



October 19<sup>th</sup> 2017

NfRPP Program:

*Democracy Under Threat*



**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR...  
SEE PAGE 2 FOR DETAILS ON OUR  
ANNUAL LWVNV  
HOLIDAY LUNCHEON  
12/5/17  
PLEASE RSVP ASAP...**

**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](http://www.co.bergen.nj.us/1531/Voting-By-Mail)
3. 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.
4. Attend Events & Bring a Friend. See Page 4 for our updated calendar and LWV web pages for regional events.

**LWV OF NORTHERN VALLEY  
2017-2018**

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**PHOTOS WANTED!**  
**NEXT SUBMISSIONS**  
**DEADLINE: 3/17/18**  
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LEAGUE OF  
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## JOIN IN OUR MEMBER ACTIVITIES

If you would like  
to get involved in  
Voter Service  
Activities,  
Please contact:  
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The League of  
Women Voters,  
a non-partisan  
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and enjoys wide-  
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because it is strict-  
ly non-partisan.

[www.lwvny.org](http://www.lwvny.org)



## IT'S BEEN A BUSY FALL!

Plenty of educational, important, and interactive programs have been presented:



**9/14, the Northern Valley League co-sponsored Revisiting the Role of Government in our Polarized Society** with the Network for Responsible Public Policy (NfRPP) at Fairleigh Dickinson University. Guest speakers were **Tamara Draut**, VP of Policy and Research at Demos and **Nicole Gelinias**, senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute. **Peter Coy**, of *Bloomberg Businessweek*, served as moderator.

**10/19, the Northern Valley League along with Ridgewood's Jolt co-sponsored Democracy Under Threat** presented by the Network for Responsible Public Policy (NfRPP) at Fairleigh Dickinson University. Guest speakers **Thomas Wolf**, attorney with the Brennan Center for Justice's Democracy Program and **David Becker**, Executive Director and Founder of the Center for Election Innovation and Research made exceptionally clear and precise presentations based on years of research. To view a video of the program, please visit [Network for Responsible Public Policy](http://Network for Responsible Public Policy), or view on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com) or [Vimeo](https://www.vimeo.com).

**10/26 the Northern Valley League along with National Organization for Women, Northern NJ chapter, Reproductive Com-**

**mittee of the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood, YWCA of Bergen County, the National Council of Jewish Women, Bergen County Section, and the Urban League of Bergen County, Young Professionals presented Equal Means Equal** film and discussion at the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood. The film looked at how women are treated in the United States today. The timely discussion, which followed, was lead by **Roberta Francis**, former Director of the NJ Division on Women.



**11/2, the Network for Responsible Public Policy (NfRPP) presented Money in Politics** at Fairleigh Dickinson University. Guest speakers **David Donnelly**, President and CEO of Every Voice, **Lisa Gilbert**, Vice President of Legislative Affairs of Public Citizen, and **William Schulter**,

former elected official and author discussed how money not only affects who is elected but what policy decisions get made. The program was moderated by **Lisa Miller**, professor at Rutgers University. Both the Northern Valley and Teaneck Leagues co-sponsored.

**11/21, the Northern Valley League was one of many co-sponsors of the National Council of Jewish Women, Bergen County Section's program entitled Sexual Violence: Changing the Culture.** It was held at Temple Emeth, Teaneck and featured six speakers.



## 12/5/17 HOLIDAY LUNCHEON!



Our Guest speaker is  
**Lisa Hetfield**,  
Interim Director  
for the  
Institute for Women's  
Leadership  
at Rutgers University.

Lisa will speak about the new Gloria Steinem Endowed Chair in Media, Culture, and Feminist Studies to be established at Rutgers. The Institute is dedicated to examining leadership issues and advancing women's leadership in all arenas of public life. For information regarding the Calendar of Events at the IWL, please visit:  
[http://iwl.rutgers.edu/calendar\\_0115.html](http://iwl.rutgers.edu/calendar_0115.html)



The holiday lunch will be held on **12/5/17, at 11:30 a.m.**  
At the home of **Shirley Shapiro**,  
252 Highwood Ave., Tenafly,  
Admission is \$10 or bring food. Main course preferred.  
**RSVP to Shirley 201-568-0787 or [wpab65a@aol.com](mailto:wpab65a@aol.com)**  
with your # of guests, and your dish(es).

## VOTER SERVICE



### The LWV of BERGEN COUNTY held the following forums:

- ⇒ Legislative District 39, Monday, October 16  
– Record turn out. Could not fit in hall
- ⇒ Legislative District 37, Monday October 23  
– Cancelled due to death in Huttle family
- ⇒ Legislative District 40, Monday, October 23  
– View a recording on YouTube

### Legislative District 40 Candidates Forum 2017

- ⇒ Legislative District 38, Tuesday, October 24
- ⇒ Bergen County Freeholders, Thursday, October 26. View a recording of the forum [Bergen County Freeholders 2017](#) and/or [HERE on YouTube](#)

Thanks to the valiant efforts of Barbara King for organizing these.

### The following Municipal and Board of Education candidate forums were held:

- ⇒ Tenafly BOE - Wed, Oct. 11
- ⇒ Park Ridge Mayor & Council - Thurs, Oct 12. View a recording on YouTube [Park Ridge Candidates Forum 2017](#)
- ⇒ Oradell BOE - Mon, Oct 16
- ⇒ Fair Lawn BOE – Tues, Oct 17. View a recording on [facebook](#)
- ⇒ Woodcliff Lake Council - Tues, Oct 17
- ⇒ Englewood BOE - Tues, October 24
- ⇒ Fair Lawn Council – Thurs, Oct 26
- ⇒ Washington Twp M & C - Wed, Nov. 1. View a recording on [You Tube](#).
- ⇒ Englewood Council - Wed, Nov. 1

*As State League President Nancy Hedinger says: "The League is always at its best and most visible during election season and this year is no exception". The Northern Valley League thanks those who organized, moderated, and assisted at candidate forums in preparation for the election held on November 7.*

*Thank you to our  
League Moderators:*

*Sophie Heymann  
Lucy Heller  
Vicki Sidrow  
Barbara King  
Minna Greenberg  
Maureen Singalia*

*The League ALWAYS needs can use more moderators.*

*If interested in learning how to moderate candidate forums, please contact Lucy Heller:*

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## COMMEMORATING SUFFRAGISTS SOJOURNER TRUTH AND ROSALIE GARDINER JONES

In honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Women's Right to Vote in New York State (Nov 1917), Governor Andrew Cuomo and Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul announced the dedication and building of two statues commemorating suffragists Sojourner Truth and Rosalie Gardiner Jones in November.

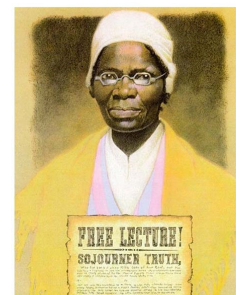
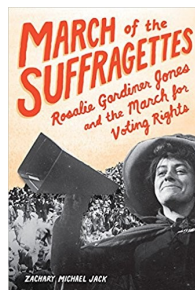
The statue of Sojourner Truth will be sited on the Empire State Trail in Ulster County, where she was born. Truth was born into slavery circa 1797, sold three times, and ultimately escaped to freedom in 1826. She went on to become a noted abolitionist and women's rights advocate until her death in 1883.

The statue of Rosalie Gardiner Jones will be built in Cold Spring Harbor State Park on Long Island. Known as "General Jones," she

was born and lived in Cold Spring Harbor and was respected for leading suffrage "pilgrims" on marches from New York City to Albany and Washington, DC in support of women's suffrage.

The State will issue a call for submissions to select the designs of each statue. There are currently 25 statues on New York State property, including two women: Dr. Mary Walker, a civil war surgeon in Oswego and frontierswoman Mary Jemison in Letchworth State Park. With the addition of the new statues of Truth and Jones, the total number of statues of women on New York State property will double to four.

Women's suffrage passed on November 6, 1917 in New York, three years before the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment granting the vote to women.



### FREEDOM

After she became free in 1827, she renamed herself Sojourner Truth.

Sojourn: a temporary stay

She became an outspoken advocate of blacks' rights and women's rights.

Sojourner gave her famous "Ain't I a Women?" speech at the 1851 Women's Rights Convention.



# EVENTS OF INTEREST

## DECEMBER 2017

### 12/5/17 at 11:30 am HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Location: At the home of Shirley Shapiro, 252 Highwood Ave., in Tenafly. Guest speaker is Lisa Hetfield, Interim Director for the Institute for Women's Leadership Rutgers University. See pg 2 for details!  
PLEASE RSVP ASAP!



### 12/7/17 at 4:00 PM Reception, 4:30 Lecture



*IRW Distinguished Lecture Series—  
The Perils of Populism: Feminist Conversations*  
**Discursive Dispossessions: Gender as a Resource for the Construction of Authoritarian Us/Them Dichotomies**  
Location: Rutgers University, Ruth Dill Johnson Crockett Building, Conference Room, New Brunswick, NJ 08901  
Description: IRW Distinguished Lecture Series — The Perils of Populism: Feminist Conversations featuring Sabine Hark (Center for Interdisciplinary

Women's and Gender Studies, Technical University of Berlin).  
Sponsored by: Institute for Research on Women and SciWomen

## JANUARY 2018

### 1/9/18 at 10:00 AM LWV-NV Board Meeting\*

1/18/18 HOLD THE DATE!  
**Women's Issues Forum**  
Location: FDU.  
Please watch your emails for a detailed announcement.

### 1/19/18 HOLD THE DATE! News Literacy (Detecting Fake News)

Location: Teaneck Public Library  
Please watch your emails for a detailed announcement.

## FEBRUARY 2018

### 2/13/18 at 10:00 AM LWV-NV Board Meeting\*

Please watch your email for upcoming event announcements!

## MARCH 2018 IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH!



### 3/17/18 LWVNV Newsletter Submissions Due Date

Please email your events and LWVNV member photos, along with a short description and correct spelling for names to [Nike.Bach@gmail.com](mailto:Nike.Bach@gmail.com)

### Watch for the spring Elections Calendar [bergenclerk.org/elections/](http://bergenclerk.org/elections/)

Learn how to moderate candidate forums, Please contact Lucy Heller: [lucyheller@optonline.net](mailto:lucyheller@optonline.net)



Of interest:  
**NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY PROJECT,**  
Writing Women back Into History...



[nwph.org/events/](http://nwph.org/events/)

[www.LWVNJ.ORG](http://www.LWVNJ.ORG)  
& [www.LWVBERGEN.ORG](http://www.LWVBERGEN.ORG)

Please visit for updates on State Wide And Bergen County events postings.

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### BOARD MEETINGS

The NVLWV will NOT hold a December meeting.  
The Board Meeting Location may change... Please watch your email for a notice of the possible change.

Board Meetings are open to all members on the 2nd Tuesday each month.  
Location: The Garden Rooms at Davis Johnson Park & Gardens, Corner of Engle Street & Westervelt Ave,



[LeagueofWomenVotersNorthernValley/](https://www.facebook.com/LeagueofWomenVotersNorthernValley/)

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### MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

A Warm Welcome to new members. We hope to see you at our programs. Members are welcome to attend board meetings.  
**Annie Hausmann, Helen Schoppe  
Anne & William Baretz !**

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Alpine	Cliffside Park	Cresskill	Dumont	Township
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.

Name(s) : \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_, NJ \_\_\_\_\_  
Best Tel: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_