135th Assembly District, and tentatively the 25th Congressional District. We will also be hosting a forum via Zoom for the 55th Senate District with the North Winton Village Neighborhood Association. *See page 7 for full details on candidate forums.*

In League,
Judith Sternberg
 President, LWV-RMA

Coming Soon Healthcare Position Update

At the LWVNYS Convention in June 2019, delegates voted to update the current state League position on healthcare financing. A committee was formed and has been working hard to gather information and materials for consideration in the drafting of this update. Local Leagues will soon receive those materials and the proposed update. EACH LOCAL LEAGUE SHOULD SCHEDULE A MEMBERSHIP MEETING SOMETIME BETWEEN OCTOBER 2020 AND FEBRUARY 2021, TO DISCUSS THE UPDATE AND DECIDE ON THEIR SUPPORT FOR IT. Potential speakers for presentation of the materials will be made available from LWVNYS. The local League's decision on the proposed new position will be due by March 1, 2021 to the state League office.

If you have a special interest in Healthcare and would like to help in the planning of this meeting please contact Judy Sternberg, president@lww-rma.org.

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Forum: The Electoral College

October 19, 2020

7:00 P.M. via Zoom

Key questions to be considered:

- I. Why does the United States have such a complicated system for electing the President?
- II. How well has the Electoral College reflected the popular vote for President?
- III. What are some proposals for changing the current system, including the plan endorsed by the League of Women Voters of the United States? Their pros and cons?

Leading the program (presentation and discussion) will be Sarah F. Liebschutz, Ph.D. Sarah is a Distinguished Service Professor Emerita of the State University of New York. She was a member of the Political Science faculty at SUNY Brockport

for 27 years, serving for six of those years as chairperson. Sarah, a long-time member of the LWV-RMA, has organized and moderated League forums on The Affordable Care Act (2013) and the Supreme Court (2018), and has been a valuable resource for the League of Women Voters of the Rochester Metro Area.

This forum is presented jointly by the League of Women Voters of the Rochester Metro Area (LWV-RMA) and the National Council of Jewish Women, Greater Rochester Section (NCJW, GRS).

This is a timely look at the Electoral College and we hope to "see" you there!

Register to attend virtually on our website www.lwv-rma.org.



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Save the Date:

Review of 2020 Election Results & Political Trends

Monday, November 30, 2020

7:00 -8:30 P.M. via Zoom

Sharing their interpretations of the political climate and election outcomes will be Timothy Kneeland, Ph.D, Professor & Chairperson Political Science & History, Nazareth College; and Jarred Jones, Director of Major Gifts, VOTE.org.

More information will follow in early November.

Members' Update Meeting Held September 14th

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI) discussion - Barbara Grosh

DEI is a major initiative of the LWVUS and LWV-RMA. Barbara led a discussion of the reasons for this initiative, goals set by both organizations to reach DEI, and steps the LWV-RMA could take to reach those goals. Among the suggestions for attracting and involving new members were:

- Hold poster sessions highlighting committee work, perhaps online or at Rochester library branches;
- Develop a photo directory;
- Add another First-Friday-like event regularly each month at a different time of day so working members could participate and call it something like Happy Hour;
- Provide LWV-RMA business cards to distribute at events or among friends;
- Plan and support community service activities with other like-minded groups;
- Post needed help and opportunities for involvement on the LWV-RMA website.

At the same Zoom session on September 14, participants also heard from several committee chairs about current activities and opportunities for involvement.

* GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE - JUDY WEINSTEIN AND ELAINE SCHMIDT REPORTING

The committee is planning candidate forums, seeking questions to ask at the forums, running a mock forum to learn how best to use Zoom technology during forums. It also seeks members to be part of the League Observer Corps to attend government meetings such as those of the County Legislature, COMIDA, City Council, RCSD School Board, Rochester Police Accountability Board, and Commission on Racial and Structural Equity (RASE), a joint county-city project.

* PROGRAM COMMITTEE - ELAINE SCHMIDT REPORTING

The committee identifies topics and presenters, and sets up meeting environments. Members are encouraged to get involved in this activity. Scheduled educational public forums for this program year include –

October 19 – Electoral College

March – Topic TBD

November 30 – Election Results discussion

May – Topic TBD

February – Redistricting

* YOUTH PROGRAMS - JUDY STERNBERG REPORTING

HS Voter Registration initiative involving adaptations to current COVID-19 restrictions were reviewed. Members interested in student-targeted voter education and in working on production of virtual materials are encouraged to contact Judy at judith.sternberg@lwv-rma.org.

* AD HOC PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW OF STATE HEALTHCARE POSITION UPDATE- JUDY STERNBERG REPORTING

This group will plan for an upcoming special membership meeting to review and vote on support for a proposed update to the LWVNYS Healthcare Financing position. Interested members are asked to contact Judy. *See page 2 for more details.*

* VOTER SERVICES - BARBARA GROSH REPORTING

The committee would welcome participation of more members in its many activities this fall:

- The committee is involved with other community groups right now in voter registration opportunities at public libraries, at community centers when the Foodlink truck is dispensing food, etc.
- The committee is working with community organizations to host parties at three early voting sites in Rochester on the first day of early voting, October 24, and to participate in motorcades that day. Watch for SignUpGenius invitations. The committee is also developing a social media campaign. *See page 6 to learn more.*



AVOID DELAYS ON ELECTION DAY! VOTE EARLY!

➔ POLLING PLACES ARE OPEN: ⬅

OCTOBER						24 9a-3p
25 9a-3p	26 9a-5p	27 11a-8p	28 9a-5p	29 11a-8p	30 9a-5p	31 9a-3p
NOVEMBER						1 9a-3p

IT'S SAFE, EASY & RELIABLE!

➔ VOTE AT **ANY** LOCATION: ⬅

Rochester Recreation Bureau
57 St. Paul St.
Rochester, NY 14604

David F. Gantt Community Center
700 North St.
Rochester, NY 14605

Marketplace Mall
(North Entrance)
1 Miracle Mile Drive
Rochester, NY 14623

Genesee Valley Fieldhouse
1316 Genesee St.
Rochester, NY 14611

SUNY Empire State College
680 Westfall Rd.
Rochester, NY 14620

Edgerton Recreation Center
41 Backus St.
Rochester, NY 14608

Town of Chili Senior Center
3235 Chili Ave.
Rochester, NY 14624

North Greece Road Church of Christ
1039 N. Greece Rd.
Rochester, NY 14626

Irondequoit Public Library
1290 Titus Ave.
Rochester, NY 14617

Perinton Square Mall
6720 Pittsford Palmyra Rd.
Fairport, NY 14450

Harris-Whalen Park Lodge
2126 Penfield Rd.
Penfield, NY 14526

Webster Recreation Center
1350 Chiyoda Dr.
Webster, NY 14580



Check the Monroe County Board of Elections website for the most up to date location information:
monroecounty.gov/elections-index



Voter Services

VOTER REGISTRATION

Since July 1, we've had 26 voter registration events and registered 161 voters. Events will continue until the deadline. Thanks to all who have participated!



Seen at three recent voter registration events -
 TOP LEFT: Monroe County Executive at the LWV-RMA table which was hosted by Deb Leary and Linda Saalman during the Aeonon Baptist Church's Community Empowerment Celebration on September 19.
 TOP RIGHT: Mary Gleason and Deb Leary outside the Sully Branch Library on Webster Avenue in Rochester in September.
 BOTTOM ROW: On August 28 during a visit to Plymouth Gardens by Foodlink's Curbside Market truck, LWV-RMA members Cecelia Horwitz and Marcia Young registered potential voters; visitors including the young man who volunteered to take home the balloons at the end of the day.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We have a team working on social media, which for us means Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. We are taking a two-pronged approach: straight factual information and persuasive approaches to get people excited about voting. For the first time ever, we're doing paid advertising so that we can reach people of all demographics. We are getting thousands of views for our posts and lots of likes and shares as well. Next we'll be asking members who are on NextDoor to share our messaging about early voting. Pay attention to your email for instructions.

POSTCARDS TO VOTERS

We will be mailing postcards to newly registered voters, both those we've registered since July and those who registered since the last election and live in the low-turnout Legislative districts we've identified: 22, 25, 27, and 29.

GOOD TROUBLE IN THE ROC: GET OUT AND VOTE

We are planning a whole lot of action on the first day of early voting, October 24. We will hold festive celebrations at three early voting locations in the city, including live music, food, and the chance to take a selfie with a life-sized cut-out of Frederick Douglass. These events are scheduled for 11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. Earlier in the day, we are planning motorcades through several low-turnout neighborhoods, announcing that early voting is underway. We will need lots of volunteers to pull all this together. If you'd like to get involved in planning, let Barbara Grosh know at voterservices@lwg-rma.org. Keep your eyes out for volunteer opportunities connected with these events.

ELECTION DAY

We think it's possible that some polling places may experience long lines on election day. We are starting to plan for how we can support voters as they endure long lines, possibly in the dark on a cold day/night. We are putting together a team of people who will drive around monitoring polling places to alert us as lines develop. We are beginning to solicit donations of hot beverages, snacks, handwarmers, etc. to offer voters in line who may be cold or hungry. We might also offer lawn chairs or volunteers to hold spots for those who need to use the restroom. If you'd like to be involved in planning, contact Barbara Grosh, voterservices@lwg-rma.org. Again, watch your email for volunteer opportunities.

Candidate Forums

Our Candidate Forum schedule is as follows:

Thursday, October 1, 7 – 8:30 pm, 55th Senate District (Samra Brouk & Christopher Missick) with the North Winton Village Neighborhood Association via Zoom. Registration required. Access the link on our website at www.lwv-rma.org.

Wednesday, October 7, 7-8 pm, Monroe County Clerk (Karla Boyce & Jamie Romeo) with WROC-TV8, streaming live at rochesterfirst.com and broadcast later in the week

Tuesday, October 20, 7-8 pm, 56th Senate District (Mike Barry & Jeremy Cooney) with WROC-TV8, streaming live at rochesterfirst.com and broadcast later in the week

Wednesday, October 21, 7-8 pm, 135th Assembly District (Mark Johns & Jen Lunsford) with WROC-TV8, streaming live at rochesterfirst.com and broadcast later in the week

We also planned to have a forum for the 138th Assembly District. Harry Bronson accepted our invitation but Peter Vasquez declined, stating that he did not like our format. Because LWV policy prohibits a Candidate Event with only one candidate for an office participating, voters of the 138th AD will not have this opportunity to question either candidate.

The Zoom forum will be available for later viewing on our YouTube channel and the WROC-TV8 debates will be on their website through Election Day.

Judy Weinstein

Candidate Events Director

vote411@lwv-rma.org

VOTE411 is Live for our Local Elections!

Vote411, the League of Women Voters voter information website, provides information on the candidates who will appear on your ballot including their positions on issues of importance to the League. Information on candidates from President down through town offices is available. As of the writing of this article, 12 of the 22 local candidates have submitted their responses. Six of the nonparticipants are running unopposed. When you visit Vote411.org to research the candidates, if you see a candidate who has not posted responses, please reach out to the candidate to express your displeasure.

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Teen Voter Registration PSA Developed

An ad hoc committee met in September to produce and distribute a public service announcement encouraging teenagers to register to vote. LWV-RMA President Judy Sternberg and Voter Services Chair Barbara Grosh worked with members Karen Funk, Carol Gillis, Roberta (Bobbi) Koval, Judy Wadsworth, and community partner William Robinson. The PSA features Mr. Robinson, a volunteer in the LWV-RMA High School Visitation Program, telling teenagers the value of voting and steps needed to register to vote. The video, with supporting information for students and teachers, was distributed electronically via the local chapter of the Rochester Area Council for the Social Studies. The aim is to have the video shown as soon as possible to high school students so eligible teens could register before the October 9 deadline. View the PSA video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vKPld-odgMM>.



*Mr. Robinson, a
volunteer in the
LWV-RMA High School
Visitation Program*



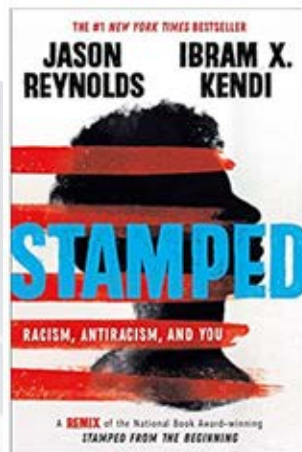
LWV-RMA Bookclub

On September 17, LWV-RMA book club members met via Zoom to discuss *Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You* by Jason Reynolds & Ibram X. Kendi. Jane Romal led the discussion.

Remaining 2020 – 2021 book reading schedule

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| October 15 | How Democracies Die by Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt |
| November 19 | The Warmth of Other Suns, The Epic story of America's Great Migration by Isabel Wilkerson |
| December 17 | The Untold Story of Women of Color in the League of Women Voters by Carolyn Jefferson Jenkins |
| January 21 | Set the World on Fire: Black Nationalist Women and the Global Struggle for Freedom by Keishan N. Blain |
| February 18 | The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee: Native America from 1890 to the Present by David Treuer, AND Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee: An Indian History of the American West by Dee Brown |
| March 18 | Begin Again by Eddie S. Glaude Jr. |
| April 15 | How To Be An Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi |
| May 20 | Walking with the Wind: A Memoir of the Movement by John Lewis |
| June 17 | Tightrope: Americans Reaching for Hope by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn |

The LWV-RMA book club meets via Zoom at 4:30 P.M. on the third Thursday of the month. A link will be sent to everyone who expresses an interest to Judy Weinstein (j.weinstein.roc@gmail.com), who serves as the group's Zoom techie.



*Book club members
meeting via Zoom on
September 17.*

LWV-RMA Book Club discusses STAMPED



Annual Dues

Dues notices will be going out soon to members who joined prior to February 2020. (Life and Student members excluded - if you joined in 1971 or earlier, you are a Life member!).

The due date for membership renewals is December 31, 2020. Please check your email in the coming weeks for a renewal notice. The email will be sent from communications@lwv-rma.org.

Membership levels:

Individual Membership	\$75.00
Household Membership	\$105.00
Susan B. Anthony/ Frederick Douglass Membership	\$150.00
Carrie Chapman Catt Membership	\$200.00
Student Memberships are FREE!	

Limited Income? Do not let this be a deterrent to membership! Please e-mail for more information to: Membership@lwv-rma.org.

Thank you for your support!

Sarah B. Sandler

membership@lwv-rma.org

Fair Election Practices Campaign 2020

The League of Women Voters-Rochester Metro Area and The Interfaith Alliance of Rochester (TIAR) have re-started the 2020 Fair Election Practices Campaign (FEPC). All General Election candidates have been asked to sign a Fair Campaign Pledge to publicly commit to running positive, issues-oriented campaigns. The names of all candidates who sign the Pledge by September 29, 2020 will be listed on the League's website. A press release will then be issued to publicly acknowledge candidates for signing the Pledge. A Fair Election Practices Hearing Committee will review properly filed complaints from candidates who sign the Pledge by the deadline and who allege violations of the Pledge by their opponents. The Hearing Committee issues decisions regarding the complaints ahead of the elections, which are released to the media and posted on the League website and social media accounts. The hearings will be held virtually only this season to maintain the health and safety of Hearing Committee members and the candidates.

If you are interested in assisting with the FEPC or learning more about the process, please contact Kris Rogers at FEPC@lwv-rma.org.

Naturalization Ceremonies are cancelled until further notice due to COVID19.

Election Services

The Monroe County Board of Elections (MCBOE) has a new Democratic Commissioner, Jackie Ortiz. Natalie Sheppard is the new Democratic Deputy Commissioner. They join the Republican Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner, Lisa Nicolay and Nancy Leven respectively. The League of Women Voters of the Rochester Metro Area hopes to resume our work with the MCBOE before October 1.

To receive the latest election information, text VOTEMONROE to 474747. You will then receive automatic text messages as voting information in New York State is updated. You can stop the messages at any time. I encourage you to sign up for this service provided by the League of Women Voters.

What can you do this election season?

Be sure your voter registration is updated. If you have a change of address, name change or party affiliation change, please update your voter registration.

- Be a poll worker.
- Help get people to the polls.
- Be sure all of your friends and family are prepared to vote. Check in on them.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE - BY ABSENTEE VOTING, BY EARLY VOTING, OR IN-PERSON ON ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 3!

See pages 2 and 5 for details.

Sheila Abeling

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Sunshine Corner

MONROE COUNTY LEGISLATURE 9/8/2020 OBSERVED BY ELAINE SCHMIDT



It was determined that there will be a public forum on a resolution to amend the Monroe County Charter to create a Department of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion on October 13 at 6:15pm. Citizens who wish to speak may call 585-753-1950.

A resolution to establish a work release program at Monroe County Jail was passed unanimously. There are specific criteria that must be met to be eligible to participate in the program. Participants will be paid by the persons employing them so there is no added cost to the County.

The Legislature created 14 new positions in the Public Defender's Office by unanimous vote. A committee involving the Public Defender's Office and the County Law Department is being formed to look for ways to increase recruitment of People of Color.

Four new positions were created in the Conflict Defenders Office (CDO). The administration expects to recruit People of Color. Questioning by Legislator Sabrina LaMar led to the statement that there are 13 current CDO positions, none of them staffed by People of Color.

The rules of the Legislature were amended to allow for the establishment and funding of Independent Caucuses. Legislator Joshua Bauroth asked many questions about the proposal. The resolution was passed by 2/3 vote (exactly) after heated argument.

In a bipartisan resolution, the budget of the Forensic Intervention Team (FIT) program was increased by \$300,000 by a unanimous vote.

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

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE ROCHESTER METRO AREA STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG

The League of Woman Voters of the Rochester Metropolitan Area is heartbroken at the loss of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a modern-day hero of Women's Rights and Voting Rights. Diminutive in size she wielded giant-sized intellect, determination, courage and heart. Her battles against sexism, racism and voter suppression in the highest constitutional court of this land, both as litigator and Supreme Court Justice, are matched only by the battles waged in her personal life against gender discrimination and cancer. Ruth Bader Ginsburg's life will live on in our Constitution, in the guidance of her documented dissents and in the example of a life well lived.

**VOTE AND THE
CHOICE IS
YOURS.**

**DON'T VOTE
AND THE CHOICE
IS THEIRS.**

LWV-RMA Participates in Virtual Suffragist Parade

Due to the pandemic, the annual S. B. Anthony Suffragist City Parade was held via Zoom on September 20 rather than along the usual streets of downtown Rochester. The resulting 2020 parade was a delightful 90 minutes of 'virtual floats' submitted by groups and individuals from all around the country, knitted together with a running commentary by Norma and Andrea Holland from their front porch reviewing perch at the Susan B. Anthony Museum and House, 17 Madison Street.



Some scenes from virtual suffragist parade:

TOP ROW: Andrea and Norma Holland who hosted the video and introduced 'floats'; one historical vignette presented; Congressman Joseph Morelle speaking about voting.

BOTTOM ROW: Pictures from the LWV-RMA virtual 'float' featuring marchers in previous suffragist parades.

LWV-RMA Receives Award from Local Educators' Group

On September 18, the LWV-RMA was recognized for its efforts to educate adults and teenagers about the right and privilege of voting as well as to provide directions for registering and voting. LWV-RMA was presented with the 2020 Helen E. Quinn Service to Education Award from the Alpha Alpha Chapter/ NYS of DKG, an international professional organization of women educators. The award includes \$200.00. Accepting the award for the LWV-RMA was 2020-21 President Judy Sternberg. Also in attendance was Mary Olinger, a member of the LWV-RMA team that visits high school classes.



At the award presentation: Quinn Committee Member and LWV-RMA Member Judy Wadsworth, LWV-RMA Education Committee Member Mary Olinger, Quinn Committee Chair Rosemary Callard-Szulgit, Alpha Alpha President Mary Ann Geonie, and LWV-RMA President Judy Sternberg

Calendar

October

- 1 Candidate Forum for 55th Senate District (7:00 P.M.); see page 7 for registration information.
- 2 First Friday (11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.) via Zoom; Directions and a link provided via email.
- 7 Candidate Forum for Monroe County Clerk (7:00 P.M.); see page 7 for details.
- 14 LWV-RMA Board Meeting (6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.) via Zoom. Contact Judy Sternberg for link.
- 15 Book Club (4:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.) via Zoom; *How Democracies Die* by Steven Levitsky and Daniel Zimblatt; Contact Judy Weinstein at vote411@lwv-rma.org for link.
- 19 Forum on the Electoral College, (7:00 P.M.) via Zoom; registration information on page 3.
- 20 Candidate Forum for 56th Senate District (7:00 P.M.); see page 7 for details.

- 21 Candidate forum for 135th Assembly District (7:00 P.M.); see page 7 for details.
- 24 Early Voting begins – Opening Day events, details to follow.

November

- 3 ELECTION DAY (6:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.).
- 6 First Friday (11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.) via Zoom; directions and a link provided via email.
- 10 LWV-RMA Board Meeting (6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.) via Zoom. Contact Judy Sternberg for link.
- 19 Book Club (4:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.) via Zoom; *The Warmth of Other Suns, The Epic story of America's Great Migration* by Isabel Wilkerson; Contact Judy Weinstein at vote411@lwv-rma.org for link.
- 30 Forum on 2020 Election Results, (7:00 P.M.) Via Zoom, details to follow

*** All Naturalization Ceremonies are cancelled in Monroe County until further notice.**

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

SOME SUGGESTED ON-LINE READING WHILE WAITING FOR NORMAL SCHEDULES TO RETURN

* www.lwv.org - Explore the LWVUS website, particularly the League Management section, and take a look at the variety of workshops and caucuses that were offered during Convention 2020. The video of many of these virtual sessions are on the website along with materials that were shared.

* <https://my.lwv.org/new-york-state> - Explore all its features and the latest legislative advocacy.

First Friday Goes Electronic

Because of the pandemic, First Friday convenes via Zoom. Shown are some of the participants in the September 4 session. Join the group on any or all of these dates:

Join the group on any or all of these dates:

October 2	March 5
November 6	April 2
December 4	May 7
January 8	June 4
February 5	



Board of Directors meetings are currently via Zoom. Board meetings are open to all members. See calendar for dates and times and contact Judy Sternberg for link.

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!

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.

Goals of the League of Women Voters:

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

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

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Rochester, NY 14610

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

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