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The Leaguer

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
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Annual Meeting

May 14th at the Clarion Hotel
5:30 p.m. Social Time
6:00 p.m. Dinner

**“A Nation at Risk: Public
Higher Education in America.”**

Dr. Virginia Horvath, speaker



Dr. Virginia "Ginny" Horvath became the 13th President of the State University of New York at Fredonia on July 1, 2012. She was the Vice President for Academic Affairs at Fredonia for seven years, overseeing academic programs, Rockefeller Arts Center, Reed Library, information technology, graduate studies and research, Extended Learning, and a range of academic support services.



President Horvath, who also holds rank as a Professor of English, has academic specialties in Medieval literature, British literature, children's/young adult literature, English pedagogy, and poetry. Previously at Kent State University where she was a recipient of the Distinguished Teaching Award, President Horvath was Dean of Academic and Student Services for the Kent State University (Ohio) Regional Campuses, and Assistant to the President for Strategic Planning.

She has published, presented, and served as a consultant on a range of subjects, such as documenting faculty work, promotion and tenure policies, peer review, strategic planning, global education, service-learning, scholarship of engagement, leadership development, and syllabus/course design. She served on the AACSB Provosts Steering Committee, a national initiative for re-imagining undergraduate education in the United States.

Originally from Amherst, N.Y., President Horvath is a graduate of the Buffalo Seminary and now serves on its Board of Trustees. She also serves on the Board of Trustees of the Lake Erie Regional Health System of New York.

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OF STUDENTS GRADUATING FROM FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES LEAVE WITH DEBT.

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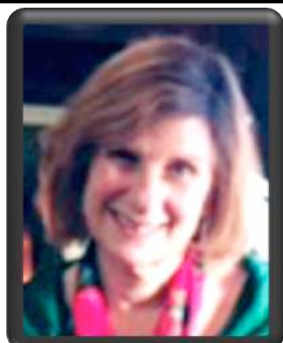


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AVERAGE STUDENT DEBT OF FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE GRADUATES.

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Leaguer of the Year

Judi Lutz-Woods

Our annual meeting chair, Judy Reynolds, has organized a wonderful evening. In addition to the presentation by Dr. Horvath, we will be honoring two community members, Judi Lutz-Woods for her work with our League and Steve Keefe for his Service to Democracy. We will have a short business meeting to approve a budget and election of three board members. Raffle tickets will be available for lovely baskets and centerpieces.



Laura Paul Award

Stephen Keefe

From the President

A group of us namely: Lisa Mertz, Nicki Schoenl, Judi Lutz-Woods, and myself traveled to Rochester for a workshop conducted by the New York State LWV. The theme of the workshop was "Collaboration and Visibility." One way we can increase our visibility is to collaborate with other allied groups when we can. If you are a part of a group that has a goal of empowering voters and defending democracy then let us know so that we can work with you. Visibility is important so that we can get information out to the voters.

I went to the workshop to learn more about civics education. Our students in their junior year and in fourth grade have some civics education. I would like to see our local league possibly have a workshop with educators to help our students engage and to discuss our possible role in promoting citizenship.

I want to thank any of you that participated in the online petition about the census. The requirement to declare citizenship can be overturned and we will fight to see it removed from the 2020 Census. How do you feel about this? Let me know. (mcroxtton5151@gmail.com) The LWV sees this issue as having a major impact on the accuracy of the Census.

- The Constitution says to count all persons-not citizens
 - The Commerce Secretary made a wrong decision to include this question in the Census.
 - This unnecessary citizenship question is invasive and will raise concerns about the confidentiality of personal information.
 - This intrusive question will cause participation in the Census to plummet.
 - This question is a political move designed to frighten immigrants into not participating in the Census.
 - Getting an accurate count in the 2020 Census is critical to all American communities.
 - Census data is the basis for fair political representation and this data is used to draw district lines reflective of the population.
 - Community leaders use Census data to allocate resources including public safety planning and disaster response, education needs, hospitals, assistance for veterans and transportation.
 - Business leaders use Census data to make investment decisions that boost economic growth.
- This is not a partisan issue.
We want an accurate count of people in this country.

The League of Women Voters was formed in New York in 1919 and country wide in 1920. It was made up of a group of thoughtful people interested in critically examining the issues facing the United States and the world. We see partisan politics as a point of view but certainly not the only way to look at things. We want to provide information that is thoroughly researched and verifiable so that we can make thoughtful decisions when we go to the polls.



Sincerely,
Mary Croxton

Impeachment? Not so fast.

On April 17 the League of Women Voters and members of the public at large heard Professor James Hurtgen speak at Moon Brook Country Club in Jamestown on the criteria for impeachment of a president. Professor Hurtgen’s main point was that impeachment should be set in motion with great caution and only for a narrow range of improper actions on the part of a president.

Records of discussions at the original Constitutional Convention show that our Founders struggled between establishing criteria that were too narrow to cover possible serious offenses and too broad to give the president the independence from Congress that his position as a third branch of government requires. Thus “treason” applies mainly to supporting an enemy nation with which we are at war and “crimes and high misdemeanors” refers to the operation of the the Constitution. An immoral committed—such as crime—such as shop-lifting—impeachment. When a considered charging Richard decided that as a personal Constitution’s criteria.



actions that seriously impair government in contradiction to act the president may have adultery—or even a personal is not a ground for Congressional committee Nixon with tax evasion, it crime, that did not meet the

However, on the question of taken during a campaign that would have prevented his or her election as president if known, Professor Hurtgen gave it as his opinion that such an action might be considered grounds for impeachment even though not committed while the person was president, as undermining a free and transparent election process. There is some disagreement on this point among experts. In general, Professor Hurtgen holds that elections, not impeachment proceedings, should be used to remove a president of whom the public disapproves.

actions a person may have

The meeting was well attended, despite the snow-storm, and many important questions were asked. Professor Hurtgen’s clarity, fair-mindedness, and detailed knowledge were greatly appreciated.

Minda Rae Amiran

RESERVATION FORM Annual Meeting on May 14th at the Clarion Hotel

- Chicken Marsala
- Lemon Pepper Whitefish
- Pasta Primavera

All are entrees include:
 Fresh Garden Salad Fresh Vegetable
 Potato
 Fresh Baked Rolls and butter
 Dessert
 Regular and Decaffeinated coffee
 Lemonade and other sodas etc.

Name _____

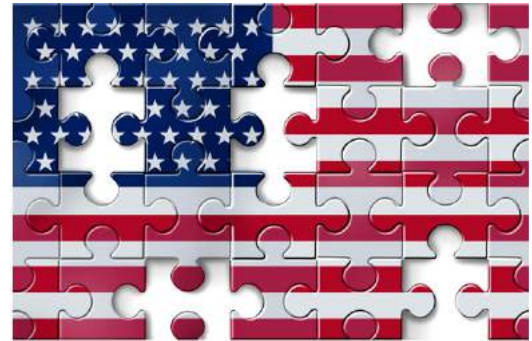
Contact Information _____

Cost \$25.00....(last year's cost was \$28.00)
Reservations must be made by May 7th!

Please send to:
Judy Reynolds, 305 Chestnut St., Fredonia, jtrpurple@yahoo.com, 672-4283

The Mills of the Gods Grind Slowly

At its meeting in Mayville on April 16, the Administrative Services Committee of the County Legislature took up the proposed revisions to the County Charter that relate to redistricting after a U.S. Census. Although the Agenda called for discussion, no discussion ensued.



The Committee Chair, Bob Scudder of Fredonia, had asked for comments from members of the Legislature on the text of the proposal for a semi-independent Reapportionment Commission. This proposal, you'll recall, was put forward by the Charter Revision Commission in June, 2015, but never acted on by the Legislature. Mr. Scudder received four comments. One person wanted to postpone discussion of a commission until 2021. Another person wanted language added to say that no redistricting should take place if Census results show it isn't needed. A third person was concerned about something all agreed was not in the text. And a fourth person wrote: "I like 3 months instead of 6 [for appointing the commission after the Census results are published] and the multi partisan committee."

Committee member David Himelein (R, Findley Lake) stated that he would vote against the Charter Revision Commission's recommendation, but gave no reason. Nobody else took any position on the matter. What happens next is up to Mr. Scudder: he probably intends to bring the resolution to the Legislature at some future time. The other members of the Committee are John Davis of Frewsburg, Kevin Muldowney of Dunkirk, and Christine Starks of Fredonia. If one of these legislators represents you, you might let him or her know your view on independent redistricting.

Minda Rae Amiran

The Time Is Now: Claiming Our Power

April 26th, 2018 / 5:00pm - 7:00pm
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**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
PROPOSED BUDGET 3/31/2018 – 4/1/2019**

Income	2017 Approved	2017 Actual thru 3/15/2018	2018 Proposed (based on 86 members)
Dues	\$4,690.00	\$5,110.00	\$4,690.00
Interest	\$3.00	\$2.55	\$3.00
Donations (Includes Ann Manly Fund)	\$100.00	\$165.00	\$100.00
Luncheons	\$2,000.00	\$2,410.00	\$2,000.00
Annual Banquet	\$1,500.00	\$838.00	\$1,500.00
Other			
1. Election Night Reporting	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2. LWVNYS Big Raffle	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
3. Refund from DFT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4. Leaguer Ads	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$250.00
5. LWVChautauqua Banquet Raffle	\$130.00	\$109.00	\$100.00
6. Car Magnets	\$200.00	\$96.00	\$200.00
Total Income	\$8,993.00	\$8,930.55	\$8,893.00
Expenditures			
State Dues	\$1,440.00	\$1,524.75	\$1,440.00
National Dues	\$2,533.00	\$2,544.00	\$2,533.00
Voter Service (2)	\$630.00	\$312.83	\$630.00
Luncheons	\$1,700.00	\$2,367.52	\$1,700.00
Annual Banquet	\$1,200.00	\$929.82	\$1,100.00
Conferences	\$500.00	\$375.90	\$500.00
Fund Raisers			
1. Promotion & Advertising (1)	\$180.00	\$185.00	\$180.00
Fees for use of facilities	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
General Operating Expense			
Postage, Printing & PO Box	\$260.00	\$351.88	\$260.00
Office Supplies(5)	\$0.00	\$57.22	\$0.00
Auditing Fee (donated)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Website (3)	\$200.00	\$245.16	\$200.00
Car Magnet cost	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$0.00
Membership Committee	\$50.00	\$97.17	\$50.00
Street Banner Hanging Cost(4)	\$200.00	\$430.00	\$200.00
Total Expenses	\$8,993.00	\$9,646.25	\$8,893.00

(1) Rockefeller Playbill)

(2) Includes TmtV and Farm Festival Expense

(3) Includes 411, new website and faircampaignpracticeschautauqua

(4) Cost of replacement banner

(5) New checks good for several years

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- April 23 1:30 p.m. Board Meeting, Minda Rae's home, 12 Lowell Pl. Fredonia**
- May 9 7 p.m. Meet the Democrat Candidates for the June 26
Congressional primary: Chautauqua Lake School in Mayville**
- May 14 6 p.m. Annual Meeting Clarion Hotel, "A Nation at Risk: Public
Higher Education in America.", Dr. Virginia Horvath, speaker.**
- Judi Lutz-Woods, Leaguer of the Year
Steve Keefe, Laura Paul Award for service to democracy**
- May 15 2-9 p.m. School Budget Vote**
- May 22 - 23 STUDENTS INSIDE ALBANY**

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The League of Women Voters of Chautauqua County is where hands-on work to safeguard democracy leads to civic improvement.

League of Women Voters of Chautauqua County

- Mary Croxton, President
Minda Rae Amiran
Priscilla Bernatz
Gen Ludemann
Marcia Merrins
Judy Reynolds
Linda Warner

Invite a Friend to Join or Give the Gift Of League Membership!!

Make Your Voice Heard! Join Us Today!

Membership Form

Mail to:

LWV Chautauqua

P.O. Box 42 Fredonia, NY 14063

Membership Dues: through December 31, 2018 Individual: \$60; Family: \$90; Student: \$25 (Check payable to LWV Chautauqua County)

Name _____

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I would like to get involved with:

Local Issues Voter Service State/National Issues

Local Newsletter

Assisting with minor tasks occasionally

Other: _____