

## Get to Know Your New Board of Directors

### Nancy Rosenthal – *President*

Nancy joined League in 2008 after attending a monthly general meeting and being asked to join! Soon after, Nancy found herself President of her local League, Southwest Nassau, and later Co- President and then President of the ILO of Nassau County. Nancy has worked at the national level with the LWVUS Governance Committee, 2016-2018, and the current LWVUS Working Groups (data). For LWVNYS, Nancy has served on the LWVNYS Budget committee as both a member and chair, and is currently on the LWVNYS State Board as 1st Vice President of Voter Service. Nancy's #1 pet project is [vote411.org](http://vote411.org)



Nancy retired in 2022 from a metals 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 (Long Island). While in Kansas City, Nancy was President for several years of the Westport Citizens Action Coalition. Her background includes a few teaching credentials, teaching the blind and visually impaired, and then as a Feldenkrais Practitioner (a form of physical therapy). Nancy has two children, both physicists, working to change the world through science!

Nancy recently moved to Delmar, NY and also found a place in Canaan, NH where she can hike, ski, and bike by simply walking out her back door.



### Sally Robinson – *1<sup>st</sup> 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; She 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 lives on the Upper East Side with her husband. She enjoys travel, golf and skiing with her husband, a college and law school classmate.

**Kathy Meany – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Voter Services**

Kathy is President of the League of Women Voters of Westchester County ILO, NY. She is also a member of the Westchester Women’s Agenda, the League of Women Voters of the Rivertowns, Nonprofit Westchester, and the Business Council of Westchester.



Kathy joined the nonpartisan League of Women Voters with the objectives of empowering voters and defending democracy through civic education for all voters and youth - the leaders of tomorrow. Her 2023 goals include expanding youth engagement in Westchester County to further advance civic readiness by partnering with county schools and like-minded organizations in the community, and launching a new local League in Northwest Westchester.

The majority of her career was spent in the financial services industry as a financial consultant, and then in training and development within several global Fortune 500 corporations, with a focus on leadership and staff development and technology training. In January 2009, Kathy became an entrepreneur running her own training and development business. She advanced her passion in leadership training by founding and directing the Women’s Leadership Institute at Manhattanville College in Purchase, NY (2013-2020.) There, diverse business women had the opportunity to develop themselves professionally through programs and events, academic certificate programs, and annual conferences. With a government contract, Kathy delivered the Career Transition program to retiring military officers and enlisted personnel, most notably at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and a variety of military installations in the Northeast region.

Since January 2022, she is enjoying retirement through her volunteer League work, playing golf, and international travel.



**Regina Tillman – 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion**

Regina responded to the turmoil of 2016 by seeking additional ways to deal with voter apathy that could augment the creation of cardboard signs for protests. She officially became a member of the LWV Albany County in December of that year after hearing of their skills in advocacy. In her first 6 years with the League, she held local League Board positions of: Membership Chair, 1st Vice President, and Director for Fundraising and Development.

In 2019 she was honored to be elected to a newly created State Board position, that of 3rd Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). She is just as honored today to be nominated for a third term in that capacity. She applauds her state-wide “set of right hands” for helping her to begin the shift in NYS League culture toward DEI, the DEI Taskforce.

This position of VP/DEI also allowed Regina to represent LWVNYS to other Leagues, i.e., as participant on the 2020 nationwide Task Force for development of the LWVUS “Urgent Resolution - Racial Justice for Black People and All People of Color”; in a podcast interview on DEI; and in speaking to a League Convention in another State as DEI panelist. Her commitment to addressing

policies, practices and behaviors connected to implementation of a "DEI Lens" has resulted in her recent appointment to the LWVUS DEI Committee for the 2023-25 term.

A native of Buffalo NY, Regina went to Cleveland, Ohio to pursue a healthcare career that began with a Coordinated Internship and MS Graduate Degree program in Human Nutrition at Case Western Reserve University and the Cleveland VA Medical Center. Career-driven locations in her 27 years as a Registered Dietitian and civil servant included Buffalo NY, Montrose NY, and Providence RI, and ending in Albany NY as a Director and Program Manager. In semi-retirement, she then had a 10-year association with the cooperative extension land-grant system, affiliated with Cornell University, where she began a Farm to School Project.

Her activities are wide and varied, including years of event coordination (farmers market music, children's activities; a local summer music festival), promotions, photography, gardening, participating in social justice organizations as member and volunteer, and more recently, learning the fine art of fundraising. Observing workplace culture from different geographic locations while supervising and leading people from a broad range of backgrounds, allows Regina to tap into her life experiences for the benefit of the League, and for her community.

#### **Nick Doran – 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President, Youth Programs**

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. He joined the State League board in 2021.



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.



#### **Pattie Garrett – Secretary**

For the past two years, Pattie has served as Secretary for the League of Women Voters of New York State. Additionally, she is a member of the Local League Support Committee.

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

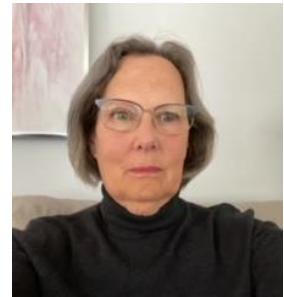
planning, advocacy, voter registration, and shaping the League for the next century.

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).

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.

### **Nancy Agen – Treasurer**

In 2006, Nancy attended her first Candidate Forum which the Utica-Rome League held for the local County Executive position. At the time, she was not familiar with the League of Women Voters but appreciated the value of the forum which enabled her to be a more informed voter. After retirement in 2010 she joined the League and gradually became more active. She has served as Treasurer for 12 years, been a member of the Leadership Team for 4 and has been the Webmaster for 8 years. She is also a volunteer for Munson Williams Proctor Arts Institute.



Nancy grew up in Westchester. She has a B.S. in Biology from Nazareth College. She lived for a short period of time in Florida and Tennessee and traveled extensively to National Parks when time and finances presented the opportunity. A few years after graduation her career took an unexpected turn when she moved to Utica. She has since been involved in the accounting and management of small businesses, one of them being family owned. This gave her a wide range of experiences and responsibilities. She enjoys visiting with her 2 children and 4 grandchildren. In her spare time, she participates in the all-season outdoor activities of a local hiking club.



### **Jane Colvin – Director**

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.

### **Kate Doran – Director**

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 4 grandchildren.



### **Kate Jankowski**

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 2023. Kate lives in Troy, NY with her husband, Jeff, and their eleven-year-old son.



**Michelle Lamberti – Director**

Michele C. Lamberti serves as an advocacy and policy focused attorney with strategic leadership experience across the nonprofit sector. She currently serves as Redistricting Project Coordinator for LatinoJustice PRLDEF and New York City's Unity Map Coalition.

Previously, Michele was a litigator at Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP in New York and served on the firm's women's committee and on the advisory board of New York Lawyers for the Public Interest. She has served in various roles with the League of Women Voters, where her work has focused on education and advocacy around voting rights and redistricting. She serves as Chair Emerita of Women of Dartmouth, Past President of the Dartmouth Communities Executive Council, and a Dartmouth Alumni Councilor. Michele is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Fordham Law School.

**Marjorie McIntosh – Director**

After retiring from Admissions/Recruitment at a local community college and closing a wedding planning/florist business in 2015, Margie spent two years traveling, resting, spending time with family and friends and catching up on home projects ~ so retirement was GOOD!

In 2017, Margie was approached by a friend to help restart a LWV chapter for our two neighboring counties. There were League chapters in the area in the 1930s and 1970s/1980s, but had been dormant for decades. It seemed like the right time to take an unfamiliar, but timely jump into the political and activist pool. Serving as President since 2018, Margie has and does wear many LWV hats, but it is a privilege to be part of a group of committed people who feel strongly about the importance of trying to make life better for everyone. One of the most unexpected benefits of being part of this group is all of the new people who have now become great friends. Even the most serious work is a little easier when working with passionate people who genuinely like one another, are positive, persistent and fun.



Margie is a graduate of Monroe Community College in Rochester, Jamestown Community College in Olean and University of Pittsburg in Bradford, PA, as an adult student. Education became a huge part of the second phase of life and being able to continue partnering with schools, colleges, libraries, and community organizations, albeit in a different capacity, is a lovely surprise.

Volunteer/work/life balance is always challenging, but with the support of a good husband, Jim, a daughter and son-in-law who live around the corner, other adult children who live in fun places to visit and creative therapies such as needlework, quilting, painting, baking and baseball, days are busy but rewarding.



### **Joy Rosenzweig – Director**

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. She joined the State League board in 2021.

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 an 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.

## **2023 – 2025 Nominating Committee**



### **Judie Gorenstein – Chair**

Judie has been on the LWVNYS board for the past thirteen years, first serving as youth chair for five, then as voter service chair for six, and then as president for two years. In each position, Judie has strived to do her best, assess what was worked, determine what was needed, and know when was the right time to step down. She has been honored these past two years to be President of LWVNYS and found this role to be both challenging and very rewarding. She believes she has accomplished what she could in enabling LWVNYS and local Leagues, MAL units, and ILOs to all work together to achieve the mission of empowering voters and defending democracy.

Judie believes developing a leadership ladder and having people step up is essential for continued growth and that now is the right time for a highly qualified, experienced LWV board member to become the new president. Judie also believes in the importance of the nominating committee. She has served on nominating committees as a board member of LWVNY and if elected, looks forward to serving in this important role.

### **Crystal Joseph**

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 state-wide 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.



### **Lori Robinson**

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. She has served as the State League Treasurer since 2017.

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