

## LWVNEW SUMMER 2019 NEWSLETTER

### ANNUAL MEETING

The LWVNEW Annual Meeting and Luncheon was held on Tuesday, June 11 at South Salem's Horse and Hound Inn. Votes were held on the proposed 2019-2020 budget, slate, and Outlook for Work, as well as a bylaw change. There were not enough people present to constitute a quorum so votes were solicited via a follow-up email to members and, in the end, everything was approved.

Our SIA students joined us for lunch. Molly Siegal and her parents attended, as did Elyse Sherr and her mother. Molly and Elyse spoke briefly about their experiences in Albany and we awarded them one-year LWVNEW student memberships.

Our speaker was Joan Arnold, Executive Director of Allied Community Enterprises.

### LEADERSHIP

Many thanks to Peter Rose and Del Bashkow for their leadership in 2018-2019. At Annual Meeting, the board presented them with gift cards to Luc's, a bistro in Ridgefield where they can be transported to France for a couple of hours!

LWVNEW will now be led by Eileen Nadelson, a retired judge from NYC. She is currently teaching in the LL.M. program at Fordham, and is the founder of *Judge For Yourself*, a mentoring service which prepares attorneys for successful argument at court or negotiating at conference. Kay Tyler will continue on in her VP & Membership roles. Katherine Dering will continue as Secretary and Barbara Kravitz as Treasurer.

Looking ahead to the fall, Bob Boffa will once again head up our Vote411 efforts with the Westchester County League. Katherine Dering will lead the team on candidate forums and Allison Chernow will be in charge of student voter registration. Barbara Dodds will again chair our Youth committee.

### ELECTION REFORM

#### **EARLY VOTING IS COMING TO NY STATE!**

Early voting is scheduled to begin prior to the November 5, 2019 general election. The early voting period will be from Saturday, October 26 through Sunday, November 3.

There will be 3 early voting locations serving our five towns:

>Voters in **Bedford, Mount Kisco** (and New Castle) may vote early at **Mount Kisco's Town Hall, 104 Main Street, Mt Kisco.**

>Voters in **Lewisboro & Pound Ridge** may vote early at the **Cyrus Russell Community House, 779 Route 35, Cross River.**

>Voters in **North Salem** (and Somers) may vote early at the **Somers Town House, 335 Route 202, Somers.**

#### Early Voting Hours:

>**Sat. Oct 26 & Sun. Oct 27: 12 to 5 pm**

>**Mon. Oct 28, Wed. Oct 30 & Fri. Nov 1:  
8 am to 4 pm**

>**Tues. Oct 29 & Thurs. Oct 31: 12 to 8 pm**

>**Sat. Nov 2 & Sun. Nov 3: 12 to 5 pm**

More information is available at <https://citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com/election-dates-and-calendars>.

~ Scenes from Annual Meeting 2019 ~



Above: New president Eileen Nadelson and outgoing co-president Peter G Rose  
Below: Out-going co-president Del Bashkow and speaker Joan Arnold of ACE.



LWVNEW Youth Committee Chair Barbara Dodds with our 2019 Students Inside Albany, Elyse Sherr and Molly Siegel. Below that, the young women with their parents.  
(Photo credit: Don Rose and Barbara Dodds)



## **NEWS FROM THE COUNTY LEAGUE (LWVW)**

### **>COMING TO SOUTH SALEM!<**

#### **“FACT OR FAKE? EXPLORING THE ROLE OF THE MEDIA IN POLITICS”**

An interactive workshop, led by volunteers from the League of Women Voters, to discuss the state of media in the current political environment. Throughout the 90-minute session, presentation and group discussion topics will include media biases, spotting fake news, different ways to access news, and the benefits of a comprehensive media diet. We'll also discuss how technology has influenced the changing political environment like never before. Developed through and sponsored by the League of Women Voters, this non-partisan workshop encourages all ages and backgrounds to participate.

**We all know how quickly summer will fly by so mark your calendars now!  
Sunday, September 15, 2-3:30 pm  
Lewisboro Library, 15 Main St, S. Salem**

## **NEWS FROM THE STATE LEAGUE (LWVNY)**

### **CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM**

Members have been named to a New York State Public Campaign Financing commission, leading to cautious optimism on the part of the State League and other campaign financing coalition partners.

Read all about it here:

<https://www.gothamgazette.com/state/8659-reformers-hopeful-after-state-public-campaign-finance-commission-named>

And here:

<https://www.timesunion.com/news/article/10-person-public-financing-commission-announced-14070201.php?t=4539bd5212>

## **EDUCATION**

The State League joined with other organizations to encourage state leaders to address sex education in the next legislative session. From the statement: “By passing A.6512/S.4844 and requiring that comprehensive, age appropriate, medically accurate, and inclusive sexuality education be taught to New York students, our state can be a leader in protecting the health and well-being of our young people and communities.”

Read about it here:

<https://lwvnyonline.org/advocacy/legAction/2019/July/Comprehensive-Sexuality-Education-A.6512-S.4844.pdf>

## **CONVENTION**

The LWVNY Convention was held in June and, for the first time in many, many years, LWVNEW sent someone: Eileen Nadelson was a member at the time but attended the convention with her upcoming chapter presidency in mind.

Numerous workshops were available, including: Moderating Candidate Forums; Websites & Social Media; Fundraising; and The Role of Media in Politics.

Details about the convention and handouts from the various workshops are available at the State League's website:

<https://my.lwv.org/new-york-state/state-conventions-council>

## **NEW STATE LEAGUE PRESIDENT**

Suzanne Stassevitch is the new president of LWVNY. “Let's exercise our power as a grassroots organization, at the local, state and national levels as a key player in coalitions, as a voice supporting our priorities that all of our elected officials will hear and, in the courts, defending democratic institutions and voting rights.”

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