



BULLETIN

The League of Women Voters of Scarsdale (LWVS) is a volunteer, nonpartisan political organization that promotes political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League is nonpartisan in that it does not support or oppose any candidate for public office; it is political in that it takes positions on selected governmental issues after serious member study and consensus.

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13	Tues		CNC Election	Village Hall
19	Mon	9am	Board Meeting	Village Hall, 3rd fl
29	Thurs	10am 7pm	Morning Book Discussion Evening Book Discussion	TBD
December				
10	Mon	9am 10:30am	Board Meeting General Memb / Consensus Mtg. Village Election System	Village Hall, 3rd fl Village Hall, 3rd fl
January				
8	Tues		SBNC Election	Scarsdale Middle School
26	Sat		LWVS Winter Fundraiser	TBD
28	Mon	9am 10:30am	Board Meeting General Memb / Consensus Mtg. School Election System	Village Hall, 3rd fl Village Hall, 3rd fl

Remember to vote!



Citizens Nominating Committee Election:

Tuesday, 11/13/18
Village Hall
7-10am and 2-9pm

School Board Nominating Committee Election:

Tuesday, 1/8/19
Scarsdale Middle School
7-10am and 2-9pm

MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Greetings!

Now that the election season is over it is time to catch our breath, to reflect on what has transpired, and to renew our energies in order to engage in the new challenges that lie ahead. As a nonpartisan political organization we can lead the way toward a collegial approach to the many issues we will address in the coming months, locally and at the county, state, and national levels as well. Fortunately, we can rely on the guidance and support of our dedicated board and membership to carry out the two primary goals of our League: to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in our community and to act on selected governmental issues.

It is with these goals in mind that we provide opportunities for our members and the public at large to become informed and involved on issues that impact them. To that end, our League hosted its Annual Membership Coffee. We had our trustee liaison Justin Arest give an overview of Scarsdale Village Hot Topics, touching upon conservation, law, land use, personnel, municipal services, recreation and finance.

We hosted an exciting and informative Fall Food for Thought Luncheon. Our featured speaker, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, lecturer, and author Linda Greenhouse, gave an insightful talk about the Supreme Court.

Our Voter Services team was very busy addressing the community's needs during election season including its work on the League of Women Voters Westchester's Vote411 guides (mailed to each household in Scarsdale with a registered voter) and voter education efforts for our membership. Now that the general election is over, we are turning our attention to the Scarsdale Citizen Nominating Committee election, to be held on November 13th. Our CNC Election Portfolio recently conducted a general membership and consensus meeting to formulate a position on the 12 proposed amendments to the CNC resolution. As result, the League fully endorses each of the twelve amendments proposed and urges all qualified voters to vote "yes" on each amendment.

The following are highlights of our upcoming events (more details in this issue or on our website www.lwvs.org):

On **Thursday, November 29th at 10am and then again at 7pm**, at private residences, we will be hosting community book discussions of *One Person, No Vote*, by Carol Anderson. [Please visit our website to RSVP and get further details.](#)

On **Monday, December 10th at 10:30am** at Village Hall, our League will hold an Information Session and, immediately following, convene a members-only consensus meeting on the CNC Village Election System.

On **Saturday, January 26th at 5pm**, at a private residence, the League will be holding its Annual Winter Fundraiser. Look for an invitation in your electronic mailbox and join us for a fun-filled evening!

On **Monday, January 28th at 10:30am** at Village Hall, our League will hold an Information Session and, immediately following, convene a members-only consensus meeting on the School Election System.

Please mark your calendars and visit our website for the dates and times of our other upcoming consensus meetings in 2019.

We hope to see you at many of our events. Thank you to all who support our efforts.

Stay warm, engaged and informed. We wish you a happy and safe holiday season!

Linda Doucette-Ashman and Janice Starr



Upcoming Events

Citizens Nominating Committee Election and Proposed Amendments to the Non-Partisan Resolution

Tuesday, November 13th
Village Hall
7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The CNC is a non-partisan group of thirty residents that each year nominates candidates for Village Office. Retiring CNC members from each neighborhood will be replaced with the winners of this election. You will be voting for your neighborhood representatives on the CNC.

This year, in addition to voting for CNC representatives, you will be voting on amendments to the CNC resolution (see "LWVS Issues Statement on Proposed Amendments to Non-Partisan Resolution" below).

You may vote in person on November 13th or by mail-in ballot for **early, "no excuse" absentee voting**. [Copies of the mail-in ballot may be downloaded here](#), and will also be available in the Village Hall lobby public notice rack (behind the stairwell on the first floor), the Girl Scout House, and the Public Library annex. Mail-

in ballots must be received in the Procedure Committee mailbox, P.O. Box 284, Scarsdale, NY 10583 by or before 5 PM on November 13th, 2018.

For important information, please review the [2018 CNC Election Brochure](#).

For more information, visit www.scarsdaleprocedurecommittee.org.

LWVS Issues Statement on Proposed Amendments to the Non-Partisan Resolution

On October 22, 2018, the League held a General Membership Meeting, open to the public, on the proposed amendments to the Non-Partisan Resolution. Procedure Committee Chair Madelaine Eppenstein presented and answered questions on the overall process and on the proposed changes to the document that governs the Village's Non-Partisan Election System.

Immediately following the information session, the League held a consensus meeting of its members. The League commends the Procedure Committee for proposing major institutional changes to the Non-Partisan Resolution and supports all of the amendments that appear on the November ballot. The full text of the consensus statement is now posted on the [Stand on Issues page](#) of the LWVS website or can be accessed by following this [direct link to the statement](#).



The League fully endorses each of the twelve amendments proposed and urges all qualified voters to vote "YES" on each amendment on Tuesday, November 13th, 2018.

Candidates Sought for SBNC Election

The School Board Nominating Committee (SBNC) is an elected group of 30 members who identify, propose and nominate qualified candidates to run for the Scarsdale Board of Education.

The 30 voting members represent each of the five elementary school neighborhoods. Each year, two members are elected from each of the five elementary school districts to serve a term of three years on the Nominating Committee, an additional year on the Administrative Committee, and a final year on the Joint Committee. The SBNC urges all qualified residents to help maintain our excellent Scarsdale schools and serve our community by volunteering to run for

the SBNC.

To become a candidate, residents should complete a biographical form and submit it with a candidate petition with signatures from 10 residents in their elementary school area **by 5:00 p.m. on November 19th**, to Administrative Committee Chair Wendy Gendel (wendykgendel@gmail.com). More information and biographical and petition forms are available on the [SBNC website](#).

The election of SBNC members will be held on Tuesday, January 8th, 2019 in the Scarsdale Middle School auditorium lobby from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

FALL COMMUNITY BOOK DISCUSSION

All are welcome! Join us, and bring a friend!

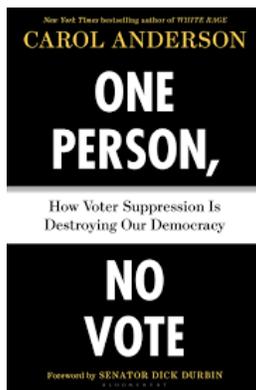
Thursday, November 29th

This year we will offer two discussion times:

10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Locations to be announced

RSVP to BookGroup@lwvs.org



One Person, No Vote: How Voter Suppression Is Destroying Democracy, by Carol Anderson

From the award-winning, *New York Times* bestselling author of *White Rage*, the startling - and timely - history of voter suppression in America, with a foreword by Senator Dick Durbin . . . With *One Person, No Vote*, Anderson chronicles a related history: the rollbacks to African American participation in the vote since the 2013 Supreme Court decision that eviscerated the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Known as the *Shelby* ruling, this decision effectively allowed districts with a demonstrated history of racial discrimination to change voting requirements without approval from the Department of Justice . . . In gripping, enlightening detail she explains how voter suppression works . . . And with vivid characters, she explores the resistance . . . as the nation gears up for the 2018 midterm elections . . .

[Read more](#), or visit our new [LWVS BOOK GROUP webpage](#).

The new bookstore in Scarsdale Village, [Bronx River Books](#), is offering League Book Group participants a 10% discount on *One Person, No Vote*.

LWVS General Membership and Consensus Meeting on the

Village Election System

**Monday, December 10, 2018
10:30 a.m. at Village Hall, 3rd Floor Meeting Room**

Please join the LWVS on Monday, December 10, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. for a general membership information session with members of the Scarsdale Procedure Committee regarding this year's Citizens Nominating Committee (CNC) election and the results of the referendum on the proposed amendments to the Non-Partisan Resolution. All members of the public are welcome to attend the information session.

The Procedure Committee is the body that solicits candidates for CNC, proposes amendments to the Resolution, and runs the CNC election and referendum on the amendments. The CNC is the body that vets applicants and nominates the proposed slate for the Village Board of Trustees, including Mayor. The Non-Partisan Resolution is the document that governs the Village's non-partisan election system.

A consensus discussion will immediately follow the information session for purposes of making recommendations to the Procedure Committee. Only League members may be present for the consensus discussion. For more information, please contact Diane Baylor, LWVS Village Election System Chair, at VillageElectionSys@lwvs.org.

SAVE THE DATE

**The League of Women Voters of Scarsdale
Annual Winter Fundraiser
Saturday, January 26th, 2019, from 5-7pm**

Enjoy a fun and festive evening with good food and League friends.

At the home of Diane and Marc Greenwald
2 Oak Lane, Scarsdale, NY 10583

Students Inside Albany

For the eighth consecutive year, the LWVS will select two high school students to send to the annual Students Inside Albany conference, to be held May 19 - 22, 2019. Any Sophomore, Junior or Senior student who attends Scarsdale High School or resides in the school district is eligible to apply.

Students Inside Albany is a four-day conference designed to immerse students in the process by which public policy is proposed, revised and enacted in New York State. This conference deepens their understanding of their individual responsibility in our representative democracy and provides them with tools for meeting that responsibility.

Scarsdale students who attended this conference in the past were unanimous in

their enthusiasm about the program. The conference allows them to interact with students from all over the state, learn about their New York State government and the process by which citizens can participate in policy-making areas, as well as tour the capitol and meet state legislators.

The cost of the conference, including hotel and meals, will be co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters New York State Education Foundation, Inc. and our Scarsdale League.

Applications will be available by December 15th on the [Scarsdale LWVS website](#) and are due by February 1st, 2019.

For more information, including photos from last year's conference, see [Youth Programs](#) under [the League of Women Voters of New York State website](#).

Last year's Scarsdale attendees are happy to answer questions from interested students. Contact Amanda Glik or Isabelle Riback at SIA@lwvs.org.

Please contact Elissa Ruback (917-239-4808 or elissaruback@gmail.com) for more information, or if you know someone who would like to apply.

Recent LWVS Events

Membership Coffee

Our Annual Membership Coffee was held on Tuesday, October 9th. Friends and League members came together to learn about the League and Village Hot Topics!

Justin Arest, Village Trustee and liaison to our League, gave an overview of current issues in front of our Village Board of Trustees. He discussed conservation, law, land use, personnel, municipal services, recreation and finance. He was joined in our discussion regarding conservation law by Lena Crandall who is also a Village Trustee.

Our members and fellow residents are encouraged to get informed about issues impacting our Village. Please go to the Village website at www.scarsdale.com for more information and to sign up for Scarsdale Village eblasts.



Food for Thought Luncheon

On Thursday, November 1st, the League hosted its annual Fall Food for Thought Luncheon. More than 80 people gathered at the Scarsdale Golf Club for a delicious buffet luncheon and an opportunity to listen to our guest speaker, Pulitzer

Prize-winning journalist, Linda Greenhouse, discuss the Supreme Court, its history, current justices, and thoughts for possible changes to the Supreme Court and its nomination process.



A special thank you to Anne Lyons, our Luncheon Coordinator, for all the hard work she did to make this event a success!

The League Went Back to Middle School

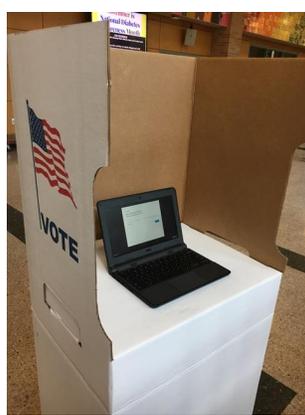
DAILY DOUBLE!!! For 1000 Points, name the state with the most electoral votes, and name one of the states with the fewest. You have 30 seconds to come up with the answer. . .

If you guessed California with the most, and Alaska, Delaware, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont or Wyoming for the fewest, YOU ARE CORRECT!



League volunteers jumped into action to help out at Scarsdale Middle School in late October and early November. Civics was on the agenda in two different ways: a LWVS Civics Jeopardy game, and polling support for the Middle School's Mock Election.

With help from League members, SMS parents, and teachers, the 8th grade classrooms participated in an engaging game of Civics Jeopardy. Categories ranged from Electoral College Information to Presidential Trivia, Constitutional Amendment details, and much more! The students enjoyed participating and competing to come up with correct answers. The volunteers got a chance to share their knowledge and passion for civic engagement. A win-win!



Then on Monday, November 5th, it was back to the Middle School. Volunteers staffed tables in the Great Hall where students checked in to vote on computers at polling booths. Each student received an "I Voted Today" sticker to mark their participation at the polls.

A huge thank you to all the League volunteers, SMS parents, and SMS teachers for making this happen.

And congratulations to our next generation of leaders and voters!

LWW Westchester

Westchester County Budget

The LWWW annual review and consensus meeting of the proposed 2019 Westchester County budget will be held on Friday, November 16th, at 2:00 p.m. at the White Plains Public Library on Martine Avenue.

The County Executive is responsible for issuing both operating and capital budgets that determine our county tax obligation. The public is given an opportunity to respond to the proposals at public hearings. The Board of Legislators has the responsibility to accept and/or make adjustments before enacting final approval by the end of the 2018 calendar year.

Larry Soule, who served in the Astorino administration and continues as budget director in the Latimer administration, will present an overview of the proposal and respond to LWWW and attendee questions. Join with other Westchester Leaguers to determine the LWWW response to the proposals.

LWWW Holiday Lunch

All League members are invited to attend the LWWW holiday lunch on Thursday, December 6th, at 12:15 p.m. at the Scarsdale Congregational Church, One Heathcote Road. Special guest speaker is Westchester District Attorney Anthony Scarpino, Jr., who will present a timely overview of trends in crime, including the opioid problem, in the County.

The fee for the luncheon is \$35.00. Tickets may be purchased by [PayPal or credit card](#), or via check payable to LWWW, Inc., 570 Taxter Road, Suite 565, Elmsford, NY 10523.

Membership Renewal

Our membership renewal drive has been underway for several months. If you have already renewed, thank you! If you have not, please take the time to do so now. The League thrives with your support!

To join, you may do either of the following:

- Use the membership envelope mailed to you this fall.
- Go to <http://www.lwvs.org/Join.html> and either renew online, or print out a membership form to pay by check.

If you have any questions, please contact Janice Starr, LWVS Membership Chair, at membership@lwvs.org or 472-8851. Thank you!

Stay Connected!

Just a reminder that only the Fall Bulletin and the Spring edition, published in advance of our annual meeting in May, will be printed and mailed to you. Throughout the year, other Bulletins and all other notices will be transmitted electronically via email and posted on our [website](#).

If you have not been receiving our emails, we may have an incorrect email address for you. If you think we have the wrong address, or if you have not yet provided us with your email address, please send it to Janice Starr at membership@lwvs.org.

LWVS is now also on Social Media. Like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter!](#)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The League is grateful for the support of all of its donors. Please note that the annual updated listing of our many generous supporters for 2018-2019 will appear in the 2019 Spring Bulletin.

THANK YOU

THANK YOU...

Amy Cooper and Ronny Hersch for all the work that you have done to help the County League with its Vote411 voters guide and to educate and inform the voters of Scarsdale regarding our recent elections.

Dana Matsushita for all of your hard work in creating and editing our Bulletin and ensuring that it gets to our Membership in a timely manner.

Anne Lyons for organizing our delicious Fall Food for Thought Luncheon, quickly and efficiently adjusting all the plans when we needed to change the date and making it all seem effortless!!

Elissa Ruback for joining our Board and serving as our new chair of the Students Inside Albany portfolio. A special Thank You for jumping into action to coordinate and conduct "Civics Jeopardy" in the Middle School as well as coordinate League oversight of the Middle School Mock Election!

Diane Baylor for all of your hard work organizing and leading our committee study, General Membership information session and Consensus meeting regarding the proposed amendments to the Non-Partisan Resolution.

Renee Baylor for explaining to our newest board members the history of our League and the Consensus process and for keeping us informed of County League work and events.

Mary Beth Evans for coordinating our next book discussion group, including the selection of our book.

Debbie Miller for managing our finances and keeping the Board up to date on all our transactions.

Deb Morel for maintaining our website, responding to all of our "immediate" requests and ensuring that our website is current and user friendly.

Joan Bowen for taking photographs for our League and maintaining our Facebook page.

Leah Dembitzer for chairing our School Budget portfolio, organizing a School Board committee to help us stay current on School District discussions that impact budget and policies throughout the year and pitching in to take minutes for Joan Frankle.

Joan Frankle for preparing such great minutes and helping us find clarity in our words.

Dara Gruenberg for joining our Board and stepping up to chair our Village Budget portfolio.

Deb Pekarek for agreeing to chair our Planning and Zoning portfolio.

Karen Brew for continuing to do such a great job with our public relations.

Diane Baylor and Debbie Miller, our Membership Committee, and our League Board members for efforts on our recent Membership campaign and Membership Coffee.

Kitt Rosenthal for providing sustenance at our morning Board meetings.

All the League Board members for your tireless efforts and dedication to further our organization's mission and responding to every email call to action graciously and expeditiously! We are so lucky to have such a great team.

LWVS 2018-19 CALENDAR

November, 2018

Thursday	1 st	10 am	Board Meeting	Scarsdale Golf Club
	1 st	11:30 am	Food for Thought Luncheon	Scarsdale Golf Club
Tuesday	6th		Election Day	
Tuesday	13th		CNC Election Day	
Monday	19 th	9 am	Board Meeting	Village Hall, 3 rd Floor
Thursday	29 th	10 am	Morning Book Discussion	TBD
	29 th	7 pm	Evening Book Discussion	TBD

December, 2018

Monday	10 th	9 am	Board Meeting	Village Hall, 3 rd Floor
	10 th	10:30 am	General Membership/Consensus Mtg VILLAGE ELECTION SYSTEM	Village Hall, 3 rd Floor

January, 2019

Tuesday	8th		SBNC Election	SMS
Saturday	26 th		LWVS Winter Fundraiser	TBD
Monday	28 th	9 am	Board Meeting	Village Hall, 3 rd Floor
	28 th	10:30	General Membership/Consensus Mtg. SCHOOL ELECTION SYSTEM	Village Hall, 3 rd Floor

February, 2019

Monday	11 th	9 am	Board Meeting	Village Hall, 3 rd Floor
	11 th	10:30 am	General Membership/Consensus Mtg. LOCAL & COUNTY LEAGUE PROGRAMS	Village Hall, 3 rd Floor

March, 2019

Monday	4 th	10:30 am	General Membership/Consensus Mtg. SCHOOL BUDGET	Village Hall, 3 rd Floor
Monday	11 th	9 am	Board Meeting	Village Hall, 3 rd Floor
Monday	25 th	9 am	Board Meeting	Village Hall, 3 rd Floor

April, 2019

Monday	8 th	9 am	Board Meeting	Village Hall, 3 rd Floor
	8 th	10:30 am	General Membership/Consensus Mtg. VILLAGE BUDGET	Village Hall, 3 rd Floor
Monday	22 nd	9 am	Board Meeting	Village Hall, 3 rd Floor
Thursday	25 th	10 am	Morning Book Discussion session	TBD
	25 th	7 pm	Evening Book Discussion session	TBD

May, 2019

Friday	10 th	10 am	Annual Meeting	Scarsdale Golf Club
	10 th	11:30 am	Spring Luncheon/Speaker	Scarsdale Golf Club

June, 2019

Monday	3 rd	9 am	Joint Board Meeting	TBD
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Items in **bold** are election events
Items in **red** are open to all members/public

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Changes effective July 2018

VILLAGE OF SCARSDALE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Term Ends April 2019

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1st term ends April 2020

Matthew Callaghan

2nd term ends April 2019

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1st term ends April 2020

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2nd term ends June 2019

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2nd term ends June 2020

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