

## LWVNEW JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

### FROM YOUR CO-PRESIDENTS

*Happy New Year! We hope that you and your family were able to enjoy the holiday season and avoid a visit from Omicron, everyone's least wanted guest. This pandemic drags on and it is hard to feel hopeful when we've begun 2022 riding yet another Covid wave. But there are always things to look forward to – personal achievements, family milestones, etc. As far as LWVNEW is concerned, we have the Students Inside Albany selection process this winter and school board elections and student voter registration this spring.*

*Our first task, however, will be a membership push. We really need to add members, preferably active members. We are, of course, very grateful to those of you who contribute to our league through dues alone. Without paying members, we wouldn't be here! But like so many organizations, LWVNEW has a core group of members who do the bulk of the heavy lifting. We really need help – people willing to step up and assist with candidate forums, voter registration, and the like.*

*Please give this a few minutes of your time. Think about how you would help out. And think about someone you know who might want to get involved. Stay safe!*

*-Katherine & Lisa*

### YOUTH

#### STUDENTS INSIDE ALBANY

We have been allocated the two spots that we requested for May's *Students Inside Albany* conference. For the third year in a row, the pandemic situation makes things a bit tricky. We have our fingers crossed that SIA 2022 will be an in-person event, after last year's program was virtual and the 2020 conference was cancelled. But we don't want to approach the schools just yet, as districts are busy dealing with the impacts of Covid.

*Students Inside Albany* is a multi-day experience sponsored by the League of Women Voters of New York State. Sixty students from all over New York come together for workshops, meetings with their state representatives, networking, and socialization.

If you would like to join the Youth Committee and help with the SIA 2022 selection process, please reach out to our Youth co-chairs, Barbara Dodds and Susan Polos.

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### OTHER

#### REDISTRICTING

The New York State Independent Redistricting Commission held another meeting on January 3. The IRC could not come to an agreement and is sticking with one set of proposed Republican maps and one set of proposed Democrat maps! Yes,

the bipartisan IRC will be sending two sets of partisan maps (!) to the legislature. The legislature will vote on the IRC's maps. If the maps are rejected, the IRC gets to try again. If *those* maps are rejected, the legislature can draft maps.

You can watch the contentious January 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting here:

<https://totalwebcasting.com/view/?func=V OFF&id=nysirc&date=2022-01-03&seq=1>

And you can review the current plans here: <https://nyirc.gov/plans>

### PROGRAM PLANNING

The League of Women Voters of the U.S. is looking to state and local leagues for input on program planning. This is our opportunity to have a voice in the national organization (where a large percentage of our dues go!) in advance of LWVUS's Convention in June. In addition, there are two specific proposals looking for support, in an effort to be considered for adoption in June: one dealing with Healthcare and the other with Broadband Access. We will send you the pertinent information in a separate email; this could be a great opportunity for us to "meet" as a league (likely virtually) and discuss some important issues. Watch your inbox!

### VIDEOS

There are two Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) hearings available for viewing on the News & Events page of our website, including the recent January hearing.

<https://www.lwvnew.org/events-1>

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