

## **GET TO KNOW YOUR NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### ***Judie Gorenstein- President***

Judie is extremely pleased to have been on the LWVNYS board since 2010. Initially she was the citizen education and youth program director. In 2015, she was nominated and elected to be first Vice President of LWVNYS and Voter Service Chair. Judie has always seen voter services as core of the League's mission. (It was what attracted her to become active in her local and then county League, eventually becoming president of LWV of Huntington for 9 years.) As voter service chair of LWVNYS, Judie saw her primary role as helping local Leagues, MALS and ILOs run successful voter registration drives and candidate events.



When Judie was nominated again for the voter service chair and 1<sup>st</sup> VP in 2019, the nominating committee had recommended that she work with a voter service committee. Judie welcomed the idea of a voter services committee whose members became liaisons to local Leagues, MALS and ILOs. Judie, with her voter service committee, engaged local Leagues in ways they could achieve their mission of registering, educating and GOTV even during the pandemic. Judie and the committee completed toolkits to be used during the time of social distancing. Leagues built on one another's successes.

Judie always believes that together, LWVNYS along with local Leagues, MALS and ILOs could meet any challenges and feels that in 2020, voter services did just that. In spite of a pandemic, Leagues throughout the state were able to register, educate and GOTV. They were not only able to maintain their gold standard, but learned new ways to reach out to people and gained visibility. Now in 2021, when it is evident that there will be more in person events and opportunities, Judie and the committee realized the importance of combining what we learned worked well during the pandemic with what we had done in the past.

Judie is honored to be nominated for President of LWVNYS. If elected, she believes that her past experiences as president of LWV of Huntington, and VS Chair and 1<sup>st</sup> VP of LWVNYS board, and the working relationships she has developed with Leagues throughout the state, will help her be an effective president, but she will need everyone's help and continued dedication. She is sure that LWVNYS working with local Leagues can continue to meet any challenges that arise and achieve our mission to create a stronger, more inclusive democracy.



### ***Nancy Rosenthal – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Voter Services***

Nancy has been a League member since 2008. She has served on the NYS Board as a Director 2019-2021, as President of her local League, Southwest Nassau, and as Co- President and President of LWV of Nassau County. Nancy has worked at the National level with the LWVUS Governance Committee, 2016-2018, and has served on the LWVNY Budget committee 2015-2020, both as a member and as chair. Nancy worked on the Voter Service Committee of the NYS Board 2019-2021.

Vote411 is Nancy's passion, as is assisting in the registration of naturalized citizens. She has learned with anything League, she will always be working with bright, creative, and thoughtful people. Her friends are League members!

Nancy owns a metals distribution business in Brooklyn, NY that her father-in-law started in 1948. She began her journey to New York, starting in Northern California then to Kansas City, Missouri and in 2004 to Hewlett, New York. Her background includes a three teaching credentials, a Masters in working with the blind and visually impaired, and then three years of study to become a Feldenkrais Practitioner (physical therapy). Nancy has two children, both physicists, working to change the world through science! If you can't find Nancy easily, she is probably riding her bike, skiing, hiking, or gardening.....

### ***Sally Robinson –2nd Vice President/Issues & Advocacy***

Sally started in the LWV Scarsdale and served as its president while simultaneously a member of the LWVUS Task Force on Trade Policy Update. After that she was New York State League Grassroots Lobby Director and then 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Advocacy and Issues in 2003-04, has held that job again starting in 2009 and served as state League president 2012-2015.



Sally is from the small town of Waller, Texas and was the first person in her family to go to college. After graduating from college and law school on the East Coast, she moved to New York City, where she worked as a tax lawyer. After her third child was born and she moved to Scarsdale, she switched to volunteer work, primarily with the League and as Chair of the Planning Board.

Sally is currently a member of the City of New York LWV where she moved in 2006 and completed a graduate tax degree at NYU Law School. She just moved from the Upper East Side to Greenwich Village with her husband, a college and law school classmate. They have plans to spend time both in the winter (skiing) and in the summer (golf) in their new second home in Utah now that they are empty-nesters.

### ***Regina Tillman – 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President***



In 2016, Regina responded as many did to that time by seeking additional ways to deal with voter apathy that would effectively augment the creation of cardboard signs for protests in the streets. That year, Regina became a member of the LWV Albany County. In the 4 ½ years since joining, she has been tapped to assume a number of Local League positions: Membership Committee Chair, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, and Board Director for Fundraising and Development. In 2019 she was honored to be elected to the new State Board position, that of 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President for

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), where she also leads the statewide LWV DEI Task Force.

In her life before the League, Regina grew up in Buffalo NY. She left for Cleveland Ohio in 1978 to pursue a health care career that began with a Coordinated Internship and MS Graduate Degree program in Human Nutrition at Case Western Reserve University and the Cleveland Veterans Administration Medical Center. The VA in Buffalo made her the first job offer so she moved back home with her husband and then 4-year-old son in tow. She was a federal civil servant for the next 27 years with an organizational mission of caring “for those that bore the battle”. Career opportunities allowed her to live in other areas of the northeast... Montrose NY... Providence RI... before landing in Albany NY in 1994 as VAMC Program Manager. Oversight of the Clinical Nutrition and Food Service Department was also associated with taking on emerging challenges and new responsibilities in the realm of hospital administration.

Regina retired in 2006 from federal civil service, transitioning into a 10-year association with the cooperative extension land-grant system, affiliated in NYS with Cornell University. She continues to take on short-term volunteer and paid positions that interest her, in and around the Capital Region. A recent summer stint was spent at the Troy NY Sanctuary for Independent Media, as the “Spirit of the Suffragettes” Festival Coordinator for the live music series and accompanying community resource fairs. Observing workplace culture from different geographic locations while selecting, supervising, and managing people in a broad range of job categories, has allowed Regina to tap into her life experiences for the benefit of the League as well as other organizations. In her spare time, Regina enjoys being outdoors as much as possible.



***Pattie Garrett – Secretary***

Pattie is a long-standing member of the League of Women Voters of Saratoga County, having held board positions as Co-president and for many years as secretary. In those positions, she assisted in program planning, advocacy, voter registration, and shaping the League for the next century.

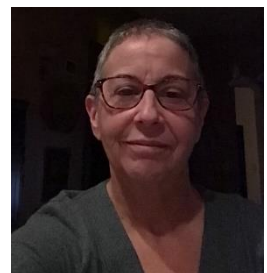
A graduate from SUNY Potsdam with a degree in Political Science and SUNY Oneonta with a degree in Nutrition, Pattie is a Registered Dietitian who retired from NYS government. While employed by the State, she worked in aging, mental health, and women’s health (WIC).

After retirement, Pattie bought a camera to master food photography. The journey started with a food blog which is now focused on still life. New journeys are exciting and challenging, but never a waste of time.

Pattie recognizes the importance of timely and accurate recordings of meeting minutes from her many years as secretary. She plans to offer perspective on honoring our historic past, our important role in today’s politics and government policies, and maintaining relevancy during our next century.

***Lori Robinson-Treasurer***

Lori has been a Not-For-Profit accountant for 35 years and has just retired as the Director of Finance for The Buffalo History Museum. Having worked in the public, private and cultural sectors of nonprofits she has a financial understanding of what gets funded and where we, as a democracy, need to focus more attention and resources.



She has always been passionate about good government and ran for Chautauqua County Legislature in 1993. Lori lived in Phoenix AZ for 15 years where she worked as an Election Site Inspector.

As a member of the Buffalo Niagara League since 2013 Lori has served on the board as Treasurer, Membership Co-Chair, and soon to be President.

With a new sovereignty in retirement she is ready to promote LWV values while taking on the challenges and opportunities ahead of us.



***Sheila Miller Bernson- Director At-Large***

Sheila has served as Co-President of the LWV of New Castle with Jennifer Mebes Flagg since 2010. She joined the New Castle board as Voter Service Chair in 2007 after she moved to Chappaqua, having spent almost twenty-five years overseas in Turkey, South Korea, the Netherlands and Lebanon. While overseas she worked as a foreign legal consultant at Kim & Chang in Seoul and as a Grants Officer at the Office of Grants and Contracts at the American University of Beirut. Sheila currently works as a volunteer attorney at Pace Women’s Justice Center’s Family Court Legal Program representing victims of domestic violence. In 2016, Sheila was awarded the Kathryn Gurfein Writing Fellowship at the Writing Institute at Sarah Lawrence College. Sheila graduated from Pace Law School (JD), and Sarah Lawrence College (BA). She has one son who lives in Denver. She and her husband, John, live in Armonk, NY.

***Jane Colvin – Director At-Large***

Jane E. Colvin joined the League of Women Voters of the City of New York in 2006, one of the first things she did after selling her house in suburbia and moving into New York City. She immersed herself in League activities, becoming a member of the Legislative Action Committee and the Development Committee, and working on the *Inside* newsletter and other publications. She served as a member of the Management Team from 2008-2010, as Secretary from 2012 - 2014, and as Treasurer from 2014 - 2018.



After 31 years of working in international and private banking at Bankers Trust/Deutsche Bank, Jane determined that in the not-for-profit world, there were greater rewards than those associated with earnings per share. She joined The HealthCare Chaplaincy as Director of Marketing and Communications and subsequently, worked for The Interfaith Center of New York as a Development Associate in charge of special events and fund raising.

Jane is an active congregant at the All Souls Unitarian Universalist church where she’s been a member since 2006. She’s worked on the Nuclear Disarmament, Adult Education, and Nominating Committee and sang in the Community Choir. She headed the All Souls Caring Team which recently became part of the Lay Pastoral Associates, dedicated to providing both practical and spiritual assistance to fellow members in need.

She has a BA from Cornell and a Master of International Affairs from Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs. A perpetual student, Jane has gone back to school, auditing classes at Hunter and John Jay Criminal College of Justice. She has a wonderful married son and daughter-in-law who live in California and spends her free time enjoying Manhattan - when not following CDC guidelines and practicing socially distancing.

### ***Kate Doran – Director At-Large***

Kate Doran has been a member of the League of Women Voters of the City of New York since 1977. After moving to the city, and deciding she needed to be a more informed voter, Kate joined the “Brooklyn Evening,” branch. (In 1977 there were at least 3 branches of the LWVNYC in Brooklyn alone.)



Kate was a board member of the LWVNYC from 2010 to 2018; for the first 2 years serving as Chair of the City Affairs Committee. Currently Kate is the off board Elections Specialist, and a member of the Voter Service Committee. Kate became an Election Day poll worker in 2004. From 2006 through 2016 Kate was a Poll Site Coordinator. She closely monitors the NYC Board of Elections, attending their weekly meetings and reporting out to League Members, and various policy groups.

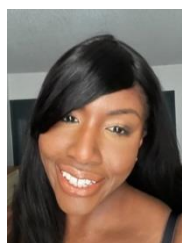
Kate graduated in 1974 from Ithaca College, with a BA in English. She has worked in government, banking, and private tutoring of middle school students. Kate enjoys reading, sewing, yoga, and volunteering at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. She is also a passionate recycler, and strives to live a zero waste life. Kate and her husband own, and manage, Total Tennis, a year round tennis and racquet sports resort in Saugerties, NY. They have 3 daughters and 3 grandchildren.



### ***Nick Doran- Director At-Large***

Nick Doran joined the League of Women Voters Broome and Tioga Counties when he was a sophomore at Binghamton University working on voter registration in the fall of 2014. He worked for the Andrew Goodman Foundation (AGF) Vote Everywhere program and Binghamton’s Center for Civic Engagement (CCE) to help register students to vote and improve the voter registration process on campus. During his time at Binghamton, he helped register over 4,200 students, implement voter registration at freshmen orientation, and streamline Election Day logistics on campus. With his help and ongoing CCE efforts, Binghamton has gone on to be repeatedly recognized as a voter friendly campus and used as a model to improve student voter registration and turnout. Following graduation, Nick joined the AGF Alumni Association Board, where he was co-chair from January 2019 until June 2020.

Nick has a bachelor’s degree in economics and a Master of Public Administration from Binghamton University. He works as a bank examiner for the federal government in the Syracuse area. In his spare time, you can find Nick practicing yoga, cycling, or reading a good mystery novel.



### ***Crystal Joseph – Director At-Large***

Crystal joined her local League in 2013, as a graduate student researching the importance of civics, learning and contemporary movement building. In the process, she was pleased to learn that the League of Women Voters was still leading the charge and getting out the vote. After speaking with a few League members, she was invited to several meetings and learned more about all the amazing activities taking place at the League including the importance of voting. As a novel member of the organization, she joined both the Membership and Education Committees. The historical, theoretical and foundational support from the League was used to assist in completing the research for her master’s thesis on collective social organizing in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. For the past term, Crystal has been learning

about each regional League's youth activities, voter registration campaigns and is presently helping the League expand and incorporate the now statewide Youth Civics Initiative.

Crystal is a proud City University of New York (CUNY) graduate with a Bachelor's of Science from Baruch's Marx School of Public and International Affairs and a Master's of Arts in Urban Studies with a concentration in Public Administration from the Graduate Center's, School of Professional Studies. At present, she is a doctoral resident at Concordia University-Chicago pursuing an Ed.D. in Organizational Leadership with a specialization in transformational leadership. Crystal also serves as Vice-President of Communications with the NYC League. When she is not studying or working with her students, as a program coordinator with the City University of New York, she enjoys a good upstate road trip, leisurely walk or spa day.



***Joy Rosenzweig – Director At-Large***

Joy Rosenzweig is currently a member of the Westchester County Fair Campaign Practices Committee, an independent entity created by the LWV of Westchester (LWVW) to promote fair and honest political campaigns. She joined the LWV of New Rochelle when her kids were very young because she had wanted to get involved in her new community and talk about something other than babies. She served as co-president for a year and then moved to Hong Kong, where she became voter service chair of that league. Afterwards, Joy returned to the States, became director of public relations of the LWV of New Castle, and then president of the

LWVW.

Joy is the president of Blue Ink, a consulting and interim leadership company that specializes in the nonprofit, small business, and political sectors. Prior to founding Blue Ink, she served as interim director for development and marketing at Feeding Westchester, chief operating officer at a women's entrepreneurship organization, director of community relations for a NYS assemblyman, and account executive at a public relations firm. She graduated from Bryn Mawr College with a degree in Sociology/Anthropology.

The daughter of immigrants, Joy believes that our democracy is precious and that the LWV enables her to help protect and enhance it. She looks forward to better times for all of us in the year to come.

***Kathy Stein – Director At-Large***

Kathy helped to revive the St. Lawrence County LWV in 2009 and is currently President and Secretary of the SLC MAL Unit. She was for a number of years the Public Policy Chair of the SLC Branch of the AAUW, and is a current Board member of the St. Lawrence University Chapter of the AAUP. She was previously on the LWVNYS Board in 2013-2015.



In 2020, Kathy and other members of LWV SLC proposed the formation of an NYS Caucus of Rural Leagues. Thanks to virtual meeting technology, the LWV RC has been a success, creating a forum for the exchange of ideas and information, where members can ask for input from others doing League work in similar circumstances. The RC currently meets every other month. Let Kathy know if you'd like to be on the email list.

Currently, Kathy is helping organize a national Rural Affairs Caucus to connect League members from across the county who are interested in the issues facing rural areas. With the help of Judy Esterquest LWV of Port Washington, NY, Barbara Pearson LWV of Amherst, MA, Donna Seymour, LWV of SLC, NY, and Diana Wardell, LWV of the North Country, NY, the project was launched in March with a survey of potential interest. To date there have been 60 responses from 30 states and a group of volunteer leaders has met. If you'd like to be added to the RAC email list, let one of the NY LWV members mentioned know.

Kathy is originally from Plymouth, Michigan. She received her B.A. in Philosophy from the University of Michigan and her M.A. in Art History from the Johns Hopkins University (with specializations in 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century European and American Art History, and a minor field in Film Theory and Criticism). She has 29 years of teaching experience as an adjunct instructor and has taught at three of the four colleges in the Canton-Potsdam area where she has lived since 1986. Most of her teaching has been at St. Lawrence University in the fields of Art History and Film Studies. She studied classical ballet for twelve years, and violin, which she still plays, to the occasional annoyance, she suspects, of the neighbors.

## **2021-2023 NOMINATING COMMITTEE**



### ***Kate Jankowski- Nominating Committee Chair***

Kate Jankowski has worked as a fund-raising professional for over 25 years. She currently works for Emma Willard School in Troy, NY. She has also served in various fundraising roles over 17 years with Albany Medical Center Foundation, Director of Development Operations for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany and the Director of Development at the League of Women Voters of New York State. That League job became more than a job when she joined the League in 2013. She is currently serving as the Vice President of the League in Rensselaer County and enjoys coordinating the Students Inside Albany student selection for her local League. She also served on the Nominating Committee for her local League for two years and the Chair of the Nominating Committee for the state League from 2019 to 2021. Kate lives in Troy, NY with her husband, Jeff, and their eight-year-old son.



### ***Marylou Cooper Green***

Marylou Cooper Green served for six years as President of the LWV of Westchester ILO. As president she has presided over the ILO's monitoring of County government and the Board of Elections. One of her favorite duties was working with and supporting the eight local Leagues within the county, organizing presidential networking gatherings and mentoring of leadership. The creativity and passion of League activism is her inspiration. Prior to her service with the ILO, Marylou served as president of the LWV of Scarsdale. As with many Leaguers one of her first assignments was organizing a local candidate forum which opened her eyes to the workings of state, county and local government.

Prior to embarking on her career of community activism, Marylou served as a Vice President of Citicorp in the money markets and public finance sectors. With an MBA from Columbia University, she has worked at several corporations, working primarily in finance and operations departments. An

Air Force brat, she grew up in England, and the Northwest and Southern areas of the US. Moving to NYC upon graduating from Wake Forest University she quickly became addicted to the culture, moxie and energy of New York.



### ***Dare Thompson***

Dare's primary volunteer activity since her late 20s has been the League of Women Voters, starting in about 1972 when she joined the Swarthmore, PA League. She has since been the state president in Rhode Island in the late '70s and a VP on the state board in Ohio in the mid '90s. She has also been president of local Leagues in Swarthmore (PA), Delaware Co. (OH), Utica-Rome, and Mid-Hudson Region (both NY). She was president of the NY state League from 2015-2019. In 2016-20 she represented the League on the NYS Women's Suffrage Commission chaired by Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul. Her working life has included secondary private and public school teaching and being the executive director of two mid-sized arts organizations and of Ohio Citizens for the Arts, a non-profit, nonpartisan statewide lobbying organization. More recently she has also been an active volunteer for her local (Poughkeepsie) Quaker Meeting and for the NY Yearly Meeting (Quakers in NY and parts of NJ and CT). With her husband, Doug (a LWV member since men were admitted in '74), she lives in Ulster County near the Orange County border.