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President's Corner

What Can We Do in 2024?

We do a lot to build an engaged and informed electorate. Especially important things we do:

- Prepare Vote411 so everyone can find out who's running in their districts and find information to help them decide who to vote for
- Organize candidate forums so that voters can see their candidates speak in real time and learn how they think and speak and react
- Register voters
- Work to Get Out The Vote

All of that is great work, but I've never had the feeling that we're moving the needle on voter participation. Take Vote411: many candidates didn't respond to our invitation, so many voters couldn't learn what they needed to know because only one side of many electoral races was represented.

Likewise, while our candidate forums are great, many candidates decline to participate and large portions of the city are still very under-registered and their voices are ignored. We work in low-turnout neighborhoods to get out the vote, but they are still low-turnout neighborhoods.

WE CAN DO WHAT OUR MEMBERS EMPOWER US TO DO

We can do a lot when we have the volunteer strength to do it. With more people working on Vote411, we can push candidates harder. For example, we've sorted our member data so that we know who among our members lives in every district and we can use potential constituents to urge candidates to participate.

I was delighted at our mini-retreat to hear all the great ideas people have about how to reach voters. Some of the ideas that really appeal to me:

- Hang posters with early voting and Vote411 info in elevator lobbies in the many high-rise apartment buildings that serve elderly and low-income people. We need volunteers to reach out to building management. And by the way, would those residents like a voter registration table, or a speaker? Could the bus they use to take residents to the grocery store also take them to an early voting location or the local poll site?
- Similar posters could be used in every church, community center, barber shop, beauty salon, laundromat and grocery store. Again, we need people willing to reach out and make the ask at places we've never worked before.
- Do assisted living places help new residents put in a change of address for voting when residents move in? Could they also provide transportation to groups of residents to vote? It seems worth asking.
- Sixteen and seventeen-year olds are allowed to register to vote. Do they remember to vote when they turn 18? What if we mailed them birthday greetings welcoming them to the electorate?

Please, speak up with your ideas and take on a task, hopefully with some partners. We can do a lot if we all do something.

Barbara Grosh

<mailto:president@lww-rma.org>



OUR LIVES BEGIN TO END
THE DAY WE BECOME
SILENT ABOUT
THINGS THAT MATTER.

Martin Luther King Jr.



February Mini-Retreat

On Saturday February 10, approximately 50 LWV-RMA members and potential members attended a “mini-retreat” at the Third Presbyterian Church. During the morning, participants connected with the leaders of various LWV-RMA teams and shared ideas and interests. The results were 1) additional volunteers for many of the teams and 2) renewed enthusiasm for current team members.

Teams represented and the members who manned the tables were:

- Voter registration at neighborhood groups, festivals, etc. (Cathy Kane and Deb Gordon)
- Voter registration at high schools and colleges (Tess McFarland-Porter)
- Souls to the Polls and Get Out the Vote (Kim Byers)
- New “Meet Your Ballot” program & naturalization ceremony registration (Barbara Grosh & Sheila Abeling)
- Putting together Vote411 and candidate forums (Tonya Brooks)
- Lobbying our representatives in Albany (Barbara Murphy)
- Working to increase voting among those who are and/or were incarcerated (Judy Sternberg)
- Things that don’t fall in the other committees (Mary Micket & Connie Flahive)

Connections were renewed and made as everyone mingled and tried to identify people who had helped democracy in one of twenty ways. One participant stated, “it was one of the best ice breaker activities I have participated in, even if there were no prizes.”

As part of the registration process, participants were asked to complete a skill and interest questionnaire. This document will be used to better match requests for volunteers with member’s interests and skills. If you are a member of LWV-RMA and have not completed the form, please do so. It can be found on <https://members.lwv-rma.org/members/form.php?orgcode=LWVR&fid=6603367>

After a buffet lunch, the group participated in the Program Planning Session. President Barbara Grosh explained the League’s “one voice” policy. She reminded everyone that as individuals we can support any candidates and policies, but if we are representing the LWV we must remain non-partisan and support only policies supported by the League. She also explained how the League chooses which policies to support.

The following programs were presented, discussed and approved by League members in attendance:

- 1) The LWVUS 2024 program **Making Democracy Work** which included:
 - Expanding Voter Access
 - Fighting Voter Suppression
 - Money in Politics
 - Redistricting
 - Abolishing the Electoral College
- 2) The proposed Vermont Concurrence Statement – The LWVVT Update to LWVUS Position on Privatization.

The most exciting part of the meeting was that 15 people joined LWV-RMA. Learn more about our new members on page 10.



Is It Time for Rent Stabilization in Rochester?

The state of New York enables cities to opt-in to a rent stabilization process that limits rent increases. We will hear from members of the City-Wide Tenants Union who will give us a lot of information: how fast have rents been rising? What are the vacancy rates? How are renters impacted? How does the process of opting-in work? What housing units would be affected? How does the process of rent stabilization work after implementation? Would it discourage investment in housing in Rochester?

The City Council will be asked to vote soon on whether to opt-in, so the issue is timely. RocActs (a coalition of which we are a member) has endorsed it. Join us to learn about it on Zoom, March 4, 7:00 P.M. Register here:

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Voting to Approve the ERA in NY is Crucial

Did you know that our state constitution currently lacks protection against sex discrimination? New York State has laws against sex discrimination, but they can easily be repealed. Constitutional Amendments, however, provide more durable protection.

New York lawmakers have, in two consecutive sessions, passed the New York Equal Rights Amendment which would ban a wide range of discrimination based on sex, expressly including sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, pregnancy and pregnancy outcomes. It would also ban discrimination based on age, disability, ethnicity and national origin and establish a constitutional right to abortion and other reproductive health care.

The measure will now appear on the ballot in November 2024 for final approval. It requires a majority vote to pass and be enshrined in the state constitution.

Adding an Equal Rights Amendment to our state constitution would:

- Broadly prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, disability, age, or sex including pregnancy and pregnancy outcomes, reproductive health care and autonomy, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.
- Explicitly include language to clarify that discrimination based on a person's pregnancy or pregnancy outcome is sex discrimination. This is crucial given the national trend of criminalizing people for various pregnancy outcomes, as well as the Supreme Court's overturning of Roe v. Wade.
- Ensure comprehensive and inclusive equal protections that will guard against attacks on our rights from the federal government or federal judges, including threats to the legal equality of LGBTQI+ people.

Read the text of the Amendment below:

A. No person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws of this state or any subdivision thereof. No person shall, because of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, creed [or], religion, or sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, and reproductive healthcare and autonomy, be subjected to any discrimination in [his or her] their civil rights by any other person or by any firm, corporation, or institution, or by the state or any agency or subdivision of the state, pursuant to law.

B. Nothing in this section shall invalidate or prevent the adoption of any law, regulation, program, or practice that is designed to prevent or dismantle discrimination on the basis of a characteristic listed in this section, nor shall any characteristic listed in this section be interpreted to interfere with, limit, or deny the civil rights of any person based upon any other characteristic identified in this section.

Security of Monroe County Election Machines and Ballots for In-Person Voting

Nationally, concerns have been raised about the machines used to record votes. In Monroe County, the following controls are in place to ensure the machine counts are accurate and that all ballots are recorded:

- Machines must meet Federal and State requirements for design and software.
- Machines are stored in secure locations and access is limited to approved personnel.
- Machines are put through logic and accuracy tests prior to being sent to polling places.
- Machines and ballots are secured with tamper-evident seals and transported in secure containers.
- The machines have no Wi-Fi or Bluetooth connectivity and therefore cannot be accessed electronically.
- Keys to the machines are brought separately to polling places by a site lead.

Prior to polls opening each of the tasks below is completed by 2 people, a Republican and a Democrat:

- The key which is delivered separately is used to unlock the machine.
- Each machine has a tracking number and all information about that machine can be tracked.
- The team verifies that the seals securing the memory cards that record the votes are in place and unbroken and records the seal numbers.
- Two copies of a report are printed from the machine. These show the machine number and the fact no ballots have been recorded for any candidate. These are signed by both members of the team. One copy of that report is taken to a secure location in a locked bag at the end of the day, and the other is taken to a different location in the sealed bin with the ballots.
- The machine is locked and the key is held in a secure location during polling.
- A separate bipartisan team counts and records the number of ballots provided for each district.

During polling the following activities are overseen by 2 people, a Republican and a Democrat:

- Ballots inserted into the machine fall into a bin locked within the machine.
- The machine records the ballots scanned on 2 separate memory cards which cannot be accessed without opening the machine and breaking seals.
- Inspectors monitor the machines continually.
- Any ballots rejected by the machine that cannot be cured by the voter are marked "spoiled" and sealed in an envelope by the voter prior to the voter being issued new ballot. Any ballots found abandoned in any area are secured and marked as "abandoned".

After polls close each of the tasks below is completed by 2 people, a Republican and a Democrat:

- Two copies of the report from the machine are printed. The report now shows the total ballots cast on the machine and the number of votes for each candidate. One copy of the report is delivered to a secure location in the locked bag and the other is placed in the bin with the ballots. This copy is available for a short time to be inspected by any member of the public who is in attendance.
- The two memory cards are removed from the machine. One is placed in the locked bag for delivery to a secure location and the other is placed in the bin with the ballots.
- The bin with the ballots is sealed without the ballots being touched. The bin is delivered to a separate location by different people than the locked bag with the paperwork and one memory card.
- A reconciliation of the ballots is completed. The number of ballots at the start of the day less the number reported as cast on the machine report and the number of spoiled or abandoned ballots must equal the number of unused ballots on hand.

If you have questions or receive questions on the controls related to election security or integrity in our area, please forward them to micketeditor@gmail.com and we will research and publish the correct response.

Naturalization Report

2024 has brought us several naturalization ceremonies. Please check our website to see an updated schedule of ceremonies for the year. All are welcome to attend! If you have an interest in volunteering to help new citizens register to vote, please contact Sheila at sheiler162007@gmail.com.

On January 16, there was a Naturalization Ceremony at the Monroe County Office Building at 11:00 A.M. Beth Feldman and Margret Roberts represented the League. Twenty-eight candidates became new citizens and were helped to register to vote.

Also on January 16, at 1:00 P.M, there was an oath ceremony at the Federal Building. Judge Larimer officiated at the ceremony. Margaret Supinski represented the League. Forty-two candidates became new citizens.

Submitted by Sheila Abeling



Redistricting Update

The Independent Redistricting Commission submitted its proposed new Congressional districts to the Legislature on February 15th – two weeks earlier than required by the court order.

This time, unlike 2022, the Commission agreed on a single map. The Legislature must accept or reject the proposal and adopt a new map before candidates can run for House seats in 2024, and time is short. Changes to the petitioning requirements and/or primary schedule are likely.

The proposed map largely resembles the current districts drawn by the court in 2022. Reaction to the proposal has been mixed. Prominent Republicans praised it and called for quick approval. Many Democrats expressed doubt and called for careful deliberation.

Because the proposed map resembles the current map, Republicans see an opportunity to keep most of the additional seats they won in 2022. Only one seat, District 22 (Syracuse & Utica) is considered likely to flip from R to D due to new district lines. Here in the Rochester area, District 25 is virtually unchanged – the Orleans County portion was removed, and Victor was added.

The proposal, including interactive map, can be seen here: <https://www.nyirc.gov/congressional-plan-2024>

Update: On 2/26 the NYS Assembly and Senate voted the IRC proposed map down. There are ongoing discussions to determine what the next steps will be.

Submitted by Dave Garretson

Voter Services

Voter Services tabled at St. Michael's Church on January 27 during their food pantry and community meal. Once again, Mollie Traub provided her Spanish language skills. Thank you, Mollie! We also participated in RIT's Community Service Fair on January 26.

Our League received a \$1,000 grant from the LWV Education Fund to encourage new citizens to vote as well as a \$500 grant to reach out to register young voters and encourage them to vote. These projects are in the development phase.

This year we will be coordinating registration efforts with Delta Theta Sigma Alumnae Sorority and Rochester Voter Alliance to increase our collective outreach and avoid duplication of efforts.

A remote meeting of the ROCActs/LWV voting rights task force will take place on March 19th and be held monthly. If you are interested in joining us, please email a request for the meeting details to voterservices@lwv-rma.org. We have several volunteer opportunities including voter registration, Get Out The Vote events, and voter education. Join us on March 19th to learn more.

Submitted by Deb Gordon and Cathy Kane



What NY Legislature Is Doing to Enhance Voting Rights and Election Security

Since the 2020 elections NYS has passed and enacted into law the following:

2022

S.2951A/A.8858A Reduced voter registration deadline from 25 to 10 days before Election Day.

S.284-C/A.642-C Requires counting affidavit ballots of eligible voters if a voter appears at a polling place in the correct county but incorrect election district.

John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act of NY Provides protections against voter suppression and voter intimidation, deception or obstruction.

2023

S.438/A.928 Prohibits “faithless electors” from impacting the outcome of a presidential election.

S.350/A.5874 Prohibits “forum shopping” in constitutional challenges for election cases.

S.6519A/A.1565A Establishes a deadline for changing the location of an early voting polling place.

S.6195/A.117 Allows absentee ballots to be counted if they have been taped and show no signs of tampering.

S. 5984-A/A. 6132-A Creates a “Golden Day” on the first day of the early voting period, when New Yorkers can both register to vote and cast their ballots at their polling place all on the same day.

S. 7394-A/A. 7632-A Establishes a system for early voting by mail, bringing a new form of universal mail-in voting to New York State.

S. 587/A.268 Requires the New York State Board of Elections to develop and provide a training program for poll workers.

THE FOLLOWING BILLS ARE PENDING IN THE 2024 NY LEGISLATURE:

Supported by LWVNYS

S.616/A.1346 Allows snacks and non-alcoholic drinks to be given to voters waiting in line at the polls.

S.610/A.7243 Allows local Boards of Elections to establish absentee ballot drop-off locations.

S.657A Establishes a NY voting and elections database and an academic center.

S.6173B/A.7052 Authorizes the state board of elections to join a multistate voter list maintenance organization.

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S.263/A.8608 Increases criminal penalties for crimes of voter deception and suppression.

S.371/A.2633 Would ban political spending by foreign-influenced business entities in New York’s state and local elections.

S.6675/A.7095 Requires public-facing websites operated by political committees to include “paid for by” language.

LWVNYS has no opinion

B.1460 This resolution rescinds previous calls by the NYS Legislature for a US Constitutional Convention.

Submitted by Judy Sternberg

To obtain more information on these, or other NYS bills, search using the format “nys bill S.###”.
The NYS Senate site will be listed and provides accurate and timely information.

New Members

Between January 15 and February 15 new members joined LWV-RMA!

We asked them to introduce themselves, and as of our publication deadline these are the responses we have received. We will publish the remaining introductions in our next issue.

Barbara Brody "I am a retired clinical social worker. I have been volunteering for years to support candidates, sending postcards, etc. I am a member of the Gates Democrats. I want to make sure our democracy continues."

Maggie Brown "During WWII, my father was in the Navy. Shortly after he returned home, he took me with him to vote. He lifted me up so I could pull that noisy curtain around us. Then he explained the process and pointed out which candidate to vote for. I pulled the levers all by myself. When we came out of the booth, the workers congratulated ME for voting. I was six years old (definitely an 'early voter!') and felt very proud of myself. Since then, I have supported issues and candidates, registered others, and served as Election Inspector as often as I was eligible. Dad would be proud. (But I have never again let someone tell me WHO I had to vote for.)"

I believe that voting is every citizen's right and responsibility, especially in these divisive times. I see my duty as helping to ease the process at all levels. I have opinions on everything. When I finally felt ready to take on the challenge of assisting others without expressing my personal thoughts, I joined the LWV. I am hoping to find opportunities, techniques, and companions with shared values. I see my involvement as a thank-you to my father and all the others who sacrificed as well as a gift to coming generations."

Judie Fay "I am a retired RN and feel I need to do what I can to keep our Democracy. I have participated in phone banks for candidates, but am a supporter of The LWV."

Cindy Fleischer "I am a former Biology and Chemistry teacher and co-Executive Director of a non-profit I co-founded. We were an information and referral service for adoption and foster care that eventually became part of Hillside Children's Services. I have two adult professional children who were adopted from South Korea. I spent 2020 working as a full-time non-paid staffer on a Congressional campaign which, unfortunately, ended in defeat. I worked as an election official last November and am considering helping again in that capacity. I've long been interested in LWV, but hadn't investigated until I met a wonderful Metro Rochester chapter member, Tess McFarland. I joined LWV to do my small part to help save the basic function of our democratic republic. I can't let it go without a fight!"

Alexandra LoFredo "I have a two and four year old who love climbing trees and riding scooters! I've been teaching kids with dyslexia for 15 years and have always loved my job! I love to read and listen to books! And, I joined the League to help get as many people as possible to vote in the upcoming election!!"

Susan Miller "I care deeply for our country and want to see our next president handle national and international issues with respect and honor. I would like to help achieve these goals for the Greater Rochester community. Personally, I'm a wife of almost 64 years, a mother of three sons, a mother-in-law, a grandmother and great-grandmother for many darling children. My main interest in life, besides my family and friends, is to advocate for hearing accessibility at the local, state, and national level."

Nicole Reisig "I am a nature lover, I spend as much time as I can outside. My favorite place to be is in the woods hiking and searching for mushrooms and other of nature treasures. I am a Mom of two awesome kiddos. My partner and I have settled our crew in the city of Rochester in the upper Monroe neighborhood."

Kim Schmidt "I am a retired Marriage & Family Therapist. My favorite gig is "Nana," and you will often find me taking my grandchildren on mystery trips and adventures. I am most at home in the natural world and am an avid birder. I am an active volunteer with Keeping Our Promise, helping to safely resettle Afghan Allies in the Rochester area. I joined the LWV with hopes of helping New Americans register to vote."

Patricia Willis "I have been in Rochester since 1967 & I worked in the not-for-profit community until my retirement in 2020. Most of my work was in program development & community outreach. I knew & admired a woman many years ago who was a LWV-RMA member. I decided then that someday I'd follow in her footsteps by becoming a member of LWV. Now is that time!"

Other new members are:

Alan Dozoretz

Marianne Gocker

Grace Monahan

Susan Porter

Cheryl Robinson

Ellie Rosenbloom

Amy Stockwell

Help Wanted

The LWV-RMA is looking for people to serve in leadership roles starting in June 2024.

Much of the work can be accomplished from home at times that fit into your personal schedule. The holders of these positions are requested to attend the monthly Board meetings which are generally held via Zoom.

The most important qualification for each of the roles is a desire to help the organization meet its mission of:

- Encouraging informed, active participation in government,
- Working to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and
- Influencing public policy through education and advocacy

Treasurer: Primary responsibilities include writing checks, tracking money received and paid on Quicken, producing a monthly report of income and expenses, and supporting audit and budget committees. A basic knowledge of finances and Quicken and Excel are helpful for the position. Position requires approximately 25 hours per month.

Communication/PR Chairperson: Primary responsibility is to lead a team to coordinate consistent LWV-RMA messaging between Web page, Facebook, Instagram, Newsletter, and other media. The position will also handle information requests and work with outside consultants as needed to facilitate messaging. Strong communication skills and knowledge of various communication tools are helpful for the position. Position requires approximately 10-15 hours per month.

Membership Chairperson: Lead a team to increase awareness of, and membership in LWV-RMA by engaging with other community organizations and by coordinating efforts with other League teams. Networking skills and community involvement are helpful for the position. Position requires approximately 10 hours per month.

If you are interested in any of the following positions please reach out to the Nominating Committee Chairperson Mary Hussong- Kallen nominations@lww-rma.org or Barbara Grosh president@lww-rma.org

LWV-RMA Book Club

Book Club members meet on Zoom at 4:30 P.M. on the third Thursday of the months shown below. If you would like to participate in the discussion of one of our books or join the Book Club, send an email to Judy Weinstein at j.weinstein.roc@gmail.com to be sent the Zoom link. Participation is not limited to League members.

BOOKS REMAINING FOR THIS PROGRAM YEAR INCLUDE:

- March 21 *Poverty by America* by Mathew Desmond;
- May 16 *American Midnight: The Great War, a Violent Peace, and Democracy's Forgotten Crisis* by Adam Hochschild; and
- July 18 *Democracy Awakening: Notes on the State of America* by Heather Cox Richardson.

If you have an idea to share or a desire to become a member of a LWV-RMA team, please reach out to one of the Committee Contacts listed on the last page of this newsletter. If in doubt on who to contact reach out to president@lww-rma.org

Calendar



Events sponsored by LWV-RMA are **bolded below**. The sponsors and other information on all events can be found by viewing the event on the LWV-RMA calendar. See link below.

March

- 1 **(Fri) LWV-RMA First Friday** 11:30 A.M.–1:30 P.M. at I-Square, 400 Bakers Square (off Titus Ave), Irondequoit
- 2 (Sat) LWVNYS – Regional Training Workshop 9:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at The Perkins Mansion, 494 East Avenue, Rochester
- 2 (Sat) 2024 Virtual Greater Rochester Antiracist Education Conference 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. via Zoom
- 4 **(Wed) LWV-RMA Is It Time for Rent Stabilization in Rochester?** 7:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. via Zoom
- 7 (Thur) LWVUS-Empowering Democracy: The Impact of Absentee Ballots and Drop Boxes 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. via Zoom
- 13 **(Wed) LWV-RMA Board Meeting** 6:00 P.M.–7:30 P.M. at Spot Coffee

- 13 (Wed) LWVUS-Politics, Power & Promoting Women: Strengthening Institutions to Improve Outcomes 12:30 P.M.-1:30 P.M. via Zoom
- 20 (Wed) News Literacy Project -Is It Misinformation? 7:00 PM-8:00 P.M. via Zoom
- 21 **(Thur) LWV-RMA Book Club** *Poverty by America*, by Matthew Desmond 4:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. via Zoom

April

- 5 **(Fri) LWV-RMA First Friday 11:30 AM–1:30 P.M. at I-Square, 400 Bakers Square (off Titus Ave), Irondequoit**
- 10 **(Wed) LWV-RMA Board Meeting** 6:00 P.M.–7:30 P.M. via Zoom
- 13 **(Wed) LWV-RMA Board Meeting** 6:00 P.M.–7:30 P.M. via Zoom

Note: For links to Zoom meetings, please visit our website: www.lwv-rma.org

For events scheduled after publication, event information, Zoom links, and registration (if required) see: https://members.lwv-rma.org/members/calendar4_responsive.php?org_id=LWVR

Be sure to check your email and our website for other events as they are scheduled!


Join First Friday for Social Time at I-Square in Irondequoit.

There’s no agenda but we talk about everything League and lots of political discussions. A lot of great ideas originate at First Fridays and a lot of work gets done.

- March 1
- April 5
- May 3
- June 7



Whenever you attend a League event, take pictures & email them to The Voter editor at micketeditor@gmail.com.



Board of Directors meetings are currently via Zoom. Board meetings are open to all members. See calendar for dates and times and contact Barbara Grosh for link.

Forums are open to the public. Calendar information is subject to change.

For more complete information, consult our website at www.LWV-RMA.org, call 262-3730 or e-mail us at info@lwv-rma.org

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