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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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**Nate Drag, Speaker**  
Water Project Manager,  
Alliance for the Great  
Lakes

September 19<sup>th</sup> at Noon

Shorewood Country Club  
4958 West Lake Road  
Dunkirk

## The Impact of Plastics on the Environment and Lake Erie





Reasons why re-usable bags are not always used	%
I forget to bring them in the grocery store	80.4%
I use the plastic bag for something else (examples: art, to line garbage can, pick up pet waste)	55.4%
I do not want to carry it with me	9.9%
Other	9.6%
I like getting a plastic bag from the grocery store	6%
I do not think they are clean or sanitary	4.7%
They are not suitable for the items I need to carry	3.5%
My friends and family do not use one	1.3%
I take public transportation to the grocery store and do not want to carry them with me	.3%
Reasons why re-usable water bottles are not always used	%
I forget to bring it with me	38.1%
There are not enough water refill stations that I can use to refill my reusable water bottle	17.5%
I do not want to carry it with me	14.7%
Other	9.5%
I prefer the taste of bottle water over tap water	5.3%
I do not use a reusable water bottle	5.1%
I think bottled water is cleaner than tap water	4.7%
I think bottled water is healthier than tap water	3.2%

## ***From the President***

“The way to begin is to begin.” This quote by Eleanor Roosevelt came to mind when I was struggling to start my missive about the National League of Women Voters convention in Chicago. There is so much to say. Lisa Mertz and I drove to Chicago together. We had books on tape, music, and NPR but ended up conversing the whole way there and back. There was a lot to talk about before and after the convention. To start: what could we expect to hear about creating a healthy League Network? The League aims to exhibit a healthy and inclusive culture at all levels, with an engaged membership reflecting the demographics of the communities we serve. We agreed that we as a local group should better reflect our community. There were trainings that directed us toward the objective of embracing diversity, equity, and inclusion. With these workshops came a better understanding of how to ensure voter access, mobilize voters, and provide voter education. We need to bring people to the voting booth with information and understanding of the issues that affect them. The League needs to show up at cultural events and talk to diverse groups about what they are doing. Building trust means being there. I am looking forward to a discussion about this topic in November at our “hot topic” luncheon. Anyone willing to join a study group on diversity, equity and inclusion should let me know. You can also contact Lisa Mertz, our program chairperson.

I would like to summarize what I see as outstanding motions passed by the Convention. Remember decades ago we had the fight for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment? Section 1 stated that, “Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.” Long before this 1972 version of the ERA, Alice Paul wrote: “We shall not be safe until the principle of equal rights is written into the framework of our government.” More than a century later Rosalyn Carter’s biggest regret was that the ERA failed to pass despite all her efforts as First Lady. “Why such difficulty in giving women the protection under the constitution that should have been theirs long ago?” she wrote. The ERA has a long history and the league has been a part of this history. Many aspects of its passage are ripe for discussion at a coffee get-together that the Program Committee is trying to organize.

At the convention it was resolved that “the LWWUS supports an emphasis on the ERA this year and every year until the ERA is ratified and becomes a U.S. Constitutional Amendment. Be it resolved that the LWWUS supports efforts to remove the time limits for ratification of the ERA. “

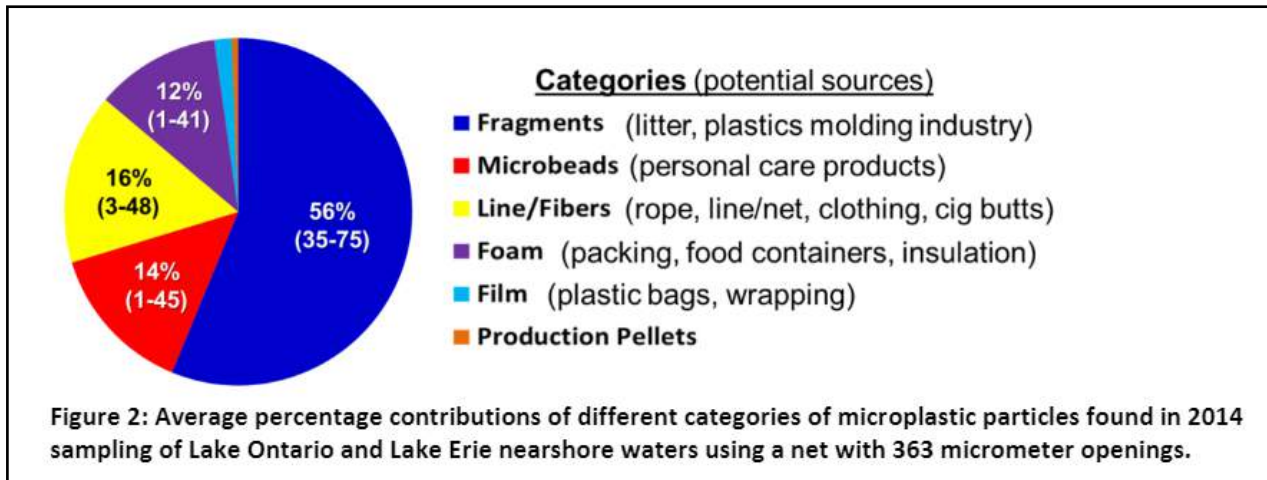
The League also supported a motion to abolish the Electoral College and support a popular vote for President of the United States. This is another study group that we are planning to form in October. There were, of course, many other motions of interest, such as some on the census and redistricting, that we will include at hot topics luncheons and in future Leaguers.

I appreciated the opportunity to go to the 2018 convention.

Thank you,  
Mary Croxton



LWNYS delegates at the LWWUS Convention



## Nate Drag

Water Project Manager at Alliance for the Great Lakes

Buffalo/Niagara, New York Area  
Renewables & Environment

Current Alliance for the Great Lakes  
 Previous Alliance for the Great Lakes,  
 Buffalo and Erie County Botanical Gardens, Inc.,  
 Buffalo Sailing Adventures & Queen City Ferry Company  
 Education State University of New York at Buffalo



Alliance for the Great Lakes serves as the voice of the 40 million people who rely on Great Lakes water for drinking, recreation and commerce. Formed in 1970, it is the oldest independent Great Lakes protection organization in North America. Its mission is to conserve and restore the world's largest freshwater resource using policy, education and local efforts, ensuring a healthy Great Lakes and clean water for generations of people and wildlife. Its headquarters are in Chicago, with offices in Buffalo, Cleveland, Detroit, Grand Haven, and Milwaukee.

**RESERVATION FORM - Please pay before the event by 9/12/18**  
 "The Impact of Plastics on the Environment and Lake Erie  
 Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm  
 Shorewood Country Club  
 4958 West Lake Road (Route 5)

\$15.00  
 Coffee, Tea, Soda  
 Dessert included

Menu  
 Vegetable Stir Fry  
 Meat Loaf Sundae  
 Chicken Pot Pie

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Send to: Mary Croxton 22 Gillis Street, Fredonia, New York 14063, [Mcroxton51@gmail.com](mailto:Mcroxton51@gmail.com)  
 679-1774 Home, 673-5197 cell (may message)

## Election Inspector Training

**Carlson Community Center; Mayville**

Wednesday, August 8, 2018 2 – 5 pm; 6 – 9 pm

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**JCC North; Training Center; Dunkirk**

Wednesday, August 15, 2018 1 – 4 pm; 6 – 9 pm

Thursday, August 16, 2018 1 – 4 pm; 6 – 9 pm

Friday, August 17, 2018 9 am – Noon

Saturday, August 18, 2018 9 am – Noon

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**JCC South; Carnahan Theatre; Jamestown**

Wednesday, August 22, 2018 1 – 4 pm; 6 – 9 pm

Thursday, August 23, 2018 1 – 4 pm; 6 – 9 pm

Friday, August 24, 2018 9 am – Noon

Saturday, August 25, 2018 9 am – Noon

Contact the Board of Elections at 753-4580 or  
vote@co.chautauqua.ny.us



### Ciara Carlson-Healy talks about her experience representing LWV Chautauqua at the Students Inside Albany Conference

“My time at the Students Inside Albany Conference was a very enriching experience. On Sunday, the first day of the Conference, all of the students did ice breakers and got to know each other before listening to a presentation on New York State Government. Before bed, we prepped for our mock debate on the Assembly floor the next day. Monday morning we toured the Capitol and held our mock session in the Assembly, and after

lunch we heard presentations from lobbyists about their work. To end the evening we relaxed and played pool, ping pong, and cards.

On Tuesday we traveled to the Court of Appeals and then back to the Assembly to watch the legislators in session. After lunch, we shadowed our senators and listened to a media panel discussion. To wrap up the Conference on Wednesday, we had a final question and answer session about NYS Government and received certificates of participation. Overall, I loved my time at the Conference and thought it was a very informative and worthwhile event!





# MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT

October 23  
October 30

7 p.m.  
7 p.m.

Weeks Room, JCC Jamestown  
Dunkirk City Hall Courtroom

**NYS Assembly Candidates**

Ms. Judith S. Einach  
Mr. Andrew W. Goodell

**Chautauqua County Sheriff Candidates**

Mr. Joseph A. Gerace  
Mr. James B. Quattrone

2018  
POLITICAL CALENDAR  
Published: March 6, 2018

State/Local Primary Election  
September 13

General Election  
November 6

This political calendar is a ready reference to the significant dates pertaining to elections to be held in this state. For complete information be sure to consult the State's Election Law and Regulations and any relevant court orders.

All dates are based on court-ordered and statutory provisions in effect on the date of publication and may be subject to change. Final confirmation should be obtained from your county board of elections or the State Board.

**STATE AND LOCAL PRIMARY DAY ELECTION:  
SEPTEMBER 13**

**\*\*\* THE PRIMARY HAS BEEN MOVED TO THURSDAY**

- Aug. 19 last day to postmark voter registration form or to register in person to vote in primary
- Sept. 6 last day to postmark application for absentee ballot for primary election
- Sept. 12 last day to apply in person for primary absentee ballot
- Sept. 12 last day to postmark absentee ballot for primary
- Sept 13 last day to deliver absentee ballot in person to County BOE

**GENERAL ELECTION DAY: NOV. 6**

- Oct. 12 last day to postmark voter registration form or register in person at BOE
- Oct. 12 last day to change party enrollment for 2019 primaries
- Oct. 30 last day to postmark application for absentee ballot
- Nov 5 last day to apply in person for absentee ballot
- Nov. 5 last day to postmark ballot for general election
- Nov. 6 last day to deliver absentee ballot in person to BOE

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

<b>August 24-26</b>		<b>Farm Festival</b> Remember to visit to our booth. Bring a friend and join us.
<b>September 13</b>	<b>Noon – 9 p.m.</b>	<b>Primary Election</b>
<b>September 19</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<b>Hot Topic: The Great Lakes: Analysis of Single-use Plastic Bag Reduction Nick Drag: Speaker, Shorewood Country Club</b>
<b>October 23</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Meet the Candidates Weeks Room, JCC Jamestown</b>
<b>October 30</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>	<b>Meet the Candidates Dunkirk City Hall Courtroom</b>
<b>November 6</b>	<b>6 a.m. – 9 p.m.</b>	<b>GENERAL ELECTIONS</b>


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**Health Club, Inc.**  
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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
Lisa Mertz
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, 2019 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: \_\_\_\_\_