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*At local, state and national levels
the League works to influence public policy
through education and advocacy.*

May 2015

Save the Dates

Tue., May 12, 6:30 pm
LWV Nassau County Board Meeting
Hempstead Library

Wed., May 20, 7:30 pm
LWVEN – Levittown Library
Topic: Human Trafficking
Speakers from D.A.’s Office
See right column

Thu., Jun. 4
Jonathan’s Restaurant
Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park
LWV Nassau County
Biennial Convention/Dinner
Speaker: Kathleen Rice
See page 4

Wed., Jun. 17, 5:30 pm
Domenico’s Restaurant, Levittown
LWVEN Annual Meeting/Dinner
See pages 2 & 3.

Reminder: All members are welcome to attend board meetings of our local League and the Nassau County Inter-League Organization – LWV of Nassau County. But, call to make sure there has not been a change in date, time or location – 221-1948.

Human Trafficking Globally, Nationally and Locally

Human trafficking is as real and immediate an issue in the United States as it is throughout the world, implicating Americans of all ages, races and socio-economic statuses, whether they know it or not.

As defined by federal law, Human Trafficking is the forcing, coercing or defrauding of a person into labor services or commercial sex acts against his or her will (and, in the case of sex trafficking, if the person is under 18 years old).

Though the majority of cases in the U.S. relate to sex trafficking, the Bureau of Justice Assistance-funded Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) has seen a steady increase since 2005 in the volume of services provided specifically to labor trafficking victims — people who work in legitimate businesses like restaurants, hotels, home-care services, farming and manufacturing.

On **Wednesday, May 20, at 7:30 PM, the LWV of East Nassau and the Levittown Library**, will present the latest information on this extremely serious issue. Our speakers will be:

Theresa A. Tebbett, Nassau County Assistant District Attorney, and Deputy Bureau Chief of the District Court Bureau supervising Human Trafficking cases, and staff attorneys **Amanda Burke** and **Christine Guida**.

Join us to learn what the problems are, and what is being done to solve them. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

*Be sure to register for the
LWV of East Nassau Annual Meeting and Dinner
and the
LWV of Nassau County Biennial Convention
See pages 2 and 4 for information and reservation forms.*

**You are Cordially Invited to Attend the
2015 Annual Meeting
of the League of Women Voters® of East Nassau**

**Wednesday, June 17th 2015
5:30 PM**

**Domenico's Restaurant
3270 Hempstead Turnpike, Levittown, 516-735-5535
\$35.00**



5:30 Business Meeting

Declaration of Quorum
Treasurer's Report
Adoption of Budget
Nominating Committee Report
Nominations from the Floor
Election of Officers
Leadership Committee Report
New Business

6:15 Dinner

7:15 Students Inside Albany Representative's Report
Learn about his experiences in Albany

For information call Lorraine: 516-735-4876
(Location of restaurant: Corner of Hempstead Turnpike
and Gardiners Avenue – in King Kullen shopping center)



Please read the budget and slate on page 3, which we will be discussing at the meeting. Also, two additional members of the Nominating Committee will be needed. Please consider nominating or self-nominating for these positions.

Please reserve ___ place(s) @ \$35.00/person for the LWV of East Nassau Annual Meeting.

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Barbara Josepher, Treasurer, LWVEN, 339 Cold Spring Rd., Syosset 11791, **on or before June 5.**

League of Women Voters of East Nassau

Proposed Budget 2015-2016

	Adopted 2014-2015	10 month Actual 7/1/14– 4/30/15	Proposed 2015-2016		Adopted 2014-2015	10 month Actual 7/1/14– 4/30/15	Proposed 2015-2016
INCOME				EXPENDITURES			
A. DUES (\$55)	2,450	2,575	2,750	A. OFFICE EXPENSES	50	24	150
B. CONTRIBUTIONS	50	365	300	B. BOARD & ADMINISTRATION			
C. THEY REPRESENT YOU	400	88	400	1. President	50	0	50
D. OTHER				2. Hospitality	0	0	50
1. Bulletin Ads	1,150	1,395	1,400	C. DELEGATES			
2. Summer Social	150	170	170	1. State Convention	750	392	0
3. Winter Social	500	0	0	2. National Convention	0	424	1,500
4. Annual Meeting			700	3. Students Inside Albany	120	150	200
E. INTEREST	25	40	45	D. MEETINGS/SOCIALS			
F. SPEAKERS BUREAU	100		75	1. Summer Social	180	107	110
G. ELECTION MONITORING	300	720	200	2. Winter Social	600	498	0
TOTAL INCOME	5,125	5353	6,040	3. Annual Meeting		50	700
From Reserves	893		1055	E. FINANCIAL SUPPORT			
GRAND TOTAL INCOME	6,018		7,095	1. County \$2.00 PMP	96	90	100
<div style="text-align: center;">2015 – 2016 Proposed Slate</div> <p>Leadership Team: Barbara Epstein (Affordable Housing, Redistricting) Barbara Josepher (Treasurer) Norma Schaeffer (Voter Service) Peggy Stein (Webmaster)</p> <p>Secretary: Janet Spar</p> <p>Directors: Lorraine Newman (Court Liaison) Mary Price (Bulletin Circulation) Mimi Hirsch (Membership) Marilyn Benson (Membership) Paula Blum (Bulletin, Water for L.I. Liaison) Sandra Mintz (Women's Issues)</p> <p>Nominating Committee Chair: Marion Schurade</p>				2. State \$18.00 PMP	864	810	900
				3. National \$32.00 PMP	1488	1,395	1600
				F. BULLETIN			
				1. Printing	700	753	750
				2. Postage	500	370	400
				3. Ad Solicitation	45	49	50
				G. EDUCATION ACTIVITIES			
				1. Publications Purchased	75	70	75
				2. They Represent You	200	0	210
				3. Voters Service	50	12	50
				4. Honoraria//Meetings	250	0	200
				TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6,018	5,194	7,095
				Reserve for Contingencies			
				GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6,018		7,095

League needs your help!

We need to bring in new members to help us to continue doing all that we do. And, we need more new members so that the legislators we lobby know that we represent many additional voices. Both active and inactive members are very valuable. Invite your friends and neighbors to join!

Also, remember to purchase the LWVNY Big League Raffle tickets you received in the mail. You could win up to \$5,000, and our local League will receive a small percentage of each ticket purchased if you write LWVEN on the bottom line of the stub.



**THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF NASSAU COUNTY**

**Biennial
CONVENTION & DINNER**

CALL TO CONVENTION

Thursday, June 4, 2015, 4:45 to 8:30 PM

JONATHAN'S RESTAURANT

2499 Jericho Turnpike, New Hyde Park, NY – 516-742-7300
\$50.00 (\$55.00 at door)

4:45 PM	Registration
5:00 PM	Business Meeting
	Declaration of Quorum
	Treasurer's Report
	Adoption of Budget
	Adoption of Program
	Nominating Committee Report
	Nominations from the Floor
	Election of Officers
	Presidents' Report
	New Business
6:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM	Speaker

Keynote Speaker



*The Honorable Kathleen M. Rice
U.S. Representative, Congressional District 4*

Please reserve ___ place(s) @ \$50.00/person for the LWVNC Convention & Dinner.

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Email address _____





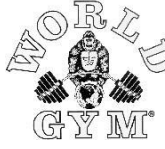


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Maud Wood Park - First President of the LWWUS



Maud Wood Park (1871-1955), the first president of the League of Women Voters of the US was born in Boston, educated at St. Agnes School in Albany and Radcliffe College where she was one of only two students who supported suffrage for women. Park was a friend of Carrie Chapman Catt who

recruited her to campaign in Washington, D.C. for the 19th amendment.

From 1917-1919, Park led the congressional lobbying efforts of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, in which her task was to obtain congressional approval of the woman suffrage amendment. She trained volunteers visiting Washington to lobby their congressional representatives and coordinated the lobbying effort of the association.

Because of World War I, Congress was only debating war-related issues at the time, but through her connections, Park was able to get a special committee on women's suffrage formed. This committee approved a woman's suffrage amendment which the House of Representatives approved in 1918 and the Senate in 1919. It was sent to the states for ratification and in 1920 the 19th amendment was ratified.

Maud Wood Park founded the College Equal Suffrage

League in 1900, with Inez Haynes, in order to get younger, better educated women involved in the suffrage movement. Their aim was to get college alumnae to form chapters and organize women at their alma maters throughout the country. Park was also one of the founders of the Boston Equal Suffrage Association for Good Government (BESAGG).

After she became president of the League in 1924, she traveled the country to lecture and recruit new members and she developed the League's legislative agenda. Park said of the aim of the League, "It has chosen to be a middle-of-the-road organization in which persons of widely differing political views might work out together a program of definite advance on which they could agree. It has been willing to go ahead slowly in order to go ahead steadily. It has not sought to lead a few women a long way quickly, but rather to lead many women a little way at a time".

In 1924 Park began the Schlesinger Library at Radcliffe, to which she donated her collection of books, papers, and memorabilia on female reformers. While at Radcliffe, Park met and later married Charles Edward Park. They divorced in 1906. She secretly married Robert Hunter Freeman in 1908. He died suddenly in 1928. Maud Wood Park died in Reading Massachusetts in 1955.

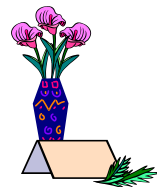
The Capitol Beat is Back!

Barbara Bartoletti, Legislative Director of the LWWNYS, is back in action at the state capitol, covering the legislative session. You can catch her weekly reports by going to the state league website: www.lwvny.org and clicking on "Capitol Beat," at the top of the home page. In her own unique way, Barbara tells it like it is on budget negotiations, legislative issues and more.

*And, our sincere congratulations to Barbara!
US Senator Schumer has named her as one of his two appointees to the Elections Assistance Commission's (EAC) Board of Advisors. The 37-member Board of Advisors is designated in the Help Americans Vote Act (HAVA) to assist EAC in carrying out its mandates under the law.*

We were saddened
to learn of the
passing of long –
time member

Peggy Cravens



Election Law Reform

Voter registration modernization, including same-day voter registration

The League supports paperless forms of voter registration as a means of decreasing costs and increasing accuracy of the voter rolls. In 2013, New York moved a major step toward this goal by allowing secure online voter registration through the Department of Motor Vehicles. Ultimately secure online voter registration should be expanded to serve all eligible citizens. The League supports Election Day registration, registering and voting on the same day, as a proven method of increasing voter participation. The League supports preregistration of 16 and 17 year-olds to ensure that their voting participation is routine before they attend college or enter the workforce.

Early in-person voting and no-excuse absentee voting - While 32 other states have some form of early voting, New York only allows voters to cast their ballots on one Election Day, except in limited circumstances in which voters may vote by absentee ballot. The League supports implementing early voting to provide better access to the polls for all voters. We also support a constitutional amendment to allow for no-excuse absentee voting.

Improvements to the way voters mark their ballots by better ballot design - New York State voters now use a paper ballot and optical scan voting machine system, but current ballot requirements are based on obsolete lever voting machine standards. A clear and simple-to-read ballot would make voting easier and more accurate. The League supports improvements to ballot design that would include: (1) a clear delineation between offices with a bold vertical bar between offices and a fine line between the candidates, (2) a larger font with an absolute minimum size, and (3) fill-in circles in black instead of gray.

Speaker's Arrest Prompts Call for Sweeping Ethics Reforms

Reformers Say New Yorkers Should Not Have To Rely On Feds for Ethics Enforcement

New York's leading reform groups have urged Governor Cuomo and the Legislative Leaders to make fixing the state's broken ethics enforcement system their top priority.

Common Cause/NY, the League of Women Voters N.Y.S. and the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) urged changes to the Joint Commission on Public Ethics and the Legislative Ethics Commission – both agencies charged with monitoring political ethics in the state. The arrest of the Assembly Speaker by the United States Attorney stands in sharp contrast to the inaction of New York's own so-called ethics watchdogs. The groups urged that lawmakers advance a plan that includes the following 4 points:

- **Overhaul of ethics oversight:** Merging of the Legislative Ethics Commission into JCOPE. Changes for the new JCOPE board, including: a smaller number of members, bans on membership by elected officials, a prohibition on executive or legislative staff becoming JCOPE staff until a “cooling off period” has ended, JCOPE compliance with FOIL and Open Meetings Law, a strict requirement that board members are sworn to protect the interests of the public –not the interests of their appointing authorities, and an end to the so-called “legislative veto.”
- **Better ethics disclosures:** Full disclosure of outside business clients for all lawmakers, including lawyers as proposed by the New York City Bar Association.
- **Stricter oversight of lobbyists:** Broadening of the definition of lobbying to include public relations efforts in support of government actions. New, much lower campaign contributions for lobbyists and those receiving government contracts as well as enhanced disclosures of such contributions.
- **Changes to the campaign finance system:** Eliminating the LLC loophole, lowering contribution limits, and strict controls over the “personal use” of campaign contributions, as well as a voluntary system of public financing of elections.

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