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Upcoming Elections in Scarsdale:

May 21, 2019
- School Budget Vote & School Election
  Scarsdale Middle School
  7 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Remember to vote!

Calendar of Upcoming Events

April

8  Mon  9:00 a.m.  Board Meeting, Village Hall, 3rd Floor
    10:30 a.m.  General Membership / Consensus Mtg: Village Budget
                 Village Hall, 3rd Floor
22  Mon  9:00 a.m.  Board Meeting, Village Hall, 3rd Floor
25  Thurs 10:00 a.m.  Book Discussion, Private Home

May

10  Fri  10:45 a.m.  Annual Meeting
                    Scarsdale Golf Club
                    11:45 a.m.  Spring Luncheon & Speaker
                    Scarsdale Golf Club
21  Tues  7 a.m. - 9 p.m.  School Budget Vote & Board of Education Election
                             SMS Gym

June

3  Mon  9:00 a.m.  Joint Board Meeting, Location TBD
MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Dear LWVS Members,

We cannot believe that our time as Co-Presidents is almost done! We look back on so many League accomplishments and look forward to a busy Spring.

As a Recap: This year we conducted our annual studies of the School Board Nominating Committee and Citizens Nominating Committee elections and the proposed 2019 – 2020 budgets for both the School District and the Village. We also studied the proposed amendments to the non-partisan resolution and a proposed school budget ballot resolution. Each of these consisted of an information session, a consensus meeting and the drafting and League board approval of a consensus statement to be published in the local media and on our website. These meetings and statements represent a tremendous amount of work and dedication by the portfolio chairs, their committees, the League board and our active members.

In addition, we educated the public about Village matters at our fall membership coffee. We co-sponsored three events with the Scarsdale Forum and other community organizations: a program on Scarsdale taxes and 2 film screenings.

Our League is always looking for opportunities to engage young people to learn about and participate in our nation’s political processes. To that end, we are again sending two Scarsdale High School students to attend the “Students Inside Albany” conference, an intensive four-day conference run by LWVNYS Education Foundation in May.

We are ever mindful that our local League is only as strong as its members and we work to provide opportunities for our members to learn current, relevant information. We continued our series of book discussions this year with a fall book discussion on One Person, No Vote, by Carol Anderson.

Coming Up: We will launch our annual Membership Drive soon, so watch your mail (both electronic and letter) for renewal information. Please renew so that you can continue to make your voice heard and participate in your government. Members can also look forward to the League of Women Voters Westchester convention and luncheon and the State League convention in Albany this June.

Join us at our upcoming Spring Book Discussion of How Fascism Works, by Jason Stanley, on April 25th at 10 a.m.

And we will end our year with our Annual Meeting and Spring Luncheon on Friday, May 10th at 10:45 a.m. at the Scarsdale Golf Club where we will have yet another incredible program, featuring Cynthia Deitle, Program & Operations Director for the Matthew Shepard Foundation and former Civil Rights Chief for the FBI who will speak on the topic: "Protecting the Victims of Hate Crimes: A Career in Seeking Justice."

We ask that you please bring your copy of this bulletin as it contains the Annual Meeting agenda and summary of the 2018-2019 Annual Local Program.

We look forward to seeing you at our May Luncheon! We also look forward to next year when we will be celebrating our 100th Anniversary!

Finally, it has been a tremendous honor for us to serve as Co-Presidents of this incredible organization for the past two years. We’re so proud of the work we do, and so inspired by all the amazing League and community members who work with us to accomplish our goals. The women who served alongside us on the Board have been nothing short of awe-inspiring— every one of you is smart, talented and dedicated and a pleasure to work with. Thank you all!

Linda Doucette-Ashman and Janice Starr
JOIN US – and bring a friend!

SPRING COMMUNITY BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursday, April 25th
10:00 AM to 12 PM
Location TBD
RSVP: President@lwvs.org

HOW FASCISM WORKS: The Politics of Us and Them

by Jason Stanley (240 pp.)

Stanley (How Propaganda Works), a Yale philosophy professor, delivers an instructive and poignant examination of fascism—a resurgent presence in both developed and developing nations, including the United States—in this cogent and accessibly written book. He cites past and present examples of fascist behavior from politicians—from Hitler, Nazi propagandist Joseph Goebbels, and Benito Mussolini to Turkey’s Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Vladimir Putin, and Donald Trump—and draws on sociology and critical race theory to identify 10 concepts and tools employed by political leaders to promote a fascist politics that rely on an "us-versus-them" mentality.
SPRING LUNCHEON
Friday, May 10th, 2019
10:45 a.m. LWVS Business Meeting
11:45 a.m. Luncheon & Speaker
Scarsdale Golf Club
$40 per person ($45 after May 1)
Students: $20

Featuring
Cynthia Deitle

Programs and Operations Director for the Matthew Shepard Foundation

Cynthia M. Deitle supervises the national hate crime programs and outreach as the Programs and Operations Director for the Matthew Shepard Foundation. Prior to joining the Matthew Shepard Foundation in 2017, for 22 years Cynthia was a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, where she specialized in civil rights enforcement, community outreach, and victims’ assistance.

At the FBI, Cynthia served as the lead investigative agent for many high-profile police brutality investigations and investigated hate crimes cases. In 2007, she assumed a Supervisory Special Agent position in the Civil Rights Unit in FBI Headquarters. In 2008 Deitle was promoted to Civil Rights Unit Chief, where she managed the FBI’s national cases and investigation of Hate Crimes, Color of Law, Human Trafficking and Abortion Extremism Programs. As Civil Rights Unit Chief, she also worked the FBI’s Cold Case Initiative which seeks to reexamine unsolved racially-motivated homicides from the Civil Rights Era.

Following passage of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crime Prevention Act of 2009, Deitle collaborated with Dennis and Judy Shepard, The Department of Justice, the Anti-Defamation League, NAACP and other non-governmental agency stakeholders, to train state, local, and federal law enforcement officials to enforce this law. In 2011, Deitle transferred to the Boston Division to supervise the Public Corruption and Civil Rights investigations in Massachusetts, Maine, Rhode Island and New Hampshire.

Deitle received her Bachelor of Arts degree from The Ohio State University and her Juris Doctor degree from New England Law Boston. She earned a Master of Laws degree in Criminal Law from New York University School of Law and a Master of Laws degree in Constitutional Law from the George Washington University National Law Center.

Deitle has published several law review articles on the right to bear arms under the Second Amendment and the use of excessive force by police in the context of the civil rights laws.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [http://lwvs.org/Annual_Meeting.html](http://lwvs.org/Annual_Meeting.html).
Election Reform

The current NYS Legislature has passed 7 election reform bills and they have been signed into law. Here is a summary of the new provisions and what next steps are:

1. EARLY VOTING. Voters will be able to vote at designated poll sites 10 days prior to election day. Each County Board of Elections will follow the law designating the number of and placement of the early voting poll sites and notify the voter of the days, hours, and locations of the early polling sites. This act will take effect this year. There will be early voting between October 27 through November 3.

2. PRIMARY CONSOLIDATION. Combines federal and state primaries into one primary the fourth Tuesday in June. This year, the primary is scheduled for June 25.

3. SAME DAY VOTER REGISTRATION. Would allow voters to register and vote on Election Day. NYS Constitution must be changed and this is the first step. Earliest date to go into effect would be in 2022.

4. NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING. Would remove need for a cause for absentee ballot voting. Again this is the first step to changing NYS Constitution. Earliest date to go into effect would be in 2022.

5. PREREGISTRATION FOR 16 AND 17 YEAR OLDS. This new bill would allow 16 and 17 year olds to preregister. This act will take effect in January 2020.

6. STATE-WIDE VOTER REGISTRATION TRANSFER. Provides that the Board of Elections would transfer the registration and enrollment of a voter appearing on a statewide voter list to wherever they move in the state. This would enable voters who move to a different county in NY to vote on an affidavit ballot even if their new county was not notified of the change of address and have their vote counted.

7. CLOSURE OF THE LLC LOOPHOLE. This will eliminate the loophole which has allowed corporations to pour almost unlimited money into races through limited liability companies.

PROPOSITIONS ON THE MAY 21, 2019 SCHOOL BALLOT

LWVS Recommends that the Community Vote IN SUPPORT OF Proposed Changes

This is a reminder that the LWVS held a general information session and consensus meeting on February 11, 2019 regarding proposed changes to School District Policies: Candidates and Electioneering (Policy 2120.1) and Voter Registration (Policy 2120.2). The LWVS recommends that the community vote in support of the two propositions.

Candidates and Electioneering (Policy 2120.1) The proposition for amending the Electioneering policy will change our current system for electing School Board Trustees from seat specific to at-large. This will make the manner in which we elect our School Board Trustees the same as our election system for our Village Trustees, the people receiving the largest number of votes win the open seats.

Voter Registration (Policy 2120.2) The proposition for amending the Voter Registration policy will change the days that voters are able to register to vote in the School District elections from two days per year to every school day during regular business hours at the Office of the School District Clerk. Please note that if you have already registered to vote with the Westchester County Board of Elections (through the Department of Motor Vehicles, online or at the County Board of Elections office), you are already considered to be registered to vote in the School District elections. If you are not sure whether you are currently registered to vote, please see our Voter Services page in this newsletter for School District only voter registration. If you want to confirm that you are registered to vote in all local, county, state and national elections, including the School District elections, please visit our Voter Services information on our LWVS website at http://www.lwvs.org/voterinfo.html.

To read our entire Consensus Statement, please visit our Stand on Issues page of our website at http://www.lwvs.org/ issues.html
COUNTDOWN TO UPCOMING BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION AND BUDGET VOTE

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019
Polls are open 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Scarsdale Middle School

Westchester County registration-by-mail forms are available in the main office of every school. You may also access the form at http://citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com/register-to-vote. Anyone who delivers or mails one of these registration forms to the County Board of Elections will be registered with Westchester County and also considered to be registered with the school district. Mailed registration forms must be received by the County Board of Elections in time to be processed by May 21, 2019, the date of the vote.

In addition, anyone may register for school district voting with the School District's Board of Registration at the offices of the Board of Education located in the High School (Brewster Road side of the school) as follows:
Tuesday, May 14, 2019 - between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. and on
Thursday, May 16, 2019 - between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The deadline for registration at the Board of Education office is May 16, 2019.

APPLICATIONS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOTS MAY BE COMPLETED IMMEDIATELY; ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL AFTER TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019.

1. Anyone who is registered and will not be in Westchester County for the vote on May 21, 2019, may apply for an absentee ballot by e-mail or regular mail, or in person. Application forms are immediately available from Honore Adams, District Clerk, in the Board of Education offices in the High School (721-2410 or hadams@scarsdaleschools.org). The absentee ballots will not be available until after Tuesday, April 23, 2019.
2. If the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the voter must return the completed application in time for it to be received by the Clerk seven (7) days before the vote (Tuesday, May 14, 2019).
3. If completed applications are delivered personally, they must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. the day before the vote, Monday, May 20, 2019.
4. All absentee ballots must be delivered to the Clerk’s office no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote (Tuesday, May 21, 2019).

If you have any questions, please contact Honore Adams, district clerk, at 721-2410 or hadams@scarsdaleschools.org

Volunteers Needed for Upcoming Voter Registration Drives

May Madness is almost here! We are looking for volunteers who are interested in registering student voters at five underserved local area high schools during May and June. We will be volunteering with the New Rochelle League and will provide training if you are new to voter registration drives.

If you are interested, please contact, Voter Service Chairs: Amy Cooper at arcooper@optonline.net or Ronny Hersch at hersch32@optonline.net
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VOTER SERVICE

Provided year-round voting and registration information to the LWVS bulletin, LWVS website and social media sites and through e-mail distribution. Over the summer, assisted in preparation of the county-wide general election Voters Guide and the use of the Vote411.org website. Distributed Voters Guides to Village Hall, and the Scarsdale Public Library as needed. Responded to questions from membership regarding voter registration and absentee ballots, and election results.

PROGRAM

LOCAL:

VILLAGE ELECTION SYSTEM: Monitored the 2018 contested Village election and related issues arising during the campaigns for Village trustee in the context of the Non-Partisan System. Monitored the subsequent activities of the Procedure Committee (PC) and the public portion of the CNC's annual organization meeting. Communicated with the PC chairperson and vice chairperson throughout the PC’s season to obtain information and updates on the internal functioning of the PC, any proposed changes to the policies, procedures, and the governing resolution, its recruitment of candidates for the Citizens Nominating Committee (CNC), and its efforts and expenditures associated with its operation. Publicized PC notice to recruit candidates for the CNC and reminders to vote in the CNC election/Non-Partisan Resolution Amendment referendum. Prior to the vote, organized and conducted the League's information session and general membership consensus meeting to evaluate the proposed changes to the Non-Partisan Resolution. Organized and conducted the League's separate information session and general membership consensus meeting to evaluate the process and results of the CNC election/Non-Partisan Resolution Amendment referendum and provided League's recommendations to the outgoing and incoming chairs of the PC. Publicized aforementioned meetings and resulting consensus statements in the Bulletin, through e-blasts, in press releases to local print and online media, and on the League website.

SCHOOL ELECTION SYSTEM: Monitored the activities of the Administrative Committee (AC). Communicated with the chairperson of the AC throughout the AC’s season to obtain information and updates on the internal functioning of the AC, any proposed changes to the policies, procedures, and the governing resolution, and its efforts to recruit candidates for the School Board Nominating Committee (SBNC) and to run the SBNC election. Publicized AC notice to recruit candidates for the SBNC, reminders to vote in the SBNC elections, and notice of the League’s general membership and consensus meeting to evaluate the SBNC election process in the Bulletin, through e-blasts and on the League website. Conducted general membership and consensus meetings to evaluate the SBNC election process and provided recommendations to the outgoing and incoming chairs of the AC and the AC webmaster.

SCHOOL BUDGET: Attended budget-related Board of Education (BOE) sessions open to the public. Posed information-seeking questions on behalf of the League at the BOE Budget Study Sessions. Updated the League board regarding the development of the budget. Conducted general membership information meeting with representatives from BOE and Administration followed by a consensus meeting to evaluate the school budget. Prepared the League's consensus statement based on the meeting, read at the BOE meeting on March 25, 2019.

In addition to School Budget Consensus, the Portfolio chair also convened and led a subcommittee to study proposed changes to two BOE policies, 2120.1 Candidates and Electioneering and 2120.2 Voting Procedures and Voter Registration. Conducted general membership information meeting on proposed changes to policies followed by a consensus meeting. Prepared the League's Consensus statement which was read at the BOE meeting on February 11, 2019.
VILLAGE BUDGET: Attended budget-related Village Board and appropriate Village Board committees’ meetings open to the public. Reviewed Village budget documents in preparation for attending budget briefing sessions conducted by Village officials. Worked with the Village administration and Trustees in preparation for the League information and consensus meetings. Led the general membership and consensus meetings on proposed budget. Prepared the League’s consensus statement based on the meeting and submitted the League statement to the Village Board.

COUNTY:

Served as liaison between the LWVW and the LWVS. Attended LWVW board and consensus meetings and reported to LWVS members at board meetings and through Bulletin articles. These LWVVW-sponsored activities included the printed Voters Guide and online voting information on www.vote411.org, evaluating the Westchester County annual budget proposal, advocating for improvements to voting registration and access, as well as advocating for pending legislation for single-payer healthcare in New York. The LWVW conducted its annual Running and Winning Conference, the purpose of which is to encourage female high school student participation in political activities. The LWVW will sponsor Santwana Benny, a student from Riverside High School in Yonkers, to attend the LWVNYS Students Inside Albany program. The LWVW undertook a new project in coordination with the Westchester Library System and funded by the Westchester Community Foundation, entitled Know Your Government, to educate and inform Westchester residents. The LWVW held a winter holiday luncheon featuring Anthony Scarpino, Westchester County District Attorney, and will hold its annual meeting and luncheon on June 6, 2019.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Students Inside Albany: Coordinated with LWVNYS, Scarsdale High School teachers and administrators and local media to promote the Students Inside Albany conference in May. The committee engaged an independent judge to select two Scarsdale High School students to attend the conference. LWVS paid the SIA registration costs and for the second student (the first student’s costs were, as usual, paid by LWVNYS) and the transportation expenses for both students.

Scarsdale Middle School Civics Jeopardy and Mock Election: Coordinated with Scarsdale Middle School Social Studies Department to bring LWVS volunteers into the classroom to facilitate Civics Jeopardy with several Social Studies sections. Also organized and coordinated volunteers to participate and help facilitate a Mock Election with the entire student body’s participation.

BULLETIN: Edited submissions to and created the five editions of the LWVS Bulletin for 2018 – 2019, and arranged for distribution according to a schedule predetermined by the Presidents. Worked with Presidents to ensure comprehensive and timely Bulletin editions. The September/October and April/May Bulletins are sent via postal mail. The other three editions (Nov/Dec, Jan/Feb, and March) are distributed electronically by Constant Contact. Electronic copies of every bulletin are also available on our website, www.lwvs.org.

DEVELOPMENT:

Winter Fundraiser: Organized festive cocktail party in January, hosted by a League member, which raised $2,480 for the League. The guest list included many League members, potential members, and local, county and state elected government representatives including Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins, Representative Amy Paulin, Westchester County Executive George Latimer and County Legislator Chair Ben Boykin. The board provided food and beverages.

Finance Drive: Prepared and distributed a letter to solicit funds from targeted list, comprised of past donors and League members. The drive raised $5,659 for LWVS and the LWVNYS Education Fund. Contributions help defray the cost of LWVS activities including youth programs, voter education and advocacy. A letter of thanks was sent to all contributors.

Luncheons: Organized fall “Food for Thought” luncheon featuring speaker, Linda Greenhouse, Pulitzer prize winning journalist, author and lecturer, who spoke about the Supreme Court nominating process. Coordinated Annual Spring Luncheon with speaker Cynthia Deitle, the Matthew Shepard Foundation’s Program and Operations Director, who will speak about her career of seeking justice for victims of hate crimes.
Membership: Managed efforts to recruit new members and to retain current members. Conducted large scale membership mailings as well as email, letter and telephone renewal reminders. Conducted membership outreach at League events. Provided membership materials to new residents. Organized our fall informational coffee hosted by a board member. Maintained database of current and lapsed LWVS members for local use and reporting to LWVUS and presented regular reports delineating membership by categories and membership-related donation levels.

Membership Statistician: Maintained database of current and lapsed LWVS members for local use and reporting to LWVUS and presented regular reports delineating membership by categories and membership-related donation levels.

BOOK GROUP: Presented League Board with several options for Fall book group selections. Recruited League volunteers to host and lead two concurrent League member group discussions on One Person, No Vote: How Voter Suppression is Destroying Our Democracy, by Carol Anderson, and How Fascism Works, by Jason Stanley.

OTHER LEVELS OF LEAGUE: Reported news from other levels of League to members at board meetings and through Bulletin articles and e-blasts. Publicized LWVUS, LWVNYS and LWVWI initiatives and events. Sent LWV representatives to U.S. citizenship naturalization ceremonies at White Plains Courthouse on a bi-annual basis. Will send delegates to the LWVNYS 58th State (100th Anniversary) Convention June 7th – 9th and will report Convention actions to membership.

PROGRAM: Prepared calendar for all board meetings and League events and reserved rooms for such. Held and conducted general membership consensus meeting on state, county and local programs. Made recommendations and suggestions to County, State and National Leagues on their programs. Prepared packet for annual meeting, including this summary of activities.


WEBSITE: Updated the website on a regular basis with posting of all League activities, including upcoming meetings and events, voting information, League consensus statements, League committee reports and statements and Bulletins. Added information about county, state and national Leagues with links to their respective sites. Continued PayPal capability for online payment of dues and donations and purchase of LWVS event tickets.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Continued to manage Twitter and Facebook accounts for LWVS and regularly posted information about local, county, state and national League advocacy work, events and related news.

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, 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 membership@lwvs.org.

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

On Monday, March 4, 2019, we convened our General Information and Member Consensus meeting regarding the School District's 2019 - 2020 Budget. The League comments were read during public comment at the Board of Education Community Budget Forum on March 25, 2019. Leah Dembitzer, the LWVS School Budget Chair, conducted the League Information and Consensus meeting. Dr. Thomas Hagerman, Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Pam Fuehrer, Board of Education Vice President; Mr. Stuart Mattey, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Dr. Thomas Hagerman, Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Pam Fuehrer, Board of Education Vice President; Dr. Thomas Hagerman, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Stuart Mattey, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Dr. Drew Patrick, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Mr. Edgar McIntosh, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, and Mr. Eric Rauschenbach, Director of Special Education and Student Services, constituted our panel. The panelists responded to League prepared questions and audience questions. They provided an overview of the Budget and discussed the details of certain portions of the Budget including plant and capital improvements, security, BOCES aid, high school staffing, and budget development process, among other topics. The League consensus statement can be found at www.lwvs.org in the Annual Consensus statements section.

Two Scarsdale High School Students Chosen to Attend STUDENTS INSIDE ALBANY Program

Rishabh Gharekhan and Andrew Morin, both 11th graders from Scarsdale High School, have been chosen to attend this year’s Students Inside Albany program sponsored by the League of Women Voters of New York State Education Foundation, Inc. & the League of Women Voters of Scarsdale. This 19th annual Students Inside Albany program will take place from May 19-22, and will bring 60 students from across the state to Albany to get a first-hand education about their state government. The program is designed to increase high school students' awareness of their responsibility in representative government and provide information about the tools necessary for meeting that responsibility.

While at the conference, students will join their peers in a hands-on learning experience about how state government works. Students will participate in a series of interactive lectures on topics such as the state budget process, the role of lobbyists in the legislative process, citizen rights to access government information, the role of media in politics, and the move to reform state government. While in Albany, the students will have an opportunity to tour the state’s Capitol. The highlight for most students is the opportunity to shadow their Senators and their Assemblymember for an afternoon attending session on the Chamber floors.

For more information on the League of Women Voters of Scarsdale, please visit: www.lwvs.org or contact Elissa Ruback at SIA@lwvs.org.
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SCARSDALE
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
FRIDAY, May 18, 2018  10:45 a.m.
Scarsdale Golf Club

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME TO ALL  JANICE STARR &
    • Introduction to Parliamentarian  LINDA DOUCETTE-ASHMAN
    • Introduction to Secretary
    • Adoption of Order of Business
    • Motion to have Annual Meeting minutes adopted by the LWVS Board

PRESIDENTS’ REPORT  JANICE STARR &
    LINDA DOUCETTE-ASHMAN

TREASURER’S REPORT  DEBBIE MILLER

BUDGET PRESENTATION 2019 – 2020  NANCY MICHAELS, CHAIR
    • Budget Adoption

LOCAL PROGRAM PRESENTATION 2019 – 2020  MARY BETH EVANS
    • (No Non-recommended Items)
    • Adoption of Local Program

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE  DIANE GREENWALD, CHAIR
    • Nominations from the floor

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF 2019 – 2020 OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE

DIRECTIONS TO THE BOARD

OTHER BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT
LWVS LOCAL PROGRAM FOR 2019 - 2020

The purpose of the League of Women Voters of Scarsdale (LWVS) shall be to promote informed and active participation of citizens in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

The following Local Program for 2019 – 2020 is a listing of issues the LWVS will monitor, and may promote via public education, and/or study and take to action. The League of Women Voters has local, county, state, and national positions, which are the basis for League action. Our Local Program supports these county, state, and national League positions where applicable. Each issue listed below has an “Outlook For Work” that identifies its specific actions. The order of the following issues and action items does not denote priority and thus leaves the LWVS the flexibility to act as circumstances warrant and as the board and membership see fit. The full version of the Local Program for 2019 – 2020, including all “Outlook for Work” action items can be found at our website, www.lwvs.org.

VOTER SERVICE
Voter Service is fundamental to all League work, providing nonpartisan education and factual information on registration, voting, candidates, ballot issues, and elections to our membership and the public, and promoting adult and student citizen participation and voting in elections.

ADVOCACY
Monitor issues that have been or are currently being studied by the LWVS or by the League of Women Voters on the county, state, and/or national levels. Inform our membership of developments and, from time to time, study and take action on certain issues. Identify and propose new issues that may be of interest to LWVS membership for study.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND EDUCATION
Actively create and seek opportunities to engage, partner, and collaborate with local schools and youth groups to educate and raise the awareness of students in the areas of civics and political engagement, including voting and political advocacy.

VILLAGE ELECTION SYSTEM
Monitor and evaluate the nonpartisan nominating and election process for the election of the Mayor and trustees of the Village Board, including study of the nominating and election processes.

SCHOOL ELECTION SYSTEM
Monitor and evaluate the nonpartisan nominating and election process for the election of members of the School Board, including study of the nominating and election processes.

VILLAGE BUDGET
Monitor and evaluate development of the Village budget and financing, including bond proposals, Village-wide property revaluations, and other Village policies, processes, and procedures.

SCHOOL BUDGET
Monitor and evaluate development of the Scarsdale Schools budget and financing, including bond proposals, and other School District policies, processes, and procedures.
PLANNING & ZONING
Monitor and, from time to time, study and take action on issues related to planning and zoning in or affecting Scarsdale.

ENVIRONMENT/SUSTAINABILITY
Monitor and, from time to time, study and take action on issues related to environmental/sustainability issues affecting Scarsdale.

LWVS COMMUNICATION
Actively use various written and electronic means to keep LWVS members and the community at large informed about League of Women Voters activities, events, advocacy issues, and developments and action alerts.

MEMBERSHIP
Actively recruit and retain LWVS members and cultivate member participation in League work.

PROGRAM/EDUCATION
In coordination with LWVS portfolios where appropriate, develop, and plan educational programs of interest, including identifying relevant speakers for LWVS’s Food for Thought Luncheon in the fall and the Annual Meeting Luncheon in the spring.

DEVELOPMENT
Identify, organize, and execute activities and events to raise funds, in addition to membership dues and donations, to sustain the work of the LWVS.

League of Women Voters of Scarsdale
2019-2020 Membership Drive Kickoff

We’re kicking off our annual membership drive for the upcoming year, which begins July 1, 2019, and hope that you can take the time to join the League today!

Look for your renewal letter to arrive in your home in May. If you prefer, you can save on postage and conserve paper by renewing or joining online at our website, www.lwvs.org. Just click on “Join Us” and follow the instructions.

We have strength in numbers locally and at the county, state and national levels.

Once you join, check our website, www.lwvs.org, to keep apprised of our activities and the activities of the League at the National, State and County levels.

As a member you can decide whether you would like to be active on a committee, attend our programs, membership consensus meetings, or just follow us online and in our periodic newsletters, electronic newsletters and on social media.

We hope that you will join us! If you have any questions, contact Janice Starr at membership@lwvs.org.
THANK YOU …

Elissa Ruback for all your hard work in running the “Students Inside Albany” committee for LWVS. And a special thanks to Evelyn Stock for all of your time and thoughtfulness you put in, serving as our reader/judge again this year.

Mary Beth Evans for organizing our book discussion this year, and to Diane Baylor and Deb Morel who generated thought-provoking questions for One Person, No Vote and then facilitated our group conversation.

Dara Gruenberg for opening up your lovely home and hosting our book discussion event.

Nancy Michaels for chairing the LWVS Budget committee, and Debbie Miller as Treasurer, and Anne Lyons, Karen Brew, Deb Morel and Diane Baylor as committee members, for all your hard work in putting together the proposed League budget for 2019 – 2020.

Diane Greenwald, as Nominating committee chair, and Julie Zhou, Deb Pekarek, Joan Frankle, and Amy Cooper as committee members, for all of your hard work in putting together this year’s Nominating Committee slate.

Amy Cooper and Ronny Hersch, our Voter Service chairs, for your tireless efforts and incredible flexibility in order to provide informative and relevant information for our website and bulletins for each and every one of our community’s elections.

Deb Morel for all of your hard work on maintaining and keeping our website current with our ever-changing and constantly growing website.

Leah Dembitzer, School Budget portfolio chair, for attending all the school budget meetings, keeping our League Board informed on ever-changing issues in front of the Board of Education, organizing and leading the School Budget general membership and consensus meetings, and drafting the LWVS consensus statement for the 2019 – 2020 proposed school budget.

Dara Gruenberg for attending Village Budget meetings, organizing the Village Budget general membership and consensus meetings, and drafting the LWVS consensus statement on the 2019 – 2020 proposed Village Budget.

Cindy Dunne for tapping into your incredible network, yet again, to find our speaker for our Spring Luncheon who provides incredible insights on the topics of civil rights and hate crimes.

Anne Lyons for thoughtfully organizing our Food for Thought and Spring Luncheons and running our Finance Drive.

Debbie Miller for being such a meticulous Treasurer and an active voice always promoting our League values and history.

Mary Beth Evans for keeping us all up to date on the increasing number of issues at the national, state and local levels of government with the Advocacy portfolio and working on whatever needed to get done.

Dana Matsushita for your hard work, patience, and grace while working with us to bring the Bulletins together and delivered in a timely manner!

Kitt Rosenthal for being such a wonderful hostess with the coffee for our Board meetings.

Renee Baylor for being our liaison to the County League and an invaluable source of institutional knowledge and sound advice.

Karen Brew and Joan Bowen for keeping our League current on Facebook and Twitter.

Joan Bowen for becoming our Board photographer at our events and ensuring that the photos were up on our Facebook page and our website.

Joan Frankle for recording all of our board meetings and several consensus meetings and then turning around the drafts at lightning speed.

LWVS board for devoting your time, energy and passion to the efforts of our local League this past year. It has truly been an honor to work with such a dedicated and thoughtful group for the past two years. We will truly miss the time that we have all spent together working on bringing our League program to our members and community at large.
MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO RENEWED, JOINED, OR REINSTATED THEIR MEMBERSHIPS THIS YEAR!

FRIENDS:
LWVS – Renée Baylor, Lauri and David Carey, Linda Doucette-Ashman and Harvey Ashman, Madelaine Eppenstein, Joan and Andrew Frankie, Diane Greenwald, Mary Pat Jones, Robin and Stan Levin, Deb Morel and Michael Shuster, Ann and Bill Sacher, Evelyn and Jerome Seidman, Margaret and Laurence Smith, Lila Stillman, Elaine and Alan Weiler
LWVNYS Education Foundation – Barbara and Eric Jaffe, Arlene and Jerome Levine, Dana Matsushita, Debra and H. Robert Miller, Amy Paulin and Ira Schuman, Susie and Andrew Rush, Janice and Ira Starr, Evelyn Stock, Jane Veron

SUFFRAGISTS:
LWVS – Joan and David Bowen, Lisa Eisenstein, Mary Beth Evans and Daniel Moretti, Ronny Hersch, Michelle and Frank Lichtenberg, Nancy Michaels, Carol Silverman
LWVNYS Education Foundation – Lisa Beck, Nancy and Michael Cardozo, Sharon and Irving Picard

INDIVIDUAL SUPPORTERS:

WE ALSO EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO 2018-19 NEW MEMBERS:
Beatrice Cremieux, Stephen Kapner, Joseph Kaufman, Bettina Klein, Susan Kohn (Arovas), Jonathan Lewis, Nan Mead, Amy Roberts, Eugenie Rosenthal, Seth Ross, Marc Samwick

League of Women Voters of Westchester

LWVW Publishes 2019 Directory of Officials in May

Every year, the LWVW prepares and publishes the Directory of Officials, Westchester County Cities, Towns & Villages. This booklet, made possible through a generous contribution from ConEdison, contains a listing of all government agencies and elected officials throughout Westchester County. The handy reference guide is distributed at no charge to all Westchester elected officials (state and county), agency heads, local governments as well as local LWVs. It is available for purchase by the general public. The 2019 publication is scheduled for early May. For more information, contact the LWVW office lwvwestchester@optonline.net or (914) 949-0507.
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- **Lena Crandall**  
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- **Jonathan Lewis**  
  1st term ends April 2021
- **Seth Ross**  
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- **Jane Veron**  
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- **Rochelle Waldman**  
  1st term ends April 2021

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- **Nina Ledis Cannon**  
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