# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS Your Vote Is Your Voice

# Sustainability

Show your concern for the environment by joining the Sustainability Committee. It supports League positions on environmental issues at all levels, including state and national, while concentrating on specific local issues such as drinking water quality, particularly groundwater monitoring issues. This committee has organized seminars on the progress of the Towns toward green initiatives and maintains an index of like-minded environmental groups with the aim of coordinating efforts and co-sponsoring appropriate events.

#### Government

The Government Committee addresses national. state and local issues being considered for legislative action. Committee members speak to local Citizens Advisory Committees on issues and lobby our representatives. This committee is also active in efforts to reform New York State Government, while on a local level, we've presented the pros and cons of the Council/Manager model of town government, a model the membership studied and now endorses.

#### **Public Relations**

Our League's goals are to garner both pre- and postevent publicity in all local print and electronic media so as to encourage attendance at our many public forums and increase the League's visibility. To this end, the committee maintains updated contact information for newspapers, Web sites, radio and public access television stations; writes and e-mails news releases for each League event; requests coverage by their reporters; and tracks all resulting pre- and post-event publicity. The League has a presence on Facebook, an information-rich website and keeps in touch with members through Constant Contact.

#### Health

The Health Committee provides information on issues that impact our community such as health insurance. including the Affordable Care Act, and pending legislation of a single payer health insurance plan for New York State. We meet with local hospital administrators regarding affiliations and planning. In addition, we are kept informed of new healthcare consortiums such as

the South Fork Behavioral Health Initiative. In partnership with other League committees or community organizations, it organizes public information meetings that address important health issues such as drinking water, end of life choices, and mental health advocacy. Recently, members of the Health Committee participated in a project to update the LWVNY Healthcare Positions and prepare healthcare study materials, along with healthcare educational forums, toward consensus meetings to review new proposed statewide healthcare positions.

## **Special Events**

If you like working on group events, you'll find a home with the Special Events committee. It plans fundraising activities while seeking to raise LWVH's visibility in our communities by providing a diverse range of enjoyable activities open to members and non- members. For example, an Autumn Luncheon and Fundraiser combines getting together with new and old friends, local officials and prospective members with the opportunity to raise money.

Congressional debate



**National Registration Day** 





# Democracy is not a spectator sport! Get involved!

# **Join THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**

The League of Women Voters is a national non-partisan, multi-issue citizen organization that actively participates in making our democracy work. It serves our communities by encouraging informed, active citizen involvement and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League of Women Voters of Hamptons, Shelter Island, North Fork (LWVHSINF):

- Sponsors pre-election candidate debates to help voters make informed choices
- Educates young people (the next generation of voters) on the voting process
- Conducts voter registration for all citizens
- Carefully researches all sides of local, regional and national issues, then votes whether to endorse or oppose those issues
- Presents free meetings featuring respected experts on relevant local, regional and national topics. Open to the public
- Distributes non-partisan voter guides on candidates and ballot questions



Zoom replaced live debates, but LWV still conducted them

#### Running & Winning

On Shelter Island

# **AS A MEMBER. YOU:**

- Meet bright, articulate men and women of every age and background in a friendly, non-partisan environment
- Receive a subscription to The Voter, our award-winning newsletter about League activities

LWVH/SI/NF welcomes all who are interested in serving our communities in a meaningful way. For more information, visit our Facebook page or website:

https://my.lwv.org/new-york/hamptons .You can also contact us by phone: (631) 324-4637.

# **OUR COMMITTEES**

You get even more when you join committees aligned with your interests: healthcare, the environment, government issues, education, election reform, others.

# **Voter Services**

Do you enjoy being at the heart of political events? The Voter Services Committee is at the core of the League's commitment to encourage citizens to register, vote and



participate in government and politics. Voter Services is involved in activities that include sponsoring candidates meetings, debates and interviews. They conduct voter registration drives, provide information about voting to the public and get out the vote on Election Day. Volunteers also attend naturalization ceremonies at the federal court house in Islip to help our newest citizens to register to vote.

## **Education**

Join the Education Committee to introduce young people to the pleasure, as well as the importance, of participation in government. Our programs include the highly regarded "Running and Winning" program that introduces female high school seniors and some juniors to female public officials, who describe their own paths to public service. The day-long seminar encourages the next generation to consider public service in a leadership capacity and offers tools with which to do so. "Students Inside Albany" is an intensive four-day conference designed to immerse students in the process by which public policy is proposed, enacted and changed in New York State and educate them as to how to influence and

of New York State government, including how policy is shaped and enacted. "Students Inside Suffolk County" provides a one-day replication of the Albany experience and includes more local students. The committee administers the annual Betty Desch Award. Membership

affect this process. Albany insiders discuss the operations

If you like to meet new people and greet friends, join the Membership Committee, which provides a presence at general meetings, debates and community and special events. This committee is also responsible for recruiting new members, and spreading the word about what the League stands for. Our Ambassador program shares information on the League, its committees and activities, and community events through public libraries and other venues. Events are organized throughout the year, open to all. Many who attend decide to join the League because of the people they meet.





Registering voters all year round Sharing in community activities

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Our dues year is June 1 through May 31. ndividual Member's Name MEMBER RENEWAL

Other household Member's Name **Mailing Address** 

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A virtual welcome to new members