

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS,
UNITED STATES**



On February 14, 1920, roughly six months before the passage of the 19th Amendment, Carrie Chapman Catt founded the League of Women Voters. Designed to help 20 million women carry out their new responsibilities as voters, Catt called the League "a mighty experiment." "...[N]o one could tell...in which direction its evolution would go," Catt remarked at the League's 1921 National Convention. Read more on Wikipedia.org!



**STATE LEAGUE
ANNUAL APPEAL AND CALL-A-THON**



This month, Northern Valley members will call members to ask that they consider making a contribution to the state league if they haven't already done so. The Callathon is a follow-up to the written appeal sent by the state earlier last year. Our Northern Valley League will receive a percentage of every donation obtained. If you wish to avoid receiving a call and wish to make a donation, please send to NV Treasurer Vicki Sidrow at 1-Horizon Road, Apt 1405, Fort Lee, NJ 07024. Make your check payable to the LWVNJ Education Fund if you wish a tax-deductible contribution (supports voter service and education efforts). Make check payable to the LWVNJ for a non-tax deductible contribution (supports advocacy and member services).



LEARN TO MODERATE DEBATES

The LWVNJ will host training for members and prospective members interested in learning to moderate forums or in refreshing their skills on **Saturday, February 27, 2016**, 9:30am to 2:30pm, at the Union Congregational church, 76 Cooper Avenue, Montclair, NJ. [put DATE in bold] Cost will be \$10.00 to cover materials. Please bring bag lunch. RSVP to Pat Thompson, contact@lwvnj.org

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2015-2016**

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**LEAGUE OF
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**LWV ROLE
AT THE UNITED NATIONS**

Chris Sagona, a member of the LWVUS-UN Observer Delegation, offers this update:

The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan 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.

It operates through more than 800 state and local leagues in all 50 states, Washington, DC, Hong Kong, and the Virgin Islands.

The organization develops grassroots leadership and enjoys widespread credibility because it is strictly non-partisan.

The sixtieth session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW60) will take place at the United Nations from March 14 to 24, 2016. Representatives of member states, UN entities, and NGOs will attend. Their Priority theme is: *Women’s empowerment and its link to sustainable development*. Their Review theme is: *The elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls*. Visit www.unwomen.org/en/csw/csw60-2016 to learn more.

The League of Women Voters, U.S. will hold two “CSW60 parallel events”. One is the Working Group on Girls (WGG), www.girlsrights.org. WGG was started by the League of Women Voters, U.S., at the United Nations, a couple of years ago, and has grown greatly. WGG started International Day of the Girl. WGG is also the entity that initiated the urgency of saying/writing: “WOMEN and GIRLS”, lest girls not be included in legislation re-

garding women. For example, because they are not 18, stating “women - and girls” has now become a part of UN everyday language. Participating NGOs also encourage their memberships to remember the importance of specifically stating “girls,” not just “women” in their discussions, meetings, daily conversation, etc.



The second event, in which the LWVUS is participating, will be held on March 14 and is on women’s empowerment. A panel will speak about “*Women in Government: Successes, Failures & Challenges and best practices*,” from 1:15 pm- 2:30 pm, inside the United Nations. As the room is not set up for live web cast, the League is looking into the possibility of live streaming it themselves, from a laptop, - and will advise membership if that happens, so that anyone interested can view the event from home, live, or by viewing it later.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME & MEMBER NEWS

Welcome to our newest member!

Gloria Pereira, Fort Lee, gloriap@nj.rr.com. 201-944-0259.

Member News:

We extend our condolences to long time member Cynthia Bernstein on the death of her son Jeffrey M. Bernstein on Jan 27 after a long battle with lymphoma.

JOIN the LWV

Discuss & inform citizens about:

- ◆ Strictly Non-Partisan Candidate Forums
- ◆ Public Office Candidates
- ◆ Election information
- ◆ Voter Registration
- ◆ Grassroots Forums
- ◆ Current Issues

Membership Information:

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Download Form:
lwvbergen.org/membership/
Send With Dues to:
LWV of Northern Valley
c/o Vicki Sidrow
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Ft. Lee, NJ 07024

Annual Dues:
Single \$55.00, Family \$75.00



FIGHTING THE CORRUPTING INFLUENCE OF MONEY IN POLITICS

Speaker Meeting Introduction by Nike Bach, 2nd V.P.

Money and patronage have been part of the American political fabric since the inception of the Republic. But, since 2010, post-election data reveal that Supreme Court decisions related to campaign finance have led to a torrent a cash flooding state and local elections. A growing percentage of the money comes from Super PACs and outside spending groups claiming 'social welfare' status. Over half of this outside money is not subject to donor disclosure requirements. And there are no limits on the amount of money these groups can spend on elections as long as the outside money is not directly contributed to candidates or political parties and money spent is not done in direct coordination with candidates or parties. The League of Women Voters has been involved in campaign finance re-

form and advocating for voting rights for many years. Recently, the LWVUS has asked local leagues to study and provide feedback on the topic of reducing the corrupting influence of money in politics. Guest speakers, **Tom Dolcetti** and **Teresa DeFrabrizio**, of Represent.us, will discuss the organization's efforts to pass local Anti-Corruption acts whose goals are to reduce corruption, end secret money, and empower voters. They will do this at an open meeting of the Northern Valley League and co-sponsored with other Bergen County Leagues. The program will be held on **Monday, Feb 29 at 7PM** in the Multipurpose Room on the first floor of the Bergen County Administration Building, located at One Bergen County Plaza in Hackensack.

MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Although beginning about 1911, from Women's History Day, then growing to a week and then officially proclaimed by the President each year since 1988 as

Women's History Month, March celebrates the role of women in . March 8th is International Women's Day and celebrated across the globe.

MARCH 31ST EVENT: MENTAL HEALTH: LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

3/31, 7PM, Englewood Hospital and Medical Center. Event Features two mental health professionals: Vicki Sidrow, President/CEO, Vantage Health System and Keynote Speaker Eric Arauz, founder and President of Trauma In-

stitute of New Jersey, and author of *An American's Resurrection*. Contact the Englewood Municipal Alliance/Stigma-Free Task Force at [201-568-3450](tel:201-568-3450), ext 6502 To register or for Further information.



APRIL 10TH: WOMEN'S HISTORY BRUNCH

Please join us for Brunch on Sunday, April 10th at the Glen Rock Inn for a celebration of Women's History!

For Upcoming Details visit www.lwvbergen.org/calendar/



CALENDAR & NOTES

NVLWV Board Meetings

Open to Members on Tuesdays at 10:00 am at the Garden Room at the Davis Johnson Park & Gardens, Corner of Engle Street & Westervelt Avenue in Tenafly 3/8/16, 4/12/16, 5/10/16, 6/14/16, 7/11/16, and 8/9/16. Please join us!

February:

2/27: Learn to Moderate Debates. See pg 1.

2/29: Speaker Meeting See Back Cover

March:

Women's History Month
3/1: Call-a-Thon Due

3/8: Int'national Women's Day

Mid-March: Sunshine Week

3/31: Mental Health Event

April:

4/10: Women's History Brunch

4/22: Earth Day

4/29: Arbor Day



njwomenshistory.org

DISCOVER:

New Jersey's rich past always has included the stories of the lives of a few "famous" women from Annis Boudinot Stockton, a Colonial poet; to Clara Barton, Civil War nurse and founder of the first public school in New JersAmericaey; to suffragist leader Alice Paul; to pioneering aviator and writer Anne Morrow Lindbergh; to 20th-century political leader Millicent Fenwick.





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The LWV of Northern Valley is the organization where hands-on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement. Join us today!

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"Money in Politics: Fix Corruption"



OUR FEATURED SPEAKERS: **TOM DOLCELLI AND TERESA DEFABRIZIO, OF REPRESENT.US**

Monday, Feb. 29, 2016
7:00 PM
Multipurpose Room , First Floor
Bergen County Administration Building
One Bergen County Plaza, Hackensack.
Parking lot entrance is off Hudson
Street, between One Bergen County
Plaza and the Justice Center

With the national presidential campaign in full swing, the League has invited guest speakers, **Tom Dolcelli** and **Teresa DeFrabrizio**, of Represent.us, to discuss the organization's efforts to pass local Anti-Corruption acts whose goals are to reduce corruption, end secret money, and empower voters. The League of Women Voters has been involved in campaign finance reform and advocating for voting rights for many years. Recently, the LWVUS has asked local leagues to study and provide feedback on the topic of reducing the corrupting influence of money in politics. The featured speakers will describe the opportunities and challenges of their grassroots campaign. Co-sponsors for the event include the Northern NJ National Organization for Women, the League of Women Voters of Northern Valley, the League of Women Voters of Ridgewood, and the League of Women Voters of Bergen County.