The League of Women Voters of Scarsdale (LWVS) is a volunteer, nonpartisan political organization that promotes political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League is nonpartisan in that it does not support or oppose any candidate for public office; it is political in that it takes positions on selected governmental issues after serious member study and consensus.

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School Board Nominating Committee Election:
Tuesday, January 8th
Scarsdale Middle School
7-10am and 2-9pm

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Greetings!

It feels like time for a fresh start! At the same time, we would like the League to continue to be a catalyst in diffusing the polarization in our political environment by building consensus as we study important community issues. Our consensus-building approach, we believe, is the most effective way to learn and listen with open minds to all points of view and to verify the facts and establish the common ground that leads to our positions on key issues. With this in mind, we are excited to embark on our program for the coming year.

Since the beginning of our membership year on July 1st, through the end of 2018, we have done the following, among other things:

- Held our annual Membership Coffee in September for new and longstanding members of the League where a panel of Village representatives updated us on key Village topics.
- Hosted our Fall Food For Thought Luncheon where we heard from Linda Greenhouse, Pulitzer Prize-Winning Journalist, Lecturer, and Author, about the Supreme Court.
- Provided programming to Scarsdale Middle School students, in conjunction with the history department, including Civics Jeopardy and support for the SMS Mock Election.
- Advanced our core mission, by helping the County League with its Vote411 voters guide, participating in Voters Registration Day, and by providing key information to our voting constituency.
- Hosted an interactive and interesting discussion of the informative, best-selling book, One Person, No Vote, by Carol Anderson.
- Conducted informational sessions and consensus meetings, resulting in LWVS statements, on both the Village and school elections.
- Participated in Westchester County's Naturalization Court, informing new citizens about the voting process.
In 2019, our League will continue its work, including:

- Leading information sessions and consensus meetings on the School Board Nominating Committee election, the League's Local, County and National programs, the Scarsdale School Budget, and the Village Budget.

- Sponsoring two Scarsdale high school students to participate in the State League's Students Inside Albany program.

- Presenting a joint program with the Scarsdale Forum entitled Taxes 10583.

- Hosting our annual Winter Cocktail Party Fundraiser, our Spring Community Book Discussion and our Annual Meeting and Spring Luncheon.

- Launching activities celebrating our 100th year anniversary coming up in 2020 and commemorating this year's 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment.

Please visit our website at lwvs.org to keep up with everything the Scarsdale League has done in 2018 and will do in 2019.

Happy New Year to you and your families!

Linda Doucette-Ashman and Janice Starr

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**Upcoming Events**

**School Board Nominating Committee Election**

**Tuesday, January 8th**

**SMS Auditorium Lobby**

The SBNC election will take place on Tuesday, January 8th. Residents may vote in person in the auditorium lobby at the Scarsdale Middle School on that date from 7:00 to 10:00am and from 2:00 to 9:00pm, or by mail-in ballot received by 4:00pm on election day. In the event of a snow day or run-off election, the election will be held on the earlier of (i) Wednesday, January 9th, 2019, or (ii) the next day school is in session. Any snow date or run-off election would be held in the SMS Auditorium Lobby at the above mentioned times. See https://scarsdalesbnc.com for more information.

The twelve 2019 SBNC candidates elected on January 8th will join eighteen others on the committee serving staggered three-year terms. By the end of March 2019, the SBNC will nominate three individuals to run for the Scarsdale Board of Education to fill seats currently held by Nina Ledis Cannon, Leila Maude, and William (Bill) Natbony. All community members are welcome to propose Board of Education candidates to the SBNC. The SBNC slate of Board of Education candidates, along
Where Your Village Property Tax Dollars Go: An Overview

Thursday, January 10th
Village Hall, 8:00pm

On Thursday, January 10th, the League of Women Voters Scarsdale and the Scarsdale Forum will host a panel discussion, "Where Your Village Property Tax Dollars Go: An Overview," in Scarsdale Village Hall at 8:00pm. A number of senior village officials will participate, including Scarsdale Village Manager Steve Pappalardo, Scarsdale Village Treasurer Mary Lou McClure, Scarsdale Police Chief Andrew Matturro, Scarsdale Fire Chief James Seymour, and Scarsdale Superintendent of Public Works Benny Salanitro.

The event is an important opportunity for the community to learn more about how local taxes are allocated, the scope of services that Scarsdale Village provides, and how our taxes and spending compare to other municipalities in Westchester. The panel will be moderated by Paul Schwarz, of the League of Women Voters, and will be followed by a question and answer session with residents.

UPCOMING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AND CONSENSUS MEETINGS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! COME, LISTEN, LEARN AND PARTICIPATE!

We have 4 General Membership and Consensus meetings from January through the end of March. Each of our General Information meetings is open to the public and everyone is invited!

At the conclusion of each of our General Information sessions, we will hold our Consensus meeting for League members only. At that time, if you are not a member of the League, you may join and stay to participate. During our consensus portion of the meeting, we will discuss information learned at the General Information session, express our individual thoughts, and listen to the thoughts and opinions of our fellow League members.

Upon conclusion of our discussion, the group of League members present will determine whether or not there are any issues or comments upon which there is a consensus of opinions of those present in the room. Those points will be pulled together and crafted into a statement which will be submitted to our League Board for final review, edit and submission to the appropriate entity as well as the local media.

More details on each event listed below can be found in this Bulletin, and any updated information will be available on our League website, www.lwvs.org. Stay connected!

SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATING COMMITTEE (SBNC) ELECTION
Monday, January 28th, 10:30am at Village Hall, 3rd Floor
LOCAL, COUNTY AND NATIONAL LEAGUE PROGRAMMING for 2019-2020
Monday, February 11th, 10:30am at Village Hall, 3rd Floor

SCARSDALE SCHOOL BUDGET
Monday, March 4th, 10:30am at Village Hall, 3rd Floor

SCARSDALE VILLAGE BUDGET
Monday, April 8th, 10:30am at Village Hall, 3rd Floor

Candidates Sought for Village Trustees and Mayor

Application Deadline: January 11th

The Citizens Nominating Committee (CNC) seeks potential nominees to serve as Village Trustee and Mayor. Biographies of individuals must be received by the CNC by 5pm on January 11th.

For more information, please contact CNC Chair Chair Jon Mark at (914) 472-4053, or jmark58@aol.com.

The General Village Election will be held at Village Hall on Tuesday, March 19th.

LWVS General Membership and Consensus Meeting

School Board Nominating Committee Election
Monday, January 28th at 10:30am
Village Hall, 3rd Floor Meeting Room

Please join us on Monday, January 28 at 10:30am in the 3rd Floor Meeting Room at Village Hall for our annual review of the School Board Nominating Committee Election.

Wendy Gendel, Chair of the SBNC Administrative Committee, will join us to answer questions from League members and the public concerning the election. The SBNC Administrative Committee is responsible for conducting the election of members of the SBNC on Tuesday, January 8th. For more information, please contact Elissa Ruback at elissaruback@gmail.com.

The League of Women Voters of Scarsdale

Annual Winter Fundraiser

Saturday, January 26th from 5-7pm

Enjoy a fun and festive evening with good food and League friends at the home of

Diane and Marc Greenwald
2 Oak Lane, Scarsdale, NY 10583
Students Inside Albany Conference

Application Deadline: February 1st

For the eighth consecutive year, the LWVS will select two high school students to send to the annual Students Inside Albany conference, to be held May 19-22, 2019. Any Sophomore, Junior or Senior student who attends Scarsdale High School or resides in the school district is eligible to apply.

Students Inside Albany is a four-day conference designed to immerse students in the process by which public policy is proposed, revised and enacted in New York State. This conference deepens their understanding of their individual responsibility in our representative democracy and provides them with tools for meeting that responsibility.

Scarsdale students who attended this conference in the past were unanimous in their enthusiasm about the program. The conference allows them to interact with students from all over the state, learn about their New York State government and the process by which citizens can participate in policy making areas, as well as tour the capitol and meet state legislators.

The cost of the conference, including hotel and meals, will be co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters New York State Education Foundation, Inc. and our Scarsdale League.

Applications are available at lwvs.org and are due by February 1st, 2019.

For more information, including photos from last year's conference, visit https://my.lwv.org/new-york-state/youth-programs.

Last year's Scarsdale attendees are happy to answer questions from interested students. Contact Amanda Glik or Isabelle Riback at SIA@lwvs.org.

Please contact Elissa Ruback (917-239-4808 or elissaruback@gmail.com) for more information or if you know someone who would like to apply.

LWVS General Membership and Consensus Meeting

2019-2020 Year's Programming
For Our Local and Westchester County Leagues

Monday, February 11th at 10:30am
Village Hall, 3rd Floor Meeting Room

Please join the LWVS on Monday, February 11th at 10:30am for a general membership and consensus meeting to discuss programming for LWVS and suggestions for programming for the Westchester County League for the upcoming 2019 - 2020 year.
The recommended program for LWVS will be proposed for adoption by League members at the Annual meeting in May 2019. Suggestions for the Westchester County League program will be communicated to the Westchester County League Board.

For more information, please contact Linda Doucette-Ashman and Janice Starr at president@lwvs.org.

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**LWVS General Membership and Consensus Meeting**

**Scarsdale School Budget 2019-2020**

*Monday, March 4th at 10:30am*

*Village Hall, 3rd Floor Meeting Room*

At the December 17th, 2018 Board of Education Meeting, Assistant Superintendent for Business Stuart Mattey provided an initial report on 2018-19 financial projections and 2019-20 budget assumptions as well as the District's calendar for the development of the 2019-20 School Budget.

These documents are available [here](#), or on the District website, [www.scarsdaleschools.k12.ny.us](http://www.scarsdaleschools.k12.ny.us); under the Board of Education meeting agenda tab, select the December 17, 2018 meeting.

The League encourages members of the public to participate in the process. In accordance with the District’s budget calendar, there will be various presentations by the District Administration to the Board of Education at regularly scheduled Board meetings throughout the month of January with Board Study sessions currently scheduled for February and March, 2019.

The LWVS will hold its General Public Information and Member Consensus meeting for the School Budget on **Monday, March 4th** at 10:30am in the 3rd Floor Meeting Room of Village Hall. Please join us!

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**LWVS General Membership and Consensus Meeting**

**Scarsdale Village Budget 2019-2020**

*Monday, April 8th at 10:30am*

*Village Hall, 3rd Floor Meeting Room*

The Village Budget Process is under way! The Village Board of Trustees Finance Committee will be meeting with the Village Budget Officer and staff on January 17th, 2019 at 6:30pm to discuss the Village budget and staffing recommendations.

A list of 2019 Finance Committee Budget discussion meetings can be found [here](#).

The LWVS will be holding its General Public Information and Member Consensus meeting for the Village Budget on **Monday, April 8th** at 10:30am in the 3rd Floor Meeting Room of Village Hall. Please join us!
LWVS Book Group Discussions Continue

About two dozen League members met at the home of League Board member Dara Gruenberg on November 29th for an informative and provocative discussion of *One Person, No Vote: How Voter Suppression Is Destroying Our Democracy* by Carol Anderson. Led by two well-prepared moderators, League Board member Diane Baylor and former League President Deb Morel, participants divided into two groups for a more comfortable and intimate exchange over an array of light refreshments.

The League will be sponsoring activities for our members to come together and engage in letter writing campaigns to our representatives on issues involving voter rights in the upcoming weeks. Please watch for notices of these gatherings. Also, please stay tuned for a future announcement of our Spring 2019 Book Group selection and discussion date.

CNC Village Election System

On Monday, December 10th, 2018, we held our General Information and Member Consensus meeting on the CNC Village Election system. Diane Baylor, our LWVS Village Election portfolio chairperson, conducted the meeting. Madelaine Eppenstein, Chair of the Procedure Committee presented information and answered questions concerning the Procedure Committee's activities during the 2018 year. Among other things, she provided an overview of how the Procedure Committee functioned, discussed recommendations made to the CNC in the aftermath of a
successful amendment of the Non-Partisan Resolution, assessed the CNC candidate recruitment efforts, and described the November election procedures, processes, results, and financing.

Follow this link to review the Procedure Committee's preliminary report that was distributed at the meeting. The League consensus statement on the CNC Village Election system will be circulated via eblast and posted on the "Stand on Issues" page of our website in the near future.

LWV Westchester

LWVV Consensus Meeting

2019 Westchester County Budget

On November 16th, County Budget Director, Larry Soule, presented the proposed 2019 Westchester County budget in a League meeting that was open to the public. After the meeting, LWVW membership came to consensus for a statement on the proposed 2019 County Budget and presented it at an open session of the Board of Legislators on December 5th.

The League of Women Voters of Westchester's statement on the proposed budget can be found here.

LWVV Holiday Luncheon

by LWVW Secretary Betsy Shaw Weiner

"Our office is one that collaborates with 40 county municipalities, with other counties in the Hudson Valley region, with State police and other state agencies, and, when necessary, with federal authorities," said Westchester County District Attorney Anthony Scarpino at our December 6 holiday luncheon. "It's a lot to juggle, but very important in order to maintain justice in the county and to help provide for the safety of all Westchester residents." As he described his office, its extensive purview, and changes he has instituted since he took office, he was both informative and, at times, slyly humorous. Of all the law enforcement jobs he's had over the years, including his service with the F.B.I., this is the one where he feels he's being able to make the most difference.

Here are just some nuggets gleaned from his talk.

His budget for 2019, now approved by the County Legislature and signed by the County Executive, includes three new needed positions, one of which is an investigator who is fluent in Spanish. He has established an Immigration Affairs unit, but will not ask any crime victim (including those suffering from domestic abuse) about his or her immigration status.

He is working to implement the newly-enacted Raise the Age legislation, which will affect courts, prisons, and jails. In that regard, he reported that our jails are just at 60 percent capacity, partly as a result of instituting a "reprimand or release" policy: Westchester County no longer asks for bail on misdemeanor cases in which defendants, if found guilty, would face no jail time. He pointed out that the final say in setting bail is with judges, not his office.
He is working with other D.A.s throughout the State for "red flag" legislation, under which guns could at least temporarily be taken away from individuals who were deemed as extreme risks to themselves or the community. Such "red flags" could originate with family members or from outside calls, and would be especially helpful in suicide prevention.

Opioid overdoses in 2018 are up about six percent from 2017, but those in 2017 were double those in previous years. In the first 10 months of this year, 155 overdoses were reported in 27 communities; these had resulted in 53 deaths. Law enforcement agencies are treating these like homicide investigations in an attempt to locate the sources of the drugs involved.

There are several gangs that his office follows (in cooperation with local police forces), but the presence of MS-13 has not been detected here - certainly not as it exists on Long Island. When asked about hate crimes, he opined that it has not increased substantially, but said he will look closely at proposals being made by the Westchester County Human Rights Commission in this regard.

We extend our great thanks to Anthony Scarpino for bringing us up-to-date on the multitudinous matters with which he and his office are involved; we will be following them closely in the months ahead.

Membership Announcements

Annual Finance Drive

Please support your local league by donating to the League of Women Voters of Scarsdale!

We need your support! Please be generous. Your contribution will directly support our programs:

The Candidate Debates
The Voters Guide
They Represent you
Students Inside Albany
and
Our studies on local issues and budgets

You may make a donation online here, or you may mail your donation to:

Scarsdale League of Women Voters
Box 495
Scarsdale, NY 10583

Please make checks payable to the LWV of Scarsdale.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution, please make your check out to: LWVNYS Education Foundation and mail to the address above.

Thank you for your support!
LWVS Nominating Committee

The LWVS Nominating Committee will meet soon to nominate the 2019-2020 slate of LWVS officers and board members.

Committee members include:
  Diane Greenwald* (chair)
  Amy Cooper
  Joan Frankle
  Deb Pekarek*
  Julie Zhu*

League members are encouraged to contact nominations@lwvs.org or any committee member with suggestions and comments.

*Off-board members were approved at our Annual Meeting in May 2018.

Membership Renewal

Our membership renewal drive has been underway for several months. If you have already renewed, thank you! If you have not, please take the time to do so now. The League thrives with your support!

To join, you may do either of the following:

- Use the membership envelope mailed to you this fall.
- Go to http://www.lwvs.org/Join.html and either renew online, or print out a membership form to pay by check.

If you have any questions, please contact Janice Starr, LWVS Membership Chair, at membership@lwvs.org or 472-8851. Thank you!

Stay Connected!

Just a reminder that only the Fall Bulletin and the Spring edition, published in advance of our annual meeting in May, will be printed and mailed to you. Throughout the year, other Bulletins and all other notices will be transmitted electronically via email and posted on our website.

If you have not been receiving our emails, we may have an incorrect email address for you. If you think we have the wrong address, or if you have not yet provided us with your email address, please send it to Janice Starr at membership@lwvs.org.

LWVS is now also on Social Media. Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
The League is grateful for the support of all of its donors. Please note that the annual updated listing of our many generous supporters for 2018-2019 will appear in the 2019 Spring Bulletin.

THANK YOU

THANK YOU...

Diane Baylor and Deb Morel leading such interesting discussions at our book group meeting in November.

Dara Gruenberg for hosting our book group meeting in her lovely home.

Diane Baylor for monitoring the CNC election and leading our general membership and consensus meeting on the Village election system.

Anne Lyons for spearheading our annual Finance Drive, again!

Deb Morel for keeping our website up-to-date in real time with all of our information and activities.

Dana Matsushita for her continued efforts to create, edit and publish the Bulletin in a timely manner!

And thank you to all our board members for your continued patience, attention and work to further our organization's mission.

LWVS CALENDAR

LWVS 2018-19 CALENDAR
# Village of Scarsdale

## As of July 2018

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- **Dan Hochvert**, Mayor  
  Term Ends April 2019  

- **Justin Arest**  
  1st term ends April 2020  

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

- **Scott Silberfein**, President  
  2nd term ends June 2020  

- **Pamela Fuehrer**, Vice President  
  2nd term ends June 2021

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