



League of Women Voters of Smithtown Township

ANNUAL MEETING

The LWV is a non-partisan organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, and influences public policy through education and advocacy

June 2015

<http://www.lwv-suffolkcounty.org/LWVSmithtown.html>

President's Year-End Report

One of the most important actions the League undertakes is voter registration and the favorite activity is registering brand new citizens at Naturalization. We also registered voters at Smithtown Day, Heritage Day, and National Voter Registration Day at the Motor Vehicle Bureau. We also registered a a freshman class at Suffolk Community College in Brentwood after presenting Vote 18.

Another vital activity for the League is voter education – last October we had a program on the five propositions on the November ballot with educational handouts (also published in our Voter). In December at our Holiday Party we learned about Cuba from a member who had traveled there with the LWV of Florida. Our Board and members watched the program on Ballot Access after attending the Huntington Consensus meeting on it. We will have a public program on the Smithtown Master Plan in May. We provided information on the Suffolk County Septic Demonstration Program. In August we had invited the chairs of the 3 main *continued*

LWV of Smithtown Annual Meeting Thursday, June 18

The Judge J.L. Smith Homestead
(drive to Brush Barn and park, Homestead fronts on Jericho Tpke)
Smithtown Historical Society
5:30pm – 9:00pm

All planning to attend should bring lots of appetizers, wine/soft drinks and dessert.
Please call Marie Manginelli 265-1791 to advise what you'll bring

Purchase raffle tickets to help support the League.

Tickets enclosed with meeting materials in this issue of the Smithtown Voter.

Agenda:

- Appetizers and Beverages
- Reminiscences of LWV Smithtown
- Annual Business Meeting
- Coffee and Dessert

Important Materials for the Annual Meeting are included

Proposed Budget, Program and Nominating Committee Report

Bring this Voter with you on June 18 at 5:30pm!

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political parties in Smithtown to a program discussing how to increase voter turnout but did not get a positive response. For our Community Conversations luncheons our guests were Edward Wehrheim, Town Councilman and Robert Trotta, Suffolk County Legislator.

We are asked to moderate debates because of our nonpartisan reputation. In October we moderated debates for candidates for the 2nd Senatorial District, 8th Assembly District, 1st Congressional District and Suffolk County Treasurer. The Kings Park School District has asked us to moderate their school board debates for a few years and this year we are also helping the Hauppauge Schools moderated by Lisa Scott.

Other activities include Lisa Scott's NYS Council for the Humanities 4-part series on "Our World Remade-World War I" at the Smithtown Library, the Students Inside Albany program, and we also discussed and voted on program for LWVNY on Public Policy Condition. We are planning a program to coincide with Smithtown's 350th anniversary in the late summer, with three other community groups founded in the 1920's and 1930's- The Society for Lending Comforts, The Smithtown Garden Club, and the Smithtown Book Club.

Mary Zopf

LWV SMITHTOWN

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LWV of Smithtown

**Nominating Committee
Report for 2015-2016:**

Co-Presidents:	Mary Zopf, Pat LaWare
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2yr Directors:	Arlene Lesser
(Co-Directors)	Peggy Micciche, Sharon Kunz, Marie Sesti

2015-2016 Nominating Committee:

Joyce Rosenthal	Chair
Mae Tierney	Off board member
Arlene Lesser	Board member

*Submitted by the
2014-2015 Nominating Committee:*

*Arlene Lesser, Chair
Sharon Kunz, off board member*

A. Voter Service and Citizen Education

Voter Service is a primary function of the LWV of Smithtown. We will serve as a non-partisan source of information and education for voters and take action by:

1. Conducting voter registration drives throughout the community and encourage all eligible citizens to vote
2. Organizing as needed and providing trained moderators to serve for candidates forums to give every citizen the opportunity to hear the candidates views on important issues
3. Conducting educational forums about the local government process in order to promote greater citizen awareness
4. Training speakers as needed
5. Developing ideas for community service projects for students and youth organizations
6. Working with local schools, organizations, and youth bureaus to develop leadership skills and motivate interest in citizenship and public affairs

B. Library *Observer Corps*

We will try to observe and monitor issues affecting the Library, School Districts and Town Government.

C. Natural Resources Preservation

Under the Natural Resources position for preservation of open space and wetlands of the LWVNYS, we will continue action in support and enforcement of measures for preservation of the waterfront, wetlands, bird sanctuaries and open space usage of properties within Smithtown township, including the former Kings Park Psychiatric Center property and others as they become available.

D. Township Development

1. We will support an updated Master Plan to provide for controlled growth within the Township and revitalization of downtown Smithtown within the context of our present and projected economic conditions.
2. We will explore and address other items of concern relating to the welfare of the Township and its residents as they may arise.

The Board of LWV Smithtown, under Mary Zopf's leadership, is planning a number of informative and service-oriented activities in the coming months.

We've enjoyed and presented interesting, educational and engaging programs in the past year for our members and Smithtown residents.

Read all about them in the current issue of our Voter.

**It's time
to pay
your dues!**

Please consider adding a donation amount to your dues check to help us balance our budget and move forward on our work.

League of Women Voters of Smithtown

Dues Renewal and Donation form 2015-2016

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Telephone # _____

Email _____

Even if you do not have time for active participation, your membership alone will strengthen our voice.

Individual Membership	\$ 50.00	<i>Make dues checks payable to <u>LWV of Smithtown</u> and mail to:</i> LWV of Smithtown c/o Lisa Scott 322 River Road St. James, NY 11780
Household (2 at same address)	70.00	
Student Membership	20.00	
Additional Contribution	_____	
Total	\$ _____	

If you wish to make a **tax-deductible** donation to the League beyond the dues amount, a separate check for the donation must be written to "**LWVNYS Education Foundation**" and mailed to the address above.

P.S. Please renew your membership by August 1 and, if you can, add your donation to the League so that we can keep our local programs going next year. Thanks!