

LWV ACTIVITIES:

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ABOVE: Assemblywoman Valerie Vaineri Huttle, Vicki Sidrow, and former mayor Sophie Heymann at Vantage's dinner party honoring Vicki Sidrow on April 23, 2019



RIGHT: Ari Berman, keynote speaker at the 63rd Biennial State Convention



LEFT: State board member **Kathy Abbott** with **Nike Bach** and daughter **Dana Lindbloom** attending Broadway play "What the Constitution Means to Me". Nike won two tickets at the Awards Reception Silent Auction, donated by Kathy.

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2018-2019**

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PHOTOS WANTED!

**NEXT SUBMISSIONS
DEADLINE: 8/15/19**
Please submit articles to:

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LWV-NEW JERSEY: 63RD BIENNIAL STATE CONVENTION AND MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK AWARDS AND RECEPTION



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.

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The Convention, held in Somerset, was dynamic, well-organized, and informative. Here are a few highlights:

- ◇ 32 local Leagues were represented including three newest: Greater New Brunswick Area, Atlantic County, and Warren and West Morris Counties.
- ◇ Webinars about the budget, program and changes to bylaws, were provided to attendees in advance allowing for an efficient adoption process.
- ◇ The Making Democracy Work award candidates were seriously inspirational.
- ◇ Guest speakers Ari Berman (Keynote), an award-winning journalist and author, who spoke about voting rights, Maggie Bush, LWV-U.S., who spoke about phone banking to be piloted in NJ's upcoming election

to increase voter turnout, and Yvette Murry, a master trainer, who spoke about advancing the League's diversity, equity, and inclusion goals all gave attendees lots to think about.

- ◇ A number of awards were presented to a variety of Leagues. Included were Leagues who had the largest percentage growth in membership. These ranged from growing 58% to 115% in one year!! Great work.



LWV NJ—State Board Members

Dear Friends,

Please accept my deepest thanks for the journal ad placed by the Northern Valley League for the event on April 23rd in celebration of my 33 years at Vantage Health System. It was my honor and privilege to work at Vantage, lead it for 21 years and have the support (personally and financially to Vantage) of many League members for the important

work the non profit does for so many in our communities with various life challenges.

My career started because of my involvement with the League - to whom I always give credit- and will be forever grateful.

My heartfelt thanks.

Vicki Sidrow



Annual Dinner Meeting

Members and guests are invited to attend the Northern Valley League of Women Voter's 73rd Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 11, at 5:30 PM, at Palmer's Crossing at the Clinton Inn, in Tenafly. Our guest speaker is Associate Professor of American Studies, John Gronbeck-Tedesco, PhD. Dr. Gronbeck-Tedesco has authored books and articles about his research interests in U.S. & Latin American politics as well as U.S. culture in the 20th century. He is working on a book about Cuban refugees and teaches at Ramapo College of New Jersey.



Dr. Gronbeck-Tedesco will speak about immigration in America. He will explain how our current immigration policy came to be and will describe reforms that could improve it.

Annual Meeting Reservation

Tuesday, 6/11/2019 at 5:30 PM

Palmer's Crossing at the Clinton Inn
145 Dean Drive, Tenafly.

\$35 per person. Guests welcome.

NAME _____

Phone _____

Guest(s) _____

Please send this form with your check payable to "LWVNV" to:

Shirley Shapiro,
292 Highwood Ave,
Tenafly, NJ 07670

If you cannot mail this form in on time, please call Shirley at 201-568-0787

ELECTION SEASON IS UNDER WAY...

Elections for all 80 seats in the NJ General Assembly will take place with a Primary Election on June 4th and in the General Election on November 5. NJ is one of seven state legislative chambers holding elections in 2019.

A primary is an election that allows members of a political party to choose a candidate to represent them in an upcoming election. NJ is a closed primary state. This means that only those voters who are registered for a party may vote in the election. Unaffiliated voters can register with a political party up to and including Primary Election Day. You may file a [Party Affiliation Declaration Form](#) with the Commissioner of Registration/Superintendent of Elections for your county by mail, 55 days before the election or in person. This form is also available in [Spanish or Korean](#).

Northern Valley residents are served by state Legislative Districts 37 and 39. The filing deadline for candidates was April 1, 2019. Towns in these districts and candidates are as follows:

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 39 includes towns of: Closter, Demarest, Dumont, Emerson, Harrington Park, Haworth, Hillsdale, Mahwah, Montvale, Norwood, Oakland, Old Tappan, Park Ridge, Ramsey, River Vale, Saddle River, Upper Saddle River, Washington, Westwood, Woodcliff Lake.

Candidates: Assembly: Robert Auth * (R), Holly Schepisi * (R), John Birkner (D), and Gerald Falotico (D)

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 37 includes the towns of: Alpine, Bogota, Cresskill, Englewood, Englewood Cliffs, Fort Lee, Hackensack, Leonia, Northvale, Palisades Park, Rockleigh, Teaneck, Tenafly in Bergen County and Bloomingdale, Ringwood, and Wanaque in Passaic County
Candidates: Angela Hendricks (R), Gino Tessaro (R), Valerie Vainieri Huttle * (D), and Gordon M. Johnson * (D)
* incumbent

Vote by Mail ballots are available for any registered voter for any election. You do not need a reason to request a ballot, but you must complete an [application](#). These applications are available in [Spanish and Korean](#). To receive your ballot by mail, the application must be received by the County Clerk seven days prior to the election. A voter may also apply in person to the County Clerk until 3:00 p.m., the day before the election.

You can register to vote if you are a U.S. citizen, 17 years old (with the understanding you may not vote before your 18th birthday), have been a resident of your NJ county 30 days before the elections, and you are not currently serving a sentence, probation or parole for a felony conviction. Remember to re-register to vote if you change your name, address, or complete your sentence, probation or parole! [Voter Registration application here](#). These applications are also available in [Spanish and Korean](#).



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Share your activities with Fellow members in this Newsletter.



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Alpine	Dumont	Hackensack	New Milford	River Vale
Bergenfield	Edgewater	Harrington Park	Northvale	Tenafly
Cliffside Park	Emerson	Haworth	Norwood	Washington Township
Closter	Englewood	Hillsdale	Old Tappan	Woodcliff Lake
Cresskill	Englewood Cliffs	Leonia	Oradell	
Demarest	Fort Lee	Montvale	Park Ridge	



EVENTS OF INTEREST

To learn about NJ state league, visit www.lwvnj.org and sign up to receive [emails](#)
To learn about US LWV, visit www.lwv.org and sign up for their [emails](#)
To learn about Bergen County leagues, visit www.lwvbergen.org

JUNE 2019

Tuesday 6/4/19 – Primary Election.
Polls are open from 6am-8pm

Thursday, 6/6/19,
7:30 pm, FDU, Dick-
inson Hall/Wilson Auditorium, 140
University Plaza Drive, Hackensack –
[The Green New Deal: Exploring the Possible.](#) Sponsored by Network for Responsible Public Policy



Tuesday, 6/11/19 at 5:30 PM: LWVNV Annual Meeting (info on page 2). (NO BOARD MEETING)

Tuesday, June 11, 2:30- 4:30 PM, [Bergen Leads](#) presents a public forum on [master planning in Bergen County.](#)
Bergen Community College, Ciccone Theater, 400 Paramus Road, Paramus

Friday, June 14, 10:30 am, Teaneck Library, Teaneck – [Regulations: Why?](#) with Professor Kyle T. Kattelman of Fairleigh Dickinson University. Sponsored by Network for Responsible Public Policy

Monday, June 17, 6PM, ILO (Bergen County League) Annual Meeting, Paramus Library, 116 E. Century Road,

Paramus. Guest Speaker is Bergen County Sheriff Anthony Cureton. To reserve or for information, contact Barbara King at bmking64@optonline.net

JULY 2019

7/9/19 at 10:00 AM
[LWV-NV Board Meeting](#) Time and Location to be determined
Please follow our emails!

AUGUST 2019

Happy Summer... 8/15/19 – Newsletter Submissions due

MEMBER NEWS

- ◇ Welcome new member Shannon Currie of Woodcliff Lake
- ◇ Congratulations to Nancy Ferer, member from Englewood, who received the Phoebe Seham award from The Women's Rights Information Center honoring those who are dedicated to the advancement

- of women and girls
- We extend condolence to families of recently deceased:
- ◇ Vi Ruschman's husband, Donald, on May 15, just prior to returning to NJ from Florida
 - ◇ Joan Johnson, long time member from Englewood
 - ◇ Chris Sagona's father, at 98.

◇ Phoebe Seham, life member from Tenafly, on May 14 at age 87. Phoebe founded [The Women's Rights Information Center](#), in Englewood, on the belief of Elizabeth Cady Stanton that women must be "recognized as individuals ... thoroughly educated for all positions in life that they may be called upon to fulfill..."

MEMBER INITIATIVES!

Would you like to be more active in the League?

NEW: To make it easier for those who work during the day to attend our meetings, the Northern Valley Board plans to alternate board meeting times between day -- likely 10am for those who can attend day meetings and 7:30pm for those for whom evenings

are better. Tell us your best days, times, and locations please!

ACTIVITY IDEAS:

- ◇ Meet and greets for our members and guests to discuss issues in a casual & friendly atmosphere.
- ◇ General meetings on a variety of topics.
- ◇ Participation in the Inter-League board (ILO), which meets during the day and represents all Bergen County leagues.

- ◇ Are you are interested in serving on our board, or on the ILO board, or on a committee?
- ◇ What days and times work for you?
- ◇ What topics would you like to discuss?
- ◇ Do you have any contacts or suggestions for meeting locations?

Your input is appreciated!
Please contact nike.bach@gmail.com

LWVNV MEMBERSHIP 2019-2020

THE TIME TO GET INVOLVED IS NOW!

Membership is open to all women and men and includes membership in the national, state, and local organization. Membership runs from *July 2019 - June 2020* and is \$55.00 for individuals, \$75.00 for family and \$10.00 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").

Questions? lwvno.valley@gmail.com or call 201-947-0756

Download Form: lwvbergen.org/membership/

Name: _____

Address: _____, NJ _____

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