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The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government. The league works to increase and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

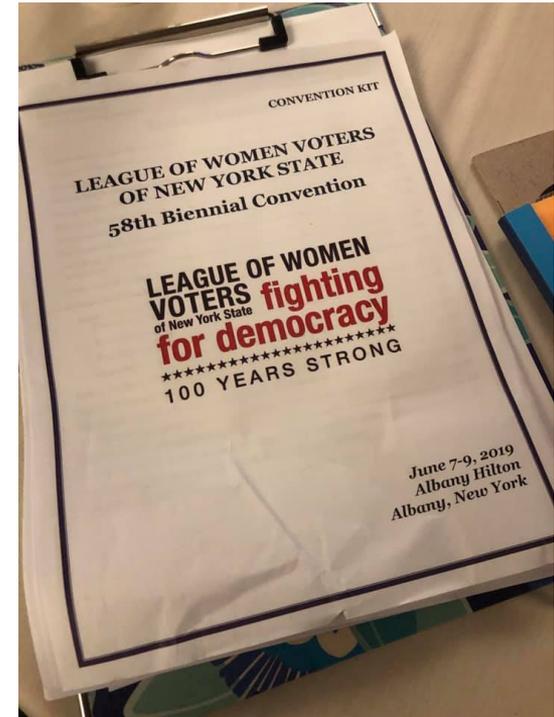
Any person 16 years and older, male or female, may become a League member.

State Conference Recap!

Six members, five who served as delegates, were among the ninety nine participants at the 58th Biennial Convention of the LWW of New York State in Albany, NY on June 7-9 2019. Many of us toured the capital for the first time!

Tompkins County Co-President, Kay Wagner presented a workshop on food waste and food insecurity with Beth Radow, chair of the state committee on Energy, Agriculture, and the Environment, and with Gary Feinland the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.

We were challenged by sessions on how to make the League more diverse, and we hope to create more more alliances for community outreach! If you know of an organization that would like to partner with the League, please reach out to us!



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**Flo, our lovely League Historian,
representing us at the Juneteenth
Celebration at the South Side Community
Center!**

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The board is always looking for more members.



Letter from the Co-Presidents: Kay Wagner and Sally

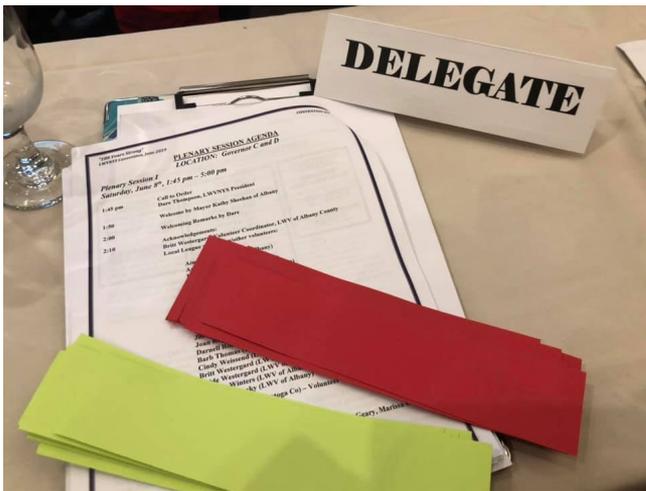
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We are excited to begin working together as co-presidents. But it will be hard to fill Kay Sharp's shoes. All of us will miss Kay a great deal.

For those of you who do not know us, Kay has been the chair of the natural resources committee for several years. She is also on the LWVNY committee on Agriculture, Energy and the Environment, which is chaired by Beth Radow. As co-president she plans to continue her work on issues concerning our environment while also focusing on other League activities.

Sally joined the League after becoming a School Board Member for the Ithaca School District as a result of her interaction with the League at candidate forums. She has been chair and co-chair of voter services and was liaison to the City Federation of Women's Organizations of which we are a legacy member.

Looking to the future, we will be working with our board to increase public awareness of our League and build more connections with members of our local community. Next year will be the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment which gave women the right to vote. It was ratified on August 18, 1920. At that time, the women's suffrage movement, gave birth to our League of Women Voters. So it will be time to celebrate!



We wish you all could have attended the LWVNYS State Convention was held June 7-9, 2019 in Albany. Luckily, the link below has a full recap and many fabulous resources!

<https://my.lww.org/new-york-state/state-conventions-council>

Have you heard of the organization [Generation Citizen](https://generationcitizen.org/)!

They have an amazing mission!

"We envision a country of young people working as active and effective citizens to collectively rebuild our American democracy. GC works to ensure that every student in the US receives an effective action civics education. We do this by directly engaging schools in action civics while simultaneously building the demand for the concept across the country."

Saturday, at the State Conference for the League of Women Voters, we were introduced to this amazing organization.

An talk by DeNora Getachew, Executive Director of Generation Citizen and Lori Campbell, a Sophomore honor roll student at Bedford Academy in Brooklyn was impressive and gave everyone hope for the future.

Please go to their website for more information!
<https://generationcitizen.org/>





In Memory of Bob Silsbee

It is with great sadness but also with a smile and a twinkle in the eye that we remember Bob Silsbee. Bob contributed so much to our League. He edited and sent out our bulletin for many years (a difficult job) and was one of the active members of our Natural Resources Committee. He always brought clarity and interesting ideas to our discussions at meetings of the board and the committee. He cared deeply about both the League and the environmental issues confronting us. He worked hard to help put together our 2010 resolution on drilling and mining for energy resources and the supporting materials we needed to successfully present it at the LWVUS convention. We will never forget the wonderful posters Bob made for many of the Natural Resources programs, which were eye catching and to the point but also frequently done with a touch of humor.

Bob was a serious scientist and go-to problem solver, as well as a devoted teacher of undergraduates and generous advisor for his graduate students in the field of solid state physics. After he retired, Bob took up photography, bringing an artistic touch to his many pictures. In recent years he enjoyed traveling with family and friends and created many memorable slide shows for the main hallway at Kendal.

Bob will be terribly missed.

Natural Resources Bulletin Note

June 2019 by Kay W

LWVTC was a co-sponsor of the Climate Wise Garden Fair on April 27. It was a very successful and popular event with many enthusiastic people in attendance.

There were over 30 exhibitors and speakers and 36 volunteers. 366 people attended the event, 40-70 people attended each of the 5 talks, and 350 trees were given away, with the remaining trees given to the City arborist. 90 people filled out the feedback forms, giving suggestions for next time and hoping that we will indeed do it again. We give special thanks to Monica Roth of Cornell's Cooperative Extension and Sara Hess, one of our LWVTC members, for all of their hard work.

The LWVNY convention is coming up and the state committee on Agriculture, Energy and the Environment, chaired by Beth Radow, will be holding a workshop on food waste. The program will include a talk by a representative from the NYS DEC who will explain the recent legislation concerning reducing food waste and making use of food that is still good. Kay Wagner will give a brief talk on the subject of carbon farming. She will mention the programs our committee co-sponsored last fall and this spring. She will also distribute a list of interesting books on the subject. This list will also be available on the LWVTC website when it is completed.

Our committee will be meeting soon and beginning plans for the coming year. Please think about joining us

While the League is taking a break from meeting this summer, spreading information about all that we do and recruitment never stops!

Do you know someone who is interested in knowing more about the League? Maybe you know a past member who got busy and didn't rejoin us?

The League now has a friendly, portable information kit all about the League. Invite someone over for a lemonade, spread the kit out on the table and have a nice chat. The kit contains information about our programs, committees, the history of the league, our students inside Albany program and more!

Megan Nettleton and Ann Warde would be happy to walk you through the kit, and provide all the support you need

Local League of Women Voters Explains Difference Between Absentee and Early Voting

My name is Mandy Qualls, and I am the Voting Services Chair of the League of Women Voters of Tompkins County. There has been a lot of excitement around the newly passed early voting legislation in New York. We wanted to clarify a few points about early voting and the voting process.

For the early voting period in Tompkins County, any registered voter in Tompkins County may cast a ballot in person between October 26th and November 3rd (early voting will be available for the general election but not for the primary election). You will be able to vote during this time period at either one of two places in Tompkins County:

Town of Ithaca Town Hall, 215 N Tioga Street, Ithaca

Crash Fire Rescue (C.F.R.), 72 Brown Road, Ithaca

Early voting is different from absentee voting. An absentee ballot can be cast by a person who is not able to attend a polling station in person during either the early voting period or on election day. There are certain qualifications you must meet in order to vote by absentee ballot. To view a list of these requirements, go to the Tompkins Board of Elections website at tompkinscountyny.gov/boe.

The League applauds the legislature in opening the opportunity for more people to vote in more convenient ways.

Come join us!!!

What: The Program committee meeting
When: Thursday, July 18, 9am
Where: Ithaca Bakery – Triphammer.

Please join us if you are interested in outreach to the public or would like to work on programs for the coming year.

No appointment needed – JUST SHOW UP! If you can not attend the meeting, please send your program suggestions and feedback to Charlotte Coffman, cwc4@cornell.edu, 607-272-7551.

Tuesday, August 26 is Women's Equality Day.

We hope to partner with other community organizations to offer a variety of activities in support of this important event. Watch your email for details.



Mark your calendars now for the 2019-2020 monthly programs/meetings. Look for updates in upcoming issues of the Bulletin.

September 23, October 28, November 18 in 2019

January 27, February 24, March 21, April 27, and May 9 of 2020

Below are suggested program topics. Let us know what you think! Add a topic from your own wish list.

Census

Climate Change

Entrepreneurial Women

Gerrymandering

History of LWV in Tompkins County (from The History Center Archives)

Lobbying

Marijuana Legalization, Part II.

Public Health

Simplify NYS Court System

Vaccines

VOTE411 is web-based electronic voter guide as a community service for voters and candidates.

Our local League is compiling voter guide information for the June 25th Primary Election and November 5th General Election. This information is part of the League participating in the National VOTE411.

The purpose of VOTE411 is to provide voters with non-partisan voting and election information, and to enable candidates to provide their contact and biographical information and their responses to questions posed so that voters can become more informed. All candidates are contacted directly by U.S. mail and invited to participate. If they choose not to participate or provide information, their name and the office that they are running for will be listed.

<https://www.vote411.org/>

"As the New York State League proudly celebrates its 100th anniversary this year, it is a truly monumental achievement to finally see the passage of early voting, same day voter registration, and primary consolidation in New York State!"



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF
NEW YORK STATE**

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW YORK STATE TURNS 100 ON NOVEMBER 19TH OF 2019

Interested in becoming a league member?

The league would love to have you!

Who can join LWV-TC? Membership is open to all men and women, 16 years or older.

What does membership bring?

Joining the League of Tompkins County automatically enrolls you in the League of Women Voters of New York State and the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Membership includes our Voter newsletter with reports, legislative action, events, news, membership updates, and more. For more information, here is our [Membership Booklet](#).

To join LWV-TC, print and complete the [membership form](#) and return it to

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You will receive a packet from the Membership Chair. If you have problems accessing or printing the form, please contact lwwtompkins@gmail.com

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Important Links

<http://lwvtompkins.org/bulletins.html>
See all of the League's Past Bulletins

<http://lwvtompkins.org/calendar.html>
The League's Calendar of Events

<http://lwv.org/>
The National League Website

<http://www.lwvny.org/>
The State League Website

<http://lwvtompkins.org/stand.html>
Where the Tompkins County League
stands on important issues

[http://www.lwvtompkins.org/program_ar
chive.html](http://www.lwvtompkins.org/program_archive.html)

A link to previous league sponsored
programs which were videotaped.

<http://www.lwvtompkins.org/voting.html>

Find out when the Upcoming Elections
<https://www.elections.ny.gov/>

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Information