

Power to the Polls!

LWVNV member Cathie Mick and husband Lance made their posters, *Power to the Polls*, and joined in the Leonia Women's March, January 20, 2018.



Photo credit at left: Marko Georgiev featured in NorthJersey.com, The Record

IDEAS FOR GETTING INVOLVED: JOIN STATE LEAGUE COMMITTEES

Centennial Campaign Committee: The committee is conducting a large scale campaign in order to raise funds to market and engage people in recognizing the League's 100th birthday (in 2020). *If interested in helping to note this significant event, please contact VP of Development Susan Sferas at suesfer@aol.com.*

Special Events Committee: The committee plans, obtains sponsors, and conducts a silent auction for the League's much anticipated annual Making Democracy Work Awards Ceremony and Cocktail Reception held in the spring. *If interested in serving on*

the committee, please contact VP of Development Susan Sferas at suesfer@aol.com.

Public Policy Committees: League members are needed to serve on its advocacy committees: Education, Fiscal Policy, Government, Immigration, Natural Resources, Social Policy, and Women and Family Issues. With action expected to take place in Trenton in the new year, it is an exciting time to serve. *If interested in serving or learning more, please contact Jesse Burns at jburns@lwvnj.org.*



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PHOTOS WANTED!

NEXT SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE: 5/15/18

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

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**12/5/17
LWV-NV Holiday Luncheon**
With Guest Speaker Lisa Hetfield, interim director of the Rutgers Institute for Women's Leadership.



POLICY FOCUS

“Power to the Polls” was the rallying cry for the Women’s March in Morristown on January 20th. The League will be advocating for women’s rights with activist organizations and individuals and partner with the Women’s Vote Partners (a national group to which LWVUS belongs). It plans to address voter suppression and voter registration “head on”. Finally, it will be registering voters. The goal of the Women’s Vote Partners is to register 1 million women by National Voter Registration Day in September.

Only 35% of New Jersey’s eligible voters voted in the past November election for Governor and Legislature. Of the many reasons that voting turnout is so abysmal is that few NJ districts are truly competitive. LWVNJ is joining the national League to put power back into the hands of voters. The state League will be

launching **Fair Districts New Jersey** – a non-partisan campaign dedicated to ensuring that New Jersey’s districts are drawn in a way that is transparent, representative and impartial. **Two of the League’s voting bills – automatic voter registration (AVR) and voting rights restoration for people with criminal convictions – will be introduced in the next legislative session.** The League hopes these bills will become law in short order. It is also working to expand in-person early voting and allowing for online voter registration. Finally, it is seeking legislation to require candidates to supply an email address when filing for office. This will facilitate the ability of constituents to communicate with candidates. It also will permit local Leagues to more easily solicit candidate positions for Vote411, the League’s online voters’ guide.

MARCH IS WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH!

Beginning from about 1911 as Women’s History Day, Women’s History Month has been officially proclaimed by the President each year since 1988. March 8th is International Women’s Day, celebrated across the globe.



SPECIAL GUEST
singer-songwriter
Lindsey Wilson

Please Join In:

To celebrate the centennial of women’s suffrage, please join the Northern NJ National Organization for Women and The Displaced Homemakers Center @ the Bergen One Stop

on **Sunday, March 11 at 2PM** at the Ethical Culture Society, 687 Larch Avenue, in Teaneck. It will feature performances by the Herstorians and singer-songwriters, guitarists, and recording artists Lindsey Wilson, Sharleen Leahey, Lydia Adams Davis, and Pat Lamanna who will express, with drama, humor, and passion, songs and stories. Suggested donation is \$10-\$15. Come and invite your



NJ COALITION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking held its "Halftime Challenge" at the January 2018 Super Bowl. Either during halftime, or any time on Super Bowl Sunday, people were encouraged to talk to others about human trafficking. They did so online with the hashtag #HTChallenge, or in person by sharing whatever they know about trafficking. It increases

awareness for those who might not know anything about it.

If you wish to get involved with the Coalition, please contact Chris Sagona. To learn more about human trafficking, Chris recommends watching the movie “I am Jane Doe” at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7lbo3kBeCt4>

MORE WOMEN TO RUN FOR ELECTED OFFICE

Last year's Women's March – and the Trump election – have galvanized women to run for office. Here are a few notable statistics collected by the Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP) at Rutgers University-New Brunswick's Eagleton Institute of Politics, that reflect women's energetic engagement. *(These were also reported at the Jan 18 NfRPP program by Deborah Walsh, Director of the CAWP).*

439 -- the number of potential women candidates for the U.S. Congress in 2018. This is nearly double the number of women poised to run for congressional seats at the same time in 2016 (223).

23 -- the number of women elected or appointed to serve as mayors in the 100 largest cities in the United States including 10 women of color. In 2016, that number was 8 and of those, five were women of color, including the first black women mayors of Charlotte, Baton Rouge, New Orleans and San Francisco.

270 -- the record number of women who attended [Ready to Run New Jersey](#). CAWP's non-partisan campaign training for women, in March 2017. Registrations started coming in on election night 2016 and more than 100 women signed up by the end of December. The same demand was met by their partner programs in the Ready to Run national network.

GET INVOLVED!
Spring Elections and Primaries are coming up!
Learn how to moderate candidate forums, Please contact:
LucyHeller @optonline.net

VOTE411.ORG
 ELECTION INFORMATION YOU NEED

2017 WAS THE YEAR OF THE ACTIVIST.

The League maintained its momentum through the year, speaking to huddle groups and informal gatherings of newly civically engaged women. Membership grew 131%. The state and national Leagues have new mission statements: Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy. To learn about its initiatives and activities, please read its 2017 Annual Report at:

www.lwvnj.org/images/2017-Impact-Report.pdf



NfRPP's Distinguished Lecture Series, "Let's Talk" presented The Politics of Gender in 21st Century America, on January 18. The four guest speakers, from area universities, were: Dan Cassino, Patricia Matthew, Deborah Walsh, and Tova Walsh. The event was moderated by Yasemin Besen-Cassino. **To hear them and the lively audience Q&A, please visit www.nfrpp.org for a video of the program.**

An equally informative program was held the next day with Joe Amditis, associate director of the Center for Cooperative Media at Montclair State University, entitled News Literacy: "What's Fake? What's Credible?" If you wish to be dazzled by high quality and trustworthy information about important public policy topics, please attend their programs and sign up for the NfRPP weekly at NFRPP.org





EVENTS OF INTEREST

MARCH 2018 IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH!

Of interest: NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY PROJECT. Writing Women back Into History... nwhp.org/events/



Thursday 3/8/18 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Sunday 3/11/18 at 2:00PM CELEBRATE THE CENTENNIAL OF WOMEN'S SUFFERAGE.

Location: Ethical Culture Society, 687 Larch Avenue, Teaneck. Story on Page 3.

3/15/18 7:30—9:30 pm "LET'S TALK" Unique insights: David Cay Johnston, Author "It's Even Worse Than You Think—What the Trump Administration is Doing to America."



Sponsored by NFRPP Co-Sponsors: & LWV-NV, LWV of Fair Lawn & Ridgewood JOLT. Location: FDU Dickenson Hall Wilson Auditorium. 140 University Plaza Drive, Hackensack, NJ 07601

Advance Purchase Tickets \$10: Eventbrite.com (Students Free with ID) 3/13/18 at 10:00 AM LWV-NV Board Meeting*

MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK

Cocktail Reception & Awards Ceremony



Honoring: Jack Ciattarelli Christian Fuscarino Michael Hill Alexis Karteron Anne Maiese

Tickets on sale now: \$125 includes open beer & wine bar, heavy hors d'oeuvres, music & awards ceremony

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2018 6 PM—9 PM DOUBLETREE BY HILTON TINTON FALLS, NJ PURCHASE TICKETS AT LWVNJ.ORG

Hold the Date 3/19/18, 7 PM, NFRPP.org Program on Immigration. At FDU / Registration \$10 at the door.



State League EDUCATION FUND Annual Appeal and Call-a-Thon

Northern Valley Members Callathon, follow-up to the written appeal sent by the state earlier in the year. LWV-NV will receive a percentage of every donation. To Opt Out of the call list, please send to NV Treasurer Vicki Sidrow (address below). 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).

APRIL 2018

4/10/18 at 10:00 AM LWV-NV Board Meeting*

4/17/18 Annual Election Day for NJ School Boards

MAY 2018

5/8/18 at 10:00 AM LWV-NV Board Meeting*

5/8/18 Election Day for Non-Partisan Elections

5/15/18 12:30 pm "Expanding our Awareness and Appreciation of Our Diverse Bergen County Community."

Panel: James J. Tedesco, Bergen County Executive; State Senate Majority Leader Senator Loretta Weinberg; Esmilda Abreu, PhD, Diversity and Inclusion Specialist and Business Professor; John Bank, Immigration Attorney with the Choi Law Group; Patricia Butler, University Educator and Chair Enslaved African Memorial Committee; Imam Mohammed Moutaz Charaf; and Rabbi Adina Lewittes, founder of Sha'ar communities. Sponsor: Tempel Emeth and the National Council of Jewish Women Bergen County Section. LOCATION: Temple Emeth, Teaneck, NJ

JUNE 2018

6/5/18 Election Day for Primary Elections to Nominate Candidates for the General Election

DIRECTIONS: Take Washington Ave. into Dumont, then turn WEST onto Quackenbush Ave. Plenty of Parking. Board Meetings are open to all members at 10AM, 2nd Tuesday each month. 2018 DATES: 3/13, 4/10, 5/8, 6/12, 7/10, 8/14, 9/11, 10/9, 11/13 & 12/11

WWW.LWVNJ.ORG & WWW.LWVBergen.org

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

Please Join Us!

* LWV OF NORTHERN VALLEY BOARD MEETINGS

NEW LOCATION at Vantage Health System, Inc., 2 Park Avenue, Dumont—(South of Madison Ave and West of Washington Ave.) Along the Railroad Track between Ivy Lane and Quackenbush Avenue.



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PHOTOS WANTED! Share your activities with Fellow members in this Newsletter. Email to Nike.Bach@gmail.com (With spelling for names.) Thanks.

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Table with 6 columns: Alpine, Cliffs Park, Cresskill, Dumont, Emerson, Englewood, Fort Lee, Harrington Park, Hillsdale, Montvale, New Milford, Norwood, Park Ridge, Tenafly, Woodcliff Lake, Bergenfield, Closter, Demarest, Edgewater, Leonia, Englewood Cliffs, Hackensack, Haworth, Northvale, Old Tappan, River Vale, Washington, PLEASE JOIN US!

MEMBERSHIP SIGN-UP: 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, 1 -Horizon Rd, Apt 1405, Ft Lee, NJ 07024

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