

HISTORY WAS MADE ON NOVEMBER 6!



Record high voter turnout characterized the 2018 midterm election. More than 47 percent of the voting-eligible population cast a ballot according to early estimates from the [United States Election Project](#). That compares to 36.7 percent in 2014 and 41 percent in 2010. It was the highest turnout for a midterm since 1966, when 49 percent of the population showed up to vote.

While the record turnout was fueled by dissatisfaction with Donald Trump and a focus on women, it was galvanized by “get out the vote” drives. In our area, the National Council of Jewish Women, Bergen County division conducted drives in area apartment buildings, senior living facilities, back-to-school nights at local schools, supermarkets/malls, in addition to its own house of worship. NV League member **Bea Podorefsky**, chaired Let’s Vote 2018 for the National Council.

In addition to record voter turnout, more women than ever were elected to office. The first Muslim and Native American women, the first black woman from New England, the first Latina women from Texas—were all elected to Congress. According to Rutgers University’s Center for American Women and Politics, 107 (78D, 29R) women hold seats in the United States Congress, comprising 20% of its 535 members; 23 women (23%) serve in the [U.S. Senate](#) and 84 women (19.3%) serve in the [U.S. House of Representatives](#). Five women non-voting delegates (3D, 2R) also represent American Samoa, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands in the United States House of Representatives.

In addition, the election expanded voting rights in at least six states with passage of redistricting and voter registration reforms.

League volunteers across the country registered voters, reached out to tens of thousands of candidates to provide information on [VOTE411.org](#), and hosted hundreds of debates and forums so that voters could learn about issues and engage with politicians looking to represent them.

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PHOTOS WANTED!

**NEXT SUBMISSIONS
DEADLINE: 2/8/19**

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ANNUAL LWVNV LUNCHEON

12/11/18 Members and Guests are welcome to attend the LWVNV Holiday Pot Luck Luncheon.

Our Speaker is **Nancy Hedinger, President**, League of Women Voters of New Jersey who will speak about the League’s advocacy agenda for 2018 and what members can do to help further our mission to empower voters and defend democracy

The holiday lunch will be held on 12/11/18, 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 with your # of guests, and your dish(es).

VOTER SERVICE: CORE TO THE LEAGUE



**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 wide-spread credibility because it is strictly non-partisan.

www.lwvnj.org

Voters value a League-moderated, non-partisan candidate forum as a trustworthy way to learn about candidate views. The Northern Valley League thanks these Bergen County members who organized, moderated, and assisted at candidate forums in preparation for the November election. The League ALWAYS needs more moderators. If interested in learning how to moderate a candidate forum, please contact Lucy Heller at lucyheller@optonline.net

Thanks go to Barbara King's valiant efforts to organize county-wide Candidate Forums. Unfortunately, three previously planned Forums could not be held either because candidates canceled, after agreeing to attend, or candidates were not able to agree on a Candidate Forum date. The Forums that were held include:

Bergen County Executive on October 23 and Congressional District 5 on October 24

The following NVLWV Municipal and Board of Education Candidate Forums were held:

- Woodcliff Lake Council - October 25
- Englewood Council - October 30
- Englewood BOE - November 1

League Moderators and Moderators-in-Training:
 Sophie Heymann
 Lucy Heller
 Vicki Sidrow
 Barbara King
 Minna Greenberg
 Marlene Sincaglia
 Cathie Mick
 Peggy Kabakow
 Pam Perron
 Ann Lander



GREAT IDEAS TO GET INVOLVED

The state League is looking for volunteers to serve on its statewide voters service committee. Working with LWVNJ staff, the Committee will:

Review voter service materials, policies, procedures, and guidance to ensure it is up to date, accurate, in line with LWVUS materials, and set clear guidelines for local Leagues to follow regarding voter service activities. Bring recommendations for changes of policies, procedures, best practices, etc to the state League

A first webinar has been held. If you wish to get involved, please contact Nike Bach, nike.bach@gmail.com

The state is also looking for volunteers to serve on its Women and Family Issues Committee. It plans to look into the impact of Sexual Assault legislation and bills being proposed to change it. League members studied this issue two years ago. Currently the committee meets once a month at Panera in Morristown.

On March 11, 2019 Ruth Ann Koenick, from Rutgers will speak in New Providence. Details to be forthcoming.

To get involved, or learn more, contact susanferris123@gmail.com

IT'S BEEN A BUSY FALL!

The Network for Responsible Public Policy continues to present regular speaker programs which the Northern Valley League is pleased to co-sponsor. To learn about upcoming NfRPP programs and public policy issues and to view videos of past programs, please sign up for its weekly newsletter at www.nfrpp.org. This fall's programs were:

September 27, SCOTUS, Polarization, and the Rule of Law with guest speakers Professors Perry Dane and Bernard Bell, both from Rutgers Law School

September 28, Immigration Update with guest speaker Hanna Seigel of the New American Economy

October 18, What's Happening to the Middle Class with guest speakers Nicole Gelinas, of the Manhattan Institute, and Thomas Prusa of Rutgers University. Peter Coy, of Bloomberg Businessweek, moderated

November 8, Post Mid-term Election Analyses with three political professions: Brendan Gill, Alan Steinberg, and Alonso



On October 10, the Northern Valley League heard two experts on the topic of legalizing marijuana in New Jersey. Elizabeth Ruebman, representing New Jersey United for Marijuana Reform (NJUMR), a statewide coalition of public safety, medical, civil rights, faith, political, and criminal justice reform organizations and individuals, spoke about the organization's efforts to legalize, tax, and regulate marijuana for adults 21 and older. Stephen Reid spoke on behalf of Responsible Approaches to Marijuana Policy (RAMP), an organization for whom he serves as Executive Director. RAMP, is a statewide coalition of public safety, medical, business owners, treatment professionals, and parents who think that marijuana should remain illegal, as is currently NJ law. It was an informative presentation.

On September 25, the League hosted a welcome reception for its newest members.



NVLWV moderators

Peggy Kabakow, Anne Lander, Lucy Heller, and Cathy Mick
at the Woodcliff Lake Council

Candidates Debate in October 2018.

Anne and Cathy are moderators in training.

STATEHOOD FOR THE CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON DC ?

Many attendees at our annual meeting in June, signed a petition in support of statehood for the citizens of Washington DC. Since 1801, the residents of the District of Columbia have had no representation in Congress!! Nor are they able to govern themselves without interference from Congress. While District residents fulfill all the obligations of U.S. citizenship—paying taxes, voting, and serving on juries and in the military ... they are denied both a voice in their/our national government and sovereignty over state and local affairs.

Since 1938, the League has sought to redress this issue and has made some gains: in 1961, the right of DC citizens to vote for President and Vice-President was granted through ratification of the 23rd Amendment to the Constitution. In 1970, they were granted the right to elect a nonvoting dele-

gate to Congress and in 1974, a limited home-rule charter provided for an elected mayor and city council.

The goals of voting representation in both the House and Senate and full home-rule powers remain unachieved. In 2005, members of Congress took on the DC voting rights issue with more enthusiasm than it exhibited in years, consensus on self-government and obtaining full voting representation ultimately failed. In November 2016, DC citizens voted overwhelmingly to petition Congress for statehood - the first step in the statehood process.

League support has been behind each hard-won step. The people of Washington, D.C. deserve the same rights as those in the 50 states. To learn more about this issue, visit www.lwvdc.org/dc-statehood



DECEMBER 2018

Friday, 12/7 At 10:30 AM
Network for Responsible Public Policy presents The Role of Science in our Identity Politics, Biases and Political Agendas. Guest Speaker -- Prof. Rob Hollander. Location: Teaneck Library, 840 Teaneck Rd, Teaneck. Free and open to the public



Thursday, 12/13,
At 7-8:30PM
Fair Lawn LWV and the Natural Resources Defense Council present Environmental Justice.
Location: Fair Lawn Community Card Room, 10-10 20th Street. Free and open to the public.

ourselves on public policy issues, and how to advocate for good government. Please RSVP to lwvbergen@gmail.com
Location: Paramus Public Library, 116 E Century Rd., Paramus.

1/8/19 at 10:00 AM
[LWV-NV Board Meeting*](#)

FEBRUARY 2019

2/8/19 – Newsletter Submissions due

2/12/2019 at 10:00 AM
[LWV-NV Board Meeting*](#)

Plan Now for the upcoming Women's History Month in March!

12/11/18 Annual LWVNV Pot Luck Luncheon. See Pg 1 for Details.

Note that there will not be a board meeting in December. Thanks.

JANUARY 2019

Tuesday, 1/8 at 6:30 PM
Snow Date 1/15
LWV Bergen County presents Orientation in League Basics
LWVNJ President Nancy Hedinger and other state leaders will be on hand to discuss how to get the most of being a League Member, how to further our mission of educating the public, and

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
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.
DIRECTIONS: Take Washington Ave. into Dumont, then turn WEST onto Quackenbush Ave. Plenty of Parking.



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PHOTOS WANTED!
Share your activities with Fellow members in this Newsletter.

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	Cliffside Park	Dumont	Englewood Cliffs	Haworth	New Milford
	Closter	Edgewater	Fort Lee	Hillsdale	Northvale

LWVNV MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all women and men and includes membership in the national, state, and local organization. Membership runs from July 2018 - June 2019 and is \$55.00 for individuals, \$75.00 for family and \$10.00 for students.

GET INVOLVED!

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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