

## LWVNEW DECEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

### A NOTE FROM LISA P.

As you are aware, Susan Ferris Rights has stepped down as President of LWVNEW. I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank Susan for her hard work and dedication over the past few years. Susan brought with her from New Jersey many years of League experience and jumped right in here in New York. She first served on the LWVNEW Board as a Director, then as Co-President (with me) before agreeing to serve as President. Although she has stepped away from the Board, Susan remains a valuable member of LWVNEW.

~ Lisa Pizzurro

### VOTER SERVICE

#### FALL ELECTION SEASON

Taking a quick look back at the fall election season, we registered 103 new voters and co-sponsored a State Senate District 40 candidate forum. We helped with Vote411.org. We populated and updated the *Elections & Voting* page of our website with pertinent information and posted

candidate forum videos to our *News & Events* page. We also pushed info out to voters via our social media pages. ***Sincere thanks once again to LWVNEW's fall volunteers. We couldn't have done it without you.***

### MEMBERSHIP

#### WELCOME

A warm LWVNEW welcome to our newest members: *Joan Damiani, Howard Hellwinkel, Samantha Smitte, and Gail Pantezzi.*

#### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you recently received a renewal notice and wish to renew your membership, please do so as soon as possible.

Visit [LWVNEW.org/membership](https://LWVNEW.org/membership) for both online and paper check payment options.

#### CHAPTERSPOT

Treasurer, Membership Chair, and Webmaster training continues as we prepare for the League's nationwide transition to the ChapterSpot dues collection system. The switch is slated for February 1; *more on this in the January newsletter.*

## STUDENT OUTREACH

### STUDENTS INSIDE ALBANY

League activity will start to rev up again ahead of the spring election season, with the notification deadline for May's *Students Inside Albany Conference (SIA)* set for March 3. Our SIA Chair, Tracy Inlender Fulop, has already begun outreach to area schools. We will be sending one student this year. By targeting high school juniors, we hope to reduce the chance that our student will drop out; neither of our selected students in 2024 ended up attending SIA and both happened to be seniors. Not to paint all second semester high school seniors with a broad brush (!) BUT a junior, with college in mind, may be more likely to see the program through. More about the program in next month's newsletter.

### WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA ONLINE? CHECK US OUT!

If you are not familiar with our website, please give it a visit – perhaps after the hustle & bustle of the holidays. We want to make sure that our members are aware of the resources available to everyone at [www.LWVNEW.org](http://www.LWVNEW.org).

>If you happen to be on social media, please check us out on Facebook (LWVNEW) or X/Twitter (@LWVNEW)

## REMINDER

While the League never supports or opposes candidates, it *does* hold positions on issues and advocates for legislation in support of those positions. *LWVUS, LWVNYS, and LWV of Westchester County all provide advocacy and volunteer opportunities for members to get further involved if they so choose. Here at the local level, LWVNEW is overwhelmingly focused on local voter service and voter education.*



Happy  
Holidays  
and all the best  
in the coming  
new year!

