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## President's Message

It's SUMMERTIME!!! I hope that you are all enjoying the very best of the season – keeping cool, remaining hydrated, and with the election only weeks away, thinking seriously about how you will participate in Rockland County League activities to help to PROMOTE THE VOTE.

I attended the National Convention (virtually) which took place Friday, June 28 – Sunday, June 30 and was proud to serve as a delegate for the Rockland League. This year's theme was, "Turn Up and Turn Out" – it was amazing. There were over 800 delegates from all over the country, over half of which attended virtually. Unfortunately, I had to 'attend' while sitting at my mother's bedside at Good Samaritan Hospital as she was recovering from a partial hip replacement surgery. The convention, however, was a welcomed distraction, since she was comfortably and peacefully asleep for most of the weekend. I will be giving a brief review of my experience at the September meeting, but if you'd like to see a more detailed daily recap, [2024 Convention Daily Briefing | League of Women Voters](#). Even virtually, it was a wonderful experience, and I came away inspired and anxious to get to the business of RCLWV!

Speaking of which, we are thrilled that former assemblyman Kenneth Zebrowski is slated to be our guest speaker at the General Meeting on September 7th. See inside for details but DO plan to join us. The meeting is at 11:30 am and will take place at the New City Library. RSVP by [Clicking HERE](#) to let us know if you plan to attend. Refreshments will be served.

At the time of this writing, both candidates are claiming ascendancy in the polls. Although much is uncertain, most pundits are clear on one thing – it's going to be a close race. We MUST do all that we can to register, educate, and inform everyone who is eligible and wants to vote! We are going to need all hands on-deck, so decide what you're going to do and commit to doing it. November 5th will be here and gone before we know it. I hope that each and every one of us can look back and truly say that we "Turned Up," heeded the call to action and "Turned Out" a robust and informed Rockland County electorate for what may be the most pivotal and consequential general election – ever.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, RCLWV... We've got work to do!

Yours in League,  
*Doria E. Nillsman*, Co-President

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# Welcome to the New RCLWV Board of Directors

## **RCLWV Board of Directors 2024-2025**

### **Leadership Team 2023-2025**

Gayle Struble  
Doria Hillsman

### **Treasurer**

Gail Wanger

### **Continuing Directors (Currently with 1-year term left) 2024-25**

Barbara Pease  
Gina Ironside  
Sandy Bromberg  
Linda Berns

### **Directors (2-year term) 2024-2026**

Holly Furman  
Paul Adler  
Beth Davidson  
Theresa DiFalco

### **Student Representative (2-year term) 2024-2026**

Emmanuel Jobin

### **Committees**

Be on the lookout for information on our committees and how you can get involved!

Let's extend a hearty thank you to these individuals for volunteering their time, resources, and leadership in driving our important initiatives forward.

Their commitment is greatly appreciated!

## **Save the Date and Plan to Attend the General Meeting**

**When:** Saturday, September 7, 2024; 11:30am

**Where:** New City Library; High Tor Room; 220 N. Main St., New City

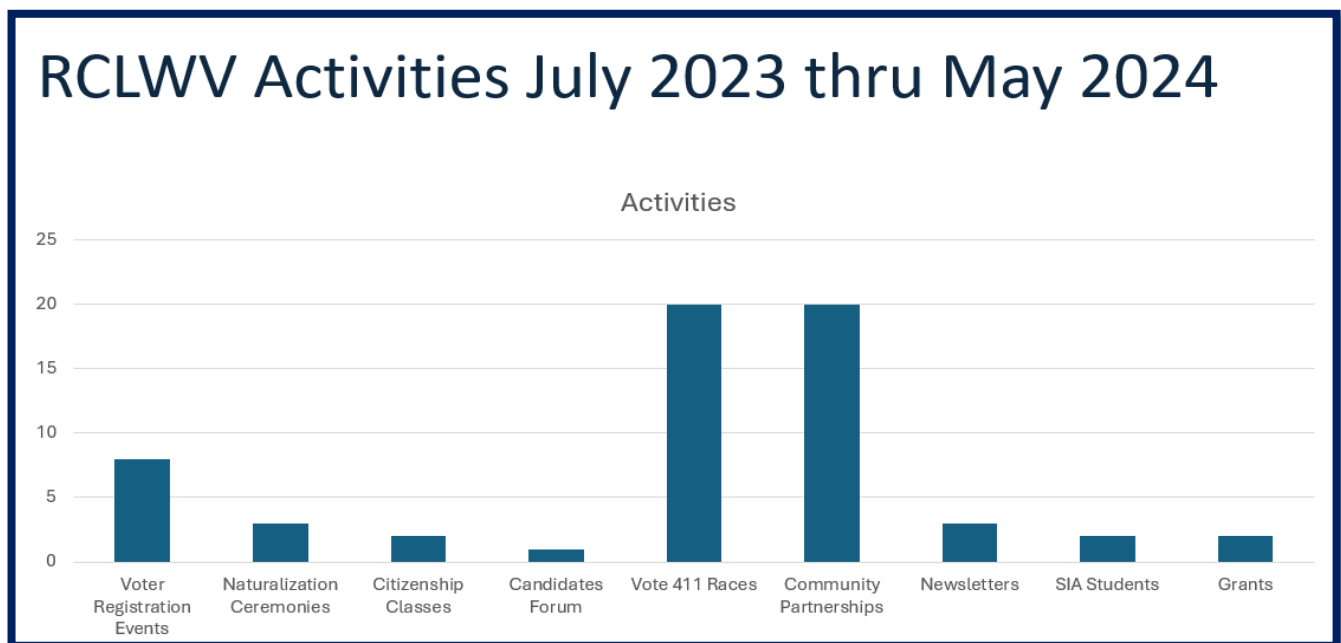
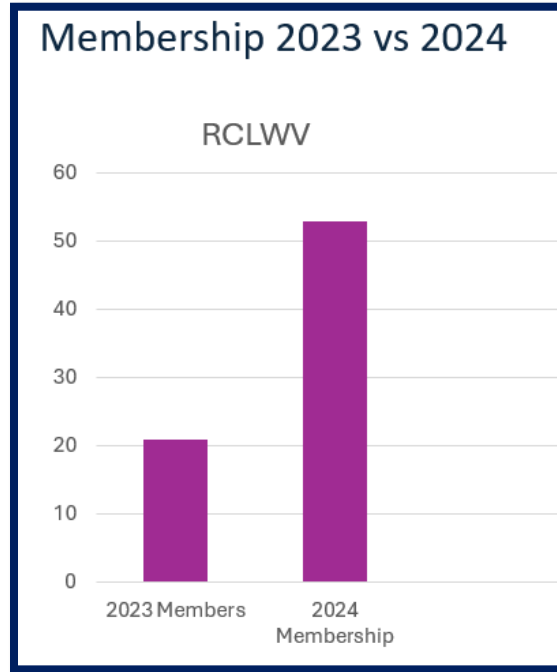
**Featured Speaker:** Former NY State Assemblyman Kenneth Zebrowski

Help us kick off the 2024-2025 League Year! Learn about the ways you can become involved, meet new friends, make a difference. Bring others who may be interested in joining us. Call 845-709-8243 for more details.

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# LWV News: The latest updates from Chapter, State, and National

## RCLWV by the Numbers



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## State/National Activities

### Voter's Guide, Part 1: Facts for Voters

Earlier this year, the New York State League of Women Voters released the Voter's Guide, designed to be the definitive source of voting information for this year's elections. Complete with (FAQs) Frequently Asked Questions and Answers, important dates, contact information, and resources, the document can be downloaded here:

[The 2024 Voter Guide Part I: Facts for Voters](#)

Please review this valuable information and share it with your friends, family, co-workers, and extended network! *Note: Part II will be available shortly.* To download, visit <https://www.lwvny.org/>



### 2024 Legislative Agenda LWV of New York

If you haven't already, please be sure to download the 2024 Legislative Agenda brochure for information on the many issues LWVNY is focusing on this year. This essential guide outlines and describes the issues, provides specific details on how you can take action, and how to contact your elected officials to show your support for the initiatives being undertaken at the state level. Topics include healthcare, natural resources, judicial issues, election law, equality of opportunity, domestic violence and more.

Use this link to download your copy, and again, feel free to share: [Legislative-Agenda-2024.pdf](#)

### National Update: New CEO; Urgent ERA action

This summer, **Celina Stewart** was named as the new CEO of the LWV. A legal expert, voting rights champion, and lifelong democracy defender, Celina first joined LWVUS in 2018 as the director of advocacy and litigation. She later stepped into the role as the organization's chief counsel, spearheading voting rights, redistricting, and equal rights cases to great success. As Celina recently said, "We are living in a truly unprecedented and historic time. Every day, there's a new attack, and women are being called to save our country. And that call is urgent. We don't have time for fear or hesitation. ... So, all I need to know now is: who is with me?" We are Celina; we are!

#### [League of Women Voters Issues Nation-Wide Call for Urgent Action for Equality](#)

Leading up to Women's Equality Day (August 26-30), the League of Women Voters of the United States and League chapters from all 50 states and the District of Columbia sent a letter to the White House and members of Congress urging action for the immediate publication of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) in the US Constitution. December 2024 marks 101 years since the ERA was first introduced in Congress. "We must address the root cause of inequality by amending our Constitution, and it needs to happen now," said Celina Stewart, CEO of the League of Women Voters of the US. "It is shameful that over 100 years after some American women gained the right to vote, women continue to battle systematic discrimination..."

## Rockland County LWV in the Community

Here are some of the things we've been up to in the last few months:



- 1. Haverstraw Head Start Summer Picnic.** Members of our team participated in the event, providing information about the League and more importantly, helping eligible parents and friends register to vote.
- 2. Spring Valley High School.** League members met with dozens of students to get them registered and pre-registered to vote. As part of their curriculum, students learn about the importance of voting and were eager to get involved.
- 3. County Naturalization Ceremonies.** Emotions always run high as several of our members helped welcome and celebrate our county's newest U.S. citizens. The event, held several times a year at the Rockland County Fire Training Center in Pomona, is the perfect opportunity for us to provide information on voter registration and to acclaim the citizen privilege of voting!
- 4. Students in Albany.** As reported in the last issue of the newsletter, RCLWV sponsored two local high school students to participate in the annual Students in Albany (SIA) program. Ashley Ely (North Rockland High School) and Abigail Koshy (Clarkstown High School North) attended the multi-day program where they had a front row seat to how New York State Government works. They shadowed their representatives, spent time in the state chamber, participated in discussions on current topics and events, and met and networked with peers from high schools across the state. They represented themselves and the RCLWV outstandingly, as evidenced by the fact that they both received internships this summer with their representatives.
- 5. T-Shirts for Sale!** Looking for the perfect gift for your child/teen/high schooler/college student? Why not consider our RCLWV T-shirt with a message. These forward-thinking, action-oriented Tees send a great message, and are a reminder to all about the importance of voting. Sizes Small through XXLarge. \$20 each. Send an email to [rocklandlwv@gmail.com](mailto:rocklandlwv@gmail.com) for details and ordering.

# Calendar of Events

Please check the calendar at [lwvrocklandcounty.org](http://lwvrocklandcounty.org) for updates

## SEPTEMBER 2024



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### September 7

- General Membership Meeting (All are welcome!)  
New City Library

### September 15

- Haverstraw Food Crawl  
Voter Registration table

### September 17

- National Voter Registration Day  
(We'll be at Rockland Community College, Dominican University, and St. Thomas Aquinas College registering students.)

### September 27

- Naturalization Ceremony  
Fire Training Center, Pomona

## OCTOBER 2024



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### October 7 - 11

- National Voter Education Week

### October 13

- Candidate's Forum  
Fire Training Center, Pomona

### October 20

- YouthFest  
RCC Fieldhouse

### October 26

- Civic Holiday. First day of early voting.

### October 26

- Deadline for registering in person or online
- Deadline for receipt of mail registration
- Deadline to apply for absentee ballot or to vote by early mail ballot by mail/online

### October 26 - November 3

- Early Voting Days



## Calendar of Events (cont'd)

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### NOVEMBER 2024

**October 26 – November 3**

- Early Voting Days

**November 4**

- Deadline for early in person voting

**November 5**

- Election Day

**November 5**

- Deadline for postmarking ballot by mail (Must be received by November 12.)

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### DECEMBER 2024



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**December 6**

- Naturalization Ceremony  
Fire Training Center, Pomona

**December 7**

- General Membership Meeting (All are welcome!)  
Look for an email with details as we get closer

## Your Leadership Team

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**To Join:** <https://lwvrocklandcounty.org/join-our-league/>

**To Donate:** <https://lwvrocklandcounty.org/donate-to-the-league/>

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**Website:** <https://lwvrocklandcounty.org/>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/LWVRockland>

## The League of Women Voters: Who We Are

We believe in the power of women to create a more perfect democracy. That's been our vision since 1920, when the League of Women Voters was founded by leaders of the women's suffrage movement. For 100 years, we have been a non-partisan, activist, grassroots organization that believes voters should play a critical role in democracy. The League works to protect and expand voting rights and ensure everyone is represented in our democracy. For more information, and membership information, visit:

**League of Women Voters of Rockland County:**

<https://lwvrocklandcounty.org/>

**League of Women Voters of NY:**

<https://www.lwvny.org/>

**League of Women Voters (National):**

<https://www.lwv.org/>



**Please join us in welcoming the newest RCLWV Members. We look forward to their participation!**

### New Members

Kathryn Cuccia, Miriam Goderich, Pamela Hess, Irene Perella, Michelle Raimondo Braverman, Rose Parris Richter, Eliza Simpson, Eileen Brady Nelson, Suzanne Barclay.

*As a reminder: Be sure to tell your friends, family, and co-workers about the value of being a member of the League of Women Voters!*