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**Calendar in brief**

May 2	Sound Shore Leagues' Annual Luncheon
May 8	LWV of Westchester Convention
May 12	Candidate Forum
May 14	Board meeting: 68 Sara Lane, home of Leona Newman, 235-3553
May 16	Coffee and Conversation with new City Council members
May 18	Ward Acres tour
May 20	School board and library trustee election: vote on school and library budgets



**Coffee and Conversation**

Please join us for coffee and conversation on **May 16th at 9:30 am** with our three new City Council members **Louis Trangucci** representing District 1, **Albert Tarantino**, representing District 2, and **Richard St. Paul**, representing District 4.

*Coffee and Conversation is sponsored by the New Rochelle League of Women Voters and is part of an ongoing series of informal conversations between local leaders and the public in an informal setting. Coffee and conversation is held at the New Rochelle Public Library located on Lawton Street between Huguenot and Main Streets.*

## **President's Letter**

*Being a member of the LWV identifies you as a person who actively supports informed participation in government. You are a person who is not only interested in social, political and educational issues but a person who speaks out about them. That could mean going to a meeting, carrying a petition, working on a committee, attending a rally, writing to legislators and/or the editor of the local or national newspaper. In other words, "taking action." As our lives have become busier it is sometimes difficult to get out there but we can still express our opinions by writing.*

*In the past, "taking action" by writing literally meant taking pen to paper. Then came typewriters which morphed into word processors which were made obsolete by the computer. Using a word processing program nowadays takes all the drudge out of the process and leaves us free to compose our thoughts and send them off. To encourage verbal action many activist websites provide form letters to sign as is, or amend, with links that deliver the message to the appropriate officials. The League of Women Voters is one of them. At both state and national level advocating on issues is easy. It is also easy to learn more about your "cause." The information found on League websites reflect the study, research, discussion and consensus needed to arrive at positions on issues ranging from campaign finance reform to health care reform to promoting smart growth to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and innumerable others. Go to [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org) or [www.lwvny.org](http://www.lwvny.org). Both sites have Issue and Advocacy tabs as well as Take Action tabs to direct your input to your elected representatives.*

*Voter education and voter registration are still a top priority for all Leagues. On May 20th New Rochelle voters will go to the polls to elect school and library board trustees, and to vote on both the school and library budgets. Remind your friends and neighbors, and yourself, to vote!*

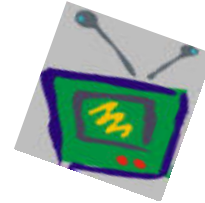
*Your thoughts and suggestions are always welcome. Contact me at 632-5799 or [joan.silverstein2@verizon.net](mailto:joan.silverstein2@verizon.net).*

*Cordially,*

*Joan Silverstein*

## City People and Issues

*The New Rochelle League of Women Voters  
Cable Program*



*The programs will appear on Cablevision Channel 76 Mondays at 7 p.m. and repeated Wednesdays at 9:30 p.m. as follows:*

**April 14, 16 — New Rochelle League of Women Voters "City People and Issues" will begin a series of interviews with New Rochelle's new City Council members.**

**Albert Tarantino**, representing District 2, talks about the local business background he brings to his new post in an interview with League host Ina Aronow. This is the first of an interview series with each new Councilperson.

**April 21 and 23 — Interview with Barbara Davis on "One City, One Book."**

**Barbara Davis**, Director of Community Relations for the New Rochelle Public Library, talks with host Theresa Kump Leghorn about Ragtime, E.L. Doctorow's novel based in New Rochelle as the "One City, One Book" library book selection this year.

**April 28 and 30 — Repeat of interview with Councilman Tarantino.**

Watch for the June issue of **Parent Guide News** for an article about the League of Women Voters by Ina Aronow. The 1,000 word article includes photos and quotes from members, including a quote from New Rochelle's Ilyse Spertus. For more information, contact Adelaide DiGiorgi at 779-1288 or [Adigiorgi@optonline.net](mailto:Adigiorgi@optonline.net)

## **LWV Sound Shore Luncheon May 2, 2008**

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**You are invited to the LWV Annual Luncheon  
Friday, May 2, 2008 12:00 noon**

Davenport Club  
400 Davenport Avenue, New Rochelle, NY

Featuring **Michael Edelman and Lawrence Otis Graham**  
From Westchester's Channel 12 News

### **“The Press and The Election: Who Is Manipulating Whom?”**

**Michael Edelman** is a familiar face in more than four hundred thousand households, where television viewers have enjoyed his on-target commentary for over 15 years on “Point Counterpoint.” This regular feature of Cablevision of Westchester News 12 pits Mike as the Republican spokesman against various Democrats, arguing a variety of timely issues with brilliant aplomb.

A lifelong resident of Westchester, **Lawrence Otis Graham** is a nationally-known attorney, author and commentator on race and politics in America. A *New York Times* bestselling author of 14 books, Graham, a Democrat, provides incisive and thought provoking political commentary and counterpoints to Republican views presented on “Point Counterpoint.”

Lunch Fee: \$45  
RSVP: Mail check to LWV  
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Questions: [lwv10538@aol.com](mailto:lwv10538@aol.com)

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Rye-Rye Brook-Port Chester**

## **LWV of Westchester Convention 2008**

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**Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

New York Life Insurance Co.  
1 Rockwood Rd.  
Sleepy Hollow, NY

***Registration and Security Check-in - 9:15 am***

***Meeting - 9:30 am***

***Lunch and Speaker - 12 noon***

**Speaker: Jeanne Zaino, Ph.D.  
Chair & Assistant Professor of Political Science  
Iona College**

**All are welcome to attend the Luncheon**

Luncheon fee: \$25.00

Send check (to LWVW) to Kitt Rosenthal  
61 Birchall Drive, Scarsdale, NY 10583

For further information call (914) 723-5126

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## **Candidate Forum**

**May 12, 2008**

The New Rochelle league will be sponsoring the candidate forum for school board and library trustee positions. The forum will be held on **May 12, 2008** at the New Rochelle Library at 7:15pm. This forum will be an excellent opportunity to become familiar with the candidates and their positions. Candidate names will be announced when petitions are verified on May 1st.

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE.** Elections for one school board member and two library trustees will take place on **May 20th, 2008**. You will also vote on the school and library budgets.

## **Ward Acres Tour Sunday May 18th 2 pm**

In the heart of New Rochelle, the 62-acre Ward Acres Park, bequeathed to the city by the Ward Family, has many beautiful and environmentally diverse trails, buildings and other remains of its farming past, and a 3-acre section that will become a dog park.

Please join us and our guide Walter Lipow, member of the New Rochelle Planning Board who has extensive knowledge of Ward Acres, for a walk through a little-known oasis of meadows and forest, right here in the city. Wear comfortable shoes that you don't mind getting dirty.

Meet in the parking lot near Ward School on Broadfield and Quaker Ridge Roads on Sunday, May 18th at 2 pm (rain date Sunday, June 1st at 2pm).

## **LWV National Convention June 17th**

*The 48th LWVUS National Convention will be held at the Hilton Portland Oregon, from Friday, June 13 through Tuesday, June 17, 2006. The theme for the 2008 LWVUS Convention will be "**Reaching New Heights Together.**" see [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org) for more information.*

## **LWVNR Annual Meeting June 26th**

**Save the Date:** *June 26 for our Annual Meeting at Bella Bella Italian Restaurant, 583 Main St., New Rochelle.*

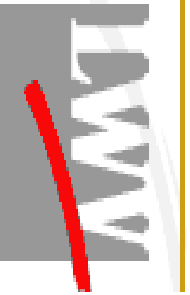
*Invitations to follow.*

## LWVNR Proposed Budget for 2008-2009

The proposed budget for the League of Women Voters of New Rochelle will be voted upon at the Annual Meeting to be held on June 26, 2008. It was reviewed by the Board of Directors at the April 9, 2008 meeting and is presented by Sydelle Herzberg, treasurer, as follows:

### LWVNR Proposed Budget—July 1, 2008 — June 30, 2009

	Budget <u>2007-2008</u>	Actual <u>2007-2008</u>	Budget <u>2008- 2009</u>
<b>Income:</b>			
Dues	4,100.00	4,870.00	4,800.00
Member Contributions	200.00	222.00	200.00
Non-member Contributions		50.00	50.00
Interest	200.00	275.00	309.00
Social Events (Holiday Party/ Convention)	2,820.00	3,626.00	3,000.00
From Surplus	680.00		300.00
Misc.		80.00	
	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>9,123.00</u>	<u>8,659.00</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
State & National Dues	4,100.00	4,159.00	4,334.00
County Dues	200.00	189.00	200.00
Stationery, Postage & Office	100.00	210.00	100.00
Bulletin	400.00	419.00	500.00
Delegate Expenses (Including County)	1,000.00	950.00	500.00
Voter Service	400.00	637.00	600.00
Membership	50.00	25.00	50.00
Meetings	50.00		25.00
Social Events (Holiday Party/ Convention)	1,400.00	2,511.00	2,000.00
Use tax	30.00	43.00	50.00
Coffee & Conversations	70.00		100.00
Misc.	200.00	400.00	200.00
	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>9,543.00</u>	<u>8,659.00</u>
<b>Cash 4/10/08</b>			
Checking	\$10,755.00		
Time Deposit	\$6,400.00		
Education Fund	\$5,444.00		



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