



## Rochester/Metro League of Women Voters

### Mission Statement

*The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.*

Voter education is one of the League's most important functions, and the League encourages all citizens to register and to cast an informed vote.

The League does not support political parties or candidates, but does take stands on important issues after careful study and research.

Membership in the League is open to all citizens of voting age.

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# Save the Date!

## Picnic in the Park

*Join us at our State Program Planning & Membership Meeting*

**Saturday, January 10, 2015**  
**Buckland Park Lodge**  
*(the lodge behind the playgrounds)*  
**1341 Westfall Road, Brighton**

**10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

Current LWVNYS and LWV-RMA positions will be presented followed by members discussing and recommending programs for 2015-2017.

There will be time for fun, for renewing old acquaintances and to enjoy LUNCH. Regardless of the weather it will be warm and cozy inside.

In order to provide enough food, please register for this event by visiting our website at:

[www.lwv-rma.org](http://www.lwv-rma.org)

*If you have any dietary restrictions, please let us know when you register.*

## Presidents' Corner

Welcome to 2015! We hope you enjoyed the holidays – balmy as they were!

2014 was another fun and productive year for our League. Since September the board has challenged us to increase our visibility regarding our advocacy and voter registration efforts. Our work in these areas, along with education, has been covered in the D&C (news articles, editorials and letters), on WXXI radio (news and talk shows), WROC-TV (annual candidate debate), and City newspaper (letter). Our recent Bee Bibby-CGR study and forum on child care subsidies received significant notice and may lead to additional study.

As you might expect, the League hopes not to lose a beat moving forward into the new year. We begin on January 10 with our annual winter General Membership Meeting, Picnic in the Park. We'll be discussing topics presented by the Energy, Education and Government committees. You're **Warmly Invited** and **Strongly Encouraged** (WISE) to attend – look for details on the front page and in the next column on this page. See you there!

And of course Gin Busack and our committees and study groups are busy planning forums for February, March and April, and a Go-See Tour for May. We'll keep you posted on the topics and scheduling.

Please consider making a New Year's Resolution to check out a League activity that's "new to you." We suggest:

- attending one of our excellent monthly forums and Go-See tours;
- joining a committee or study group (some meet regularly, some only as needed – we know there's one that piques your interest and works with your schedule);
- stopping by the 1872 Café on the first Friday of the month between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM – there's always a fascinating mix of new and long-time League members having coffee or lunch and chatting;
- attending a naturalization ceremony – they're more inspiring that we could begin to describe;
- taking pictures at any events you attend and sending them to us ([lwvrma-voter@rochester.rr.com](mailto:lwvrma-voter@rochester.rr.com));
- joining our book club – or volunteering to register voters – the list goes on!

If you're free for lunch on February 11, please contact us about attending the Susan B. Anthony luncheon. It's a wonderful way to support the SBA House and hear Lynn Sherr speak about her newest book – and another opportunity to combine good work with fun!

We're always interested in your suggestions and comments. Thank you in advance for all that you'll do in 2015!

In League,

**Gloria Read** ([gloell@rochester.rr.com](mailto:gloell@rochester.rr.com))

**Mary Hussong-Kallen** ([mmhk@rochester.rr.com](mailto:mmhk@rochester.rr.com))

## Picnic??? In the Park???

Yes indeed! This is GRASSROOTS at work, and YOU are an important part of the process. It happens on January 10, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Buckland Lodge.

This year we are preparing to add our voices to those of other NYS Leagues in evaluating our current positions for State convention in June and in preparation for our local Annual Meeting in May.

In a cozy cabin with a warm fire, we invite all members (and anyone curious about how the League works) to join us for our discussion of the LWVNYS and LWV-RMA positions on various issues that have been agreed upon over many years. In addition, we hope you will find this a pleasant time for catching up with old friends and making new ones over a warm drink and a picnic lunch.

We will begin the morning with light refreshments as we all listen as a group to presentations by the Education, Energy and Government committees who will:

- present our current LWVNYS and local positions on their area of work for you to discuss, and then recommend whether each should be kept as is, updated, or dropped for the coming year.
- receive from the committees and the floor (YOU) recommended topics for either the State or local League for further study.
- give "directions" to the State or local board for program planning or process.

After our questions have been answered, we will then break into small groups for a relaxed picnic lunch followed by further discussion and agreement on recommendations. The last half hour we will come together again and give final approval for the decisions that came out of your table talk.

We suggest that you review the current League positions in advance. You should already have received information on the positions, however, if you did not receive the information, please go to our website ([www.lwv-rma.org](http://www.lwv-rma.org)) and click on "Links & Positions."

Your local board, including the Program and Membership Committees, thank you in advance for seeing this as the best opportunity you will have to help steer the League in the direction that best represents your views.

**Georgia DeGregorio**  
*Membership Committee Chair*

## Absentee Ballots – Thanks!

On each Primary Day and Election Day, the League has a fundraiser. We work in cooperation with the Monroe County Board of Elections and help open absentee ballots. This year on November 4th we opened absentee ballots with these League members in attendance: Elizabeth Webb, Judy Weinstein, Alison Wilder, Don Wilder, Carole Hoffman, Barbara Grosh, Gin Busack, Dorothy Borgus, Chris Burleigh and Sheila Abeling. Thank you so much for helping the League and the BOE with this important job!

### Sheila Abeling

*2nd Vice-President, Naturalization & FEPC Chair*



## Save This Date!

The Susan B. Anthony Luncheon is held each year in mid-February to celebrate Susan B. Anthony's February 15th birthday, to honor contemporary women who continue her legacy, and to raise awareness of the educational and inspirational programs offered by the Museum. The keynote speaker for the 2015 Susan B. Anthony Birthday Luncheon is Lynn Sherr, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and biographer.

LWV-RMA will have a table at the luncheon. Please join us on Wednesday, February 11, at the Riverside Convention Center! Tickets are \$60. Reserve your place at 585-262-3730 or [www.lwv-rma.org](http://www.lwv-rma.org) and make your check out to LWV-RMA or use Paypal. Fun for a good cause – what a great way to begin the new year!

## Book Club Report

What is it like to come to the United States from a culture very, very different from yours? What is it like to be the first generation born in the U.S.? These questions underlie the book we read and discussed, **The Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts** by Maxine Hong Kingston.

It is an amazing story about “ghosts” of all kinds that haunt the past and present of the characters. It is well-written with insights that stimulated our discussions about who we are and what has influenced us as we grew up. It carries the theme we are exploring this year of how women find their “voices” and assert their identity in a mostly patriarchal world.

Our next selection is **Dear Abigail: The Intimate Lives and Revolutionary Ideas of Abigail Adams and Her Two Remarkable Sisters** by Diane Jacobs. Please join us on Tuesday, January 20 at 1:00 pm at the Greenhouse Cafe, 2271 East Main Street, Rochester.

### Georgia DeGregorio

*Membership Chair & Book Club Member*

## Fair Election Practices Campaign (FEPC)

The 2014 Fair Election Practices Campaign (FEPC) ended with Election Day on November 4th. The Interfaith Alliance of Rochester (TIAR) and the League co-sponsor this project. We believe that positive campaigns that address important issues are winning campaigns. Yes, we did see some negative campaigning that was very disappointing to observe. Although we had no complaints filed this year, we had a high percentage of Pledge signers.

Special appreciation goes to our Hearing Panel for volunteering for this project. Thank you to: Jim Morris (Chairperson), Ralph Esposito, Peter Knapp, Channing Philbrick, Kay Wallace and Alternates Tom Frey, Lois Giess, Jean Keplinger, David Koon, Jim Peters, Sue Roberts, Carol Saum and Mary Ann Thorpe. Although your job was less active than in the past, we really appreciate your hanging in there with us!

### Sheila Abeling

*2nd Vice-President, Naturalization & FEPC Chair*

## Naturalization

Citizenship has long been one of the most important privileges the U.S. can bestow and the League is very fortunate to participate in oath ceremonies each month of the year. We meet approximately 1,500 new citizens each year and register the citizens as new voters. In 2014, Sheila Abeling, Marcia Eisenberg, Kathy Farrar, Beth Feldman, Barb Hendry, Joan Rosenthal, Kay Saunders, Katherine Smith, Mimi Wilson and Lois Winterkorn volunteered as League members at the various ceremonies. Thank you so much for your dedication! The ceremonies took place at the following venues: Monroe County Office Building, Federal Building, The College at Brockport, Genesee Country Museum, Seneca Falls Women's Rights Museum and RIT. What an honor and pleasure to be a part of the experience of those pledging their allegiance to the US Constitution and loyalty to the USA!

November 13th brought Barb Hendry to the Monroe County Office Building to welcome new citizens at 10:00 AM. At 1:00 PM, Lois Winterkorn met the new citizens at the Federal Building. To finish up our 2014 schedule of Naturalization Ceremonies, on December 11th at 10:00 AM, Lois Winterkorn registered new citizens to vote. At 1:00 PM on December 11th, Katherine Smith and Mary Hussong-Kallen represented the League at the ceremony. December brought an additional ceremony on the 18th at the Monroe County Office Building with Beth Feldman welcoming the newest citizens at 10:00 AM. Whew!! What a wonderful year!

The number of oath ceremonies and the number of new citizens increased this year. If you are interested in volunteering to help out the League with registering new citizens to vote at Naturalizations for 2015, please contact me at [sheiler162007@gmail.com](mailto:sheiler162007@gmail.com) or 585-223-6819.

### Sheila Abeling

*2nd Vice-President, Naturalization & FEPC Chair*

## From LWVUS: Tell the FEC What to Do About Citizens United

The Federal Election Commission (FEC), the federal agency in charge of our nation's campaign finance laws, is now receiving public comment about steps they should take "to address corruption in the political process." The FEC can do something to stop the secret money polluting our elections and end coordinated expenditures by outside groups. Take action now to tell the FEC to act and enforce the law. Visit the website at [www.fec.gov](http://www.fec.gov).

## Meet Joan Rosenthal

### BACKGROUND

A long time member of the LWV-RMA, Joan grew up in Teaneck, NJ and moved to Rochester after she married. After obtaining graduate degrees in personnel psychology and counseling she returned to work after her children "flew the coop." Joan worked for many years for Career Development Services, a not-for-profit career planning and development organization, retiring in 1998 as Assistant Director of the organization's outplacement division.

### WHY SHE JOINED THE LEAGUE

Joan joined the League when her children were very young and she was a stay-at home mom. Back then there were evening discussion groups, and it was very stimulating to be with a group of women informed about current issues. Besides feeling very empowered to affect legislation, it was a good way to get out of the house at night and actually have adult conversations. And she also made many wonderful friends.

### LEAGUE ROLE/ACTIVITY

After taking a hiatus from the League while her children were in school and while she was working, Joan rejoined the League when she retired and became active on the Social Policy Committee. She was a representative from the League to the Rochester Coalition to Prevent Lead Poisoning, a consortium of local organizations whose mission was to reduce lead poisoning in children. The advocacy of this coalition helped convince the Rochester City Council to pass legislation in 2005 to develop efforts to reduce childhood lead poisoning. She also encouraged Leagues statewide to lobby their legislators to secure passage of the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Act of 2008. With the help of many organizations and agencies, Joan compiled and edited a booklet "Careers in Lead Hazard Control", a resource guide to help people make decisions about job opportunities in the field and how to get the necessary training and qualifications to find employment. This guide was published in 2005 and distributed throughout Rochester and Monroe County. Last year she served as chair of the LWV nominating committee. Currently Joan enjoys being part of the Naturalization Committee helping welcome new citizens to Rochester.

### QUOTE

"Over the years, being active with the League has given me greater confidence in myself and has proved to be a very enriching experience. When calling to meet with legislators or other community officials, announcing that I was from the League of Women Voters opened doors that would have been closed otherwise. That is how much the League is respected."



## Sunshine Corner

### **HENRIETTA TOWN BOARD 11/19/14 PER TOWN OF HENRIETTA TOWN BOARD WEBSITE**

Blueberry Crescent cul-de-sac is now a "no parking anytime" area; the Board adopted a whistle-blower policy, and a breach of operating contract against Joseph C DeMino was declared.

(To view the full minutes from these and other meetings, please click here: <http://www.henrietta.org>)

### **IRONDEQUOIT WORKSHOP 11/13/14 OBSERVED BY PATRINA FREEMAN AND ELAINE SCHMIDT**

No Sunshine issues were noted.

Report by the Treasurer confirmed that the town budget is on track; a public hearing regarding an amendment on temporary signs was set for November 20: capital improvement projects were established regarding Summerville, Camp Eastman, Irondequoit Cemetery, soccer and lacrosse camps, a tot lot and spray parks at Camp Eastman; a firearms qualification course was established for retired police officers; snow and ice contracts have been awarded; the annual Sea Breeze Winter Parade is 12/20. The board went into executive session regarding litigation.

(To view the full minutes from this and other meetings, please click here: <http://www.irondequoit.org/>)

### **MONROE COUNTY LEGISLATURE 11/12/14 OBSERVED BY ELAINE SCHMIDT**

No Sunshine issues were noted.

County Executive Maggie Brooks presented the county budget for 2015.

Katherine Smith of LWV-RMA addressed the Legislature regarding the need for increased daycare funds.

A public hearing was set for December 9 regarding leasing of surplus property at 2449 St. Paul Blvd. in Irondequoit to Cornell Cooperative Extension; a public hearing regarding the sale of surplus property on Brew Road in the Town of Riga to Monroe Industrial Development was set for December 9.

A grant was accepted from NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services for the purchase of body cameras for Monroe County Sheriffs Office in a six month test program; discussion followed on Miranda rights.

(To view the full minutes from this and other meetings, please click here: <http://www2.monroecounty.gov>)

### **WEBSTER TOWN BOARD 11/6/14**

### **OBSERVED BY LOIS WINTERKORN**

No Sunshine issues were noted.

Media coverage is now on 98.4 not Channel 12.

Webster Town budget for 2015 approved.

Supervisor authorized to sign agreement between Town and Monroe County for the North Ponds Park ADA Fishing Pier Project; funds authorized expenditure of up to \$222,000.00 for First Responders Spray Park.

(To view the full minutes from these and other meetings, please click here: <http://www.ci.webster.ny.us>)

## Education Study Group Report

### **CITIZEN JOURNALISTS**

Citizen Journalists are coming to East High School. The Teaching Learning Institute (TLI) at East High School is teaming with WXXI to train students to become citizen journalists.

Tenth through twelfth graders will create news stories from their life experiences. The teens will examine local neighborhoods for both assets and deficits. They will fact-check all of their work. Then they each will write a 5-minute story, with the intent of forming the basis of an ethnographic study which will contribute to a community dialogue.

The Education Study Group would like to help TLI with their project, and the TLI needs volunteers who are familiar with software such as YELLR, Final Cut Pro and Garage Band. Volunteers would help students edit their stories. If you can help, please contact the TLI at East High School, teacher contact: Laura Delehanty at 585-288-3130 ext. 5111 or [laura.delehanty@rcsdk12.org](mailto:laura.delehanty@rcsdk12.org).

### **RCSD BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The Education Study Group also met with Cynthia Elliott on October 17, 2014. She said that the greatest challenge facing the school district is to educate parents that teaching children begins at 6 weeks of age. She is part of a task force headed by NYS Assembly Majority Leader Joe Morelle focusing on this topic. As chairperson of the Office of Parent Engagement for the Rochester City School District (RCSD) Board of Education, she is the perfect liaison to coordinate efforts with the state.

We hope to meet with the remaining school board members at our next meetings on November 21, December 5 and December 12, 2014. We meet at the Winton Road Library at 2:00 PM. All are welcome to join us.

**Cathy Phelps**

*Education Study Group Convener*

## Advocacy Updates

### THE REDISTRICTING AMENDMENT (PROPOSITION 1)

As you probably know, Proposition 1 amending the NYS Constitution passed on November 4, 2014. The result will be the establishment of a Commission on Redistricting in 2022, determining which membership and procedures for drawing election district lines will be different from the ones used by LATFOR for the last several years.

LWVNYS and local leagues advocated in favor of Prop 1. LWV-RMA held a very well attended forum, gave speeches and media interviews and wrote an opinion piece promoting the “yes” vote by NYS citizens. In Monroe County the “yes” vote was 58%. After the 2020 census, members of this new Commission will be appointed and the new consensus process drawing district lines will begin. The 2022 election districts will be for the Assembly, NY Senate and Congress. Public hearings are mandated and data used by the Commission must be available to the public.

### WOMEN’S EQUALITY ACT (WEA)

The Women’s Equality Act did not become law in 2014, so its passage will be a top legislative item for 2015. The Governor was reelected after running on a platform citing enactment of WEA as a priority for him. All 10 points of the WEA were passed by the Assembly in 2014 and expected to pass again in 2015 by a large margin. Local Assembly members David Gantt, Joseph Morelle and Harry Bronson voted in favor of the bill, and they should be thanked and encouraged to promote a quick passage in 2015. The 2014 NY Senate did not vote on WEA, and it may not be introduced by the majority in 2015, although the Majority Leader has indicated the Senate may vote on several bills dealing with some items in WEA. The LWVNYS position supports all 10 points.

Remember to check [www.lwvny.org](http://www.lwvny.org) for updates on this legislation and other LWVNYS 2015 Legislative Agenda issues.

If you are interested in lobbying local Assembly members and state Senators, please contact Katherine Smith at 334-3991 or [kathysmith292@gmail.com](mailto:kathysmith292@gmail.com).

2015 will be a very busy legislative year in Albany. Become involved!

#### **Katherine Smith**

*1st Vice-President, Advocacy Director*

## Member to Member

Your Membership and Program Committees are working together to provide a stimulating meeting on January 10th for you, our members. This is a traditional time for program planning, which means we review our current positions and make recommendations for the coming year for either further study or advocacy efforts with our legislators.

This year we will concentrate on LWV New York State program for recommendations to present to the delegates at the June 2015 State Convention.

If you have not already received materials to review before we meet, please contact me at 585-787-9692 or [georgiatd1@gmail.com](mailto:georgiatd1@gmail.com).

Be assured that this is not just a “working” session! Members in the past have commented that they appreciated this as a time to meet our newest members and reacquaint with friends from the past. We will have lunch for you in a warm and pleasant setting at Buckland Park.

SAVE THE DATE!!

#### **Georgia DeGregorio**

*Membership Chair*

## Carrie Chapman Catt: A Short Biography

Key coordinator of the woman suffrage movement and skillful political strategist, Carrie (Lane) Chapman Catt revitalized the National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA) and played a leading role in its successful campaign to win voting rights for women. In 1920 she founded the League of Women Voters upon ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Carrie Clinton Lane was born on January 9, 1859, in Ripon, Wisconsin, the second of three children of Lucius and Maria (Clinton) Lane. At the age of seven, her family moved to rural Charles City, Iowa, where she graduated from high school in 1877. In 1880, she graduated from the Iowa Agricultural College and Model Farm in Ames (now Iowa State University) at the top of her class, having worked her way through school by washing dishes, working in the school library, and teaching. She was also the only woman in her graduating class. After college, she returned to Charles City to work as a law clerk and, in nearby Mason City, as a school teacher and a principal. In 1883, she became one of the first women in the nation appointed superintendent of schools.

~ from [www.catt.org](http://www.catt.org)

## Following Up On...

### OUR BEATRICE BIBBY ENDOWMENT FORUM: STAND WITH FAMILIES AND CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY!

On Thursday, November 13, at Asbury First United Methodist Church, League members and members of the community learned a great deal about the troubling state of child care subsidies in Monroe County.

Erika Rosenberg of the Center for Governmental Research presented the results of research funded by our Bee Bibby Endowment, followed by shorter presentations by an excellent panel consisting of Erika, Carolyn Lee-Davis of The Children's Agenda & Early Childhood Development Initiative, Nancy Kaplan of Rochester's Child & Community Foundation, and Sarah Davis, a parent and beneficiary of child care subsidies. All of the presenters answered audience questions for nearly 45 minutes.

#### CGR'S FINDINGS INCLUDE:

- Adjusted for inflation, funding for subsidies has declined since 2007. Federal and state funding declined 2% and local funding 5%.
- The need for subsidies in Monroe County is largest in the City of Rochester but growing fastest in some suburbs. The number of children potentially eligible grew 52% in Irondequoit, 31% in Henrietta and 17% in Greece from 2000 to 2012.
- Statewide, the subsidy program lacks consistency and the ability to analyze and monitor trends and need. Among local areas we studied, the share of eligible children receiving subsidies ranged from 6% to 25%, and federal and state funding per eligible child varied from less than \$350 to nearly \$2,000.
- Serving all eligible families would be very expensive, but targeting low-income families with children of particular ages may be more feasible. National research has shown that only 50% of those eligible for subsidies are likely to apply for assistance, potentially making it possible to make progress closing the gap between need and availability of subsidies.

The D&C reported on the forum, and the findings have been cited in a number of local venues. The report offers insight into an often-overlooked problem, as well as data that will hopefully assist in advocacy efforts for those without strong voices.

All who attended were encouraged to sign letters advocating for increased funding for child care in Monroe County.

Similar research has now been conducted in Erie County and the Mid-Hudson Valley, and the League may offer assistance to CGR to study this issue further, thanks to the Bee Bibby Endowment.

To access the full report, please visit [http://www.cgr.org/reports/14\\_R-1748\\_ChildCareSubsidiesinMonroeCounty.pdf](http://www.cgr.org/reports/14_R-1748_ChildCareSubsidiesinMonroeCounty.pdf).



## December 11<sup>th</sup> Naturalization Ceremony Photos





## October Redistricting Amendment Forum Photos



## Immigration

On November 20, 2014 President Obama issued an Executive Order upholding part of his inaugural promise to fix our immigration system by changing immigration enforcement policy in three important ways:

- Undocumented immigrants who have been in this country for five years without a criminal record and who have a US-born child will be able to apply to safely remain in this country for three years with work authorization (DAPA: Deferred Action for Parents of Americans).
- A similar program for youth who were brought to this country without proper papers (DACA: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) was expanded to include many more people by changing the arrival date to January 1, 2010.
- Also, a program called Secure Communities was ended; until this time, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) was able to use local jails to detain a potentially undocumented person until their immigration status could be evaluated. This was replaced with a non-mandatory notification system when a person would be released from a local jail.

This order has been a boon to many farmworkers and others in our communities, as there are many families who will benefit. But it should be noted that it is also regarded as failing in two ways:

- First, the qualifying families are in “limbo” as they will still have no legal rights, no pathway to citizenship, and no certainty as to what the future will bring in a temporary but renewable program.
- And second, more than half the farmworkers in our region do not qualify for DAPA and will be subject to President Obama’s plan to increase enforcement of the non-qualifying undocumented members of our community.

LWV-RMA’s Immigration Study Group will be looking at this and other immigration issues in the coming months. Stay tuned!

**John (Lory) Ghertner, MD**  
*Immigration Study Group Member*



# Coming Events!



## January

- 8 Rochester Federation of Women's Clubs luncheon 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- 8 LWV-RMA board meeting at 6:00 PM (BTH)
- 9 Carrie Chapman Catt's birthday
- 9 Naturalization Ceremonies
- 10 General Membership Meeting "Picnic in the Park" 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM (Buckland Lodge)

## February

- 6 First Friday, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- 11 Susan B. Anthony House Annual Luncheon 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM (Convention Center)
- 12 Rochester Federation of Women's Club luncheon 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- 12 LWV-RMA board meeting at 6:00 PM (location TBA)
- 13 Naturalization Ceremonies

*Be sure to check your email and our website for other events as they are scheduled!*

## First Fridays

Are you free for lunch or a mid-day coffee break? If so, we'd like to spend it with you!

When: First Friday of each month between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM

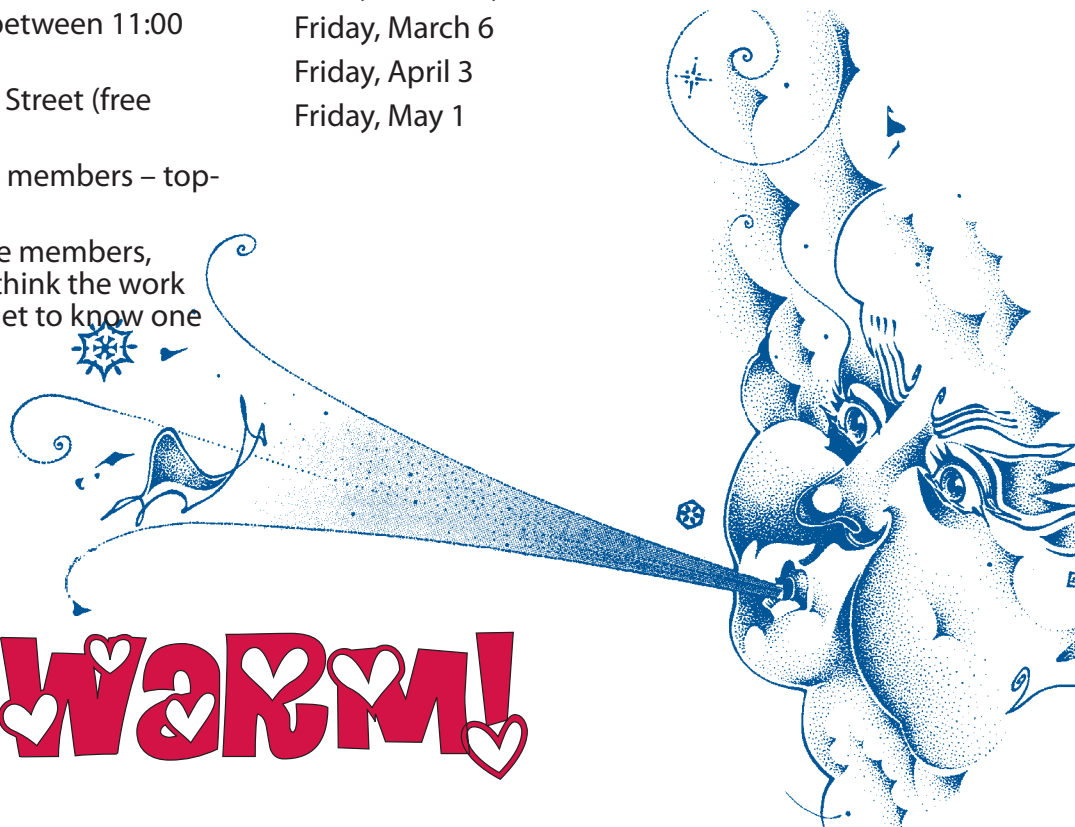
Where: 1872 Café at 431 West Main Street (free parking across the street)

What: Chatting with other League members – topics are up to you

If you've wanted to get to know more members, here's an opportunity – because we think the work we love to do is more fun when we get to know one another better.

### SEE YOU ON:

- Friday, February 6
- Friday, March 6
- Friday, April 3
- Friday, May 1



# STAY WARM!

Board meets monthly on the second Thursday of each month. Board meetings are open to all members.

Government Committee meets monthly. For details, call Elaine Schmidt at 530-7414.

Membership Committee meets monthly. For details, call Georgia DeGregorio at 787-9692.

10:00 AM Naturalization Ceremonies are held at Monroe County Office Building at 39 W. Main Street.

1:00 PM Naturalization Ceremonies are held at Federal Court House at 100 State Street.

Forums are open to the public. Calendar information is subject to change.

For more complete information, consult our website at [www.LWV-RMA.org](http://www.LWV-RMA.org), call 262-3730 or e-mail us at [info@lwv-rma.org](mailto:info@lwv-rma.org)



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DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15!**



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IF YOU DON'T SAY A WORD, EVERYTHING WILL STAY THE SAME WAY

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- To influence public policy through education and advocacy

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