



# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TOMPKINS COUNTY

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## WOMEN AND ADDICTIONS

Healthcare Committee:

Women's Health and Well-being series:

**Speaker:** Arpi Hovaguimian, LCSW

**Panel Discussion:**

Helen Kaplan: Alcohol and Drug Council

Lindsay Kolk: Cayuga Addictions Rehabilitation Services

Casey Monahan: Department of Social Services

**Monday, November 16, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

**BorgWarner Room of the Library**

Co-sponsor: American Association of University Women

### **RAISE THE AGE (Concurrence Meeting)**

On December 8th, 7:00 p.m. at Kendal Conference Room A, we will hold a concurrence meeting to address *Raise the Age*. In October we held a program on this topic. Below is a statement from the speaker Carol Mellor.

“Ohio state studied this topic thoroughly and shared their position with our New York State Board of Directors. The Board decided that because of the in depth study completed by Ohio, we did not have to conduct our own study of the issue. Instead, local Leagues throughout New York would be asked to consider concurrence with part of the Ohio's position.”

The concurrence positions we are asked to consider are as follows:

(1) Children under the age of 18 are not adults and their treatment within the juvenile justice

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system and criminal court system should relate to their stage of development.

- (2) Children should not be held in adult jails.
- (3) Rehabilitation is the purpose of the juvenile justice system.
- (4) The legal rights of children should be protected.

On December 8th a brief presentation will be given before we ask you to consider these four points for concurrence. The presentation was developed by the New York State League.

I hope you will come to the meeting and share your thoughts.

Kay Sharp, Prsident

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**WOMEN’S EQUALITY LEGISLATION**

***Governor Announces \$6.4 Million for Sexual Assault Prevention and Assistance Providers***

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo ... signed multiple pieces of legislation designed to protect and further women’s equality in New York State. The new laws will help achieve pay equity, strengthen human trafficking laws and protections for domestic violence victims and end pregnancy discrimination in all workplaces.

The Governor also announced that New York State has allocated a total of \$6.4 million for

Sexual Assault Prevention and Assistance providers across the State. This includes \$4.5 million enacted as part of the Enough is Enough legislative package to support implementation of this new campus sexual assault legislation by providing prevention, as well as \$1 million to be administered by the Department of Health and \$900,000 to be administered by the Office of Victim Services.

“This State has a legacy of leading the way in advancing equal rights – and today, we are making New York a model of equality for women,” said Governor Cuomo. “This comprehensive set of laws will help to ensure that women are supported, protected and given all of the opportunities they deserve in life. Today, New York stands once again as a monument for progress, and a sign of what can be achieved when we come together to do the right thing for women everywhere.”

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**MEMBERSHIP**

More than two-thirds of members sent in their dues before the October 31 deadline. Thank you. Hopefully, the rest of you will renew when sent a second request notice. Perhaps, some of you have misplaced the first membership notice so the second request will help. Please send in your membership dues as soon as possible.

Kay Sharp

**LWV-TC CALENDAR—2015-2016**

*(Tentative dates and programs in italics)*

<b>Nov 16</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>WOMEN AND ADDICTIONS</b>	<b>TCPL</b>
<b>Dec 8</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Concurrence Meeting on RAISE THE AGE</b>	<b>Kendal, Room A</b>
Dec 12	Sat	9:30 am	Board Brunch	Johnson
Jan 4	Mon	7:00 pm	Board Meeting	Old Jail
<b>Jan 25</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT — FOLLOW UP</b>	<b>TCPL</b>
Feb 1	Mon	7:00 pm	Board Meeting	Old Jail
<b>Feb 22</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>VOTING RIGHTS: FEDERAL &amp; STATE LAWS &amp; PROCESSES</b>	<b>TCPL</b>
Mar 7	Mon	7:00 pm	Board Meeting	Old Jail
<b>Mar 19</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Soup &amp; Bread Luncheon</b>	<b>TBA</b>
Apr 4	Mon	7:00 pm	Board Meeting	Old Jail
<b>Apr 25</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE AND PLANNING</b>	<b>TCPL</b>
<b>May 9</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Annual Dinner Meeting</b>	<b>TBA</b>
Jun 6	Mon	7:00 pm	Board Meeting	Old Jail

## VOTER SERVICES

It's almost over for Voter Services for the year. We had a busy season of tablings, interviews and forums. This past month we were asked to monitor 2 candidate forums: City of Ithaca and Town of Caroline. We received many thanks from all candidates.

On Wednesday, November 4, 2015, we will be helping new voters register following a Naturalization Ceremony at the Courthouse. It's always exciting helping new citizens to register. Sign up to help at the next ceremony.

Stay alert for requests to help next season. Since it's a presidential year, we will need extra help with tablings and suggestions as to how we can most effectively get our message out. Feel free to contact us.

Don't forget to 'like us' on Face Book!

Lucia Sciore and Amy Panek  
Co-Vice Presidents, Voter Services

## HISTORY PROJECT

The History Committee will meet with Donna Eschenbrenner at the History Center on Wednesday November 11, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. We will begin our work, sorting and labeling our collected documents. We will start with League publications and training manuals, audio recordings, VCR'S and DVD'S (some produced by Tompkins County League members). We will schedule other work sessions as convenient for Donna and committee members.

If you're interested in joining our efforts please contact Flo Smith @ 273-6147 or [<fbarrthims@gmail.com>](mailto:fbarrthims@gmail.com).

Florence B. Smith, Historian

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