WHAT WE DO
The League registers voters and disseminates information about voting, to help make this basic right of citizenship a reality for every citizen. We provide information on community issues through our monthly Coffee & Conversation speakers and through interviews on our cable program, City People and Issues. We organize events to introduce candidates for state and local office, and encourage voters to submit questions for debate. Young people are introduced to political careers through our state and county League programs, including Students in Albany.

LWVNR Sponsors Lecture, "Seeds of Failure: Courts, Congress, the Constitution & Voting Rights"

The first Edith Corbin Memorial Lecture, sponsored by the LWV of New Rochelle, will take place on Tuesday, September 17th, at 7 PM in the Ryan Library auditorium at Iona College, 715 North Avenue. The speaker will be Dr. Jeannie Zaino, (right) a member of the Political Science and International Studies faculty at Iona College.

Dr. Zaino, a widely sought after speaker at universities, non-profit organizations, corporate institutions, and conferences around the world, has also served as Iona's Chair of the Political Science Department, Director of the Honors Program, and Dean of the School of Arts & Science.

The late Edith Corbin, a former president of the New Rochelle League, left a bequest to the League. The Board will fund a series of annual lectures with her gift.
The League of Women Voters of New Rochelle held a July 4th reading of the Declaration of Sentiments outside 120 Paine Avenue, the historic New Rochelle home of Carrie Chapman Catt, a leader of the suffragist movement and founder of the League of Women Voters. This privately owned home is identified by a curbside plaque describing the home's history.

The celebration began with the reading of the Declaration of Sentiments by Michael H. Deane, a New Rochelle resident. This document, declaring women's demands for equal rights, came out of the first Women's Rights Convention, at Seneca Falls, NY in 1848. Largely written by Elizabeth Cady Stanton, one of the convention organizers, it was modeled after the Declaration of Independence. The document declared that "all men and women are created equal" and listed the economic and legal rights they realized were unjustly denied women; rights taken for granted today.

League Board member and historian Sydelle Herzberg (right) then spoke quite eloquently about the suffrage movement, describing the 72 year struggle that culminated in the passage of the 19th amendment. Herzberg also spoke about her own experience as a young woman trying to get into law school during a time when women were routinely denied access to higher education, making history come alive for everyone in attendance.

See the video of the ceremony here.

The National Women's History Alliance is offering some interesting items to celebrate the 19th Amendment, including Centennial Sashes, their special 32-page publication Women Win the Vote Gazette, a small 12 month Hear Us Roar 2020 Women's Suffrage Centennial Calender, and an 18 month Woman and the Vote calendar. The free July/August issue of Library of Congress Magazine highlights the Library of Congress' suffrage exhibit.
COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Senator Shelley Mayer will be our guest speaker at the League of Women Voters Coffee and Conversation on Friday, September 20 from 9:30 - 11 am in the New Rochelle Public Library's first floor Meeting Room.

Coffee and Conversation is an ongoing series of informal public gatherings, with guests discussing public issues. The meetings, open to all, are sponsored by the League of Women Voters of New Rochelle.

Coffee and light refreshments will be served. For further information, email lwvnewro.org.

The ‘Glass Ceiling’ Is Tired. Women Are ‘Reinventing the Game.’

When Christine Lagarde was nominated by the European Council to be the next president of the European Central Bank, the first woman to hold the position, critics wondered if the move was indicative of the “glass cliff” — the phenomenon in which women seem more likely to be put in charge of an organization at a crisis point. (The E.C.B. is grappling with a sluggish eurozone economy.)

And when Senator Elizabeth Warren, who is running for president, was asked in a town hall recently if she was worried about being “Hillary’d” — apparent shorthand for the sexism Hillary Clinton faced in the 2016 election — Warren respond that she would “persist.” Remember when the blanket term for gender bias was simply “glass ceiling”? --NYTIMES, 7/26/19

READ THE REST AT CEILING
Voter Service News

On Sunday, September 8th, the LWVNR will have an information/registration table at the annual New Rochelle Street Fair (see flyer, below)

Voter Service is signed up to participate in the annual National Voter Registration Day drive on Tuesday, September 24th. The LWVNR will register students and provide valuable information about the newly enacted law for Early Voting in NY. Volunteers are needed mid-morning to mid-afternoon at most schools on that day.

We will also promote Vote 411.org on September 24th as the site for candidate, registration, and voting information. Vote411.org is now LIVE! Try it here.

In October, look for hard copies of the Vote411.org pamphlets in public spaces such as the NRPL and City Hall.

On October 21st, the LWVNR will sponsor a Candidates Forum at City Hall.

For more information or to VOLUNTEER, please email royjoanalex@yahoo.com.
New Rochelle Community Group Files Complaint With NYS Education Dept Over Illegal Hiring of Superintendent

A parent member representing The Collective, the New Rochelle community group of parents, educators and activists opposed to the CSDNR June 28th hiring of Dr. Laura Feijoo as Superintendent, filed on Monday, July 29th, 2019 an official petition with the New York State Education Department citing willful violation of three Board Policies and calling for the vacating of the signed contract via state intervention. In calling for the vacating of the employment contract between the CSDNR and Feijoo, the petition also calls for state intervention over the matter in order to mandate that the school board form a citizens advisory committee involving the community in a proper superintendent search.

The petition outlines the sequence of events of the past year, based on public records, the school board's hearings and actions related to the superintendent search and how they violated three of its Board Policies:

- Failure to involve the community via “Community Involvement in Superintendent Search”—Board Policy 8260
- Failure to form a citizens advisory committee via “Community Advisory Committees”—Board Policy 2211
- Failure to govern the amount of time the community should receive notice before a special meeting is held—Board Policy 9330

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New City People and Issues Interviews Available on Vimeo

NY State Assemblywoman Amy Paulin talks with host Tamar Tait about new legislation dealing with women's issues, energy policy and development and on her interest in government and legislation. Watch vimeo here.

Peter Korn, former city manager and convener of the Sister City Program between New Rochelle, NY and La Rochelle, France talks with host Ina Aronow about the historical connections between the two cities and their present day cultural and government interactions. Watch vimeo here.
S ept 10t h, 7:45-9:00 am , Nau ti lu s Din er
1240 W. Bost on  Post Rd, M am 'k
Cost : $8 f or  br eak f ast .

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Sept 10th, 7:45-9:00 am, Nautilus Diner
1240 W. Boston Post Rd, Mam'k
Cost: $8 for breakfast.
New Canal Tugboat In Service

See VIDEO of two recent Canal Corp. tugboat dedications...and the stories behind their names. With NYS Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul; 20th District Congressman Paul Tonko; NYPA President-CEO Gil C. Quiniones; Canal Corp. Director Brian Stratton and Coline Jenkins, President of the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Trust.

Where Women Made History ... Right Under Your Feet

“Finding monuments to honor women should not be a scavenger hunt.”
— Chirlane McCray, New York's first lady

Boston Harbor. The Washington Monument. The Statue of Liberty. These are the sites of American history many of us learned about in school.

But what about the old stone church in Akron, Ohio, where Sojourner Truth delivered her famous “Ain’t I a Woman?” speech? Or the Manhattan entrance to the Brooklyn Bridge, where a little-known plaque honors Emily Roebling, who oversaw construction when her husband, the bridge's architect, fell ill? (Roebling was the first person to walk across the bridge, bringing a chicken for good luck.)

Researchers estimate that women’s stories make up just 0.5 percent of recorded history. When it comes to public monuments they are largely invisible — absent from landmarks, statues and street names. Of the country's 5,200 historical memorials, women represent less than 8 percent of the subjects. Of New York City's 145 historical statues, just five are of women. --NYTIMES, 8/13/19

READ THE REST AT MONUMENTS

It's time for an Equal Rights Amendment. Despite the significant advances that have been made in recent decades, women continue to face discrimination on the basis of sex. The symptoms of this systemic discrimination are clear in the ongoing fights against unequal pay, workplace harassment, pregnancy discrimination, domestic violence, and limited access to comprehensive healthcare. It is not enough to treat the symptoms; we must address the root cause of inequality by amending the Constitution and passing the ERA.
Critical U.S. Election Systems Have Been Left Exposed Online Despite Official Denials

The top voting machine company in the country insists that its election systems are never connected to the internet. But researchers found 35 of the systems have been connected to the internet for months and possibly years, including in some swing states.

For years, U.S. election officials and voting machine vendors have insisted that critical election systems are never connected to the internet and therefore can't be hacked.

But a group of election security experts have found what they believe to be nearly three dozen backend election systems in 10 states connected to the internet over the last year, including some in critical swing states. These include systems in nine Wisconsin counties, in four Michigan counties, and in seven Florida counties—all states that are perennial battlegrounds in presidential elections. --VICE, 8/8/2019

READ THE REST AT EXPOSED

Unlocking the Youth Vote in 2020

Maggie Flaherty was so upset that she was too young to cast a ballot in the 2016 presidential election that one of her first missions when she arrived as a freshman at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire the following year was to register to vote.

Then the California native learned about a new proposal from state Republicans that would subject college students who vote in the state to residency requirements such as getting in-state driver’s licenses and vehicle registrations.

“That costs money,” said Flaherty, who along with a classmate and the American Civil Liberties Union sued the state after the law passed. “And I don’t think it should cost money to be able to vote.” -WAPO, 7/11/2019

READ THE REST AT YOUTH
JOIN THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW ROCHELLE

The League depends on the work and financial support of all of its to carry out its programs. Membership is open to women and men of voting age. Joining our local league confers membership in the State and National Leagues, enables you to receive publications from all three levels, and provides the opportunity to be involved in local, state and national issues.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME ____________________________________________
ADDRESS ____________________________________________
CITY, STATE, ZIP ____________________________________________
TELEPHONE ____________________ EMAIL ____________________
____ NEW MEMBERSHIP _______ RENEWAL
____ INDIVIDUAL $60/YEAR _______ HOUSEHOLD* $85/YEAR

* ADDITIONAL HOUSEHOLD MEMBER NAME __________________________
EMAIL __________________________

PLEASE MAKE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHECK PAYABLE TO LWV NR

____ I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE LEAGUE WITH A TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION
MADE PAYABLE TO LWV EDUCATION FOUNDATION
____ $100 ______ $50 ______ OTHER ______________________________

RETURN THIS APPLICATION WITH YOUR CHECK TO
The League of Women Voters of New Rochelle
46 Long Vue
New Rochelle, NY 10804

or

Join and/or Donate via PAYPAL on our website: www.lwvnewro.org
New York Named Among Best For Women's Equality

Women won the right to vote almost a century ago after a long, arduous fight and the ratification of the 19th Amendment in 1920. Unfortunately, the gender gap in 21st century America continues to grow, according to a recent report from WalletHub.

The disparity in equality between men and women is especially seen in the workplace, where women are disproportionately underrepresented in leadership positions, and only make up 25 percent of lawmakers and less than 29 percent of business executives, according to the report.

For New York women, the state ranks 4th in the country on gender equality issues. WalletHub's data set ranged from the income gap between men and women workers to the disparity in the share of lawmakers in state legislatures.

Maine ranked as the best state for women's rights in the United States with a total score of 76.75, whereas Utah ranked as the worst with a score of 25.10 — 15 points below Idaho, the state in the 49th position. --PATCH, 8/22/2019

CRAVING FREEDOM, JAPAN'S WOMEN OPT OUT OF MARRIAGE

The bride wore a birthday cake of a dress, with a scalloped-edge bodice and a large hoop skirt. A veil sprouted from her black bob. Moments before the wedding began, she stood quietly on a staircase, waiting to descend to the ceremony.

"Wow," she thought. "I'm really doing this."

This was no conventional wedding to join two people in matrimony. Instead, a group of nearly 30 friends gathered in a banquet room in one of Tokyo’s most fashionable districts last year to witness Sanae Hanaoka, 31, as she performed a public declaration of her love — for her single self.

“I wanted to figure out how to live on my own,” Ms. Hanaoka told the group, standing alone on a stage as she thanked them for attending her solo wedding. “I want to rely on my own strength.”

Not so long ago, Japanese women who remained unmarried after the age of 25 were referred to as “Christmas cake,” a slur comparing them to old holiday pastries that cannot be sold after Dec. 25. --NYT, 8/3/2019

READ THE REST AT NEW YORK

READ THE REST AT OPT OUT
Mercy College Leases Three CNR Campuses

Mercy will be leasing CNR's main 15-acre campus in New Rochelle as well as the Rosa Parks campus on 125th street near the Apollo Theater in Harlem and its campus in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn. The lease for New Rochelle property is with CNR and the leases for the Harlem and Brooklyn sites are with their respective landlords.

Mercy College announced on Aug. 6 that it plans to register nearly 1,700 students from CNR for fall classes. It will be teaching most of the programs CNR had offered and has made offers to hire 70 faculty and staff who have been working at the school. In addition to faculty, it made job offers to CNR support staff, operations, campus safety and information technology personnel. --WESTFAIR ONLINE, 8/8/19

READ THE REST AT MERCY

School Board Votes to Keep SROs out of district

The New Rochelle Board of Education voted to keep school resource officers out of schools districtwide, following a recommendation from the Culture and Climate Committee.

Minister Mark McLean, NAACP branch president, says he supports the Board of Education for its decision to not have SROs, saying they would jeopardize the safe environment in school.

"It has a disproportionately negative impact of African American and Hispanic students," he says.

Instead of school resource officers, the district will continue using security guards, and the school's buildings, grounds and classrooms will have the most up-to-date security features. --News12, 8/7/19

READ THE REST AT SROS

New Family Court Location Found In New Rochelle

The county has chosen a new site for Family Court in New Rochelle. The Board of Legislators Monday approved a lease for the new location, which will be a 35,000-square-foot space on two floors of a yet-to-be-constructed building at 26 Garden St. — a short distance from the New Rochelle Transit Center. The court is expected to move into the new facility in 2021.

Legislator Terry Clements, a Democrat who represents New Rochelle, Pelham and Pelham Manor for District 11, said she was pleased the site is right by the transit hub and is convenient and accessible.

"This has been a long process, but the outcome is an example of how county and local government and community members, working together, can achieve solutions that benefit everyone," she said. --PATCH, 7/16/19

READ THE REST AT COURT
SAVE THE DATE

The Pelham Picture House
FREE Senior Cinema screenings
Every Tuesday at 2:30 pm in the Main Hall.

VISIT THE LWVNR AT OUR VOTER INFO/REGISTRATION TABLE ON SEPT. 8TH

7th Annual New Rochelle Street Fair
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
11AM - 5PM
"NEW LOCATION" SURROUNDING CITY HALL

The Mobile Shredder is coming to New Rochelle!! Residents can bring up to 4 file-size (10"x12"x15") boxes for shredding. Saturday September 14, 10:00am - 1:00pm Rear of City Hall, 515 North Ave., New Rochelle

National Day of Action to DEFUND HATE
When: Friday, September 13, 11:00 AM
Where: District Office of Congresswoman Nita Lowey, White Plains, NY

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church
10 Mill Road, New Rochelle
914.235.6100

September 12, 13, 14 & 15
Thur: 6-11pm; Fri: 6-12am; Sat: 2-12am; Sun: 1-9pm
Greek Food and Pastries
Live Music, DJ & Dancing
Flea Market
Ballet (Greek Dance)
Marketplace with Jewelry, Clothing, Giftware, Toys & More
Rides & Games
Intersection of Mill Road and North Avenue
An Evening with Harlow Giles Unger

NY Times bestselling author Harlow Giles Unger presents his latest book "Thomas Paine & the Clarion Call for American Independence" Author Talk - Q&A Book signing & Refreshments

Evening takes place on the remaining land of Paine’s farm NYS granted to the founding father in 1784.

Saturday, September 14th, 5 pm

The Thomas Paine Cottage Museum
20 Sicard Road
New Rochelle, NY 914-633-1776

All donations & proceeds benefit Thomas Paine Cottage Educational Programs.
The New Rochelle Public Library's Autumn hours are as follows:

**Main Library:**
- Monday - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Tuesday - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Wednesday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Thursday - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Friday - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sunday - 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**Huguenot Children's Library:**
- Monday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Tuesday - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Wednesday - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Thursday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Friday - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturday - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sunday - Closed