

# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW YORK STATE

## 57<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention



**"FAILURE IS IMPOSSIBLE"**

*June 9-11, 2017  
The Holiday Inn Syracuse/Liverpool  
Liverpool, New York*

# CALL TO CONVENTION

**To:** Local League Presidents  
**From:** Dare Thompson

**This is the official call to attend the 57th Convention of the League of Women Voters of New York State** to be held June 9-11, 2017, at The Holiday Inn in Liverpool, NY. It begins with the opening plenary session at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 10, 2017.

Convention is an opportunity

- to meet a group of dynamic leaders from around the state
- to make new friends and renew old friendships
- for new leaders to learn the basics of League operation
- for newer League members to be bitten by the "Leaguebug"
- to improve your League's use of technology
- to streamline your League and become more effective with less work.

It is also a wonderful exercise of grassroots democracy in action. Delegates representing the local Leagues come together to make the important decisions that will guide us through the next biennium including the election of officers and directors and the adoption of a budget, bylaws amendments, and our state program for 2017-2019.

Come early for additional opportunities!

- Join a *Women's Suffrage Tour* on Friday June 9<sup>th</sup>. It is an additional cost and **not** included with the Convention registration. (See page 10 of this packet for details)
- Benefit from workshops both for newer and more experience League leaders on Friday evening and Saturday morning - (see p. 5). Details forthcoming.

According to Article VIII, Section 3 of the LWVNYS Bylaws, the convention shall be composed of the following voting delegates:

**Sec. 3. Convention:**

- a. Composition. The convention shall consist of the delegates of the local Leagues, ILOs and MAL units, as provided in this article, and the members of the board, each of whom shall be entitled to one vote.
- b. Qualifications of Delegates and Voting. All delegates shall be voting members of the League. Each delegate representing a local League, ILO, or MAL unit, or duly authorized proxy as provided in subsection f, shall be a member in good standing of that local League, ILO or MAL Unit and shall be entitled to vote only if that League, ILO or MAL unit has met its per-member-payment responsibilities. The LWVNYS board may make an exception in the case of proven hardship. No delegate shall be entitled to more than one vote, and absentee shall not be permitted. Final determination of a delegate's qualifications or credentials shall be made by the convention.
- c. Representation at convention The members of the LWVUS who are organized into recognized local Leagues, ILOs, and MAL units in the state of New York shall be entitled to voting representation at the convention as follows: each local League shall be represented by one delegate. In addition to that delegate, each local League is entitled to one delegate for the first 40 members. Leagues having more than 40 members shall be entitled to one delegate for each additional 40 members or major fraction thereof. Membership numbers will be determined by the number indicated in the official LWVUS membership count report for the year of the convention. Each recognized ILO shall be entitled to one voting delegate. Each MAL unit shall be entitled to one voting delegate.
- d. Quorum. A quorum for the transaction of business at convention shall be participation by one tenth of the total number of authorized delegates.
- e. Authorization for Action. The convention shall consider and authorize a program for action; shall elect officers, directors, the chair and two members of the nominating committee; shall adopt a budget for the ensuing year; and shall transact such other business as may come before it. .
- f. Proxies. Every proxy must be in writing and signed by the president of the local League or ILO or the chair of the MAL Unit. Every proxy shall be revocable at the pleasure of the person executing it,

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unless otherwise provided by law. The proxy can contain such conditions as determined by the giver of the proxy. For the purpose of representing another League, all proxies shall be delivered to the presiding officer

If a league is authorized to send one or more delegates to the convention, and is unable to do so, they may authorize another person eligible to vote at convention to represent them by giving that person a "proxy". The League giving the Proxy may give a specific proxy to direct the Proxy holder to vote on particular matters or a general proxy.

For example, league A is authorized to send two delegates, but only one member of that league is able to attend. The president of league A learns that league B has more members eager to attend the convention than available delegate slots. League A appoints a member of League B to represent them at convention.

If your League is going to have a proxy holder, please contact the state League office.

Delegates representing their own local League are uninstructed and are expected to use their own judgment in reaching decisions based on convention discussion. Delegates are committing their local Leagues to program study and action as well as financial obligation. Your League should be well represented!! For your convenience, a label has been attached to the Convention Registration Form in this packet indicating the number of voting delegates that your League is allowed to send to Convention.

**Every League member is encouraged to attend all or part of the convention as a visitor. Visitors can participate in all convention events. However, they are unable to vote as delegates.**

## **TENTATIVE AGENDA**

### **FRIDAY, June 9th**

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Board Meeting of 2015-17 LWVNYS Board  
11:30 a.m. - 8:45 p.m. Lunch at Hotel; Field Trip and Dinner in Seneca Falls (separate fee)  
9:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. Workshop and Caucuses

### **SATURDAY, June 10th**

8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Registration / Information Desk Open
8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Sales Room Open
8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Office Open
8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Workshops
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<b>PLENARY SESSION</b>
12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Registration/Information Desk /Sales Room
12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Lunch and Speaker
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>PLENARY SESSION</b>
5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.	Reception
6:15p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Dinner and Awards Presentations
8:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m.	Info Sessions and Caucuses; Networking Time / Sales Room

### **SUNDAY, June 11th**

7:00 a.m. - 3:00p.m.	Office Open
7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Sales Room Open
7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet
7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Presidents' Breakfast
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Information Desk Open
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	<b>PLENARY SESSION</b>
12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Board Meeting for the 2017-2019 LWVNYS Board

## **FEATURED SPEAKER**

### ***Presenting: THE REST OF THE STORY OF THE SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT***

***Saturday, June 10, 12:30 pm***



**Sally Roesch Wagner, Professor, Syracuse University;  
Director, Matilda Joslyn Gage Center for Social Justice Dialogue**

Sally was awarded one of the first doctorates in the country in women's studies (UC Santa Cruz) and was a founder of one of the first college-level women's studies programs in the USA (CSU Sacramento). She currently serves as an adjunct faculty member at Syracuse University. She also contributed to Ken Burns' documentary on Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony. Founding Director of the Matilda Joslyn Gage Center for Social Justice Dialogue, and author of articles on historic house museums, she received the Katherine Coffey Award for outstanding service to museology from the Mid-Atlantic Association of Museums in 2012. For more information about our speaker please visit <http://humanitiesny.org/our-work/programs/scholars-catalog/the-rest-of-the-story-of-the-suffrage-movement/>

## WORKSHOPS

Workshops will be held on **Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 -10:00 p.m.**

Workshops will also be held on **Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 -9:30 am.**

**Possible topics include: Women's Suffrage Educational Programs and Celebrations, Action on the Local Issues, Fun with Programs, Civic Education and Involvement, What to do with New Members, and more.**

**If you have suggestions or requests for a workshop you'd like to attend or help lead, just let us know!**

## INFO SESSIONS/CAUCUSES/NETWORKING TIME

*During these sessions, local Leagues are encouraged to share successful programs and discuss new ideas; caucuses can also be scheduled to line up support for your recommendations for League priorities or study topic. If you would like to lead a session, please contact the state office to reserve your room.*

*Friday, June 9, 9:00 pm- 10:00 pm  
Saturday, June 10, 8:00 am- 9:00 am  
9:15 am- 10:15am*

### **Tentative/Possible Info Sessions/Caucuses**

- Health Care – How actions at national level affect state action
- Youth Programs
- Social Media Hands-on Workshop (bring your laptop)
- Women's Suffrage materials and how to organize events for it
- Membership Successes
- Women's Issues
- Voting Reform Issues (eg: early voting)
- Environmental Concerns: water, land and waste

## **CONVENTION CHECKLIST**

- Select your local delegates. For your convenience, a label has been attached to the Convention Registration Form indicating the number of voting delegates to which your League is entitled.
- **Mail Convention Registration Form to State League office by May 18, 2017**
- **Make your reservations by May 18th** by calling 315-457-1122 or visit [HTTP://TINY.CC/E86DJY](http://tiny.cc/e86djy) to get the group discount of \$110/single or double at the The Holiday Inn Syracuse/Liverpool - reservations received after that date will be accepted on a space availability basis only (see last page for more information).
  - **RESERVATION CANCELLATION** is determined by the hotel. Please contact hotel for cancellation policy.
- Consider holding an information session to showcase a program or activity of your local League or a caucus to promote a study or issue of interest to you or your League
- Decide which workshops your delegates will attend
- Reserve a space to display or sell publications and products you want to share with other Leagues

## **CONVENTION DETAILS**

- **On-Site Office**  
An office will be staffed during convention to assist delegates with caucus fliers, copying and computer needs.
- **Information Session/Caucus Rooms**  
During these sessions, local Leagues are encouraged to share successful programs and discuss new ideas; caucuses can also be scheduled to line up support for your recommendations for League priorities or study topic. Check the Agenda (page 3) for Info Sessions/Caucus times. If you would like to lead a session, please contact the state office to reserve your room.

## **MEMBERS NEEDED AS CONVENTION VOLUNTEERS**

**Contact Joan Johnson, Volunteer Coordinator  
(315-488-4339 / [jaj62@twcny.rr.com](mailto:jaj62@twcny.rr.com))**

- Delegates can volunteer during non-plenary hours.
- Visitors can volunteer during plenary and observe plenary at no charge.
- Volunteering is a great way to meet and network with fellow Leaguers.

## **EXHIBITS AND SALES**

Convention will bring together creative League members ready to share ideas and techniques that work! Your exhibits and/or products may offer the perfect solution to another League's problem. Keeping in mind that imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, the state League encourages you to bring products and publications to sell and exhibits to share at Convention. There will be a fee of \$25 for each table requested by a local League.

If your League wishes to sell any publications or merchandise, it should be prepared to staff its own table and cover any additional charges for special equipment rentals (such as VCR and monitor) and/or AV charges. All exhibits must be labeled with the local League name. All products and/or exhibits must be picked up by 2:00 PM on SUNDAY, June 11th.

*Sales/Exhibit space is limited and will be allotted on a first come, first serve basis.*

### **Exhibits & Sales Space Reservation Form**

League of Women Voters of: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Space needed: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Tables \_\_\_\_\_

Description : \_\_\_\_\_

Any additional needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return form and check for \$25 by May 26, 2017 to:  
LWVNYS, 62 Grand Street, Albany, NY 12207**

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION *for Delegates, Visitors and Observers*

The method of determining the number of delegates to which your local League is entitled is described in "Call to Convention" in this packet. For your convenience, a label has been attached to the Convention Registration Form on the reverse side of this form indicating the number of voting delegates your League is allowed to send to Convention. **If you have more members interested in attending Convention as delegates than the number allotted to your local League, members may have the opportunity to attend Convention representing another local league.** Please contact Katrina at the state League office (518-465-4162 or Katrina@lwwny.org) for more information. You may also send as many nonvoting delegates (visitors) as you would like.

**Your League is entitled to the number of voting delegates listed on this label:**

**Visitors:** Non-voting delegates or others who wish to receive all printed materials and participate in all or part of the special events of the Convention.

**Observers:** Those who wish to attend sessions and meetings only and who do not wish to partake in any meals, special events or receive any printed materials.

### FEE SCHEDULE

#### Pre Convention

Friday evening and Saturday morning workshops.....Free

#### Convention

Delegate (receive voting privilege) OR Visitor.....\$250  
All sessions and materials  
Saturday lunch and speaker  
Saturday evening reception and dinner  
Sunday breakfast  
Saturday lunch and speaker only.....\$40  
Saturday evening reception and dinner only..... \$50  
Observer (no materials or meals) ..... \$50 per day

### CONVENTION REFUND AND CANCELLATION POLICY

**SUBSTITUTION** - If there is someone else within your League who could attend the convention in your place, his/her name can be substituted for yours at any time with no penalty. Simply send the new attendee's name, address, phone, and email address to LWVNYS via email or fax with a note as to who he/she is replacing. While not preferred, substitutions can even be accommodated on site at the actual meeting.

**CANCELLATION** - Whether or not you receive a refund of either the entire fee or a portion of the fee depends on when you cancel.

- **FULL REFUNDS** (minus \$50 processing fee) will be issued if you cancel 10 business days or more prior to the Convention.
- **PARTIAL REFUNDS** a refund for half (50%) of the registration fee will be issued if you cancel less than 10 business days, but more than 3 days prior to the Convention.
- **NO REFUNDS** will be issued if you cancel 3 business days or less prior to the Convention.

**\*\*\*Cancellation and refund of the hotel room is based on the policy of the Holiday Inn Syracuse/Liverpool (please contact them for more information)**

## REGISTRATION FORM

*PLEASE COMPLETE one form for each registrant, a single payment maybe sent for all members attending from your League*

***RETURN BY May 18<sup>th</sup>***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Local League Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Item</u>	<u>Number of Persons</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Friday- Women's Suffrage Tour</b>	Complete separate Registration form (on page 10 of this packet) and submit payment for Tour with that form.		
<b>Friday Evening and Saturday Morning Workshops</b>		<b><u>FREE</u></b>	
<b>Full Conference Registration: Voting Delegate</b> (includes All sessions and materials, Saturday lunch with speaker, evening reception and dinner and Sunday Breakfast)		<b>\$250</b>	
<b>Full Conference Registration: Non Voting Visitor</b> (includes all sessions and materials, Saturday lunch with speaker, evening reception and dinner and Sunday Breakfast)		<b>\$250</b>	
<b>Observer Registration: Non Voting and No materials or meals</b>		\$50 x _____ #of days	
<b>Saturday Lunch with Speaker ONLY</b> (included with Delegate and Visitor Registration)		<b>\$40</b>	
<b>Saturday Evening Dinner ONLY</b> (included with Delegate and Visitor Registration)		<b>\$50</b>	
<b><u>Total Payment Due</u></b>			
<b><u>Method of Payment:</u> Credit Card (enter info below) or Check (made out to LWVNYS)</b>			\$

Charge My:  MasterCard  Visa  American Express  Discover

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Cardholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION  
DEADLINE  
May 18, 2017**

**FAX TO: 518-465-0812  
OR MAIL TO:  
LWVNYS  
62 GRAND STREET  
ALBANY, NY 12207**



# Registration Form

## Women's Suffrage Tour

Seneca Falls, NY – Friday, June 9, 2017

This form is **ONLY** to register for the Women's Suffrage Tour. It does not include Convention registration costs. **Registration ends May 18, 2017**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Local League: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Tour cost includes lunch, chartered bus, entrance to all museums and dinner with program.\*\*\***

**Itinerary**

11:30 am  
12:30 pm  
1:30  
2:30  
2:40  
3:15  
4:00  
  
5:15  
7:45  
8:45 pm

**Friday, June 9, 2017**

Lunch available at hotel  
Depart Liverpool by charter bus for Seneca Falls, NY  
Arrive in Seneca Falls @ Elizabeth Cady Stanton House for tour  
Depart Stanton House  
Arrive at National Women's Hall of Fame  
Depart National Women's Hall of Fame  
Arrive at Women's Rights National Historical Park after driving by M'Clintock House in Waterloo  
Short walk to Gould Hotel for dinner and program  
Depart Gould Hotel for Liverpool  
Arrive back at Holiday Inn

**Cost of the Tour is \$70**

My check for \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed (payable to LWVNYS)

Charge My: Master Card Visa American Express Discover

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOUR REGISTRATION  
DEADLINE  
May 18, 2017  
FAX TO: 518-465-0812  
OR MAIL TO:  
LWVNYS  
62 GRAND STREET  
ALBANY, NY 12207**

## **Hotel Registration Information**

Holiday Inn Syracuse-Liverpool- Exit 37

League of Women Voters of NYS

State Convention

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### **\$110.00- Single or Double Occupancy**

LIMITED NUMBER OF ROOMS AVAILABLE ONLY UNTIL MAY 18, 2017  
AFTER THAT DATE THERE IS NO GUARANTEE OF ROOMS OR PRICE

RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE BY CALLING (315) 457-1122 use code LWV

OR

[HTTP://TINY.CC/E86DJY](http://tiny.cc/E86DJY)

OR

go to Holiday Inn Syracuse/Liverpool website and use the code LWV

Thank you for attending the League of Women Voters of NYS Convention scheduled for June 9-11, 2017 (rooms are available also for May 8th for those coming in on Thursday). With signature Syracuse spirit and our premier personnel, our hotel is much more than convenient and comfortable. With an on-site restaurant and lounge, Fitness Center, indoor swimming pool, basketball court, outdoor patio, fire pits, and BBQ area Holiday Inn Syracuse/Liverpool has perfected the balance of business and leisure. We're only 7 minutes from Syracuse Hancock International Airport and 5 minutes to Destiny USA, free shuttle is available 24-hour to transportation centers. Syracuse University and downtown Syracuse is a short 5 mile drive. From before you arrive to the next time we welcome you back, our award winning service will make you feel like you never left home.

- **RESERVATION CANCELLATION** is determined by the hotel. Please contact the Holiday Inn Syracuse-Liverpool for information about cancellation policy.

Holiday Inn Syracuse-Liverpool-Exit 37  
441 Electronics Parkway, Liverpool, NY 13088

