

TheVOTER

Meet our Elections Commissioners



Lisa P Nicolay

April 1, 2021 - 7:00 P.M. - via Zoom
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Jackie Ortiz



Voter Services gearing up



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President’s Corner

March is here, the NYS legislative session is in full swing, and LWVNYS’ legislative advocacy is focused on budget funding - for elections, NY’s Independent Redistricting Commission, and new absentee and early voting proposals in the Governor’s Budget. LWV-RMA has likewise been doing its part through virtual lobbying visits with area legislators. *See page 5 for more details.* Voters are also welcome to independently contact their representatives to advocate for funding, especially for the Independent Redistricting Commission. If you would like talking points, you can contact Judy Weinstein at vote411@lww-rma.org.

On all levels of the League, redistricting campaigns are coming into focus. LWVUS is highlighting the People Powered Fair Maps (PPFM) Redistricting Campaign with a People Powered Day of Action on April 29. Leagues are encouraged to schedule redistricting events on that date and LWVUS has disseminated educational resources and speaker development tips to help local Leagues do that. Statewide, LWVNYS has provided local Leagues with lists of potential stakeholder organizations to which LWV-RMA is adding community groups and neighborhood associations. Community engagement and input at Independent Redistricting Commission hearings on district maps is a key goal of the NY Campaign. Judy Weinstein, Dave Garretson and I are coordinating the startup of our local efforts which will include outreach to stakeholders, community education, and training of stakeholders to speak at hearings. Resources and collaborations can additionally be utilized for local redistricting advocacy. This campaign will be continuing into 2022. Any League member interested is encouraged to join the team. Contact jsternberg3b@gmail.com to sign on!

Also in the works are numerous plans of the Voter Services and Government Committees, including Community Civics Webinars, Voter Registration and Get Out The Vote events, and primary election Candidate Forums. *Find out more on pages 3 - 4.*

As we enter the last month of winter and are still facing risks from COVID-19, stay well and be safe. Get vaccinated when you can and maintain your personal protection measures.

In League,
Judith Sternberg
President, LWV-RMA

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Voter Services Gears Up to Get Out the Vote this Spring

This year is important for local elections, including Rochester’s mayor, at-large city council seats, several seats on the Rochester school board, the entire county legislature, the sheriff, and many town supervisors and town board members. Turnout is usually very low in these elections, so it’s a year when we can make a difference.

<p>It’s well known that there are many voters who only vote in presidential elections. Since local elections generally don’t occur in presidential years, that means that many voters don’t participate. The difference is dramatic, as shown in the table here.</p> <p>So, how can we increase turnout this year? We’re trying a few things - some for the first time, and some we’ve done before. Once again, since turnout in the city is always lower than in the suburbs, we’re focusing our efforts on the city.</p>	Year	% of registered voters who voted (Monroe County)
	2021	???
	2020	74.7%
	2017	38.2%
	2016	76.3%
	2013	31.7%
	2012	76.8%
	2009	30.6%
	2008	81.8%

WHAT’S NEW: VOTER WEBINARS

It’s harder to be a well-informed voter in local politics, since many people watch national news shows to get their political information. With that in mind, we’ve planned a series of webinars aimed at local voters who don’t usually vote in local elections. The webinars will be on Zoom and streamed to Facebook Live. They will be co-hosted by Barbara Grosh and Ricardo Adams, well-known local activist and Rochester City School District Board of Education Commissioner. The series is still under development and dates and speakers have yet to be finalized, but here are the topics we’re working on:

1. Wait!?! There are elections in 2021?
2. Voting rights, felonies, parole and afterwards
3. Police accountability
4. How does local government work in Rochester and Monroe County?
5. Why do we do it? Activists share their thoughts.

The success of the series will depend on how well we promote it to audiences who don’t usually vote in off-year local elections. We’ll be printing a few posters to put up in strategic locations, getting our speakers to promote via their social media, doing paid social media promotion to followers of local institutions such as radio stations and restaurants, and working with partner organizations to get them to promote it as well.



Ricardo Adams and Barbara Grosh, webinar organizers.

Voter Services Gears Up to Get Out the Vote this Spring

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WHAT ELSE IS GOING ON?

- Voter registration will resume in April and May. We'll be at the Public Market and following the curbside veggie markets organized by Foodlink. Let us know if you have other opportunities for outdoor registration.
- We'll be doing door hangers with full information on how to vote (absentee, early voting, election day) as well as candidates.
- We'll be at the early voting sites with our Frederick Douglass cutouts, inviting people to take selfies for upload to publicize the opening of voting to their friends and family.
- Should we do motorcades again? We haven't decided. Speak up if you think we should.
- We'll be providing workshops for volunteers on diversity, equity and inclusion, to help our volunteers feel more culturally competent working in neighborhoods where they may not look like the voters they interact with.

Stay tuned! Watch emails from the League for volunteer openings. If you'd like to indicate your interests now, please use our online form here: <http://bit.ly/2ZD8EJU>

Or contact Voter Services chair Barbara Grosh: 415-8251 or voterservices@lww-rma.org



Members of the Voter Services Committee meeting via Zoom in February.

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

Forum: Meet Our Board of Elections Commissioners

APRIL 1, 2021 * 7:00 P.M. * VIA ZOOM

An Evening with our Monroe County Board of Elections Commissioners:

Behind the Scenes: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Handling of Elections

Lisa P. Nicolay, *Republican Commissioner*

Jackie Ortiz, *Democratic Commissioner*

BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

- What happens when people cast their votes? (Absentee, Early Voting, Election Day)
- Where does your vote go and how does it get there?
- Who oversees the process and what kind of screening do those people undergo?
- Who reports the numbers and to whom?
- How is it that the media get the numbers so quickly?
- What kind of security is built into the process to ensure that things are done correctly?
- What is the process of handling absentee ballot applications?
- What is the process of handling absentee ballot receipt and counting?
- Why does it take so much longer for NYS to count absentee ballots than other states?

WHAT WILL BE DIFFERENT IN THE 2021 ELECTIONS?

- Lessons learned from 2020
- What legislated changes are going into effect in 2021?
 - a. For the primaries
 - b. For the general election

Register at the LWV-RMA website at <http://www.lwv-rma.org/> to receive a link to the Zoom meeting.



Elections Commissioners Lisa P. Nicolay and Jackie Ortiz.

LWVNYS Healthcare Positions Updates Concurrence Meeting

Sarah Liebschutz and Georgia DeGregorio led LWV-RMA members in a meeting on February 22 to review proposed changes to the LWVNYS Healthcare positions. The two proposed updates include some minor wording changes in the general Healthcare position and major expansion of the Healthcare Financing position. Both proposals can be seen in full in the February issue of the Voter.

Our concurrence feedback will be combined with that of other local leagues to determine whether the proposed changes will be adopted. The results of the concurrence will be announced at the LWVNYS Convention in June.



Save the Date!

The Rochester Federation of Women's Clubs presents
"Public Defenders: Why the Constitution Has Meaning in Our Community"
by Monroe County Public Defender Timothy Donaher
Thursday, March 11, at 11:30 AM via ZOOM
The presentation will be followed by Q&A
Please email rfwc.news@gmail.com for the link.

Zoom Sessions with State Lawmakers Being Scheduled

Each year, a small group of LWV-RMA members meet with our local Assembly members and NYS Senators to discuss the legislative priorities of LWVNYS with them and to hear their priorities for this legislative session. Some are well-versed on the issues; others know little about them. Some agree with us; others don't. Regardless, we've educated them on the topics and possibly influenced their votes. In addition, we provide Jennifer Wilson, the LWVNYS Deputy Director, with useful information for her advocacy. We usually meet with eight members of the delegation—those with the largest portions of Monroe County. Because six of the eight are in their first term, we will also take advantage of these meetings to introduce the League to them. We have already scheduled meetings with Senators Samra Brouk and Patrick Gallivan, as well as with Assembly members Harry Bronson, Josh Jensen, Jen Lunsford and Demond Meeks. We hope to receive appointments with Senator Jeremy Cooney and Assembly member Sarah Clark soon.

Normally, we schedule appointments in the legislators' district offices; this year the meetings will be virtual. If you'd like to participate in one or more of the sessions, please contact me as soon as possible since we hope to be able to schedule all meetings by mid-March.

Judy Weinstein, *Government/Advocacy Chair*

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Candidate Forums

It's hard to believe looking at the snow-covered landscape, but it is already time to start planning Candidate Forums for the primary elections. With a primary Election Day of June 22, preceded by absentee voting and early voting, the forums will most likely be held in late May and early June. Timing is difficult since the list of candidates is not published until April 29, at the earliest. We have already been contacted by community organizations that wish to work with us on candidate forums. If you are interested in working on candidate forums or Vote411, the LWV voter information website, please contact me.

Judy Weinstein

vote411@lwv-rma.org

FEPC

The Fair Election Practices Campaign for 2021 anticipates a busy year with many local elections on the ballots, including the Mayor's office for the City of Rochester as well as County Legislators. The FEPC process will start in March. If you are interested in assisting with the Campaign, please contact Kris Rogers at 585-746-6157.

Naturalization Ceremonies

Public and administrative naturalization ceremonies have been put on hold due to a number of factors, among them COVID restrictions. I continue to work with USCIS and the Monroe County Clerk's Office and we are hopeful that ceremonies will be scheduled again soon.

Sheila Abeling

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Book Club Update

During the February 18 Zoom session, Elaine Schmidt led members in a discussion of two related books:

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.

Remaining 2020 – 2021 book reading schedule:

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

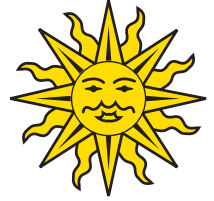
The LWV-RMA book club meets via Zoom at 4:30 P.M. on the third Thursday of the month. A link will be sent to everyone who expresses an interest to Judy Weinstein (vote411@lwv-rma.org), who serves as the group's Zoom techie.



Book club members meeting via Zoom in February



Sunshine Corner



MONROE COUNTY LEGISLATURE MEETING, FEBRUARY 9, 2021

REPORTED BY ELAINE SCHMIDT

The Monroe County Legislature unanimously approved a resolution that requires pharmacies to provide notice on the availability of naloxone. Naloxone is used to counteract narcotic drug overdoses.

The Legislature approved \$90,000.00 to fund one full-time position for language access, to help people access language services in Monroe County. Several members spoke about the importance of non-English speaking residents of Monroe County being able to understand the processes and services of the county.

The appointment of James R Pond as Transportation Director was unanimously approved.

Janson D McNair was unanimously confirmed as Director of Office of Public Integrity.

The Legislature voted to hold a public hearing on February 23 at 5:35 P.M. on "the deficiencies of utilization and deployment of the Monroe County Forensic Intervention Team." Many legislators stated that it was very important to look at the whole system to get it working better. However, the February 23 hearing was canceled.

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

SUMMARY OF JANUARY 19 COMIDA BOARD MEETING

SUBMITTED BY DEBORAH RICE GORDON

Labor monitoring report for December: There were 5 instances of no proof of residence; these were corrected on re-inspection. For the calendar year 2020, there were 736 site visits with 97% compliance on the initial visit and 100% compliance within 24 hours.

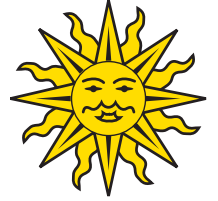
Labor exemption report: An exemption was granted to the Ren Square project for geothermal well drilling since three local companies did not have the required expertise. APEX Rochester LLC was granted an exemption for the installation of a gypcrete flooring since there were no local options. RLP3 Greece LLC was granted an exemption for the installation of pre-fabricated wall panels by the manufacturer. Two local laborers were hired to help.

Year-end Financial Report: The balance sheet is strong although cash is down from the prior year. Profitability increased over the last four months of the year. A year-end audit expected at the end of February.

The following requests for tax exemptions were approved unanimously:

- * **441 EAST LLC** requested sales tax exemptions and real property and mortgage recording tax abatements for a 1.70-acre parcel of land and the renovation of a 21,658 square-foot building at 441 East Avenue in Rochester. The building will be converted to office space for Lawley Insurance Company. Six full-time positions are expected. The benefit to incentive ratio is 17:1. No local labor exemptions are anticipated.
- * **FCP DRIVING PARK LLC** requested sales tax exemptions and real property tax and mortgage recording tax abatements for a portion of a 12.48-acre parcel of land and construction of a 40,000 square foot facility at 1000 Driving Park Avenue in Rochester for use by Farmer Jon's Popcorn LLC to produce bagged popcorn. The benefit to incentive ratio is 49:1. Fifty-five full-time positions will be generated, and the company focuses on reducing barriers to workforce entry. No local labor exemptions are anticipated.
- * **FACILITY 4, INC.** requested sales tax exemptions and real property and mortgage recording and property tax abatements for the acquisition of a 2.26-acre parcel of land and construction of a 40,000 square-foot structural steel fabrication facility at 432 Portland Avenue in Rochester. The site will be leased by Ramar Steel Sales, Inc. for fabricating structural steel. Three full time jobs will be generated. The benefit to incentive ratio is 5:1. No local labor exemptions are anticipated.
- * **300 TRADE COURT HOLDINGS LLC** requested sales tax exemptions and real property and mortgage recording tax abatements for the acquisition of a 13.95-acre parcel of land and construction of a 27,000 square-foot building at 300 Trade Court in Chili. The facility will be used by Nowave LLC as a certified hemp processor. Seven full-time positions are expected. The benefit to incentive ratio is 20:1. No local labor exemptions are anticipated.

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* **USRE MANITOU LLC** and Amazon.com Services LLC requested sales tax exemptions and real property and mortgage recording tax abatements for the acquisition of a 100-acre parcel of land and the construction of a 2,600,00 square-foot warehouse/distribution facility at 2600 Manitou Road in Gates. The facility will be subleased to a fulfillment center. The benefit to incentive ratio is 8:1. Some local labor exemptions are anticipated due to warranty issues and some specialized construction. Comments concerning zoning issues were received at a public hearing. Over 1,000 full time equivalent jobs are expected. The starting rate for line workers is \$15/hour and full -time employees get medical, dental, vision insurance and other benefits.

Project modifications:

- * **291 SOUTH PLYMOUTH:** Extension of sales tax exemption through 2021 due to COVID-related construction delays;
- * **VIGNERI CHOCOLATE INC.:** Extension of sales tax exemption through 2021 due to COVID-related construction delays;
- * **INDUS SOUTH UNION STREET:** Extension of sales tax exemption through June 30, 2024 to allow for flexibility with its agreement with the City of Rochester;
- * **PBH KIRSTEIN LLC:** Approval of a new tenant since the former tenant has vacated.

Executive Director comments –

COMIDA owns land in Riga adjacent to a former county landfill. Three parcels have not been sold and the Board plans to begin working with a brokerage firm to secure sales. A Request for Proposal has been issued and responses are due on Jan 29.

(To find out more about COMIDA, please click here: <https://monroecountyida.org/>)

PAB MEETING SUMMARIES FOR JAN-FEB 2021 REPORTED BY DEBORAH RICE GORDON MEETING OF JANUARY 21, 2021

The final revisions to the draft PAB response for Executive Order 203 (NYS Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative) were reviewed and approved. Edits were made to the first responder recommendations addressing scope, funding, transparency and evictions. A budget of \$10 million for the Office of Crisis Intervention Services was recommended. The increase would be funded through re-allocation and represents less than 10% of RPD's budget. The Board stressed their desired central role in additional study and goal setting.

A meeting to reconcile recommendations from all contributors will be held on January 29. Input from Wilmer Hale and the Police Department will not be shared until then. The Commission on Racial and Structural Equity will be releasing recommendations on this and other issues in February. The community will have one month to comment on the reconciled document.

An oversight hearing and investigation plan was discussed with Rochester Police Chief Herriott-Sullivan. The focus was policies and procedures for protest and crowd control. Chief Herriott-Sullivan agreed to assign a liaison to the PAB. The policies for the new Crisis Intervention Services Unit will be released to the public week of Jan 24. The Board approved the oversight hearing and investigation plan.

The Board approved a program involving students from SUNY Buffalo and Yale Law Schools to research other PABs and help the Board craft procedural rules.

MEETING OF JANUARY 28, 2021

Wilmer Hale's recommendations for the NYS Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative were reviewed.

Body-worn camera – Specific examples of when to use cameras are required. A clear set of rules and training involving undercover and SWAT operations are lacking. Update the manual to require justification for failure to use a camera and the disciplinary consequences resulting if cameras are not used. PAB questions remain as to how this program will be audited.

De-escalation/use of force – A de-escalation policy is needed and protection of the sanctity of life should be included in RPD's mission. The general orders involving use of force should include types of force not covered currently and a duty to intervene if an officer does not follow the orders (e.g., using force as punishment or retaliation).

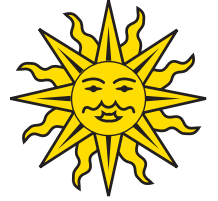
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Mental health – Increase the number of officers on the Crisis Intervention Team. Expand mental health response and awareness training.

RPD's recommendations were received earlier and generally address four basic categories: leadership training, data collection and release, bias in new technologies, and officer wellness.

Wayne Harris from the Commission on Racial and Structural Equity recommended more diversity on the force, training changes, early warning surveillance, body-worn camera policies and stricter mental health evaluations of officers.

The PAB representatives plan to stress that recommendations be based on data, outcomes are measurable, and implementation plans with due dates are included.



MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2021

The PAB held an oversight meeting with Police Chief Harriott-Sullivan and Executive Deputy Chief Andre Anderson of the Rochester Police Department (RPD) to better understand the recently announced Protest Plan. Executive Deputy Chief Anderson presented the following information:

* ROCHESTER PROTEST UPDATE:

- RPD leadership conducted reviews of recent protest responses and included community input.
- Leadership consulted Police Department experts from major cities.
- Technical assistance was received from the Collaborative Reform Initiative Technical Assistance Center (CRI-TAC).
- RPD will utilize the National Incident Management System, which is used throughout the country for many types of incidents.

The RPD's mission is to protect First Amendment rights during peaceful assembly and to protect the public from criminal acts including violence. De-escalation and patience are key principles in RPD's planning and discussion. The following graduated, flexible response plan was presented:

- Level I – lawful protest demonstration. This may involve marching, boycotting, sit-ins, handing out flyers, and displaying signs.
- Level II – peaceful protest/noncriminal acts. This may involve blocking a thoroughfare, or disorderly conduct. Police actions will not be predicated on the group's verbal expressions or disagreements with institutions.
- Level III - riotous violent behavior and felony criminal actions such as active rioting, looting, setting fires, threats of violence, terrorizing the public and injurious actions. The activation of Mobile Field Force, Rapid Response Teams and utilization of the Incident Command System is warranted.

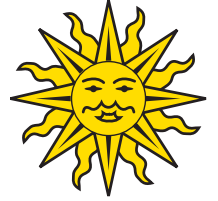
PAB Vice Chair Dr. Celia McIntosh expressed concerns about the choice of Police Departments consulted in devising the plan, the absence of input from medical professionals, and the lack of consideration of prior internal RPD reviews conducted in 2009 and 2016. She advocated for the use of communication models and integrating principles of non-violence in the plan. The Chief said that communication models will be considered and that tactical issues could be discussed in an Executive Session. Dr. McIntosh asked for more information on discussions held with elders who participated as peace keepers in the summer protests.

Arlene Brown questioned the use of dogs by the State Mobile Field Force. Chief Harriott-Sullivan clarified that RPD's policy is not to use dogs for crowd control. She discussed this position with various state agencies and obtained their verbal agreement. Ms. Brown recommended that officers' chemical weapons training involve exposure to such weapons.

Danielle Tucker requested clarification of terms used in the plan, e.g., sign of physical aggression, danger to life, and unlawful assembly. She expressed concern that the presence of police weapons could escalate the nature of a protest, citing a ProPublica report.

Ida Perez questioned the lack of de-escalation shown in recent case of a 9-year-old girl who was pepper-sprayed. She also questioned RPD's response to problems following the Puerto Rican Festival and the extent to which Latino groups and individuals have been consulted to avoid militaristic responses. Chief Harriott-Sullivan responded that she supports working with the Northeast Safety Committee or other Latino groups/individuals.

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Rev. Matthew Nickoloff's comments involved non-violence training and clear expectations for accountability needed to change the police culture. The Chief acknowledged the challenge and said that she will work to set the tone from a values perspective and choose strong leaders and grant promotions to ethical and competent people. Rev. Nickoloff asked how officers will demonstrate ability.

Rabbi Drorah Setel asked about the tactics that would be used to quell a violent protest. Chief Harriott-Sullivan offered to discuss this topic in an Executive Session. Rabbi Setel expressed concern that the use of chemical agents and riot gear could escalate responses. The Chief responded that a process to phase out/substitute certain agents is under consideration.

Dr. Bob Harrison's questions included how officers are selected to respond to situations and concern about right wing infiltration of police forces. The Chief reported that RPD examines social media postings and that she is working with Federal agencies to receive alerts. Police officers are prohibited from joining groups that promote hate.

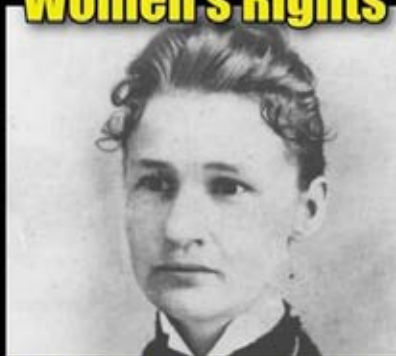
The Rev. Rev. Ricky Harvey questioned how the public should report police misconduct so concerns are addressed. The Chief suggested that the PAB receive those reports. He asked if any officers were identified as having acted inappropriately during the summer protests and RPD's response. The Chief reported that any documented community complaints are addressed. Dr. Harvey expressed concern that there be a distinction between violent agitators and non-violent protesters who are agitated. The Chief views any violent behavior against people to be a telling sign.

PAB Chairperson Shani Wilson asked how the plan will include community engagement and requirements for non-violence among officers. She also asked if officers are given background information on the nature of various protest groups and the way pepper balls are used. The Chief suggested tactical issues can be addressed in an Executive Session and that RPD did talk to some of the protesters during plan development.

PAB Executive Director Reynolds asked that the full Protest Plan be shared with the Board and it was agreed that an Executive Session could be held for this purpose. There was a discussion about the General Orders used by RPD and if they have been revised to reflect the new plan. When asked for written responses to PAB questions, the Chief said she would consult with counsel and provide those answers if possible.

(To find out more about Rochester Police Accountability Board, please click here: <https://www.cityofrochester.gov/PAB/>)

The Prank that Advanced Women's Rights



In 1887, a group of men played a prank by adding Susanna Madora Salter to a mayoral ballot, in the hopes that her defeat would discourage women from seeking office. It backfired wonderfully and Salter was elected with two-third majority, becoming America's first female mayor.

CALL TO ACTIVISM





Calendar



March

- 5 First Friday (11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.) via Zoom; a link will be sent via email to members.
- 10 LWV-RMA Board Meeting (6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.) via Zoom; contact Judy Sternberg at jsternberg3b@gmail.com for link.
- 18 Book Club (4:30 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.) via Zoom; *Begin Again* by Eddie S. Glaude Jr.; contact Judy Weinstein at vote411@lwv-rma.org for link.

April

- 1 Forum with Board of Elections Commissioners (time 7:00 P.M.) via Zoom: register at <http://www.lwv-rma.org/>.
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Be sure to check your email and our website for other events as they are scheduled!

SOME SUGGESTED READING WHILE WAITING FOR NORMAL SCHEDULES TO RETURN

- * www.lwv.org - Explore the LWVUS website, particularly the League Management section.
- * <https://my.lwv.org/new-york-state> - Explore all its features and the latest legislative advocacy.

Whenever you attend a League event, take pictures & email them to the Voter editor at judithw@frontiernet.net so we can make sure that all our good works get the recognition they deserve.

Join First Friday Electronically

Because of the pandemic, First Friday convenes via Zoom. Shown are participants in the one or more of these sessions since September. Join the group for informal conversations on any or all of these dates—for a few minutes or for the full two hours, your choice:

March 5
April 2

May 7
June 4



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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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**APRIL VOTER
DEADLINE IS MARCH 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
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