

LWVNEW JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

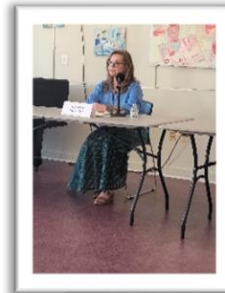
VOTER SERVICE

MOUNT KISCO DEMOCRATIC MAYORAL PRIMARY CANDIDATE FORUM, MAY 31

This forum was held at the Mount Kisco Public Library and featured the two people vying to be the Democratic candidate for Mayor of Mount Kisco in this fall's general election: Deputy Mayor Lisa Abzun and Tom Luzio. Thank you to Susan Polos for moderating and to Kay Tyler for timekeeping. Thanks also to Nancy Gould Ralphs for acting as a greeter at the well-attended event.



Candidates Abzun and Luzio with Moderator Susan Polos



Deputy Mayor Lisa Abzun and Tom Luzio

SO MANY WAYS TO GET INFORMED

>WATCH THE CANDIDATE FORUM

-On Demand:

English: [Mount Kisco Democratic Mayoral Primary Candidate Forum, 5.31.23 on Vimeo](#)

Spanish: <https://vimeo.com/832456650>

Links to both are available at

www.LWVNEW.org/events-1

Facebook: [villageofmountkisco](#)

-OR when it airs on cable access:

Channel 20 or 40, depending on your provider

Find broadcast schedule here:

[Schedule \(mountkisony.gov\)](#)

>MORE CANDIDATE INFO TO BE AVAILABLE

AT: www.Vote411.org

>CHECK LOCAL MEDIA OUTLETS

WATCH – READ – VOTE!

PRIMARY DAY IS TUES JUNE 27

**EARLY VOTING BEGINS SAT JUNE 17
AND ENDS SUN JUNE 25**

**THE EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE & LIST
OF POLLING SITES CAN BE FOUND AT
www.LWVNEW.org/elections-voting**

VOTE411.ORG

Vote411.org is the League's election website. Want to see if you live in an area where a primary is being held? Enter your address at Vote411.org to find out! If you will be voting in the Democratic Party's mayoral primary in Mount Kisco, both candidates will be given the opportunity to enter information at Vote411.org.

**An early heads up: The Westchester County League is likely to cease publication of a printed Voters Guide, so we probably won't be mailing out paper Guides this fall (which we usually do, to our members & donors).*

BUT...the Vote411 website can do what the printed Voters Guide did! (And more!) At Vote411.org, you will be able to find the candidate information that used to be included in the print version of the Guide. In fact, the online version allows more time for candidate participation, since the website does not have the printing deadlines associated with the paper Voters Guide -- deadlines that got even tighter with the advent of Early Voting and hindered candidate participation.

ANYWAY, that's a heads up for the fall.
For June Primary info, go to www.Vote411.org

VOTER REGISTRATION

As previously mentioned, Allison Chernow applied for a grant from LWVUS and is leading our voter registration efforts with the formerly incarcerated. Allison will be partnering this summer with Charles Moore, Head of Programs for *Rehabilitation Through the Arts*. Our LWVUS grant runs through

Oct 2023, so in late June, July and August, they will be stationed together on a rotating basis at parole offices in Westchester, registering formerly incarcerated people who are required to visit their parole officers every two weeks. Charles, as a formerly incarcerated person, will be the "credible messenger" to convey the importance and meaningfulness of voting, and Allison will provide the logistical and administrative support for this effort. Their informal goal is to register 250 people and to collect contact information for GOTV follow up before November's election.

MEMBERSHIP**DUES**

If you have received a renewal notice but have not yet paid, please do so as soon as possible. You can pay at the website or mail a check to the PO box.

>Pay by mail:

LWVNEW, PO Box 385, Cross River NY 10518

>Pay online:

www.LWVNEW.org/membership

>Questions? Contact Membership Chair Lisa Pizzurro at LWVNEW@gmail.com

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

A warm welcome to:

Katherine Daniels, Elena & Matt Neary, and Elizabeth Almeyda

OTHER**STUDENTS INSIDE ALBANY**

Pierce & Jesse attended the first in-person SIA conference since 2019. We can't wait to hear about it!

ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON

We had a great turnout for both the business meeting and the luncheon this year! Thank you to all of you who attended the meeting before lunch; we had a quorum and were able to vote on the 2023-24 budget, programs, and slate. All three were approved. Elected officials from all five of our towns, as well as our county legislator and a staffer from a state senator’s office, joined us for lunch at Lexington Square Café. We heard from one of our SIA students, Pierce Berke, and then North Salem Supervisor Warren Lucas spoke to the group about bipartisanship and cooperation – the importance of collaborating, finding common ground, and not coming from a place of “no.”



North Salem Supervisor Warren Lucas



Above: Current and former elected officials
Below: Great turnout! A mix of members and elected officials (some of whom are also members!)





LWVNEW Student Member & SIA Selection Pierce Berke
Below: 1st VP Bob Boffa introduces Supervisor Lucas





SPECIAL THANKS

With her 2022-23 term as a board director coming to an end, **Kay Tyler** (pictured center in the above photo) has stepped down after *many* years of board service. We are fortunate that she will continue to be a part of LWVNEW; in fact, she just acted as the timekeeper for the Mount Kisco candidate forum! Many thanks to Kay for her time on the board as a longtime vice-president & membership chair and, more recently, as a director.

Longtime board member **Barbara Kravitz** has stepped away as well. Barbara served as our treasurer for *many* years and served as a vice-president this past year. She oversees our fall fundraising efforts and has helped craft many budgets. She also

helped our current treasurer transition into the role.

Thank you, Barbara. We wish you the best of luck with your new home.

LWVNYS CONVENTION

We are allotted two voting delegates at the State Convention, which is being held in Albany this first weekend of June. President Susan Ferris Rights and Secretary Bruce Rights are slated to attend. We look forward to an update.

IMPACT: A QUICK 2022-2023 YEAR-END RECAP

5 CANDIDATE FORUMS:

Fall: (2) - State Assembly and State Senate

Spring: (3) - Two School Boards

-Mt Kisco Democratic Mayoral Primary

Fall & Spring: Several members moderated forums throughout Westchester

7 STUDENT VOTER REGISTRATIONS:

Fall: 4 Schools, 78 Completed Forms

Spring: 3 Schools, 82 Completed Forms

VOTERS GUIDE/VOTE 411:

Gathered information for print & online

Mailed Guides to our members & donors

STUDENTS INSIDE ALBANY:

Sent two students

PROGRAMS:

Songs of the Suffragists

NYS Housing Compact w/Chris Burdick

OTHER:

Members volunteered their time at the County, State and National levels of the League

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