President’s Message: We are ending the Newsletter for the summer, as we always do. We will resume in September. But don’t forget about us. We continue to do League work during June, July and August.

We had a great response to our May two-part program on gun control. Fifty five people came to hear a panel which presented the history of gun legislation, gun violence, impact of gun violence on families, and gun suicides. The panel was very informative. I’m sure we will come back to this topic some time given the number of mass gun violence events.

Thank you to the many volunteers who did voter registration tabling at the Ithaca Festival. While we didn’t register any new voters, we were able to let people change their address. It sometimes seems like a waste of time for few transactions, but we are appreciated by many folks who pass our table. One person said, “What would we do without the League of Women Voters”. That kind of encouragement is what keeps us offering voter registration to our community.

We had successful voter registration efforts at Groton High School. We registered 21 new voters. And, four young women want to join the League. We registered 11 new voters at Ithaca High School. Again, teachers thanked us for our work. We will be at Southside “Juneteenth Festival” on June 16. I hope you will volunteer for a few hours of tabling at that affair.

Looking back to June 2017 to this date, I feel that we have accomplished a great deal for our members and the community. I hope you feel that way too. Thank you for your participation and ongoing support.

-Kay Sharp
Annual Meeting
My apologies to you; I forgot to include two items in the Annual Meeting.

The first is the annual audit of the treasurer’s books. Charla M. Hayes audited the financial records from May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018. She found “the records to be in good order and free of any material misstatement of the financial position of the League”.

Second, a change in our Bylaws needs to be made so that they reflect the change made by National League. The revision is in Article III: Membership, Section 2: Types of membership. The first line should read: “Persons at least 16 years of age”. Note that a member does not have to be a citizen, and members no longer need to be 18 years of age.

I assume that you approve of these two items. If you do not, please contact me by June 18th.

Kay Sharp
Where to find the league around town!

Juneteenth Celebration 6/16 at Southside Community Center

The Ithaca farmers market in September

The Apple Harvest Festival in October

Please stop by and say hi!

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Charlotte Coffman, with her daughter and granddaughter helping register new voters at the Ithaca Festival.

How wonderful to see three generations of strong women together!

The Natural Resources Committee met on May 29 and invited members of our local League to come whether or not they wanted to be on our committee. A good-sized and energetic group came to the meeting. Our goal was to think about future areas of interest under the general topic of local land use and to begin the process of planning ahead for a few years.

We shared information on current issues and projects in the county including, among others, the efforts by community members to require a rigorous environmental review before Cargill moves ahead with its plans, Cornell’s project for housing 2000 more students on north campus while planning to use natural gas for heating, the status of the Dryden solar farms, and the good news that both the Maplewood and City Center projects will be using air forced heat exchange systems and no natural gas for heating.

As we looked ahead there were a lot of interesting ideas discussed. We mention here just a few of the many that were discussed. One key idea was to spend some time looking at maps of the county in order to better understand current land use and likely future use. We would like to gain an understanding of the positive and negative impacts on Cayuga Lake and see if we can connect with Leagues in counties surrounding the lake to coordinate on actions and educational programs that should be undertaken. We would also like to learn more about carbon farming, ways to address food insecurity through community gardens, and ways to reduce the use of pesticides and herbicides.

As part of a larger picture it will be valuable to learn about the concrete effects national policies from the EPA and FERC have on local environmental issues. And going beyond Cayuga Lake we want to read the study on the Great Lakes done by the Michigan LWV.

We left our meeting with plans to meet again soon and then to continue our discussions in the fall, asking a few experts to come share their knowledge with us and possibly also going on one or more field trips to see some of the interesting things that are happening in our region.

Kay Wagner, Natural Resource Chair
A report from the Programming Committee

Gun violence is on everyone's mind right now. The League hosted two events this past month to provide useful information and to give the community a chance to talk.

On May 14th, Cinemapolis showed a free screening of the film "Making a Killing: Guns, Greed and the NRA". Following the film, a presentation of New York’s gun regulations was given by Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton’s aide, Mr. Murtagh.

The League wanted to take a more in-depth look at gun issues right here in our community. On Wednesday, May 23rd the league held "Perspectives on Guns:A Conversation." Over 50 people attended, with great conversation and questions for our panel. A huge Thank You to Dr. Robert Spitzer, Leslyn McBean-Clairborne, Micaela Corazon, Dave Henderson, and Kathy Zoner.

After a quick summer break, the league will be back this fall with more informative programs. Please save the dates for September 24th, October 29, and November 14th. Topics and more details will be announced soon!

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 League of Women Voters of Tompkins County 303 Savage Farm Drive Ithaca, NY 14850

We are working on updating our forms with the correct address.

You will receive a packet from the Membership Chair. If you have problems accessing or printing the form, please contact lwvtompkins@gmail.com
"Action is agitating, organizing, educating, pleading, and persuading." -- Carrie Chapman Catt

As individuals, what can members do to advocate?

Tip of the month:
Make sure your family and neighbors are up to date on their registration.

The League works year-round at schools and community events to prepare eligible voters.

Clarity Connect, Inc. continues to host our website, and we are grateful for their generous contribution.

Our League web page, is designed to serve League members as well as the community at large.

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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_archive.html
A link to previous league sponsored programs which were videotaped.

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