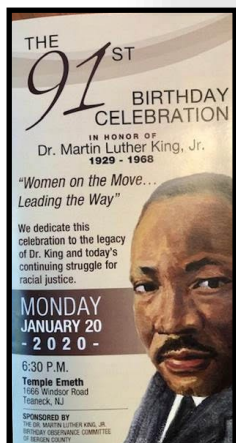


### CELEBRATING SUFFRAGE !



This issue of the newsletter provides the handout, created for the LWVNV's February 10<sup>th</sup> event, commemorating the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment to the U.S. Constitution which gave women the right to vote. It identifies a few leaders of the long struggle and highlighted milestones in the 72-year journey to get the vote. Here are a few highlights from the event:

◇ Two performances of "Reclaiming Our Voice: New Jersey's Central Role in the Fight for Women's Suffrage" were given by living history presenter, **Carol Simon Levin**. One was for @ 200 Leonia Public School history students, grades 8-12. The second was for a crowd of @ 170 which drew newcomers, representatives from our nine partner organizations, LWVNV members, and attendees from Leonia and area towns.

◇ Carol depicted America's history in an interesting and substantive way, enlivened with suffrage sashes provided to LWVNV hosts.

◇ **Cathie Mick, Vicki Sidrow, Shannon Currie, and Nike Bach** informed attendees about LWV activities in which they could become involved. These included: [Voters Service](#), [Legislative Advocacy](#), [2020 Census](#), and [Fair Districts NJ](#)

◇ Two commendations were received. One was from Bergen County Executive **James Tedesco III**. The second was from the Bergen County Freeholders. They were presented by **Cynthia Forster**, Bergen County Dept of Parks, Division of Cultural & Historical Affairs.

◇ **Joyce Luhrs**, LWVNV, VP for Marketing and media consultant was successful in obtaining press coverage before and after the event. She also maintains our Facebook and Twitter accounts.

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**2020 CENSUS: 10 QUESTIONS, 10 MINUTES, 10 YEARS**



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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 grass-roots leadership and enjoys widespread credibility because it is strictly non-partisan.*

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



That’s how **Shannon Currie**, LWVNV member and 2020 Census Coordinator, introduced the 2020 Census at the February 10<sup>th</sup> event. The U.S. Constitution requires that the U.S. Census Bureau take a *count*— a *census* — of America’s population *every decade*. This includes all 50 states and the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Island Areas. It is not limited to voters – as it includes children and non-citizens. It included women before women could vote, slaves before they were emancipated, immigrants, etc.! The first census was conducted in 1790.

In March, residents will receive a notice to complete the [10 census questions](#) online. Completing it is mandatory and vital to our community and country. If residents haven’t responded by May, Census Takers will start knocking on doors of households who didn’t respond. The deadline to respond is July 31.

The census provides vital information for you and your community:

- It determines how many representatives each state gets in Congress

It is used to redraw district boundaries. *(Redistricting counts will be sent to states by March 31, 2021.)*

- Each year, \$675 billion is distributed to communities, nationwide, for roads, schools, emergency services, and more.
- Businesses use census data to determine where to open places of business.

25 percent of New Jerseyans didn’t respond to the last census, in 1990. NJ lost one Congressional seat.

Under Title 13 of the U.S. Code, the Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about individuals, households, or businesses, even to law enforcement agencies. Answers can only be used to produce statistics—they cannot be used against a responder in any way. All responses to U.S. Census Bureau must be kept [completely confidential](#).

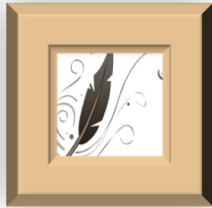
National, state, and local leagues are [undertaking activities and actions](#) to help assure a complete count of the U.S. population. The League can assist Complete Count Committees, conduct informational workshops, and has partnered with libraries to help provide access to computers. *If you are interested in learning more or in helping with this effort, please contact Shannon at [scurrie@bsgco.com](mailto:scurrie@bsgco.com)*

**2020census.gov**

**Important Dates:**

**In mid-March, homes across the country will begin receiving invitations to complete the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail.**

## MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



Beginning as Women's History Day, in 1911, Women's History Month has been officially proclaimed by the President each year since 1988.

March 8 is International Women's Day, celebrated across the globe.

### LWVNV RESOURCES:

Calendar, Page 4 and the attached Flyer from our LWVNV Centennial Celebration held on 2/10/20.

[www.lwvbergen.org/about-us-more/](http://www.lwvbergen.org/about-us-more/)



## LWVUS – UN OBSERVERS UPDATE

LWVUS UN Observers are preparing for the 64th meeting of the Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations in New York on **March 9-20, 2020**. The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is the principal global intergovernmental body exclusively devoted to promoting women's rights, documenting the reality of women's lives throughout the world, and shaping global standards on gender equality and the empowerment of women. There are about 20 League delegates who will attend a minimum of 4-5 days of CSW and will participate in all varieties of sessions including commission meetings

and side events.

As this year marks the 25th anniversary of the Beijing platform, meetings, events, discussions will center on how close women have come to reaching and not reaching goals set in Beijing.

Northern Valley member **Chris Sagona** is a LWVUS UN Observer and a UN Google Group Administrator. She updates the Google Group & Facebook Pages, which are normally pretty active and provide engagement with other members. To join the Google Group, send a request to Chris at [chrissagona@gmail.com](mailto:chrissagona@gmail.com)

## LWVNJ ANNUAL APPEAL CALL-A-THON

This month, Northern Valley members will call members to ask for contributions to the State League from those who have not yet contributed. The Callathon is a follow-up to the written appeal sent by the state, to members, in November. The Northern Valley League receives a percentage of every donation obtained. *If you wish to avoid receiving a call and wish to make a donation, please send to Nike Bach, 309 Westview Avenue, Leonia, NJ 07605.* 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).

## LWV NORTHERN VALLEY MEMBER NEWS

The League extends condolences to **Kay Gellert** on the passing of her husband Hal, at 97 years old. Kay and Hal were together for 76 years. They moved to Teaneck, in 2017, from Washington Township where they lived for more than 60 years.

### Welcome New Members:

**Sheila Klempner, Englewood Cliffs**  
**Marnita Robertson, Fort Lee**  
**Shelley Wimpfheimer, Fort Lee**  
**Rebecca Bellin**



# EVENTS OF INTEREST

## NVLWV BOARD MEETINGS:

3-10, 4-14, 5-12 at 7PM, Closter Public Library, 280 High Street, Closter. Meetings are generally held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, at 7PM, in the Closter library. They are open to ALL members.

## MARCH 2020

**Saturday, 3/7/20, 9:30am-12:30pm.**

**Voter Girl – A collaborative program between the League of Women Voters and the Northern NJ Girl Scouts for Girl Scouts**, of all levels, to earn citizenship badges by learning about civic engagement and advocacy. Location: Berkeley College, 44 Rifle Camp Rd, Woodland Park, NJ. Cost is \$15 per scout. Register by emailing Charisse Taylor at ctaylor@gsnj.org



**Sunday, 3/15/20, 2PM.**

**Women's Road to Equality with panelists Jimmy Richardson, Penny Coleman, Lucy Heller & Nancy Hedinger.** The public is invited to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the League of Women Voters of Bergen County with refreshments and cake. Location: Teaneck Public Library Auditorium, 840 Teaneck Rd, Teaneck.



**Thursday, 3/19/20, 7:30 pm,** [The 2020 CENSUS: Everything we Need to Know.](#) Presented

by Network for Responsible Public Policy. Location: Fairleigh Dickinson University, Wilson Auditorium, Hackensack. Free and open to the public; walk-ins welcome. Suggested donation is \$10. LWVNV and Fair Lawn Leagues will have a table at this program.



**Sunday, 3/22/20, 1PM, the League of Women Voters of New Jersey is celebrating its 100th anniversary with a sit down luncheon** at the Forsgate Country Club in Monroe Township, NJ. Attendees will reflect on its suffragist roots, honor past presidents, applaud members' achievements, and get ready for the next 100 years of fighting for voting rights. Tickets are \$75 must be purchased by March 11, [here.](#)



**Sunday, 3/22/20, 2 PM,**

**The Genius of Women: From Overlooked to Changing the World with author Janice Kaplan.** Presented by the Jewish Center of North Jersey to celebrate Women's History month. Location: Ridgewood Public Library, 125 N. Maple Ave, Ridgewood.



[Flyer and registration here.](#)

**Sunday, 3/22/20, 1:00 -5:00 PM.**

**Trafficking survivor and S.O.A.P. (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution) founder, Theresa Flores, will speak about her experiences and what can be done to prevent kids from being trafficked in our local areas.** Location: Two Bergen County Plaza, First Fl Conference Center, Hackensack. Register at [www.njhumantrafficking.org](http://www.njhumantrafficking.org)



## APRIL 2020

**Tuesday, 4/21/20, 12:30 pm.**

**Your Vote, Your Voice, Your Power. Co-sponsored with National Council of Jewish Women, Bergen County Section.** Location: Temple Emeth, 1666 Windsor Road, Teaneck.



**Thursday, 4/23/20, 7:30 pm.**

**Transforming our Democracy with Ranked Choice Voting.** Presented by Network for Responsible Public Policy. Location: Fairleigh Dickinson University, Wilson Auditorium, Hackensack. Free and open to the public; walk-ins welcome. Suggested donation is \$10.



## MAY 2020

Newsletter Contributions are Due 5/15 for the June Issue. Please email photos & captions of your activities in celebration or in service to Nike.Bach@gmail.com Thanks!



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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? [lwno.valley@gmail.com](mailto:lwno.valley@gmail.com) or call 201-947-0756