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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
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September 4, 2019 at 6:30

Jamestown Community College North
10807 Bennett Road
Dunkirk, New York 14048
Cost: \$5.00

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The logo for the 2020 United States Census is displayed on a solid blue rectangular background. The words "United States" are in a smaller, white, sans-serif font at the top. Below it, the word "Census" is written in a very large, bold, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the year "2020" is also written in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font.



The U.S. Constitution empowers the Congress to carry out the census in “such manner as they shall by Law direct” (Article I, Section 2). The Founders of our fledgling nation had a bold and ambitious plan to empower the people over their new government. The plan was to count every person living in the newly created United States of America, and to use that count to determine representation in the Congress. This is still important today.

How does the census help you and your community today? Federal funds, grants and support to states, counties and communities are based on population totals and breakdowns by sex, age, race and other factors. Your community benefits the most when the census counts everyone. When you respond to the census, you help your community gets its fair share of the more than \$675 billion per year in federal funds spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs.

Businesses use census data to decide where to build factories, offices and stores, and this creates jobs. Developers use the census to build new homes and revitalize old neighborhoods. Local governments use the census for public safety and emergency preparedness. Residents use the census to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality-of-life and consumer advocacy.

The census is done every ten years but the census bureau is always at work conducting studies and collecting data. The census is safe and striving for an accurate and complete count. Cyber security is monitored 24/7. This census you will be able to respond to the census by paper, phone and internet.

September 4, 2019 at 6:30

Jamestown Community College North
10807 Bennett Road in Dunkirk

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RSVP Nicki Schoenl via phone or email by September 2nd

(716) 679-1258, schoenl@netsync.net

\$5 fee at the door.

From the President

In 1844 a man from Washington, Pennsylvania rode 42 miles on his horse to vote at the closest polling site. (*The Washington, PA Reporter, 1955*) This man understood his civic responsibility! I don't know whom he voted for, James Polk or Henry Clay, but it doesn't matter. We are non-partisan. My point is that when only 58.1 percent of the voting population voted in 2016 we need as an organization to fulfill one of our League of Women Voters objectives: Get the Vote Out, and educate voters about the issues. The issues in 1844 may have been Manifest Destiny. We have the issue of so many citizens not understanding the basics of the democratic process. This leads me to an important day in September. On Tuesday, September 24th, is *National Voter Registration Day*. We need volunteers to register people to vote and remind voters about the new voting laws. Please see the Calendar of Upcoming Events in this Leaguer for information on this event.

It is still summer and to be honest most of us would like to put everything aside and enjoy the outdoors. I would like to thank so many of our League members for spending time this summer volunteering their time and efforts. We have had people registering people to vote at various places and events, a group has worked hard on setting up our booth at the farm festival, and the program committee has met many times to set up programs for the year.

Please stop by our booth at the farm festival the weekend of August 23rd. Thanks to the people who are sitting at the booth for us. Our first program will be on the census. The date is September 4, 2019 at 6 pm. Tell people about this program and bring a friend. Details will be provided in the upcoming events section of the Leaguer.

We will be celebrating women's suffrage and the League history this year. If you would like to write about an important figure in history please let me know. The short missive will go in the Leaguer and the Observer.

Warm Regards,
Mary Croxton

Do you have a few hours to spare on Tuesday, September 24th to help out on National Voter Registration Day?

Leagues nationwide are excited to take part in this nationwide, nonpartisan effort to register voters on one single day.

We're looking for help at a registration event on September 24th in the D & F area. **Please reply YES or NO** to Gail Crowe, at 672-4884 or gailcrowe14063@yahoo.com by Friday, August 23.

If there's enough interest, we can take part in an all-out push to register as many Americans as possible. Thank you!



Early Voting in Chautauqua County - 2019

Choose any of the following locations to cast your ballot early:

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| Board of Election Offices Hall R. Clothier Bldg. | Chautauqua Mall | Chautauqua County Fairgrounds 4-H Building/Ag & Expo Center |
| 7 N Erie St. Mayville, NY 14757 | 318 E Fairmount Ave. Lakewood, NY 14750 | 1089 Central Ave. Dunkirk, NY 14048 |

Early Voting Poll Site Hours:

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| Saturday, October 26, 2019 | 12:00PM to 5:00PM |
| Sunday, October 27, 2019 | 12:00PM to 5:00PM |
| Monday, October 28, 2019 | 12:00PM to 8:00PM |
| Tuesday, October 29, 2019 | 12:00PM to 8:00PM |
| Wednesday, October 30, 2019 | 10:00AM to 6:00PM |
| Thursday, October 31, 2019 | 10:00AM to 6:00PM |
| Friday, November 1, 2019 | 10:00AM to 6:00PM |
| Saturday, November 2, 2019 | 12:00PM to 5:00PM |
| Sunday, November 3, 2019 | 12:00PM to 5:00PM |

All voters in Chautauqua County will be eligible to participate in Early Voting at any one of three poll sites. Early Voting Sites will be open in Chautauqua County for voters to cast their 2019 General Election Ballot as early as 10 days before the 2019 November Election. Early voting will run through the Sunday before the November 5, 2019 General Election. If you cast a ballot during the Early Voting Period, you will be ineligible to cast a ballot on Election Day, November 5, 2019. Sample Ballots will be available to view on Monday, September 23, 2019 for the November 2019 Election at votechautauqua.com ALL EARLY VOTING SITES ARE AND WILL BE ACCESSIBLE TO VOTERS WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES.

Early Voting Poll Sites will NOT be open on Monday, November 4, 2019.

Think you live in a town so small it's not even on the map?
Think again.

Thanks to a combination of advanced satellite technology, geospatial mapping tools and real people pounding the pavement, even the most remote hamlets and hidden homes in the United States have been put on a map by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Since the first census in 1790, the Census Bureau has completed a count of every person living in the United States and its territories every 10 years by literally walking (or riding on horseback) on every single road and every single block in the country. In 2010, that was 11.2 million blocks — or 67 million miles traveled.

“The number of miles we walked (for the last Census was) astronomical,” said Robert Colosi, special assistant to the chief of the Decennial Statistical Studies Division. “We’re not going to do that in 2020.”



Changing Times

Times and technology have changed and nearly 70% of addresses in the country have already been verified without anyone having to leave their office. The Census Bureau has created a software application known as BARCA or Block Assessment Research Classification Application. The program compares satellite images of the United States over time, allowing Census Bureau employees to spot new housing developments, changes in existing homes, or other housing units that did not exist before. **Result: The Census Bureau can verify housing units on a single block within two minutes by computer versus the two hours it previously took to do it on foot.**

Master Address File

The Census Bureau’s Master Address File (MAF) provides the correct addresses for mailing census questionnaires — and enables the bureau to track homes that may require a follow-up visit by a census taker to help occupants complete the form. **All of the nation’s 11,155,486 blocks have already been reviewed.**

Geospatial technology has improved or corrected 75 million addresses, and 5.3 million new addresses have been added over the last decade, according to the 2020 Census Program Management Review. This “in-office address canvassing operation” is now the primary way the Census Bureau updates addresses. **As a result, only 34.9% of the nation’s streets will be canvassed in person, this summer. That means only 35,000 census takers will be needed, compared to 150,000 in 2010,** according to John Pollicino, team lead of the Census Bureau’s Geography Division’s Spatial Update Branch.

A Cloudy Day Affects Images

At the Census Bureau’s National Processing Center in Jeffersonville, Ind., a team of employees reviews current satellite imagery and compares them to images from 2010. They label blocks as “passive, active or cloudy”. Passive blocks show no change in housing or new addresses since 2010 while active ones show notable changes and require further office or in-person review. Cloudy literally signifies an image is obscured by clouds. “The imagery is updated so frequently that sometimes we have bad imagery,” Pollicino says. “Let’s say a storm happens to be passing through; all we get is clouds. So now, we have to review it again.”

The MAF is the Census Bureau’s “crown jewel,” according to Colosi of the Decennial Statistical Studies Division. Much of the information is collected by the Census Bureau but the file also includes data contributed by the US Postal Service and local governments through special partnerships designed to ensure the most up-to-date list of housing units across the country. **The Census Bureau only accepts data from these partners but it does not share its list with them.** “This information is used to invite people to respond to the census,” said Census Bureau Chief of Geography Division Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop. “So, when we conduct the mailing of our letters and our postcards asking people to respond to the census, it’s using the Geography Division’s Master Address File.” The Census Bureau address team uses specific triggers to determine whether to recheck blocks or areas. “For example, if the Post Office says that there’s a new address in that block, that would trigger that block, and we would review it again using aerial imagery and see if we can see the new housing unit, like a rooftop, for instance,” Colosi said.

Then and Now

In 1790, some 650 assistants to the U.S. Marshals spent nine months visiting every home they could identify in the young nation. They counted nearly 3.9 million people, according to the Census Bureau.

Unfortunately, many of the original records from early censuses were lost or destroyed when the British burned Washington, D.C., in the War of 1812, according to Census Bureau Chief Historian Sharon Tosi Lacey.

Now the Census Bureau is looking even further ahead. “The next step,” said Pollicino, “is to use this data to inform or to (leverage) this operation and do a more automated version of it.”

Questions? Call or text Mary Margaret Fogarty at 716-785-0520

OPINION POLL QUESTIONS

- 1. Should we have a national popular vote for President?
- 2. Do you think the media treats female candidates for high office the same way they treat male candidates?

Elementary

If there was only one flavor ice cream in the world; what would you pick? Vanilla, Chocolate, or Strawberry?

Middle and High School

Should school start later at 8:30?



Friday, August 23

10 – 12 noon
 Rose Sebouhian 672.5227
 Linda Warner 679.7886

12 – 2 pm
 Susan Parker 244.7701
 Joan Larson 679.1333

2 – 4 pm
 Peg Tiffany 673.1838
 Ellen Litwicki 679-8642

4 – 6 pm
 Pat Kirell 672.5227
 Heather McEntarfer

Saturday, August 24

10 – 12 noon
 Gail Crowe 672.4882
 Judi Lutz-Woods 672.5219

12 – 2 pm
 Judy Reynolds
 Gen Ludemann 672.4771

2 – 4 pm
 Perce Bernatz
 Martha Burdick

4 – 6 pm
 Mary Margaret Fogarty 785.0520
 Mary Croxton 679.1774

Dates to Keep in Mind!

Celebration Anniversaries!

LWVNYS was founded on November 19, 1919

LWVUS was founded on February 14, 1920

The 19th Amendment to the US Constitution (giving American women the right to vote) was officially certified on August 26, 1920

Important Dates to know for the General Election on November 5

Oct. 11 – last day to postmark voter registration form or register in person at BOE

Oct. 11 – last day to change party enrollment for 2020 primaries

Oct. 26 – early voting is available through Nov. 3

Oct. 29 – last day to postmark application for absentee ballot

Nov. 3 – early voting ends

Nov 4 – last day to apply in person for absentee ballot



August 21, 2019 - Program Meeting at the home of Mary Croxton, 22 Gillis Street, Fredonia, New York at 12:30 p.m..
August 23rd and 24th - Farm Festival. Look for the League of Women Voters booth.
September 4, 2019 - Census Bureau. Jamestown Community College North at 10807 Bennett Road, 14048. 6 pm. Refreshments provided. Cost is \$5.00.
September 12, 2019 - 1:30 pm. Board Meeting at the home of Mary Croxton at, 22 Gillis Street, Fredonia.
September 24, 2019 - National Voter Registration Day. If you are interested in helping out please contact Gail Crowe at gailcrowe14063@yahoo.com by Friday August 23 or call her at 672-4884.

October

Responding to the Climate Crisis. Date to be announced.

This is an event with the following Collaborators:

- Chautauqua County League of Women Voters
- Chautauqua Climate Reality Project
- Chautauqua-Cattaraugus County Women's Action Group
- SUNY Fredonia's Climate Education Initiative (CEI)
- Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Northern Chautauqua.

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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
- Nancy Boynton
- Gail Crowe
- Marcia Johnson
- Pat Kirell
- Gen Ludemann
- Marcia Merrins
- Lisa Mertz
- Karen Mills-Court

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: _____