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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY
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October 9, 2019

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6:00 pm Dinner
Panel discussion to
follow.

Clarion Hotel
30 Lake Shore Drive East
Dunkirk, New York 14048

Early Childhood Education
and Child Care:
What are the Issues?

Quality
Regulation
Funding
Curriculum
Cost



Early Childhood Education and Child Care
Quality and Regulation, Funding, Curriculum, Cost.

Panel of Early Childhood Educators

- Beth Starks is a fulltime faculty member at JCC and executive director of the Chautauqua Lake Child Care Center, Beth is also on the governor’s Early Childhood Advisory Council.
- Susan Marker is the director of the Chautauqua Child Care Council
- Beth Mulkin is the executive director of the Campus and community Childrens’ Center and previously worked at COI Head Start
- Mira Berkely is with QUALITYstarsNY. It is New York State’s voluntary 5-Star early childhood Quality Rating and Improvement System.
- Amy Piper is the Principle at the Early Childhood Center at Wheelock. (Fredonia Central School)



Mira Berkley

RESERVATION FORM
 5:30 pm Meet and Greet
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Cost: \$15.00

- _____ 1/4 Rosemary Roasted Chicken
- _____ Penne Alfredo with Broccoli

Both Include Rolls and Butter, Side Salad, Potato and Vegetable
 Coffee, Tea, Lemonade
 Dessert

Name _____
 email _____ Phone _____

People are welcome to come after the dinner at around 6:45. Coffee available.
 Bring a friend that has young children.

Nicki Schoenl at Schoenl@netsync.net, 2716 Rte. 39, Forestville, NY 14062, 679-1258

From the President

If you feel like summer came and went too quickly, you're definitely not the only one. I feel that way too. Not all seasons are created equally for me but come Fall I feel much more mindful and things slow down for me.

The League was busy this summer. Most of the programs were arranged and there was planning for the Farm Festival. See the results of the poll we took at the booth. We had some interesting discussions with people about the national popular vote. I want to thank all the people who sat at our booth for us. We did get information about early voting to many people and got a few people registered to vote. I would encourage people to vote early so the board of elections can evaluate the electronic poll books and other aspects of voting. The electronic poll books will only be used for early voting. One reason is obvious. With only three poll sites we can guard against people voting more than once.

Remember National Voter Registration Day on September 24. We have a great group volunteering to be in Dunkirk registering people to vote at the Friendly Kitchen and Save A Lot grocery store. This is an event happening all across the country and the League is a big part of this.

The League of Women Voters from its beginning has been a force for early childhood welfare and education. Please come to our meeting on October 9th at the Clarion for dinner. Today let us be a strong voice for early intervention, education, and quality affordable childcare.

Again, if you are interested in writing about a woman who was instrumental in the Suffrage movement and beyond please let me know. We would like to be a part of the week in the Chautauqua Season from July 25th to August 1 next year. This week is called "The Women's Vote Centennial and Beyond." The women who became the League were integral to this movement. Chautauqua Institution is important to this region and I think it will be interesting to be a part of this project.

See you at our programs.
Mary Croxton

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

League volunteers will be at our local **Friendly Kitchen and Save A Lot** grocery store.



EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE COSTS

Between 2001 and 2016, the cost of center-based child care rose by 72 percent for children under 6 years old who were not yet enrolled in kindergarten, according to a new report from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES).



Source: *The Condition of Education 2018*, National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), U.S. Department of Education

American Institutes for Research | www.air.org

In 2016, about 60 percent of the 21.4 million children under age 6 and not yet enrolled in kindergarten were in some type of non-parental care arrangement on a regular basis—either in a center, with a relative, or with a non-relative.

Over the last 15 years the cost of child care has increased significantly. Families with children in center-based care, the most expensive form, experienced a 72 percent increase in cost, and families with children in non-relative care experienced an increase of 48 percent. Families relying on relatives for child care are paying 79 percent more for it than they did in 2001.

Among children whose parents said they had difficulty finding child care, 32 percent had parents who identified cost as the primary reason, followed by a lack of open slots for new children (27 percent) and quality issues (22 percent).

What are the indicators of high quality child care?

- Low child/teacher ratios.
- Small group size.
- Staff with higher education & on-going training.
- Prior experience and education of the director.
- Low teacher turnover.
- Positive teacher/child interactions.
- Accreditation or higher than minimum licensing standards.



VOTING INFORMATION

- VOTER REGISTRATION
- NON-PARTISAN BALLOT INFORMATION
- FIND YOUR POLL SITE
- MAKE A PLAN TO VOTE

Early Voting in Chautauqua County - 2019

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

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:

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.

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
- Nov. 4 – last day to postmark ballot for general election
- Nov. 5 – last day to deliver absentee ballot in person to BOE



Results of the Poll Questions

Do you support the National Popular Vote?

Yes: 187

No: 32

Does the media favor males or females running for federal office?

Favors Males: 151

Favors Females: 25

No difference: 62

Debates are Coming!



October 8th is tentative for Dunkirk Mayoral race. We are waiting confirmation from Shaun Heenan. If it takes place, the location will be at Dunkirk City Hall at

7pm. After which there is a possibility for a debate of candidates for city council.

October 15th will be the Mayoral candidates in Jamestown. JCC Campus. Science Building. Sarita Weeks Room at 7pm. Hopefully this will be followed by NYS Senate Candidates. We are still waiting for confirmation from candidate Austin Morgan. If unsuccessful, we will try to schedule Jamestown city council candidates.

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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



September 9th at 12:30 p.m., **Program Committee Meeting** at Mary Croxton's, 22 Gillis Street in Fredonia

September 18th at 1:30 p.m. **LWV Chautauqua Board Meeting** at Mary Croxton's, 22 Gillis Street in Fredonia

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THANK YOU TO OUR ADVERTISERS

An advertisement for Kniti Gritti Works. On the left is a photograph of a whimsical pottery figure with a light blue, ruffled skirt, white socks, and red shoes, standing next to a small dark grey cat figurine. On the right, the text reads: "Kniti Gritti 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, a Licensed Massage Therapist. It features a logo of a hand with a heart in the palm. The text includes: "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 logo of a white fan on a black background. The text reads: "The 1891", "Fredonia Opera House", "679-1981", and "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
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: _____