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LOCAL VOTER LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS SYRACUSE METROPOLITAN AREA

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Calendar

Tuesday, Sept. 13th
Primary Day
Saturday, Sept. 17th
LWVSyr Board Meeting
Thursday, Sept. 22nd
The Media & the 2016 Election
Tuesday, Sept. 27th
National Voter Registration Day
Wednesday, Oct. 5th
Greenwood Winery Event

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VOTER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- Volunteer to register voters at naturalization ceremonies, high schools, colleges and special events
- Monitor Syracuse Housing Elections
- Work on candidate forums with co-sponsors and political candidates

Please call us at 315-396-8225
or email us at
www.league@lwvsyr.org

The Media and the Presidential Election: The Rules Have Changed

A Conversation with Dr. David Rubin, Ph.D
Former Newhouse Dean and
Moderator of WCNY's Ivory Tower

Thursday, September 22, 2016

5:00-7:00PM

OASIS Lecture Hall
6333 Route 298, East Syracuse NY 13057

Sponsored by:
The League of Women Voters of
The Syracuse Metro Area

The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. For more information call us at 315-396-8225 or email us at league@lwvsyr.org



*Who's on the September 13, 2016 Onondaga County
Primary Ballot?
See Page 6 for details.*



BOARD NOTES

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

THANK YOU

To all who have renewed their membership. We cannot do it without you!

REMINDER

It's time to renew your League Membership for 2016-2017. If you have not renewed your membership, we encourage you to do it today! You can use the form on the last page of this newsletter to renew your membership if you have misplaced your formal notice.

*Welcome new member
Gloria Sage*

Weekly Updates From LWVUS

The National League (LWVUS) sends out weekly updates from the President with important information, opportunities and events. If you would like to receive these weekly updates from the National League, please email database@lww.org and indicate that you want to be added to the list.

State Board Reports From LWVNYS

If you are not receiving the monthly State Board Report from the State League, they may not have your correct email address. Please email us at league@lwwsy.org and we will get you on the list.

Finally don't forget to frequently visit the websites of all 3 levels of the League.

www.lwwsy.org
www.lwvny.org
www.lww.org



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The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. For more information please call the League office at (315) 396-8225 or e-mail to league@lwwsy.org

Diversity Statement

The Syracuse Metropolitan League of Women Voters is committed to diversity and pluralism, which means there shall be no barriers to participation in any League activity on the basis of age, race, ethnicity, gender, disability, sexual orientation, religion, economic status, or national origin.



Please let us know your email address or if your address has changed. It is the most efficient way to communicate. You will be notified of upcoming local events and LWVUS and LWVNY National & State Action Alerts and news.

Your e-mail address will not be shared or sold. Please respond to league@lwwsy.org if there has been a change on how we can contact you.

Opportunities for League Members and Friends

If you are reading this message, you already believe in the importance of the League's mission: voting and having a well informed electorate essential to our Democracy. To fulfill our goal we need members and volunteers to help with voter registration activities. September 27th is National Voter Registration Day. Leagues and other organizations across the nation plan to register new voters. Please reach out to us and let us know how you can be a part of the drive to see that every qualified citizen is registered to vote. If you know of an event where we could set up a voter registration table, please let us know.

We also need to grow our membership. You can help by sharing your interest in the League with your friends and inviting them to a League event. Upcoming events include: Dr. David Rubin's talk on September 22nd on the media and the presidential election. We are also hosting a membership get together at the Greenwood Bistro and Winery on October 5th. All League events are open to the public. You will find more information on these events in this newsletter as well as on our website and Facebook page. Thanks to Roberta Millert for organizing these events.

As we have noted in our last several newsletters, we are gearing up for centennial celebration plans marking the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment and the founding of the League of Women Voters. The State league has formed a 100th anniversary steering committee with over 35 members already on it. Locally we hope to form our own committee. Central New York was such a hotbed for the movement and there are so many opportunities close by to visit and plan events around. If you are interested in sitting on a local committee to plan events, please let us know by calling us at 396-8225 or emailing us at league@lwvsy.org.

Your Leadership Team,

Joan Durant, Joan Johnson, Margrit Diehl, Roberta Millert, Harold Bertram

Calendar

Tuesday, Sept. 13th - Noon to 9 PM

State & Local Primary (See page 6 for details)

Saturday, Sept. 17th - 10AM - Noon
Dunkin Donuts, 1909 Teal Ave.

LWVSyr Board Meeting (open to the membership)

Thursday, September 22nd
Oasis Lecture Hall

The Media and the 2016 Election with David Rubin
(See page 1 for details)

Tuesday, Sept. 27th

National Voter Registration Day

Wednesday, Oct. 5th - 5:30-7:00PM
Greenwood Bistro & Winery

LWVSyr Membership Event , Wine-tasting/getting to know the League (see page 4 for details)



It is not too early to think about Students Inside Albany, an intensive 4 day interactive conference that brings together high school students from across the state. It is designed to immerse students in the process by which public policy is proposed, enacted and changed in New York State. Students will also have the opportunity to shadow their local legislators and observe sessions of the Assembly and Senate.

If you know of a high school student who would be interested in participating, please contact Margrit Diehl by phone at 446-1317 or email margrit.diehl@gmail.com



***When Did New York
Women Win the Right To Vote?***

Answer on Page 5



Committed to Making Democracy Work

The League of Women Voters of the Syracuse Metro Area invites our members, friends, and anyone interested in learning about the League, to a wine-tasting event with appetizers at:

Greenwood Winery & Bistro
6475 Collamer Road
East Syracuse, NY 13057
Wednesday, October 5, 2016
5:30—7:00 PM
Member/With Guest \$15.00
Guest Only \$12.00

Save the Date

Anticipating the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment and the founding of the League of Women Voters, learn more about our mission, history and effort to “Make Democracy Work.”

RESERVATIONS

----- Number of Reservations @ \$15.00 (member with guest)

----- Number of Reservations @ \$12.00 (member or friend of the League)

Name ----- Guest (if applicable) -----

Address ----- City -----

Email ----- Phone -----

Make checks payable to Syracuse Metro LWV, PO Box 11866, Syracuse NY 13218. Reservations due by September 15th. For more information call Roberta Millert at 315-430-3921.

Greenwood is a unique place. It has an onsite vineyard, apple orchard, berry patch and herb gardens. Additional food and beverages can be purchased in their bistro which features locally grown vegetables, family raised meats and a wide variety of artisan breads and desserts.

Directions:

From the West: Take 690E to Exit 16S-N (Thompson Rd);merge on to Thompson Rd; enter circle & take the 1st right (NY 298); 6475 Collamer Rd will be on your left.

From the East: Take 481 toward Syracuse; take exit 7 toward Bridgeport; turn right onto NY298/Collamer Rd; 6475 Collamer Rd is on the right.

There is plenty of parking; ask the host/hostess to direct you to Greenwood’s Pavilion

Please join us and bring a friend.

The Electoral College

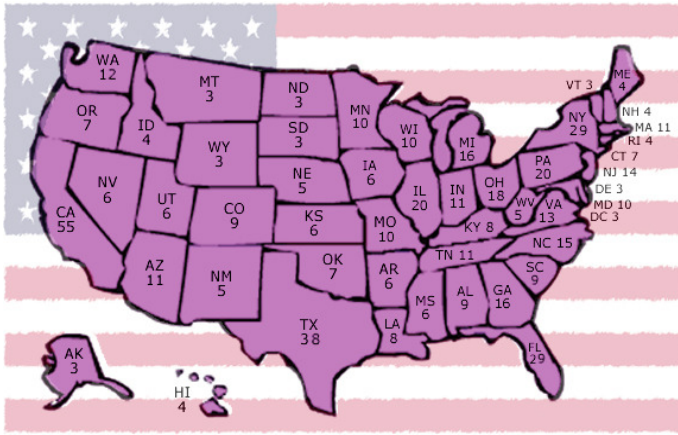
As we know, the U.S. President and Vice President are elected not by direct popular vote, but within the Electoral College, as detailed in the 12th amendment to the constitution.

The Electoral College consists of Electors from all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The total number of Electors equals the total number of the 435 members of the House of Representatives, plus the 100 Senators, plus 3 from DC, totaling 538 Electors. The magic number needed to elect the President and Vice President is 270.

Who are these Electors? In Maine and Nebraska, they are elected based on the total vote winner in each Congressional District. In the rest of the states, it is a winner-take-all situation for the Electors. Those elected by the party whose candidate receives the most votes become that state's Electors. No federal official may be an elector.

The electors meet in their respective state capitols (electors for the District of Columbia meet within the District) on the Monday after the 2nd Wednesday in December. Each state's procedures are slightly different. Congress meets on January 6th to count the electoral votes. If no candidate receives 270 electoral votes, the House of Representatives selects the President and the Senate selects the Vice President. In that case each state gets one vote.

In 2000, the winner with the most popular votes did not become President. This was not the first time that happened, and it could happen again.



2016 Swing States

This year there are eleven "swing states" that have the potential to go to the Democrats or the Republicans. They are: Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Michigan, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Wisconsin. Arizona and Georgia could be in play as well. The possibilities change daily. The other states, in recent history, have voted consistently for either the Democratic or Republican Presidential candidate. As of now, they are expected to do the same. Will they?

Thank you to Barbara Epstein, LWV of Nassau for this article.

Voter Registration at the NYS State Fair

Thank you to all members and friends of the Syracuse League who volunteered to register voters at the State Fair. Volunteers included **Harold Bertram, Margrit Diehl, Joan Durant, Sandra Gowing, Jayne Humbert, Rhonda Hungerford, Joan & Art Johnson, Anne Kemper, Barb Kilpatrick, Roberta & Dan Millert, Maureen Needham, Lanessa Owens, Tina Press, David Rubin, Gloria Sage, Susan Scheuerman, Molly Voorheis, and Elaine Wolf.**

The event was arranged by the New York State League and the New York Alliance for Donation. The registration table will be open the entire run of the Fair thanks to the **NYS Alliance for Donation and Laura Ladd Bierman, Executive Director** and **Jennifer Wilson, Program & Policy Director** of the State League.



Do you know when women in New York State won the vote?

We often assume that women were granted the right to vote as the result of the ratification of the 19th amendment in 1920. However, women in New York won the vote on November 6, 1917.

Winning the vote across the country came slowly. Women in the territory of Wyoming were allowed to vote in 1869 prior to becoming a state in 1890. Some historians say they were motivated by interest in free publicity rather than a commitment to suffrage for women. It was also rumored that it was a gimmick to get women to move to the west where they were in short supply.

By the time the 19th amendment became part of the United States Constitution, 15 states already had full suffrage and more had partial suffrage allowing them to vote in some elections.



**Onondaga County Primary Candidates
Tuesday, September 13, 2016 – 12 Noon-9PM**



REPUBLICAN

New York State Member of Assembly – 127th District:
Vincent Giordano
Michael J Becallo

CONSERVATIVE

Onondaga County – County Court Judge (Vote for 2)
Matthew J Doran
Robert A Coville
Stephen J Dougherty

REFORM

Onondaga County- County Court Judge (Vote for 2)
Jeff G Leibo
Stephen J Dougherty
Robert A Coville
Matthew J Doran

***Remember NYS is a closed primary state.
You can only vote in a primary if you are enrolled in that party.***



Get Registered!

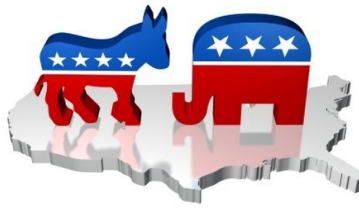
Register to vote now at www.VOTE411.org

Get Election Info You Need!

Find polling places and voting information at www.VOTE411.org

Get Involved!

Learn who the candidates are and where they stand on the issues at www.VOTE411.org



HOW TO JUDGE A CANDIDATE

DECIDE WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR IN A CANDIDATE

What are their positions on the issues? Are they issues you care about?
What are their leadership qualities and experience – Intelligence? Honesty? Communications skills?

FIND OUT ABOUT THE CANDIDATES

Call your local Board of Elections
Call your local political party headquarters
Check out candidate's websites and campaign literature
Pay attention to television and radio ads and reports
Read your local newspaper
Attend debates and forums
For incumbents, check their voting records on the issues you care about

LEARN ABOUT THEIR LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Look at their background and experience – are they prepared for the job?
Observe their campaigns – do they accept speaking engagements to debate?
Do they avoid serious questions?

LEARN WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK ABOUT THE CANDIDATES

Talk to your neighbors, friends, relatives, political volunteers

LEARN ABOUT ENDORSEMENTS

LOOK INTO CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

FOLLOW OPINION POLLS

SEE THROUGH DISTORTION TECHNIQUES

Name calling? Rumor mongering? Catchwords? Passing the blame? Promising the impossible? Evading Issues?

SORT IT ALL OUT

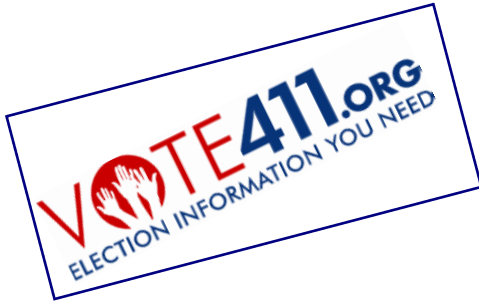
What candidates' views on the issues do you agree with?
Who ran the fairest campaign?
Which candidates showed the most knowledge of the issues?
Which candidates have the leadership qualities you are looking for?

NOW VOTE!



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JOIN THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK IN NEW YORK SINCE 1919

_____ Individual Member \$55.00 _____ Household* \$80.00 _____ Student** \$25.00

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Date _____

To join call us at (315)396-8225, email us at league@lwvsyr.org or mail this form to Syracuse Metro LWV, PO Box 11866, Syracuse NY 13218.

ANNUAL DUES—July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017

* Two members in the same household ** Full time student under 25

Please share this information with others who have expressed interest in our work or who have thought about becoming a member of the League..