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**PHOTOS WANTED!
NEXT SUBMISSIONS
DEADLINE: 11/9/17**

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Quarterly Newsletter Editors

Guest speaker Helen Archontou, CEO YWCA of Bergen County and Nike Bach, co-vice President NVLWV, June 2017 Annual Meeting. Helen discussed sexual assault on college campuses and the YW's programs for women and families.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME!

Membership renewals were mailed to members for LWVNV Membership that BEGAN in July. If you have not sent in your dues for 2017—2018, please renew. By joining you show your support for an organization that, for 97 years, has valued, and fought to obtain, non-partisan, high quality information about important governmental issues.

Please send in your check today.
See Page 4 for Easy Clip Form

LWV.ORG
EST. 1920
Imagine what our
Country would look
Like if
Every eligible
American was
Registered to VOTE.

5 GREAT IDEAS FOR GETTING INVOLVED...

Members are our most valuable resource! Here are a few great ideas for your consideration in civic involvement as a LWV Member in your community:

1. H.S. Voter Registration Drive. Contact your local Board of Education, and find out how you can help to register High School Students to VOTE. (Also, let them know about Mail-In Ballots for College Years!)
2. Mail In Ballot Initiatives: Contact your local senior centers, clubs and other local organizations to let people know how to register for a Mail In Ballot!

County Registrar Form:
www.co.bergen.nj.us/1531/Voting-By-Mail

3. Candidate Forums: You can host a forum too. See Article on Page 3.
4. Photographers Wanted to Tell About Events. This newsletter needs more Photos... Do you have a good eye and attend events? Submit your photos to Nike.Bach@gmail.com along with correct spelling of names and a brief description of the event.
5. Attend Events & Bring a Friend. See Page 4 for our updated calendar and LWV web pages for regional events.



NETWORK FOR RESPONSIBLE PUBLIC POLICY EVENTS



The Network for Responsible Public Policy (also called The Network) a non-partisan, tax-exempt volunteer organization has presented speaker programs on key public policy issues since 2008. Their speakers have been recognized thought leaders and their programs have varied in format from solo presenters to panel discussions. They always include dynamic Q & A sessions. The Northern Valley League decided it would be beneficial (to both organizations) to co-sponsor their programs for the up-

coming year as their topics, format and mission is consistent with our own. We hope League members will attend and publicize the programs in your community. It's a great opportunity to learn about important issues.

The NfRPP publishes a short newsletter with notices of these programs and links to articles on related topics. While the Northern Valley will send our members and friends notices of NfRPP events, **we strongly recommend that League members sign up to receive the NfRPP's Event Notices.** www.nfrpp.org/events

JOIN IN OUR MEMBER ACTIVITIES

If you would like to get involved in Voter Service Activities, Please contact: 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 grass-roots leadership and enjoys widespread credibility because it is strictly non-partisan.

www.lwvnj.org

NJ COALITION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Chris Sagona attends NJ Coalition meetings on behalf of LWVNV and in that capacity serves as founding Steering Committee Member and Policy Co-Chair. The Policy Committee is currently working on policy stances, similar to League's Impact on Issues.

The Coalition recently released a statement on House of Representatives bill HR1865 and Senate bill 1693. This legislation:

- ◆ Supports prosecution of companies that facilitate trafficking via web sites
- ◆ Guarantees victims right to speak up against traffickers

- ◆ Disables web sites from hiding behind the guise of free speech.

League members are encouraged to call their US Representatives to urge support of this bipartisan bill. The bill has received strong push back from Google, and other tech groups, who say that it infringes on their free speech rights. Contact Chris to learn more about this or if you'd like to get involved with this topic.

To learn more about human trafficking, Chris recommends watching the movie

I am Jane Doe

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7lbo3kBeCt4>

UNITED NATIONS * LWV OF THE US * OBSERVERS

The League of Women Voters of the United States Observers, Rosalee Keetch (Observer) and Chris Sagona, Judy Schachter, Suzanne Stassjevich (Observer Alternates) held their Annual Strategy Meeting on June 23 in NYC.



The meeting reviewed last year's events, partnerships, accomplishments, etc., and made plans for next year. Partners included: The International Labor Organization, UN Commission on the Status of Women, UN Department of Public Information, Working Group on Girls (WGG, a group the LWVUS-UN started at the UN and that now has about 80 participating organizations), US State Department, US Justice Department, the Special Representative to the UN Sec General to Prevent Violence Against Children, UN Women, and UNICEF. Permanent Missions to the UN who we've partnered with include: the USA, Ukraine, Germany, Bosni-Herzegovina, China, Japan, Brazil

and Tajikistan.

Chris reports that several women's and girls' empowerment events and talks on the UN and the Sustainable Development Goals were held. The group also provided statements to the UN with their stance on issues including the Chibok girls, with a statement to the head of Nigeria, pressing for their release.

Each Spring, Leagues are invited to come to NYC to participate in the two weeks of events of the UN Commission on the Status of Women. This year LWVNV Member and now Board Member Cathy Mick attended CSW, as well as Chris Sagona and Ridgewood League's Patty Infantino. Patty made a presentation to Ridgewood about the League's role in the UN and CSW, and the events she attended. Cathy Mick did similarly for LWVNV.

Members of local Leagues are able to watch live feeds or archived video of United Nations events at any time on any day by visiting webtv.un.org



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT VOTING:

To qualify for voting, citizens must be registered at least 21 days before the election and be 18 years of age by the election. You may register to vote if you are 17 years old but cannot vote until you are 18. You *may* declare a party affiliation but are not required to do so until you want to vote in a primary. Registration is permanent unless you change your name or address, but changes in party designation are permitted annually. State law requires that sample ballots be mailed to all registered voters one week before each election. Register in person with the town clerk or the county elections office. Download the Registration Form:

<http://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/voting-information.html>

VOTING BY MAIL is available to all qualified voters. Once you apply for a vote-by-mail ballot, you will not be permitted to vote at the polls. Download the Vote-By-Mail ballot application:

<http://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/voting-information-vote-by-mail.html>

If you are a Bergen County resident, the completed application should be mailed to:

Hon. John S. Hogan, Bergen County Clerk
One Bergen County Plaza, Room 130
Hackensack, NJ 07601

CANDIDATE FORUMS & LEAGUE MODERATORS



If an organization or individual wishes to organize a Candidate Forum, the League will be pleased to provide a trained moderator.

This assures that all candidates are given equal time to speak in a dignified and controlled atmosphere where emphasis is on issues and not on personalities.

Download the LWVNJ moderator Request Form Here:

<http://lwvbergen.org/voting-elections/lwv-of-new-jersey-moderator-request-form/>

A fee payable to the League of Women Voters is expected for the use of the League name and this service.

To request a LWV-NJ League moderator, call our state office at 1-800-792-VOTE Or email to contact@lwvnj.org.

Before contacting the League, please make sure candidates have agreed to participate and that you have selected a date and place to hold debate.



The League of Women Voters (US) has run [VOTE411.org](http://Vote411.org), an online voter guide, since 2006.

It answers common questions about candidate qualifications, the ballot, polling places and administrative rules.

Since its creation, nearly 20,000 websites have linked to the site and 25 million people have accessed its information.

Visit [Vote411](http://Vote411.org) to learn about NJ candidates.

CANDIDATE DEBATES & VIEWS

On Tuesday, November 7, voters will select TWO candidates for the Board of Chosen Freeholders, ONE candidate for the State Senate, and TWO candidates for the State Assembly. The League of Women Voters believes that observing a face to face debate among opposing candidates provides an excellent opportunity for voters to judge which can-

didate(s) will best represent them.

Please attend to learn your candidate's views. For schedule information, please check: <http://lwvbergen.org>

Barbara King, of the LWV Bergen County, will be inviting candidates from Districts 37, 38, and 39 as well as the Freeholders to debate.

The Ridgewood League will be inviting candidates from District 40. The debates will be co-sponsored with the Network for Responsible Public Policy.



EVENTS OF INTEREST

SEPTEMBER

9/12/17 at 10:00 AM
LWV-NV Board Meeting*

9/14/17 at 7:30 PM
LWVNV: Revisiting the Role of Government in our Polarized Society
Location: Fairleigh Dickinson University, Dickinson Hall, 140 University Plaza Drive, in Hackensack

9/26/17
National Voter Registration Day

9/26/17 at 7:30 PM
LWVNJ: Protecting Our Privacy
Location: DeCorso Community Center, 15 E. 4th Street, New Providence, NJ

OCTOBER

10/10/17 at 10:00 AM
LWV-NV Board Meeting*

10/10/17
LWVNJ: 1st Official NJ Gubernatorial Debate between Phil Murphy (D), former U.S. Ambassador to Germany and Kim Guadagno (R), Lt. Governor broadcast by ABC-TV affiliates, Univision, and on WBGO and WHYY and held at NJPAC. LWVNJ is a co-sponsor



10/17/17
Voter Registration Deadline
A) Register or B) Change your address to vote in time for the November General Election.

10/19/17 at 7:30 PM
LWVNV: Democracy Under Threat: Speakers are David Becker and Thomas Wolf. Location: Fairleigh Dickinson University, Dickinson Hall, 140 University Plaza Dr., Hackensack

10/26/17
Doors Open 6:30 PM
Film at 7:00 PM
Equal Means Equal
Film and discussion
Location: Unitarian Society of Ridgewood, 113 Cottage Place, Ridgewood

10/31/17
Vote by Mail – Deadline to Send the Mail In Application to vote by Mail in the November General Election. This is a great option for college students, travelers and others who may want an alternative to voting in person. Download the form: http://www.nj.gov/state/elections/form_pdf/vote-by-mail-forms/vote-mail-ballot-bergen-english.pdf



Send to John S. Hogan Bergen County Clerk One Bergen County Plaza Room 130 Hackensack, NJ 07601

NOVEMBER

11/1/17
LWVNJ Annual Appeal Begins
PLEASE SUPPORT THE LWVNJ!
Info: www.lwvnj.org

11/2/17 –
HOLD THE DATE
NfRPP EVENT!



11/4/17 at 10:00 AM
LWV-NV Board Meeting*

11/6/17
Vote by Mail – Deadline to Personally Walk-in the Application at the County Clerk's Office to vote by Mail in the November General Election.

11/7/17
General Election
Polls Open
6 AM to 8 PM



11/9/17
Newsletter Submissions Deadline for our Winter Issue. Send photos and ideas to Nike.Bach@gmail.com

WWW.LWVNJ.ORG
& WWW.LWVBERGEN.ORG
Please visit for updates on State Wide And Bergen County events postings.

*** LWV OF NORTHERN VALLEY 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 Ave in Tenafly. Hold the date: 12/10 /17. Please join us!



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 @LeagueNVValley

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:
League member Barbara Steinfeld, of Tenafly, passed away on July 6, 2017 at 87 years old.

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	Englewood	Fort Lee	Harrington Park	Hillsdale	Emerson
	New Milford	Norwood	Park Ridge	Tenafly	Montvale
	Bergenfield	Closter	Demarest	Edgewater	Woodcliff Lake
	Englewood Cliffs	Hackensack	Haworth	Leonia	PLEASE
	Northvale	Old Tappan	River Vale	Washington	JOIN US!

MEMBERSHIP SIGNUP: 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 2017-June 2018 and is \$55.00 for individuals, \$75.00 for family and \$25.00 for students, check payable to the "League of Women Voters of Northern Valley" ("LWVNV"). Please Send this Clip with your check to Vicki Sidrow, Treasurer.

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