

## LWVNEW MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

### FROM YOUR CO-PRESIDENTS

*Spring voter service activities have been in full swing. We've moderated two local school board candidate forums and have registered voters at local high schools.*

*We urge everyone to get informed about their local school district budgets and board candidates ahead of the May 16<sup>th</sup> election.*

*Next up is our Annual Meeting & Luncheon, the Students Inside Albany conference, and a Primary Candidate Forum in Mount Kisco.*

*Hope to see you at the Annual Meeting & Luncheon!*

*--Susan & Lisa*

### VOTER SERVICE

#### **SCHOOL BOARD & BUDGET VOTES**

Election Day is Tuesday, May 16. Each of the districts in our area has two school board seats up for election. There are, of course, proposed budgets and propositions to vote on as well.

The deadline to be registered to vote in time for the school elections is Thursday, May 11. If you need to register, go to your school district's website or call your district clerk; all of the relevant contact information is available on the *Elections & Voting* page of our website,

[www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting](http://www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting).

### **Bedford Central Schools**

We moderated the BCSD candidate forum on April 25, in the Fox Lane Middle School's Suzanne Grant Theater. Many thanks to moderator John Hessel and timekeeper Jean Farber. Questions for the candidates were submitted in advance and we thank Susan Polos for helping Susan & Lisa go through all (75+!) of them. The forum aired live on BCSD-TV and is airing regularly until the election. It is also available for viewing on demand. The link is on our website.

The polls in the Bedford school district will be open from 7 am until 9 pm on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Vote at the elementary school that serves your attendance area.

School district contact info as well as information about registration and the proposed budget is available at

[www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting](http://www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting).



BCSD School Board Candidate Forum April 25, 2023 (l to r: Moderator John Hessel and candidates Rica Mendes, Liz Goldman-Sider, Betsy Sharma, Kristine Stoker)

### North Salem Schools

We moderated the North Salem school board candidate forum on May 2, in the North Salem Middle-High School Library. Many thanks to moderator Katherine Dering and timekeeper Nzingha Milanes. The school district livestreamed the forum and a link is available on our website, where you can also find links to the proposed budget and school district contact information.

The polls in the North Salem school district will be open from 7 am until 9 pm on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The polling site is PQ Elementary School.

More information is available at [www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting](http://www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting).



NSCSD School Board Candidate Forum May 2, 2023  
(l to r: Carolyn Aversano, Chris Jaeger, Matthew DeRose, and Kurt Guldán)



Moderator Katherine Dering  
North Salem MS-HS Library, May 2, 2023

### Katonah-Lewisboro Schools

The Katonah-Lewisboro Parent Council held a candidate forum on May 1. The polls in the Katonah-Lewisboro school district will be open from 6 am until 9 pm on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Vote at the elementary school that serves your attendance area. More information, including school district contact info, the proposed budget, and a link to the KLSD forum, will be available at [www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting](http://www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting).

### STUDENT VOTER REGISTRATION

We've conducted high school voter registration at John Jay & Somers and Fox Lane is happening today. Many thanks to volunteers Nancy Gould Ralphs, Del Bashkow, Sy Lynch, Tracy Inlender Fulop, Denise Elliot, and Allison Chernow. Special thanks to Allison who, as our Voter Registration Chair, did her usual great job on this. Completed registration forms are being hand-delivered to the Board of Elections in White Plains.

### MOUNT KISCO MAYORAL PRIMARY

We await the official word from the Board of Elections but there is very likely going to be a primary election to determine who will be the Democratic Party's candidate for Mount Kisco Mayor.

If this is indeed the case, we will be holding a candidate forum at the end of the month -- Wednesday, May 31. The forum will be held in the Mount Kisco Village Library and begin at 7 pm. We will accept questions for the candidates in advance of the forum; Mount Kisco residents who wish to submit questions will be able to do so at our email address.

As soon as we have details, we will pass them along and post them on our website and social media as well.

If you'd like to help out, please contact Lisa: [lcp328@gmail.com](mailto:lcp328@gmail.com), 646-341-3332.

The Primary date in New York is June 27. Early voting will run from June 17 until June 25.

### **THE ANNUAL MEETING**

#### **WARREN LUCAS TO SPEAK ABOUT BIPARTISANSHIP & CO-OPERATION**

*We are pleased to announce that elected officials from all five of our towns will be joining us for lunch, as well as our county legislator.*

The deadline to register (which, of course, once seemed far away) is fast approaching. North Salem Supervisor Warren Lucas is going to talk about putting party politics aside to get things done, something that he and his fellow town board members have been pretty successful at doing!

The luncheon is two weeks from today, on Wednesday, May 17, at Lexington Square Café in Mount Kisco (where there is now a working elevator).

***\*We strongly encourage LWVNEW members to attend the 11:00 business meeting before the noon luncheon. A quorum is necessary in order for us to vote on the proposed budget, slate, and programs for the coming league year (July 1 2023 – June 30 2024); please help set your league up for success by lending your voice and your vote on May 17. (Members may, of course, attend the free business meeting at 11 and skip the noon luncheon, if that is a better option.)***

While the business meeting is open only to members, the luncheon is open to all. Feel free to invite a friend to join you at noon.

The cost is \$50 per person and is all-inclusive: soup or salad; entrée; soft drink; fruit plate, coffee or tea; tax & gratuity. More information about the Annual Meeting & Luncheon, including how to RSVP and pay online, can be found on our website. If you prefer to pay by check, please include your menu selections. The appetizer and entrée choices are listed on the webpage:

[www.LWVNEW.org/may-17-luncheon](http://www.LWVNEW.org/may-17-luncheon)

**The deadline to register and pay is Friday, May 12.**

### **OTHER**

#### **SIA**

We're getting so close! Pierce Berke and Jesse Collins will attend the *Students Inside Albany* conference May 21-24. We've also invited them to the May 17 luncheon.

#### **LWVNYS CONVENTION**

Two LWVNEW Board members will represent us at the upcoming LWVNYS Convention in Albany, June 2-4: Co-President Susan Ferris Rights and Secretary Bruce Rights.

While we are afforded two voting delegates at Convention, ANY League member may attend. Check your inbox for a recent email from LWVNYS containing information about the weekend and the different options for attendance. Some of the workshops and speakers look very interesting.

**VIDEOS**

In addition to the school board candidate forums, our recent virtual programs are available for viewing on our website. Watch *Songs of the Suffragists* and *The NYS Housing Compact with Assemblymember Chris Burdick* at: [www.LWVNEW.org/events-1](http://www.LWVNEW.org/events-1)

**WEBSITE**

Please visit the site regularly. Our *Elections & Voting* page will be updated frequently in the lead-up to the May 16 school district elections *and* the June 27 primary election. [www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting](http://www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting)

**UPCOMING ELECTIONS**

**Thurs May 11:** Voter registration deadline for the May 2023 school board & budget votes

**Tues May 16: School District Elections** School board & budget votes. Polls are open 6am-9pm in the Katonah-Lewisboro District and 7am-9pm in the Bedford Central and North Salem Central school districts.

*For more info on registration, candidates, proposed budgets, propositions, etc., go to the Elections & Voting page of our website:* [www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting](http://www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting).

**Tues June 27: Primary Election Day**

**Sat June 17–Sun June 25: Early Voting**

Information will be posted on our *Elections & Voting* page as it becomes available.

**MEMBER TO-DO LIST**

*We need your help to make this an active & vital League!*

**>Register for the Annual Meeting &/or Luncheon**

The deadline is coming quickly: May 12!

**>Get us your appetizer & entrée selections if you have not yet done so**

Did you register and say you'd get back to us with your food choices? If so, please email [LWVNEW@gmail.com](mailto:LWVNEW@gmail.com) as soon as you can and let us know what you'd like to eat that day.

**>Attend *both* the business meeting and the luncheon on May 17**

\*IMPORTANT: A quorum is required for a vote on the proposed budget, slate, and outlook for work. If you are available on the 17<sup>th</sup>, PLEASE attend the 11 am business meeting!

**>Bring a friend to lunch**

Good food & good conversation. Local elected officials. A speaker with an interesting topic. Sounds fun...

**>Think about *at least one way* that you can contribute to our voter service mission**

Do you want to help with the Mount Kisco mayoral primary candidate forum? Or commit to helping in the fall?

Contact Lisa to discuss how you can help.

Lisa: 646-341-3332, [lcp328@gmail.com](mailto:lcp328@gmail.com)

**>Use your social media presence to publicize LWVNEW news and events**

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