BULLETIN

The League of Women Voters of Scarsdale (LWVS) is a volunteer, nonpartisan political organization which 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.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

September

Monday 18, 9:00 AM: Board Meeting, Village Hall, 3rd floor
Tuesday 26 National Voter Registration Day

October

Monday 2, 10:00 AM: Membership Coffee, 65 Church Lane
Wednesday 18 Naturalization Court, W.P. Courthouse
Monday 23, 9:00 AM: Board Meeting, Village Hall, 3rd floor

November

Friday 3, 10:00 AM: Board Meeting, Scarsdale Golf Club
11:45 AM: Food for Thought Luncheon
Tuesday 7 Election Day
Wednesday 15 CNC Election, Village Hall **
Monday 27, 9:00 AM: Board Meeting, Village Hall, 3rd Floor
10:30 AM: General Membership Meeting
Tuesday 28, 11:00 AM: Book Group Discussion

** Polls are open at Village Hall from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM and from 2:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

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Upcoming Elections here in Scarsdale:

November 7, 2017 General Election
November 15, 2017** CNC Election, Village Hall

Don’t forget to vote!
MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Welcome to the 2017 – 2018 League year! We are so excited and proud to be the new Co-Presidents of this incredible institution, the League of Women Voters of Scarsdale. The League continues its work to promote democracy and political responsibility at local, state and national levels through its own actions involving issue advocacy and its efforts to educate voters and create opportunities for citizen participation. In conjunction with the County, State and National Leagues, we have a full calendar of events scheduled for this upcoming year designed to meet these goals. Below is a list of upcoming events and activities for members and the public at large. For our entire list of 2017 – 2018 events, please see the calendar in this Bulletin or go to our website at www.lwvs.org for more information.

For issues that our League takes action on, it begins with the Annual Program which is presented, discussed and approved at our Annual Meeting in May. The League prides itself on its well-established, methodical and open-minded process of study, consensus and action. Through its consensus process, the League examines all aspects of a selected subject and tries to reach agreement on which to base a position. Our reputation for fairness rests on our practice of thorough and impartial study. A study committee is formed to gather, organize and present factual information to our membership and the public. Thus informed, League members then convene to discuss the pros and cons of an issue, and everyone has an opportunity to express an opinion. Only if members reach consensus does the League then have a position on which to take action on a particular issue.

We embrace this process as it encompasses all the factors that our League is dedicated to – learning, educating, listening, participating, coming to a consensus (or not) and taking action on issues at local, county, state, and national levels – all while helping to educate and engage the community at large. We currently have such a process underway with our School Bond Study Committee. Please stay informed of this Committee’s work, upcoming meetings or any of the League’s previous Stands On Issues by going to our League website at www.lwvs.org.

While our League engages in and promotes studies and activities at the county, state and national level, we do pay particular attention to matters in our own local community. This year, that will include: analyzing and studying Scarsdale Village and School budgets, election processes and School Bond Referendum, and providing Voter Service programs and youth outreach programs, to name just a few. Some of upcoming events include:

- Food for Thought Luncheon on Friday, November 3, 2017 at Scarsdale Golf Club at 11:45am.
- Book Club discussion of Sisters In Law by Linda Hirshman on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 11:00 am

Please join us at one or all of our events! Get connected, get informed and get involved! We look forward to seeing you during the year. Thank you for your continued support of the League of Women Voters of Scarsdale.

Linda Doucette-Ashman and Janice Starr
Membership Renewal Reminder

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 janice.starr@gmail.com or 472-8851.

Thank you!

Stay Connected!

Just a reminder that only this 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, www.lwvs.org.

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 janice.starr@gmail.com.

LWVS is now also on Social Media. Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter!
The League of Women Voters of Scarsdale
Cordially invites you to the

Fall Food For Thought Luncheon

Friday, November 3, 2017, 11:45am - 2:00pm
Scarsdale Golf Club

Keynote Speaker:

Susanne Pari
Iranian American Journalist and Author

Susanne Pari is an Iranian American writer and author of THE FORTUNE CATCHER, a novel of a young woman—American and Iranian, Jewish and Muslim—caught in the aftermath of the 1979 Islamic Revolution. Susanne will speak about "Iran and America: Yesterday and Today," and her talk will include her reflections on the Iranian Revolution, modern Iran and her own identity as an Iranian American.

You may purchase your ticket(s) using a credit card or PayPal by visiting the LWVS website at www.lwvs.org and clicking on “Event Tickets”, OR by mailing your check with this RSVP form to:
Anne Lyons, 82 Greenacres Avenue, Scarsdale NY 10583

Yes, I would like to attend the LWVS Fall Food For Thought Luncheon on Friday, November 3, 2017 at the Scarsdale Golf Club. My check for $40 per person ($45 if mailed after November 1st) payable to the LWVS is enclosed.

Name(s)________________________________________________
Address_______________________________________________
Phone_______________________  Email________________________
League of Women Voters of Scarsdale

Fall 2017

Countdown to General Election

The League of Women Voters of Scarsdale urges all eligible voters to vote in the upcoming general election. The offices up for election this year include: **County Executive, County Clerk, County Court Judge, County Family Court Judge, and County Legislature District 5**. For more information on the candidates, visit [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org). If you have not registered yet, have changed your address or will be away from home for the November 7th General Election, please keep the following important dates in mind:

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| **Friday, October 13** | a. Last day to postmark your voter registration form. It must be received by the Board of Elections by Wednesday, October 18 for you to be eligible to vote in the November election.  
   b. Last day to submit your voter registration form in person to your local Board of Elections or any state agency participating in the National Voter Registration Act for the General Election. If honorably discharged from the military or have become a naturalized citizen since October 13, you may register in person at the Board of Elections up until October 28.  
   c. Last day to accept a change of party enrollment.                                                                                                      |
| **Wednesday, October 18** | Any change of address form must be received by the Board of Elections no later than this date.                                                                 |
| **Tuesday, October 31** | Last day to postmark your application for an absentee ballot for the election, if requesting by mail.                                                                 |
| **Monday, November 6**  | a. Last day to apply in person for an absentee ballot for the General Election.  
   b. Last day to postmark your absentee ballot if you are mailing it. It must be received by your local Board of Elections no later than **Tuesday, November 14**.  
   c. Military ballots must be received by **Tuesday, November 21**.                                                                                     |
| **Tuesday, November 7** | a. General Election  
   b. Last day to deliver absentee ballot in person by someone other than the voter to the local Board of Elections.                                          |

Members of the military, please visit [www.elections.ny.gov/VotingMilitaryFed.html](http://www.elections.ny.gov/VotingMilitaryFed.html) for information on registering and voting. To learn more about the qualifications for voting, the registration process, determining current registration status, polling locations and absentee voting, please go to the League website at [www lwvs.org](http://www lwvs.org) and click on Voting Information or contact Voter Service Co-Chairs Amy Cooper or Ronny Hersch at [VoterService@lwvs.org](mailto:VoterService@lwvs.org). All information provided herein is from the New York State Board of Elections website at [www.elections.ny.gov](http://www.elections.ny.gov).

CNC Election - November 15th

The Citizens Nominating Committee (CNC) election is Wednesday, November 15, 2017, at Village Hall. The hours for voting are 7:00AM to 9:00AM and 2:00PM to 9:00PM at Village Hall. For more information regarding running for election to the CNC or the election, please go to [www.scarsdaleprocedurecommittee.org](http://www.scarsdaleprocedurecommittee.org).
Call for Candidates for the Citizens Nominating Committee

The Procedure Committee invites eligible Scarsdale residents to run for election to the Citizens Nominating Committee (CNC), the caucus of the Scarsdale Citizens Non-Partisan Party. Those who are elected will join 20 current CNC members in four or five meetings to consider and choose candidates to run for Village Mayor, Trustee and/or Justice under the banner of the Scarsdale Citizens Non-Partisan Party in the March Village Election.

Eligibility of CNC candidates is governed by the Non-Partisan Resolution. Candidates must file a short biographical sketch and a nominating petition signed by qualified voters as defined on the Nominating Petition. The Non-Partisan Resolution and forms for both the bio sketch and the petition are available as downloads at www.scarsdaleprocedurecommittee.org. Hard copies are available at Village Hall and the Scarsdale Library.

The deadline for filing both forms is Saturday, September 30; after this date, additional candidates for any school district will be accepted only if there are fewer than two candidates for each position in that school district.

The CNC election will be held at Village Hall on Wednesday, November 15 from 7:00AM to 9:00AM and 2:00PM to 9:00PM.

SBNC Candidates Sought

The School Board Nominating Committee (SBNC) is an elected group of 30 members who identify, propose and nominate qualified candidates to run for the Scarsdale Board of Education.

The 30 voting members represent each of the five elementary school neighborhoods. Each year, 10 new members are elected (two from each neighborhood) to serve a 3-year term on the SBNC, an additional one year term on the administrative committee and a final one year term on the joint committee. The SBNC urges all qualified residents to help maintain our excellent Scarsdale schools and serve our community by volunteering to run for the SBNC.

To become a candidate, residents should complete a biographical form and submit it with a candidate petition with signatures from 10 residents in their elementary school area by November 20, 2017 to SBNC Administrative Committee Chair Jeannine Palermo (jeannine_palermo.22@gmail.com) or Vice Chair Wendy Gendel (wendykgendel@gmail.com). These forms can be downloaded from www.scarsdalesbnc.com. The forms are also available at the Scarsdale Library and Village Hall.

The election of SBNC members will be held on Tuesday January 9, 2018 in the Scarsdale Middle School auditorium lobby from 7:00AM to 10:00AM and 2:00PM to 9:00PM.
Students Inside Albany

Katie Bowen and Daniel Karp, two Scarsdale high school students selected by the League, attended the Students Inside Albany conference in May this year. Students Inside Albany is an intensive four-day conference designed to immerse students in the process by which public policy is proposed, revised and enacted in New York State and to educate them as to how they can influence and affect this process.
COMMUNITY BOOK DISCUSSION

SISTERS IN LAW
How Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg Went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World
By Linda Hirshman
(Harpers, 2015)

Please join us to share thoughts on this New York Times and Washington Post Bestseller and NPR Best Book of 2015

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28
11:00 am – 1:00 pm
10 Richbell Road
RSVP: dmatsushi@gmail.com

Please Bring a Brown Bag Lunch - Beverages & Dessert will be served

Excerpts from Reviews:

For anyone interested in the court, women’s history or both, the story of Sandra Day O’Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, their separate routes to the Supreme Court and what they accomplished during the more than 12 years they spent together is irresistible. (NY TIMES 9/20/15)

The stories Hirshman tells, though not novel, are masterfully strung together to create a compelling narrative of Ginsburg and O’Connor’s lives. And they are told in a manner extremely accessible for non-lawyers, describing background principles of the law in an easy-to-understand way. (Oxonian Review 10/26/15)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The League is grateful for the support of all of our donors. Please note that the annual updated listing of our many generous supporters for 2017-2018 will appear in the 2018 Spring Bulletin.
# LWVS 2017 – 2018 Calendar

## September 2017
- **Monday 18**: 9:00am Board Meeting, Village Hall, 3rd Floor
- **Tuesday 26**: National Voter Registration Day

## October 2017
- **Monday 2**: 10:00am Membership Coffee, 65 Church Lane
- **Wednesday 18**: Naturalization Court, W.P. Court House
- **Monday 23**: 9:00am Board Meeting, Village Hall, 3rd Floor

## November 2017
- **Friday 3**: 10:00am Board Meeting, Scarsdale Golf Club
- **Tuesday 7**: 11:45am Food for Thought
- **Wednesday 15**: CNC Election, Village Hall
- **Thursday 16**: 12:00pm League of Women Voters Day, United Nations, NYC
- **Monday 27**: 9:00am Board Meeting, Village Hall, 3rd Floor
- **Tuesday 28**: 10:30am General Membership Meeting

## December 2017
- **Monday 18**: 9:00am Board Meeting, Village Hall, 3rd Floor
- **Monday 26**: 9:00am General Memb./Consensus Mtg. Village Election

## January 2018
- **Tuesday 9**: 9:00am SBNC Election, SMS
- **Monday 22**: 9:00am Board Meeting, Village Hall, 3rd Floor
- **Saturday 27**: 5 – 7pm Winter Fundraiser, Private Home

## February 2018
- **Monday 5**: 9:00am Board Meeting, Village Hall, 3rd Floor
- **Monday 12**: 9:00am General Memb./Consensus Mtg. Village Budget

## March 2018
- **Monday 12**: 9:00am General Memb./Consensus Mtg. Village Budget
- **Monday 26**: 9:00am Board Meeting, Village Hall, 3rd Floor
Your League Needs You!

LWVS needs members to work on the following portfolios: **Membership, Planning & Zoning, School Election System, and Village Budget.** All of these portfolios are interesting, intellectually engaging and critical to our League’s work in the Scarsdale community. Most of these portfolios have experienced chairs who are looking for co-chairs or committee members to pitch in with the portfolio tasks. If you have any interest or just have questions, please contact Janice Starr at janice.starr@gmail.com.

C’mon, get involved!
COUNTY CANDIDATES FORUM
OCTOBER 30TH AT MERCY COLLEGE
CANCELLED

The League of Women Voters of Westchester regretfully cancels its candidates forum which was to be held on October 30th. The forum was to include four candidates in two races, the County Executive and the County Clerk.

As of September 22, 2017, all participating candidates had agreed to an October 30 forum at Mercy College. Candidate for County Executive Rob Astorino subsequently withdrew his agreement to participate. The League nonpartisan policy does not allow a forum for a race in which only one candidate appears; therefore, we are compelled to cancel the event.

The League appreciates the dean and the administration at Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry for their offer to host the forum. They had in mind a program to engage first-time voters among their students. We regret the lost opportunity for these young people to participate in fair and open campaigns and to listen to and question candidates.

This cancellation has been a disappointing and unprecedented development. Our time-proven format has consistently delivered civil and fair discourse. These programs are an important part of our mission of preparing voters for active and informed participation in our democracy. We will continue to sponsor candidate meetings in the future. We sincerely hope that in the future candidates will be willing to appear at events that provide equal opportunity to speak for all candidates.

Marylou Green
President, League of Women Voters of Westchester

The LWV Scarsdale sadly notes the death of active member and former League president Esther Shay.

We extend condolences to her family.
They represent you 2017
Changes effective July 2017
VILLAGE OF SCARSDALE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dan Hochvert, Mayor
Term ends April 2019
Matthew Callaghan
2nd term ends April 2019
Carl Finger
2nd term ends April 2019
Deb Pekarek
2nd term ends April 2018
Seth Ross
1st term ends April 2019
Marc Samwick
2nd term ends April 2018
Jane Veron
1st term ends April 2018

BOARD OF EDUCATION

William Natbony, President
2nd term ends June 2019
Scott E. Silberfein, V.P.
2nd term ends June 2020
Nina Ledis Cannon
1st term ends June 2019
Pamela Fuehrer
1st term ends June 2018
Leila Shames Maude
2nd term ends June 2019
Christopher Morin
2nd term ends June 2020
Arthur S. Rublin
1st term ends June 2018