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HEALTH CARE IS A HUMAN RIGHT

7pm at Lubin Graduate School at Pace University
1 Martine Avenue at the corner of Bank Street

Oct 13 - Everybody In; Nobody Out
Medicare for All

Oct 20 - Understanding the Federal
Affordable Care Act
What It can Mean for Your Future

see inside for details

CANDIDATES FORUM

OCTOBER 24 7pm at WP Library

Grass Roots Democracy in Action

Come meet the Candidates for
COMMON COUNCIL

Bring your questions

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Before I say anything else, I feel I have been remiss in not thanking Bobbie Lazarus and Rita Malmud for the outstanding work they do in producing Headlines. Bobbie's design skills have added a whole new, up-to-date image to Headlines. Be sure to check it out on line as well--the color pictures are much nicer. Rita has been pleasantly unrelenting in getting everyone to submit their articles on time. Together, they are quite a team!

We have so much planned for this upcoming year and we're starting off with a bang. Elsewhere in this edition is a short article on our two opening meetings (Oct. 13th and 20th) on health care reform--very timely, especially the insurance exchanges which are scheduled to start in 2014 and are already gearing up. Our Candidates' debate for the four Common Council seats follows shortly after on Oct. 24th. And on Nov. 10th we're planning an Educational Forum on the French American School's plans for the former Ridgeway Country Club property. Put these dates on your calendar.

Another area we hope to be more involved in this year is youth programs. We plan to reach out to senior high school students for voter registration and we want to reinstate a former League program called Student Legislative Day. The County League is beginning a new program called Running and Winning which would encourage women to go into politics. Women elected officials would lead workshops for students. If anyone out there is interested in joining our efforts, please let me know.

In this era of polarized politics League members are proud of our tradition of non-partisanship and civil discourse. In addition to our non-partisan policy, we are an advocacy organization. A variety of issues are studied and then voted upon by our membership at our conventions. It's truly democracy in action.

Madeline Zevon, President

PROFILES OF OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS



RUTH GROSSMAN

I have lived in White Plains for more than 55 years. I have four children, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

I originally joined the League in 1958, serving for two years as editor of *Headlines* and two more on the board as secretary. I later worked fulltime for more than 30 years doing copywriting and copyediting for an educational publishing company.

For the past five years, I have been writing and editing for several organizations on a volunteer basis.

I rejoined the League about one and a half years ago, and somehow agreed to serve on the Board doing Voters' Service. For the past two months I have been sending out candidates' questionnaires and writing them up for publication in the *Voter's Guide*.

IRENE KOHN

Together with my husband Hal Silverman, I have lived in White Plains for about 15 years, having immigrated here from Edgemont where my girls attended junior and senior high school.

Previous to that I lived in Akron Ohio – where my two “Buckeye” daughters were born. Each of my daughters is married to a guy named Ken – and each of them has two darling sons.

I have an MBA from Iona College. In 1998 I retired as CFO of Lister Butler, a corporate identity consulting firm in 1998. I now have a small accounting/bookkeeping practice. In Ohio I was the Executive Director of the Planned Parenthood affiliate in Akron and I worked as a consultant for Planned Parenthood Federation of America when I moved to New York.

Much of my recent volunteer activity has been for Temple Israel Center of White Plains. I am currently on the Board of Trustees and have recently retired as the synagogue's webmaster, having developed and managed the synagogue's web site for over 8 years. I also chair the Kol Nidre Food Drive for the synagogue and serve on the Budget and Education Committees.

Hal and I have a home in a “forever wild” section of the Adirondacks – where I have served on the Board, as Treasurer and am currently President of our Home Owners' Association.

In my work for Planned Parenthood I learned about the health care needs of people who had little or no medical coverage and particularly the need for preventive health care to assure that people averted many of the medical problems that grow out of a lack of access to health care.

After my retirement from Lister Butler I did a study of the (limited) insurance options for self employed individuals in New York State for a networking organization of which I was a member. So I am particularly interested in becoming involved in the League's healthcare initiative.

I also am interested in how organizations use new media to communicate with their memberships and the public and hope to become involved in the League's communication efforts both in Voter Services and in membership communication.



NEW AND RETURNING LWV MEMBERS

Carolyn Abramowitz

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HEALTH CARE IS A HUMAN RIGHT

We are proud to present our two new upcoming programs on health care reform. We have titled the programs: **HEALTH CARE IS A HUMAN RIGHT**. On Oct. 13th the program focus is: **EVERYBODY IN; NOBODY OUT/MEDICARE FOR ALL**. The speakers are NYS Assemblyman Richard Gottfried who sponsored the NYS single payer bill (A07860) and Dr. Elisabeth Rosenthal of Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP). On Oct. 20th the program focus is: **UNDERSTANDING THE FEDERAL AFFORDABLE CARE ACT: WHAT IT CAN MEAN FOR YOUR FUTURE**. Our speakers will be NYS Assemblyman George Latimer and Charles Bell of Consumers Union. The audience will gain clarification of the upcoming federal Affordable Care act, including many of the insurance exchange ramifications, the concept of medical homes with an emphasis on primary care, and the importance of working with our elected officials to help shape this program.

Both programs will be held at the Lubin Graduate School of Pace University at 1 Martine Ave. (corner of Bank St.) in White Plains from 7pm to 9pm.

The lead group sponsoring this program is LWV of Westchester and it is co-sponsored by the National Association of Social Workers, PNHP, the Access for Health Care Coalition, and Westchester for Change.

Hope to see you all there--bring your friends.

Madeline Zevon,
Health Care Chair for Westchester County LWV

MY VOTER INFO



BE AN INFORMED VOTER

The White Plains League will be holding a forum for the candidates running for Common Council on Monday, October 24, 2011 at 7:00pm at the White Plains Library, 100 Martine Avenue.

Running for three seats for a full four year term are: Benjamin Boykin II (incumbent), Richard R. Cirulli, Richard Donnelly, Terrance P. Guerriere, Dennis Krolan, Milagros Lecuona (incumbent). Running for a two year term, replacing Tom Roach who vacated his Common Council seat upon becoming Mayor, are James V. Arndt and John Martin (appointed incumbent).

Questions from the audience are welcome. Please come and meet the candidates; encourage your friends and neighbors to join you.

Lyn Lubliner,
Voter Service Co-Chair



SAVE THE DATE FASNY MEETING

On Thursday night November 10 at 7:00pm our White Plains League of Women Voters will sponsor a Public Forum on the French American School proposal for the former Ridgeway Country Club site. The forum will be held in the old country clubhouse at 400 Ridgeway. **COME AND LEARN THE FACTS**. Find out what both proponents and opponents of the project agree upon. Judge for yourself who is right on disputed issues. Decide what questions still remain unaddressed. Come and bring your own questions to be answered by our panelists, representing different viewpoints.

Remember, this affects all of White Plains. We are one community encompassing many residential neighborhoods and commercial centers. Determine for yourself whether or not this change will better the immediate Gedney area with positive ripple effects for the rest of the City.

VOTER SERVICE



County League is busy assembling the *Voters Guide* for the fall 2011 elections. Ruth Grossman has been helping me with the White Plains assignment (thank you, Ruth) and we've had only the minimum of usual frustrations with candidates who need much prodding to meet deadlines in returning completed questionnaires.

We'll need volunteers to help distribute *Voters Guides* when they are available in mid-October. Please call Madeline Zevon or me if you can help.

Vote 411 Success: Thanks to the perseverance of Mariana Stout, County VS Chair, we're on our way to incorporating Vote 411 in our voters service activities. The following from the LWV of Westchester County website gives more information.

VOTE411 Replaces SmartVoter

Following the lead of the LVWUS, the LWVNY selected VOTE411 to be the official website for election information. Similar to SmartVoter, the VOTE411 website provides the ability to look-up your personal ballot based on your address.

With the launch of this new website, the LWVW will no longer be using SmartVoter and will switch to VOTE411. As with all new technology, there is a start-up period, so information provided for the November 8, 2011 General Election will be brief. As the Voters Service committee members go through the learning curve and build the full structure of the Westchester County voting jurisdictions within VOTE411, more information will be available.

Log on to www.VOTE411.org to view the website.

Barbara Cooper, Voters Service Co-Chair



MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the White Plains League of Women Voters is a sign of your support for our goals and activities to educate and inform the White Plains community. It takes the power of many to accomplish this. Whether you wish to be an active member or simply provide the important financial membership dollars, **WE NEED YOUR HELP.** To join our League, get questions answered, or suggest someone interested in League membership, contact Membership Chair:

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Name(s) _____

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Check your interest in the following areas.

- Voter Service
- Environment
- Health Care
- Youth
- Other

Enclosed is my membership check : \$55 for individual or \$80 for 2 person household. We are a non-partisan, non-profit organization. Because we lobby on issues, your membership dues are not tax deductible.

Checks should be made payable to LWV White Plains

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2011-2012 CALENDAR

Mon. Oct. 3	Common Council at City Hall
Thurs. Oct. 13, 20	Health Care Programs
Mon. Oct. 24	Candidates Forum
Tues. Nov. 8	Election Day
Thurs. Nov. 10	Forum on proposed French American School
Sun. Jan. 29	Annual Winter Party
Wed. Mar. 14	Tour of Open Door Health Center
Sun. May 6	City Budget Brunch at 12:30
TBD May	School Board Candidates Meeting
Wed. May 30	Annual WPLWV Meeting
TBD June	Picnic

OCTOBER 2011 CALENDAR

Mon. Oct. 3	Common Council Chambers 7:00pm Citizens to be Heard 7:30pm Regular Monthly Meeting
Wed. Oct. 12	LWV Board Meeting at 1:30 Home of Doris Dingott 4 Macy Ave.
Thurs. Oct. 13, 20	Health Care Programs at 7:00pm at Lubin Graduate School - Pace University 1 Martine Avenue at corner of Bank Street
Mon. Oct. 17	Board of Education Meeting 7:30pm at Education House
Mon. Oct. 24	Candidates Forum for Common Council 7:00pm at White Plains Library