

ANNUAL LWVNV POT LUCK LUNCHEON

Members and Guests are welcome to attend the
LWVNV Holiday Pot Luck Luncheon.

Our Speaker is Alyssa Moreno, Civic Engagement Coordinator, League of Women Voters of New Jersey who will speak about the League’s efforts and actions to ensure everyone is counted in the 2020 decennial census. She will explain why getting an accurate count is critical for all communities.

The holiday lunch will be held on 12/3/19, 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 (as soon as possible) to Shirley 201-568-0787 or wpab65a@aol.com with your # of guests, and the dishes you would like to bring.



Census counts are used to decide where to spend more than \$22 billion in federal funding for New Jersey's schools, hospitals, roads, and more. An undercount in 2020 means less funding for ten years for our communities. Census counts are also used to determine our number of congressional representatives. New Jersey lost a congressional seat after the 2010 Census.

VOTERS SERVICE

One of the League’s core activities is to provide Voters Service so that citizens are empowered to shape better communities.

Since we elect public leaders who make decisions that affect our daily lives, League members work to obtain non-partisan, practical, understandable election information about candidates and issues. Toward this end, League members have been involved in many activities as described below.

In September, in preparation for the Nov 5 election when New Jersey voters would choose candidates for the State Assembly, county freeholders, and local mayors, councils and boards of education, the Northern Valley League conducted a workshop for members and the public to learn about, and get involved in, Voters Service activities.

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2019-2020

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NEXT SUBMISSIONS
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VOTERS SERVICE

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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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In October, members were busy: conducting voter registration drives, responding to citizen requests to schedule League moderators for Candidate Forums, organizing League-moderated Candidate Forums, and entering candidate information onto League-branded website Vote411.



Vote 411

New this election season, the LWVNV entered names of all candidates running for office in our 27 town league on the League-branded website, [Vote 411.org](http://Vote411.org). Barbara King, President of the Bergen County League, did so for the remaining towns in Bergen county who were not already covered by the League of Women Voter groups in Ridgewood, Fair Lawn, Glen Rock, and Teaneck.

The League designed Vote 411 as a "one-stop-shop" to provide nonpartisan, ballot-specific information to voters. When a voter logs on to Vote411.org, not only will s/he be learn how to register, or where to vote, but will also see what is on his/her ballot: who is running for office in his/her district, town, state, or county as well as any public ballot questions. The uniqueness and power of Vote 411 is in its ability to enable voters to learn about candidates via questions League members submit and to which they respond. When candidates respond, their responses are posted to [Vote411](http://Vote411.org). Then, along with candidate provided bio-

graphical information and photo, voters have an easy way to compare candidates to each another. This electronic creation is similar to the Voter Guides previously produced in print by League members.



Candidate Forums

A Candidate Forum provides voters with a unique opportunity to determine which candidate(s) might best represent them by hearing directly from them and having them respond to questions in an event that is calm, fair, and controlled. The League works with sponsoring organizations who invite candidates, select a date, and secure a location. The LWVNV was pleased to moderate forums in October for:

- ⇒ Tenafly BOE
- ⇒ Englewood BOE
- ⇒ Woodcliff Lake Council
- ⇒ State Assembly District 39

The Candidate Forums were moderated by these League members:

- ⇒ Sophie Heymann
- ⇒ Vicki Sidrow
- ⇒ Cathie Mick

The League is ALWAYS in need of moderators and volunteers to help with Candidate Forums. If you are interested in this effort and in learning how to moderate a Candidate Forum, please contact [Lucy Heller](mailto:Lucy.Heller).



The LWVNV encourages members and residents of its 27 municipalities to create Voter Guides for 2020 elections, so that informed voting can include more races. To get involved in this effort, please contact [Nike Bach](mailto:Nike.Bach).



GET OUT THE COUNT CENSUS PLAN



National, state, and local leagues will be undertaking activities and actions around the 2020 decennial census. Getting an accurate count of population from the 2020 Census is critical to all communities in the United

States because census data is the basis for: fair political representation, and this data is used to draw district lines reflective of the population allocating funds/resources to communities for public safety, planning and disaster response, education needs, hospitals, assistance for veterans, and transportation investment decisions by business for economic growth.

The campaign will involve three phases: Education, Get-

Out-The-Count, and Watchdog activities. The U.S. Census Bureau provides materials for individuals interested in forming, or joining, Complete Count Committees (CCC). CCC's create awareness in communities and play a key role in obtaining an accurate count of those often hardest to reach.

LWVNV member Shannon Currie will serve as a Census Coordinator and will work with LWVNJ staff member Alyssa Moreno who will be coordinating this campaign in New Jersey. On December 3, the LWVNV will hear from Alyssa at our Holiday Luncheon. Please see pg 1 to reserve and attend the luncheon. If you wish to get involved in this effort, contact [Alyssa Moreno](#).

CELEBRATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE



Sculpture of Sojourner Truth, left, Susan B Anthony, center, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton by Meredith Bergmann. Photograph: Michael Bergmann/AP

The LWVNV is planning to participate in TWO events celebrating the passage of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which granted women the right to vote 100 years ago next year. One is on Monday, Feb 10, 2020. (NJ ratified the 19th amendment, on this date, in 1920). We are: (1) looking for a location to host re-enactor, Carol Levin, to present the story about women's suffrage, (2) seeking grant funding, and (3) expecting to invite groups to partner with us.

Northern NJ National Organization for Women (NNJNOW) is also planning a spring event. Information will be sent out as it is available.

New York's Central Park will have its first statue, dedicated in August 2020, to honor the accomplishments of women. In this statue are three pioneers in the fight for women's rights. The likeness of Truth, an escaped slave and abolitionist, was belatedly added to the sculpture in response to criticism that African American suffragists were initially excluded.



NATIONAL REDISTRICTING REFORM

After the Supreme Court's disappointing decision in the Rucho case this past June—failing to take a stand for voters and establish limits around when partisan gerrymandering goes too far—the League of Women Voters U.S. launched “a massive, nationwide campaign designed to reform redistricting strategically, state by state, once and for all.” ([LWWUS](#)). The campaign is called People Powered Fair Maps™ [People Powered Fair Maps™](#).

Because redistricting has long been a priority issue of the

League, and a signature part of its Campaign for Making Democracy work, the League decided it could not wait, or rely, on the Supreme Court to solve partisan gerrymandering. In October, the national board authorized half a million dollars to launch this campaign. Every state League will receive some of that funding through grants. The work will look different in each state.

Expect to see regular information about this on-going effort. Visit [Fair Districts NJ](#) and contact LWVNJ staff member [Helen Kioukis](#) to get involved in this effort.



EVENTS OF INTEREST

DECEMBER 2019

12/3/19 Annual LWVNV
Pot Luck Luncheon.
See Pg 1 for Details.



Friday, 12/6/19 10:30 AM
Network for Responsible
Public Policy presents



"The Electoral College: An Imperfect Compromise" with Dr. Kyle T. Kattelman, Farleigh Dickenson University Professor of Political Science. Location: Teaneck Public Library, 840 Teaneck Road, Teaneck. Free and open to the public.

Tuesday 12/10/19 at 7:00 PM
LWV-NV Board Meeting
Closter Public Library 280 High Street.

JANUARY 2020

Tuesday 12/10/19 at 7:00 PM
LWV-NV Board Meeting
Closter Public Library 280 High Street.

Friday 1/10/20 7:00 PM
NNJNOW Holiday Party &
Membership Meeting.
Come help plan the May
Event on Women's Suffrage!
Location: Ethical Culture Society,
687 Larch Avenue, Teaneck.



FEBRUARY 2020

2/8/2020 – Newsletter Submissions due

Tuesday 2/11/19 at 7:00 PM
LWV-NV Board Meeting
Closter Public Library 280 High Street.

100TH ANNIVERSARY DATES!

- 2/10/2020: NJ Ratification of the 19th Amendment.
- 2/14/2020: League of Women Voters Established.
- 8/18/2020: National Ratification of the 19th Amendment!

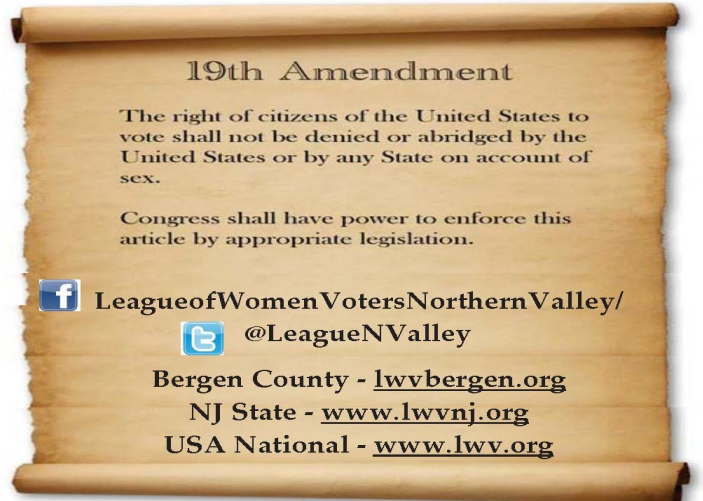
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LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS* OF NORTHERN VALLEY

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

MEMBERSHIP SIGNUP:

Name: _____

Address: _____
_____, NJ _____

Tel: _____

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Please clip out this form and send along with your check, payable to the League of Women Voters of Northern Valley ("LWVNV").
Mailing Address: LWV Treasurer, Vicki Sidrow, One Horizon Road, Apt 1405, Fort Lee, NJ 07024.
Membership is open to all women and men, age 16 or over, and includes membership in the national, state, and local LWV organization.
Membership runs from July 2019 - June 2020 and is \$55.00 for individuals, \$75.00 for family and \$10.00 for students. Questions? lwvno.valley@gmail.com or call 201-947-0756