



The Voter

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LWV Member Sue Steele at Story Harvest sponsored by Sanctuary for Independent Media, Oct. 1

Voter Services

Our League has been very active in this Election Season.

Distribution of 1000 copies of Voter Guide part 1. Watch for Voter Guide part 2 in early October at your town or city hall or library or on line at lwnys.org.

Vote411 will be active on or about October 2. Find information about candidates at vote411.org.

Voter Registration at the

Troy Waterfront Farmers Market

Rock the Vote at a baseball game at the Joe

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Russell Sage College September 29

Library Votes

East Greenbush Community Library

Troy Public Library September 27, noon- 8:00 PM Main library and Lansingburgh branch.

Candidate Forums

Troy Public Library trustee candidates

20th Congressional District Paul Tonko and Joe Vitollo October 18 at 7:00 PM at Clifton Park-Halfmoon Community Library

43rd State Senate tentative October 26 in Stillwater

All of these activities would not happen without the help of our members who are so willing to help!

LOCAL NEWS

Consensus Meeting: Update our position on certain Legislative Procedures

Thursday, November 10 at the East Greenbush Library, 10 Community Way

7 – 9 PM

Discussion will focus on:

1. Outside income for legislators
2. Length of terms
3. Need to stagger terms
4. Tenure for Legislative Leadership Come for a lively discussion. Background was in the last issue of our newsletter, or can be found at www.lwny.org and click on Programs & Studies, then Legislative Procedures Update.

Forward into Light

A group of nine singers and instrumentalists will perform songs of the women's suffrage movement, particularly in New York State, in two concerts at Old Songs Community Arts Center in Voorheesville on Friday, November 18, and Saturday, November 19.

The program is called Forward into Light. Scheduled performers are Greg Artzner, Dan Duggan, Terry Leonina, Peggy Lynn, Annie Rosen, Bill Spence, Toby Stover, Susan Trump, and George Wilson.

Tickets are \$25 (\$5 for children). They are available online through Eventbrite.com or by telephone, 765-2815.

If you are interested in going as a group and sharing driving, contact Jill Nagy, nagyjill0@gmail.com, before November 1. Let her know how many people are coming and whether you prefer Friday or Saturday evening.

Education Foundation Report

The Education Foundation is the "educational and fundraising arm of the League of Women Voters of New York State." You will find all the facts and figures of their work in the past year in their Annual Report <http://lwvny.org/aboutEF/2016/LWVEF-Annual-Report-2016.pdf>

Among the highlights, they sent 58 high school Students for 4 days Inside Albany one of them being from Rensselaer County. They publish our Voters Guides including an electronic one - Vote411.org. They sponsor State League Day at the United Nations which 4 of our members will be attending this year. We look forward to their report. And a three year fundraising campaign led to a State League ability to add "a critically-needed, full-time staff position" - Jennifer Wilson was added as Program and Policy Director of the State League. You will find more about her and all the other projects on the State League web site or the link above.

Environmental Committee Meets Soon

The Environmental Committee will next meet on Monday October 31st at 6PM at the Psychedelicatessen at 275 River St. Troy. All are welcome. No costumes required. Kristina Younger, League member who is also on the Board of the Rensselaer Land Trust, will discuss with us how the Trust

prioritizes land protection projects that protect drinking water sources. This includes both the Tomhannock and those areas that are on well water.

At our last meeting Judy Meyer reported that the NYS Legislature has bipartisan support for a product stewardship bill regarding recycling paint - requiring paint sellers to take responsibility for taking back unused paint. Look for progress on this in the next Legislative session.

For the disposal of prescription medications, there is a 24hr drop box at Troop G Headquarters on Route 7. There is also an announced drug take back day Saturday Oct 22 at various local police headquarters. Look for details on the County web site.

A new goal was established to assemble a list of reliable sources of information on environmental issues.

Also planned is a possible car pool to an Open House Sunday October 30th at the Radix Ecological Sustainability Center in Albany. The mission of the Radix Center is to promote ecological literacy and environmental stewardship through educational programs based around demonstrations of sustainable technologies. Many details and a virtual tour are available on their web site.

Judy Meyer

2015-16 Calendar

October 2016

October 18 **Candidates Forum, 20th Cong. District, Clifton Park Library**

October 31 Halloween
Environment Committee, 6 p.m.
Psychedelicatessan

November 2016

November 6 Daylight Savings Time ends
November 8 **Election Day, Pick up the results**
November 10 **Membership Meeting, East Greenbush Library, 7 p.m.**
November 11 Veterans Day
November 17 **Board Meeting, Krause Center, 7 p.m.**
League Day at United Nations
November 18 and 19 Forward Into Light, songs and stories of the Suffrage movement in NYS, Old Songs, 7:30 p.m.
November 24 Thanksgiving Day

STATE NEWS



Vote411 is now live with information on the Presidential and US Senate races. Some state Assembly and Senate, as well as some local, races are also live, but all races will be live on October 3rd. **Go to www.vote411.org to get the information.**

COUNTDOWN TO ELECTION DAY 2016

GENERAL ELECTION-TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8th

- Register in person by Friday, October 14th
- Register by mail: Postmarked by Friday, October 14th and received by October 19th
- Apply for absentee ballot in person by Monday, November 7th
- Apply for absentee ballot by mail: postmarked by Tuesday, November 1st
- Deliver ballot in person by Tuesday, November 8th
- Deliver ballot by mail: postmarked by Monday, November 7th and received by Saturday, November 12th

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