



Women's March Attended by LWV Members

On January 21, 2017, Women across the United States participated in the Women's March, including many of our own LWVNV Members in the NJ, NYC and Washington DC Marches!

Vicki Sidrow and Bonnie Shapiro share their photo here.

LWV New Jersey

State League Convention

To be Held
Saturday
4/29/17
From 8:00 am
to 5:00 pm

With

Friday Night
4/28/17
6:30 PM

Cocktail Reception

Please join the LWV-NJ 62nd Biennial Convention

at the Forsgate Country Club, in Monroe Township (in Middlesex County), on Saturday, 4/29/17, from 8 am - 5 pm.

The Luncheon Awards Ceremony, Saturday

4/29/17 will honor the service of local Leagues, contributions of outstanding individuals and 50-year members. The full meeting agenda includes:

- authorizing program policy positions
- electing Officers and Directors to the board
- approving changes to bylaws (these underwent a top to bottom review), and
- adopting budgets for the League and for the League's Education Fund (these budgets also underwent major review to reconfigure and simplify them)

The Cocktail Reception Awards Ceremony Friday,

4/28/17 at 6:30 PM, will celebrate the prestigious and inspiring "Making Democracy Work" awards to honorees who have engaged, educated, and protected New Jersey voters. The honorees are:

- Senator Diane Allen, *New Jersey Senate*
- Patricia Campos-Medina, *Campos Strategies Group*
- Dawn Clarke, *League of Women Voters of New Jersey*
- Nicholas Corasaniti, *New York Times*
- Jeannine LaRue, *Kaufman Zita Group*

Make a Weekend of it! The League is offering a \$40 discount when you register for both events together using the option available during the registration process.

For More Information go online to: lwnj.org

Please also donate items for the reception's silent auction or wine to be offered in a wine pull... Contact Marlene Sinaglia, 908-464-1988 or jcsmmm@verizon.net for pick-up.

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NEXT SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: 4/14/17

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT

In 2020, the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution, establishing women's suffrage, in America, will be 100 years old. The local connection to this historic movement is through suffragist Elizabeth Cady Stanton who lived in Tenafly from 1868 to 1882. Along with Susan B. Anthony and Matilda J. Gage, Stanton accomplished some of her most important work. Her home, near the Tenafly railroad station, became a gathering place for many leading reformers, attracted to the cause of social and economic equality

for women. It is on the National and State registers of Historic Places and is a private residence.

The Tenafly Historic Preservation Commission is interested in discussing ways to recognize the historic activities of these women and mark this anniversary. If you are interested in learning more, or in serving on, or leading, this yet to-be-established committee, please let Nike Bach know.

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

LWV NJ SUPPORTS VOTING REFORM INITIATIVES

The state league supports six voting reforms that they expect will increase voter turnout. The reforms are:

- (1) Online voter registration;
- (2) Automatic voter registration;
- (3) In-person early voting;
- (4) Same day voter registration;
- (5) Voting rights restoration for those on parole or probation; and
- (6) Portable voter registration.

The state league wishes to determine the views of state elected officials about these initiatives and has requested local leagues to meet with their state legislators.

In the Northern Valley, Naomi Epstein and Anne Lander will meet with DISTRICT 39 officials: Senator Gerald Cardinale and Assembly Representatives Holly Schepisi and Robert Auth. Cathy Mick, Betty Frank, and Lorraine Cohen have expressed a desire to meet with Senator Loretta Weinberg, Assembly Representatives Valerie Vainieri Huttel and Gordon Johnson from DISTRICT 37.

Through these conversations, League members will learn what reforms are

- a) most important to Northern Valley legislators,
- b) will be most difficult to obtain bipartisan support, and
- c) what they would like improved/strengthened.

If you would like to get involved in Voter Service activities, please contact Nike Bach.



CONSTITUTIONAL AND ETHICAL CHALLENGES OF OUR TIMES

April 5th, 2017
7:30 – 9:30 PM

Dickinson Hall
Wilson Auditorium
140 University Plaza Drive
Hackensack, NJ 07601

Free and Open to the Public
Suggested Tax Deductible
Donation \$10.

In these dark and dangerous times, two leading political and legal thinkers will discuss the way that our Constitutional traditions can protect us from authoritarian governance, and the ways they can fail to do so.

Speakers:

Professor Drusilla Cornell of Political Science at Rutgers University, and Professor Roger Berkowitz of the Bard College Hannah Arendt Center for Politics and Humanities.

Topics: the dangers posed by corruption and the possible signs of authoritarian government. They will also address the Presidency of Donald J. Trump and take questions from the Audience.

Co Sponsored by Fairleigh Dickinson University and ISE.

Pre-Register:
nfrpp.org



CAMPUS SEXUAL ASSAULT STUDY AND CONSENSUS



Left to right: LWNV's Rose Ann Magaldi, Bergen County YWCA CEO Helen Archontou, Bergen Family Center Director of Youth Based Services Liz Corsini, LWNV's Nike Bach, Lucy Heller, Cathie Mick & Anne Marie Lander.

On 2/1/17, the NVLWV presented information about sexual assault on NJ college campuses in preparation for obtaining consensus on that topic. Two experts joined NVLWV members **Rose Anne Magaldi, Cathy Mick, Anne Lander, Lucy Heller, and Nike Bach.** They were:

- **Liz Corsini** who directs sexual assault prevention/intervention efforts on high school campuses for the Bergen Family Center in Englewood and
- **Helen Archontou**, CEO of the Bergen County YWCA, guides the Y in its efforts to empower women and end racism. The YWCA offers a 24-hour hotline to survivors of sexual assault and abuse. She serves on NJ's Task Force on Campus Sexual Assault.

The state League undertook this study due to alarming statistics such as:

1 in 4 or 5 college women and 6% of college men will be/are 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 is like-

ly closer to 3000.)

80% of these campus assaults/rapes are committed by acquaintances.

Besides learning these facts, information was provided about:

The ideal way to reduce sexual assault and abuse is to reverse "rape culture" starting, at least, with instruction to high school students and continuing through college. "Rape culture" is stereotypical attitudes about gender such as dominant males and submissive women, objectifying women, and trivializing rape. Young adults would learn about developing healthy relationships based upon mutual respect between men and women.

- Traditional law enforcement techniques are often not sensitive to victim's feelings
- Difference between "affirmative consent" (an active, voluntary agreement for sexual contact) and "consent" (a passive agreement anchored in the absence of "no").
- There are no standardized or legislated positions on who investigates campus assaults cases -- whether local law enforcement or campus authorities.



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.lwvnmj.org

CALENDAR & NOTES

NVLWV Board Meetings 6/13/17, 7/11/17, and 8/8/17.
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 on **4/11/17, 5/9/17,**

6/13/17, 7/11/17, and 8/8/17.
Please join us!

CONVENTION PHOTOS WANTED!
Do you have a great photo? Please email by 4/30/17 to nike.bach@gmail.com

APRIL

4/29/17 8:00 am – 5:00 pm LWV New Jersey State Biennial Convention. With Friday Night 4/28/17 Cocktail Reception! See LWV NJ.org for info.





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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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TO: [Dotted rectangular box for address]



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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Download Form: lwvbergen.org/membership/

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