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LWV Candidates' Forum, May 11th 2009

The New Rochelle League will be sponsoring the Candidates' Forum for school board and library trustee positions on **May 11th** at the New Rochelle Library at 7:15pm.

School board candidates (two seats): Mr. Kenneth Chorzewski, Mr. Jeffrey Hastie, Mr. Vincent Malfetano, Dr. Jack Wagner and Ms. Deirdre Polow (incumbent).

Library Trustee candidates (two seats): Ms. Emergy Schweig and Mr. Thomas Leghorn (incumbent).

This forum is an excellent opportunity to become familiar with the candidates and their positions. The videotape will be replayed on Education Access Channel 77 the weekend of May 16 and 17.

President's Letter

It has been a great year, from the local, state, and national elections last fall, to the Library and School Board elections this spring. The League of Women Voters of New Rochelle has connected its citizens with community leaders through our cable show, City People and Issues, and through our monthly Coffee and Conversations at the Library.

We undertook an interesting study on the National Popular Vote Compact, which is an alternative method of achieving one person one vote, without a constitutional amendment. The result of our consensus vote was that this method was too flawed and open to legal challenge, and thus prone to failure. Although we support the national League's position of eliminating the Electoral College, our consensus was that the National Popular Vote Compact was not the right way to achieve this goal. Our preference is to work towards a Constitutional Amendment.

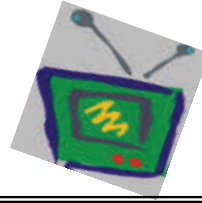
In this Bulletin you will find Study and Action Items for next year. These will be voted on at our annual meeting on June 9th. Professor Daniel McCarthy of the College of New Rochelle will be our guest speaker, and his exciting topic is "The Presidency: Obama's First 120 Days." I look forward to seeing everyone at the annual meeting.

Soon you will be receiving a reminder of your membership renewal in the mail. We value our members and encourage you to renew, as annual membership expires on July 1st. Please watch your mailbox for this important information. If you have any friends, neighbors, or colleagues who might be interested in the LWV, do not hesitate to contact me.

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City People and Issues

*The New Rochelle League of Women Voters
Cable Program*



LWVNR May Cable Schedule

The League of Women Voters of New Rochelle cable program “City People and Issues” features interviews with local political and civic leaders on Cablevision Channel 76 Mondays on 7 p.m. and repeated Wednesdays at 9:30 p.m. This month we are featuring:

State Senator Susie Oppenheimer: State Senator Susie Oppenheimer who talks about the recent session of the state legislature with host Theresa Kump Leghorn. This interview will be shown on **May 18 and 20**

Bob Marrone, station WVOX-AM news director and host of Good Morning Westchester, who talks with host Ina Aronow about his communications background, local programming and the unique radio station. (There is no public access programming on Memorial Day, May 25). This interview will be shown on **May 11, 13, and 27:**

The programs are recorded by NRTV in the City Hall studio. For further information, call Ina at 636-6271.

Vote on Tuesday May 19th, 2009

On Tuesday, May 19, 2009 New Rochelle voters will go to the polls to vote on the proposed school and library budgets. They will also vote for two members of the Board of Education and two Library Board trustees.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. In order to vote on May 19, 2009 a New Rochelle resident must be registered with the Westchester County Board of Elections as of May 5, 2009. For registration information call the County Board at 995-5713. For information about polling places call the New Rochelle Board of Education at 576-4219 or visit www.smartvoter.org/

**LWV of New Rochelle's
Annual Dinner**

**SAVE THE DATE!
Tuesday June 9th 6:30 PM**

**Annual meeting followed by dinner and
guest speaker:**

**Professor Daniel McCarthy
of the College of New Rochelle**

The Presidency: Obama's First 120 Days.

**Juliano's Caterers, 700 Main Street
New Rochelle NY**

**Cost per person \$45
Invitation to Follow**

Support your local LWV league...

Encourage membership in our league. New members can support the local league by joining the New Rochelle LWV which also includes membership in the National league.

Inquiries about membership can be addressed to Joyce Goldklang at gemofamom1@aol.com and by contacting any of our board members.

Stay Informed...

• Get up-to-date reminders and notices of local and national LWV events via email.

• Send your email address to our membership chair, Joyce Goldklang at **Gemofamom1@aol.com** to get on our mailing list.



Nominating committee report
LWV Slate for 2009-2010

Last Name	First Name	Position	Status
Richman	Liz	President	Need to fill this position
Kahn	Cindy	1 st Vice-President Voter Service	Staying on in this capacity
Silverstein	Joan	Corresponding Secretary	Staying on
Newman	Leona	Recording Secretary	Staying on
Aronow	Ina	Communications Cable Show	Staying on
Herzberg	Sydelle	Treasurer	Staying on
Quarles	Pearl	Membership Comm.	Staying on
McCarthy	Eileen Songer	Database	Staying on
Spertus	Ilyse	Bulletin	Staying on
Leghorn	Theresa Kump	Voter Registration	Staying on
Fleming	Susan	Programs: Coffee & Conversation	Staying on
Eberle	Terri	College Liaison	Staying on
Goldklang	Joyce	Membership chair	Staying on
Off board:			
Kesten	Alisa	Nom Com	Same
Taylor	Angela	Nom. Com. Chair	?
Lewinger	Mimi	Nom Com	Same

LWV Proposed 2009-2010 Program

Study items

Study the pros and cons of reassessment to ensure fair distribution of the tax burden throughout New Rochelle.

Action items

- ◆ Support the city's use of telecommunications technology to inform citizens and promote city participation in government.
- ◆ Encourage the Board of Education to use telecommunications technology to inform citizens, promote interest and transparency in the Board's responsibilities and development of the annual budget.
- ◆ Encourage participation in the city's elected and appointed boards, commissions and committees and to inform and encourage the public about these and other ways to participate in local government.
- ◆ Support the city's efforts at environmental sustainability and take action locally to respond to global concerns about the environment, basing our actions on the League's national, state, and county positions protecting our natural resources.

Continued support items

- ◆ Recreational additions and improvements.
- ◆ Equal and excellent educational opportunities and facilities for all students.
- ◆ Downtown, waterfront, and North Avenue revitalization.
- ◆ Fair campaigns.
- ◆ Measures to provide affordable housing.
- ◆ Council-Manager form of government.

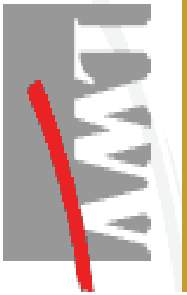
Good Coffee and Good Conversation @the Library

May 22nd at 9:30am. Informal conversation with Commissioner of Parks and Recreation Bill Zimmermann @the library, in the meeting room next to the auditorium.



LWVNR Proposed Budget 2009-2010

	Budget <u>2008-2009</u>	Actual <u>4/15/2009</u>	Budget <u>2009-2010</u>
Income:			
Dues	4,600.00	4,420.00	5,000.00
Member Contributions	200.00	108.00	200.00
Non-member Contributions	50.00		50.00
Interest	309.00	128.00	150.00
Social Events (Holiday Party/ Convention)	3,000.00	690.00	500.00
From Surplus	500.00	645.00	3,000.00
Misc.		194.00	
	<u>8,659.00</u>	<u>6,185.00</u>	<u>8,900.00</u>
Expenses:			
State & National Dues	4,334.00	3,496.00	4,169.00
County Dues	200.00	161.00	170.00
Stationery, Postage & Office	100.00		100.00
Bulletin	500.00	289.00	400.00
Voter Service	600.00	614.00	600.00
Membership	50.00	140.00	100.00
Meetings	25.00		25.00
Social Events (Holiday Party/ Convention)	2,000.00	330.00	2,000.00
Misc.	200.00	306.00	200.00
Use tax	50.00	42.00	50.00
Delegate Expenses	500.00		986.00
Coffee & Conversations	100.00		100.00
	<u>8,659.00</u>	<u>5,378.00</u>	<u>8,900.00</u>
Cash 4/15/09			
Checking	\$11,409.00		
Time Deposit	\$6,640.00		
Education Fund	\$5,597.00		



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