

LOCAL RECOGNITION FOR ELIZABETH CADY STANTON AND SUSAN B. ANTHONY



At the time the U.S. was founded, its female citizens did not have the right to vote. It was not until 1848 that the movement for women's rights launched on a national level with the first Women's Rights convention in Seneca Falls, New York, organized by abolitionists **Elizabeth Cady Stanton** (1815-1902) and **Lucretia Mott** (1793-1880). Following the convention, the demand for the vote became a centerpiece of the women's rights movement. Stanton and Mott, along with **Susan B. Anthony** (1820-1906) and other activists, formed organizations that raised public awareness and lobbied the government to grant voting rights to women. After a 70-year battle, these groups finally emerged victorious with the passage of the 19th Amendment, ratified on August 18, 1920, which gave women the right to vote.

The women's rights movement is honored with the Women's Right's National Park in Seneca Falls, about 260 miles away in the Finger Lakes area of New York.

Locally, our connection to this historic movement is through suffragist **Elizabeth Cady Stanton** because she built a home near the Tenafly railroad station in 1868 and lived there until 1882. It was here, with **Susan B. Anthony** and **Matilda J. Gage**, that she accomplished some of her most important work, including the compilation of the first volumes of the **History of Woman Suffrage**. Her home became a gathering place for many leading reformers, attracted to the cause of social and economic equality for women. She and Anthony launched their newspaper, *Revolution*, in New York City in 1868. The following year, she founded the **National Woman Suffrage Association**. Stanton proudly helped compose the **Woman's Declaration of Rights**, which Anthony read at the 1876 Centennial Fair in Philadelphia. Her home is on the National and State registers of Historic Places and is a private residence.

It was also here, on November 2, 1880 that she and Anthony attempted to vote at the nearby Valley Hotel (most recently known as Charley Brown's restaurant). The current owner of the Valley Hotel site has plans to erect a historical sign to mark her defiant attempt to vote as well as an internal plaque/sign when the new building is constructed.

Karen Neus, Chairwoman of the Tenafly Historic Preservation Commission, has expressed an interest in establishing a committee to discuss ways to recognize the historic activities of these women. 2020 is the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment establishing women's suffrage in America. Tenafly would be an appropriate place to mark this anniversary and to play a role in the national events that will take place. In NYC, there are efforts to fund a statue of Stanton and Anthony to be placed in Central Park where there are 22 statues honoring men and none honoring women.

Please contact Nike at nike.bach@gmail.com if you are interested in getting involved in this effort.

Written by Nike Bach with information obtained from a variety of sources including: National Park Service, Bergen County Historical Society, Borough of Tenafly, and various history web sites.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®

DID YOU KNOW?

Wyoming, the first state to grant voting rights to women, was also the first state to elect a female governor.

Nellie Tayloe Ross (1876-1977) was elected governor of the Equality State (Wyoming's official nickname) in 1924.

From 1933 to 1953, she served as the first female director of the U.S. Mint.



MONEY IN POLITICS:

The League of Women Voters has strengthened its stand on the damaging role of big money in political campaigns and the political system. The national League (LWVUS) has specifically called for:

- Full public financing of Congressional and Presidential elections;
• Abolishing Super PACs and spending coordinated or directed by candidates, and
• Restrictions on direct donations and bundling by lobbyists.

In addition, LWVUS set these broader goals to combat the influence of money in politics:

- Enhance political equality for all citizens;
• Protect representative democracy from being distorted by big spending in election campaigns;
• Provide voters sufficient information about candidates and campaign issues to make informed choices;
• Ensure transparency and the public's right to know who is using money to influ-



FIX CORRUPTION

- ence elections; and
• Enable candidates to compete equitably for public office.

These actions resulted from a two-year study of money in politics and input from local Leagues around the country. That study led to the drafting of a new League position broadening the League's traditional focus on preventing corruption and undue influence in government and lead to these specific calls for action.

Information Source: LWVMA website

The League of Women Voters has been a leader in seeking campaign finance reform at the state, local, and federal levels for more than four decades. It supported the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1974 (FECA), worked for the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002 (BCRA), and participated in numerous court cases, including Citizens United v. FEC (2010).

VOTER SERVICE

The Northern Valley League thanks the following members and friends for their help with Voter's Service during this election season. The following activities were conducted:

- Sept -- Vi Ruschman and Lucy Heller registered voters at Park Ridge's Assisted Living
Sept -- Naomi Epstein registered voters at Cresskill's Sunrise Senior Living
Sept 24 -- Peggy Kabakow and Naomi Epstein registered about 12-14 voters and fielded requests for @ 40 mail-in ballots at Demarest Day
Oct 1 -- Rose Ann Magaldi, Christin Domingues, and Sally Seymour registered, or gave forms to, 9 people and distributed Mail-in ballots at Leonia's Health Fair

Oct 5 -- Cathy Mick and Barbara Mitrani registered 19 students at Leonia High School (initiated by Ridgewood League of Women Voters member and LHS guidance counselor Ann Melone)

- Vicki Sidrow moderated a Candidates' Night in Woodcliff Lake, for Council
Sophie Heymann moderated a Candidates' Night in Paramus, for School Board
Oct 19 -- Lucy Heller moderated a Candidates' Night in Englewood for Congressional District # 9. She did this for the Bergen County league, assisted by Barbara King
Nov 2 --Peggy Kabakow moderated a Candidates' Night in Englewood, for School Board.

CALENDAR & NOTES

NVLWV Board Meetings 4/11/17, 5/9/17, 6/13/17, 7/11/17, and 8/8/17. Please join us!
DECEMBER
Wednesday, 12/7/16, 11:30 am: Holiday Pot-Luck Luncheon. See Pg. 4.

JANUARY
Saturday 1/21/17 10:00 am - 5:00 pm WOMEN'S MARCH ON WASHINGTON
FEBRUARY
Tuesday, 2/14/17
Happy Birthday to the League of Women Voters!



CAMPUS SEXUAL ASSAULT STUDY AND CONSENSUS

At the 61st Biennial State Convention, in May, 2015, delegates adopted a resolution to conduct a study of Sexual Assault on Students in NJ College Communities. The LWVNJ decided to conduct this study because of the increase, or at least the increase in reporting, of campus sexual assaults on NJ college campuses. It hopes to use the results of the study, due February 17, to advocate on behalf of victims of sexual assault and for the elimination of sexual assault in the New Jersey college community; as well as advocate for legislation, public awareness and education programs.

The study seeks to:

1. Define "sexual misconduct", "sexual assault" and "rape" for purposes of reporting requirements, victim support, policy development, legislative advocacy and enumerating preventive actions.
2. Assess consent and determine what the proper formulation and requirements for

consent should be.

3. Review the roles of local law enforcement, campus administration and security, federal intervention and student services in dealing with alleged sexual assault.

4. Identify the best ways to prevent sexual assaults in New Jersey colleges.

The Problem: 1 in 4 or 5 of college women and 6% of college men will be sexually assaulted during their college career. NJ campuses reported 181 sexual offenses in 2013 (Given that it is estimated only 5% of incidents are reported, that number could be closer to 3000.) 80% of these campus assaults/rapes are committed by acquaintances

The Northern Valley League hopes to partner with local leagues to present the findings of the study in January or early February. **If you would like to be involved with this short-term effort, please contact Nike at nike.bach@gmail.com**



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.
www.lwvnj.org*

DEMOCRACY IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT AND NEITHER IS THE LEAGUE.



JOIN US NOW WE ARE THE LWVNV!

Please JOIN US. Membership is open to all women and men and includes membership in the national, state, and local organization. Membership runs from July 2016-June 2017 and is \$55.00 for individuals, \$75.00 for family and \$25.00 for students. **Please print out this form and return it, along with your check, to LWV Treasurer, Vicki Sidrow, One Horizon Road, Apt 1405, Fort Lee, NJ 07024. Please make your check payable to the League of Women Voters of Northern Valley ("LWVNV").**

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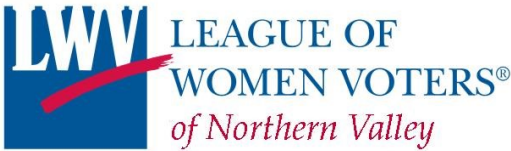
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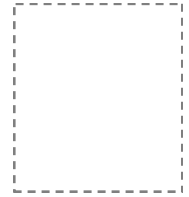
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| Demarest | Haworth | River Vale |
| Dumont | Hillsdale | Tenafly |
| Edgewater | Leonia | Washington Township |
| Emerson | Montvale | Woodcliff Lake |

TO:

LWVNV – WINTER LUNCHEON



Members and Guests are Invited to attend the LWVNV Holiday Pot-Luck Luncheon

Wednesday
December 7, 2016
11:30 am

At the home of
Betty Frank
267 Linden Avenue

INVITED GUEST SPEAKER:
NJ ASSEMBLYMAN TIM EUSTACE,
from Maywood, is an elected member of New Jersey's General Assembly who has represented the 38th Legislative District since 2012. He has recently been named Chair of the Assembly Environmental Committee. He will discuss legislation presently being considered and take questions.



2016 HOLIDAY Pot Luck LUNCHEON SIGN-UP

NAME _____

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I will bring:

Entrée__ Appetizer__ Salad__ Dessert__

Please RSVP to Nike 201-947-0756 or nike.bach@gmail.com