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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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## NYS Expansion of Voters Rights Explained

**April 17, 2019**

Doors open at 11:30 a.m.  
For Meet & Greet  
Lunch at Noon  
Speakers at 12:30 p.m.

Chautauqua Harbor Hotel  
10 Dunham Ave in Celoron

Chautauqua County Election Commissioners  
Brian Abram (R) and Norman Green (D)

Directions and Map on Page 2





Chautauqua County Board of Elections Commissioners Norman P. Green and Brian C. Abram will be speaking to the LWV about newly enacted election reforms that include Early Voting in NYS for the first time this year.

The early voting plan will allow for county voters to cast ballots at three sites in the county the ten days before any election starting with this November's General Election.

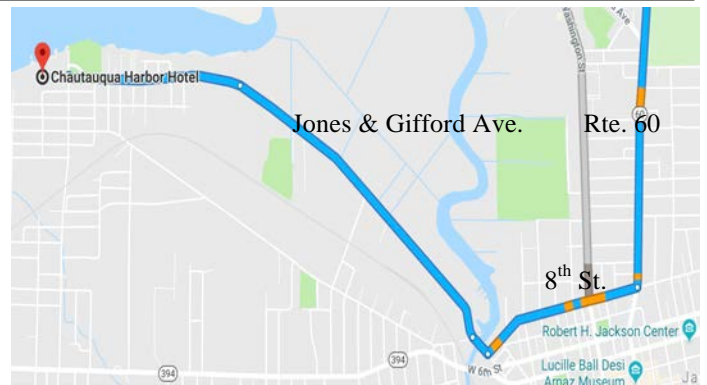
Other voting enhancements new this year that the election commissioners will cover include Election Day voter registration, automatic update of people's voter

registrations when they move anywhere in the state and allowing young people to preregister to vote when they are 16 and 17. Additionally they will cover the merging of federal and state primary dates and the impact of the change.

Chautauqua Harbor Hotel,  
10 Dunham Ave, Celoron, NY 14720

Directions - 39 min (28.2 miles)

- Follow NY-60 S to W 8th St in Jamestown
- Turn right onto W 8th St
- Turn right onto Fairmount Ave
- Continue onto Jones and Gifford Ave
- Continue onto Boulevard Ave
- Turn right onto Dunham Ave



Reservation Form for Luncheon on April 17th

- Stuffed Shells (vegetarian) with parmesan
- Encrusted Haddock, chef selected vegetable & potato
- Chicken Breast Piccata, chef selected vegetable & potato

- Served with Mixed Green Salad, Warm Rolls, and Butter
- Cheese Cake with Raspberry Sauce
- Coffee, Hot Tea, and Soft Drink Service

• RSVP Deadline: April 10th

• \$15 Make checks payable to LWV of Chautauqua

• Name \_\_\_\_\_

• Contact info \_\_\_\_\_

• Mail to: Mary Croxton, 22 Gillis St., Fredonia NY 14063; mcroxton51@gmail.com, 679-1774

### From the President

Our annual meeting is around the corner. At this important meeting on May 8th, we will install officers, pass our annual budget (page 6) and recognize important members who have worked diligently to provide leadership in programming, organizing voter service activities, recording board meetings, entering membership data, and making sure our voice is heard on issues we care about. The reservation form is on page 4.

We could use some help in the coming year.

- Secretary - to record minutes for 10 board meetings.
- Someone to put information on our easy to use website.
- Do you use excel? If so, we could use your help to enter members' information.
- We are looking for people to host our booth at the Fredonia Farm Festival in August. Please contact Michaela Golya, golyama@netsync.net.
- The program committee will always welcome a new face to help out with various tasks and we would like your suggestions for next year's programming. Contact Lisa Mertz, lmertz@icloud.com.

In 2020 we would like to submit periodic articles to local newspapers about women who played important roles in the suffrage movement. The list of names is far reaching. However this could be an enjoyable project for anyone who is interested in history.

On March 14<sup>th</sup> several LWV voters went to Chautauqua Institute for two presentations. One was about the DAR and the other about six women farmers of Jefferson County New York who presented a resolution to the NYS Constitutional Convention in 1846 outlining reasons why women should be able to vote. This was two years before the Seneca Falls Convention. We hope to hear this presentation again in 2020. We were able to distribute information about LWV Chautauqua County at this program.

Please join us on April 17<sup>th</sup> for our next program. We would like your ideas and suggestions for going forward with the new voting reforms.

Warmly,  
Mary Croxton

Contact me if you need more information. 679-1774, mcroxton51@gmail.com



COALITION OF CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY  
**WOMEN AND GIRLS**

### SAVE THE DATE!

#### **Women's Summit: A Gathering of Chautauqua County Women**

You're invited to join Chautauqua County women for an evening of learning, networking and inspiration including a keynote talk by Lisa Marsh Ryerson.

**Thursday, April 4, 2019**

**4:00 - 6:00 pm**

Complimentary refreshments provided.

Cash bar.

**Moonbrook Country Club**

2879 N Main Street Ext.

Jamestown, NY 14701

## LWV Chautauqua County Annual Meeting May 8, 2019 at 6 p.m.

With Mayor Rosas, and Mayor Landis  
and the video Among the Hemlocks, from Roslin Smith

**Fireside Restaurant 5377 West Lake Road, Dunkirk, NY 14048.**

- Vegetarian spinach, artichoke ravioli bake
  - Stuffed chicken breast with roasted red potatoes and vegetable
  - Breaded broiled haddock with roasted red potatoes and vegetable
- All served with salad and dessert and beverage

Reservations due by April 30<sup>th</sup>  
Mail to Judy Reynolds, 305 Chestnut St., Fredonia, N.Y. 14063 or phone 672-4283.

Cost \$27.00 Make checks payable to LWV of Chautauqua

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact info \_\_\_\_\_

The Chautauqua County Board of Elections is in need of Election Inspectors for the 2019 Election Season. Election Day means over two thousand people will work at schools, churches and other facilities processing voters so that we can conduct a fair election, as perfectly as possible. It is a long day but it is very rewarding to know you have helped your community choose its leaders.



You must be registered in either the Democratic or Republican parties, be able to speak English, read and write in English (bilingual inspectors, especially Spanish speakers, are very welcome). You must be able to work the entire shift.

As an Election Inspector you will be required to complete a course encompassing the processes and procedures related to being an inspector.

What tasks will you perform as a poll worker?

- Prepare the polling place for voting
- Set up the voting equipment
- Process the voters
- Demonstrate voting procedures to the voters
- Close the polling place
- Canvass and report the results
- Assist voter if requested by the voter

With Early Voting now the law, the need for inspectors is even greater. Please consider this opportunity to serve your community and help "Make Democracy Work."

Contact the Board of Elections at **(716) 753-4250** for more information.

## LWVCHAUTAUQUA PROPOSED BUDGET 3/31/2019 – 4/1/2020

Income	2018 Approved	2018 Actual thru 2/11/2019	2019 Proposed (based on 93 members)
Dues	\$4,690.00	\$5,355.00	\$5,680.00
Interest	\$3.00	\$2.55	\$3.00
Donations (Includes Ann Manly Fund) <sup>1</sup>	\$100.00	\$1,035.00	\$150.00
Luncheons	\$2,000.00	\$2,945.00	\$2,877.00
Annual Banquet	\$1,500.00	\$900.00	\$1,100.00
Other			
1. Election Night Reporting	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$150.00
2. LWVNYS Big Raffle	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
4. Leaguer Ads	\$250.00	\$100.00	\$150.00
5. LWVChautauqua Banquet Raffle	\$100.00	\$152.00	\$150.00
6. Car Magnets	\$200.00	\$12.00	\$70.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$8,893.00</b>	<b>\$10,676.55</b>	<b>\$10,380.00</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
State Dues	\$1,440.00	\$1,610.00	\$1,700.00
National Dues	\$2,533.00	\$2,592.00	\$2,700.00
Voter Service <sup>2</sup>	\$630.00	\$972.88	\$750.00
Luncheons	\$1,700.00	\$2,939.53	\$2,500.00
Annual Banquet	\$1,100.00	\$947.69	\$1,000.00
Conferences	\$500.00	\$1,308.83	\$1,000.00
Fund Raisers			
1. Promotion & Advertising <sup>3</sup>	\$180.00	\$195.00	\$200.00
Fees for use of facilities	\$100.00	\$187.50	\$180.00
<b>General Operating Expense</b>			
Postage, Printing & PO Box	\$260.00	\$96.00	\$100.00
Office Supplies(5)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Auditing Fee (donated)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Website	\$200.00	\$262.00	\$250.00
Car Magnet cost	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Membership Committee	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Street Banner Hanging Cost	\$200.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$8,893.00</b>	<b>\$11,361.43</b>	<b>\$10,380.00</b>

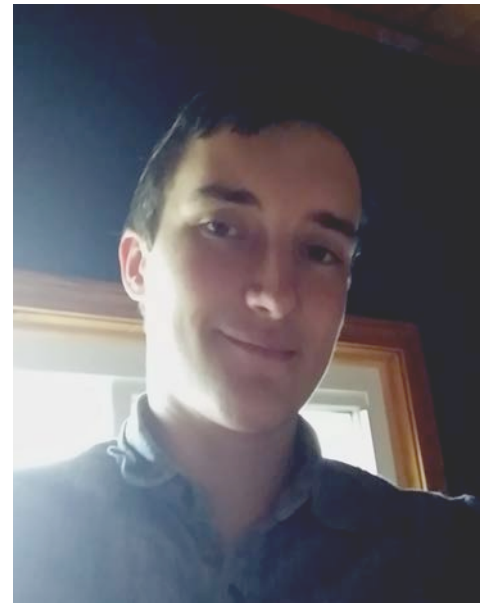
(1) Includes one time donation from Haskins estate

(2) Includes TmtV, Farm Festival Expense, SIA and Election Night Reporting Payment

(3) Rockefeller Playbill)



Students Inside Albany is an intensive four day residential training



experience, free to the participant, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of New York State.

It is held in the spring. It is designed to immerse students in the process by which public policy is proposed, enacted and changed in New York State, and to educate them as to how they can influence and affect this process. Albany insiders discuss the operations of New York State government including how policy is shaped and enacted. Students develop a knowledge of the disparate forces that influence policy development. Students also observe Assembly and Senate sessions and shadow both their Assembly members and Senators.

The LWV of Chautauqua County has chosen Caleb Lokietek. "I am 18 years old and am currently enrolled in Dunkirk High School. I am an avid reader and enjoy learning more about the world around me."



Under the direction of the board, the New York State League has signed on as an organizational partner to New York Counts 2020. New York Counts 2020 is a broad based, statewide coalition composed of racial, ethnic, immigrant, religious, health, education, labor, housing, social services, and business groups working in partnership with state and local government officials. Their aim is to ensure that New Yorkers across the state -particularly marginalized

communities in hard-to-count districts- can fully maximize their participation in the 2020 Census. As a partner, the League will be working with the coalition to create and distribute educational materials and trainings.

You can find out more about New York Counts 2020 by going to: [www.newyorkcounts2020.org](http://www.newyorkcounts2020.org)



November 19, 1919 - At the 51st Convention of the New York State Woman Suffrage Party, delegates voted to change their name to the New York State League of Women Voters.

February 14, 1920 - During the convention of the American Woman Suffrage Association, under the guidance of Carrie Chapman Catt, the National League of Women Voters was founded, six months before the ratification of the 19th Amendment.

May 21, 2019 - 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment passage in the House of Representatives

June 4, 2019 - 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment passage in the Senate

Nov. 19, 2019 - 100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters of New York State

August 18, 2020 - 100th Anniversary of the Ratification of the 19th Amendment



**April 4, 2019**

***Summit. A Gathering of Chautauqua County Women.***

The summit will be at Moonbrook Country Club on 2879 North Main St. in Jamestown from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**April 17, 2019**

AAUW of Jamestown and LWV Chautauqua County present

***New York Expansion of Voters' Rights***

Presenters will be Chautauqua County Election Commissioners Brian Abram and Norman Green.  
Harbor Hotel, 10 Dunham Avenue in Celeron.

We will gather at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon. The cost is \$15.00.

**May 8, 2019**

LWV Chautauqua County Annual Meeting

at the Fireside Restaurant on 5377 West Lake Road, Dunkirk, NY 14048.

This event will start at 6PM.

THANK YOU TO OUR ADVERTISERS

An advertisement for Kniti Griti Works. On the left is a photograph of a pair of red, sparkly shoes with white socks and a small black cat figurine. On the right, the text reads: "Kniti Griti Works", "Whimsical Pottery", "Marcia Merrins", "Home 716-672-4275", and "Cell 716-665-1221".

**Fairmount House**  
ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES, GIFTS  
12 E. Fairmount Ave. Lakewood  
708-8549

An advertisement for Lisa Mertz. It features a teal circular logo with a white hand shape and a heart in the palm. Below the logo, the text reads: "Lisa Mertz", "Licensed Massage Therapist", "NY 8921 • PA MSG003857 • FL MA23506", "Contemporary Western Massage Therapy", "Deep Tissue • Hot Stones • Reiki", "Massage for People with Diagnosis of Cancer", "LMertz@icloud.com", "(716) 708-5675", and "Mayville, NY".

An advertisement for The 1891 Fredonia Opera House. It features a white fan logo on a black background. The text reads: "The 1891", "Fredonia Opera House", and "679-1981 www.fredopera.org".

**DARWIN'S**  
**Health Club, Inc.**  
**43-57 Water Street, Fredonia**  
**679-1591**

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

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

Make Your Voice Heard! Join Us Today!

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to get involved with:

Local Issues Voter Service State/National Issues

Local Newsletter

Assisting with minor tasks occasionally

Other: \_\_\_\_\_