# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® OF NORTHEAST WESTCHESTER

# **LWVNEW JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER**

## HAPPY NEW YEAR

Hello, 2024! While it is indeed the start of a new calendar year, January marks the halfway point in the current 2023-2024 League year. Our second half plans include:

- The *Students Inside Albany* Program (winter application & selection process, spring conference in Albany for two area students)

- Student Voter Registration (spring)
- School board candidate forums (spring)
- Environmental Program (details TBD)

## PROGRAMS OF INTEREST MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

A SPECTATOR SPORT

### THURSDAY, JAN 18TH at 7 PM

League of Women Voters of Westchester President Kathy Meany will be at the Croton Library on January 18 to discuss all things Voting in 2024. This program, a partnership with the Lorraine Hansberry Coalition, is free and open to the public. Croton Free Library 171 Cleveland Drive Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520 For more info, contact LWV Westchester at westchesterlwv@gmail.com.

## LEGISLATIVE HOT TOPICS EVENT FEBRUARY 3RD, 10 AM

Join the State League's issue specialists for a virtual event about the 2024 legislative session. This program will take a look at how the New York State League adopts and takes action on issues and sets legislative priorities. We will also introduce the various state issue specialists, how members can get engaged in their work, and what the expected hot topics are for the 2024 legislative session.

Register here: <u>Meeting Registration -</u> <u>Zoom</u>

# PASSING THE NYS EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

### MARCH 9TH, 10:30 AM

This is actually a program being put on by the AAUW (American Association of University Women) but the speaker is Erika Smitka, Deputy Director if the League of Women Voters of New York State. The program is a hybrid, held inperson at the Greenburgh Library and on Zoom.

The NY ERA will be on our ballots this fall. LWVNYS supports its passage and we have a few members working on that effort.

Registration links will be provided once we have them.

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#### **LWVNEW** Newsletter

#### January 2024

NY'S MEDICAL AID IN DYING ACT

We co-sponsored the December 10<sup>th</sup> program held at the Yonkers Library. A recording is available for viewing here: <u>https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/</u> <u>?ref=watch\_permalink&v=69154088611</u> 4790

(The presentation begins at the 2:10 mark) New York's Medical Aid in Dying Act (A995a/S2445a) would allow a terminally ill, mentally capable adult to request a prescription for medication from their doctor that they can decide to take, at a time of their choosing, to bring about a peaceful death. The League of Women Voters of New York State supports medical aid in dying.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

#### DUES

Have you received a renewal notice? We send them out via email and "snail mail." Everyone's anniversary date (and, therefore, renewal date) is different. We let you know when you are up for renewal and then generally provide a grace period after that, during which we follow up with subsequent reminders. On January 31, LWVUS will take a snapshot of local league membership lists and we would like to have our records be as accurate as possible. *Please help us with roster clan-up*. If you have received a renewal reminder, you can pay online or by mail. > PO Box 385, Cross River NY 10518
> <u>www.LWVNEW.org/membership</u>
Questions? Contact Membership Chair
Lisa Pizzurro at <u>LWVNEW@gmail.com</u>



A warm welcome to our newest member, Liz Gereghty



#### <u>OTHER</u>

LWVNEW BOARD MEETINGS 2023-24 Here's the remaining schedule: CHANGED! TUES JAN 23 Board & Committee Chairs 7 pm on ZOOM TUES FEB 13 12:30 pm at 10 Deer Ridge Rd TUES MAR 12 Board & Committee Chairs 7 pm on ZOOM TUES APR 9 12:30 pm at 10 Deer Ridge Rd MAY TBD ANNUAL MEETING

**TUES JUN 11** Board & Committee Chairs 7 pm on ZOOM

ANY MEMBER is welcome to attend our monthly Board meetings.

#### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Are you on social media? We are! Facebook: LWVNEW Twitter/X: @LWVNEW

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# VOTING 2024: DEMOCRACY IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT



When does early voting begin? Are there new redistricting maps?

Can I register to vote online?

What should I know about the presidential primary and general elections?

Join the Lorraine Hansberry Coalition of Croton and Kathy Meany, President of The League of Women Voters of Westchester County, for a discussion on voting 2024.

# January 18, 2024, 7 PM

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