President's Message:

Boy summer flew by fast. Hope you had a pleasant break. Now it’s time to get to work. Some of us were been busy over the summer getting community members registered to vote. We hope now people will come out. That would be wonderful for New York State as we typically don’t have very good turnout numbers. But, I remain hopeful.

We plan to go back to the high schools to register young people as part of the State’s “Vote 18” (formerly First Vote) drive. We recently received a request from Dryden High School to come and talk about the importance of young people to participate in civic activities. We hope to give them a brief overview of the League’s function as well.

As part of our desire to engage younger individuals in participation in government and the League, we have waived membership dues for students. We have been to one of the three colleges in the area so far – Cornell. We registered voters as part of the Josh Foxx program in Bailey Hall. We will be at TC3 later this month. And we are contacting Ithaca College. We hope to have student members on the Board again. They have a certain type of vitality that only comes with youth.

We have a great calendar of programs for this year. I hope to see you there. We have transportation arranged again this year. I know some of you don’t drive at night anymore. Please contact a Board member to arrange getting to a program. Their e-mail addresses are in the Newsletter. Please don’t hesitate as we are happy to be of service to our membership. (Continued)
Membership renewal letters will be going out later this month. We hope you will continue your support of the League.

We are arranging several small social gatherings targeted to increase our membership. When you hear of one, please come bringing a friend or relative who would enjoy participating in a strong group of individuals focused on civic engagement.

Here’s to a great year for the League!
See you soon.
Kay Sharp
The League celebrated Women’s Equality Day by registering voters at the Ithaca Farmers Market on August 26th.

Women’s Equality Day commemorates the certification of the Nineteenth Amendment in 1920. Volunteers that day included Connie Stirling-Engman, Diane Kelleher, Mandy Qualls, and Kay Sharp.
Way to go New York State!

In 2017-2018, twenty one of the leagues across New York State reported the following.

Together, we have held approximately 109 voter registration drives where they registered approximately 3,665 voters.

We participated in 123 naturalization ceremonies where the league registered 10,026 new voters.

Additionally, Leagues has been making major strides to engage with more high schools. Leagues visited approximately 28 high schools where they registered 713 new voters. These numbers total to 14,404 voters registered!!

Again, this is incomplete data, based on the Leagues state have not hear from and those who did not track, they estimate the actual total to be over 20,000 voter registrations – that is a HUGE deal!
The Natural Resources Committee by Kay Wagner

The Natural Resources Committee has taken a break from meeting over the summer but we hope to get together again in late September. In the meantime, a lot has been happening locally.

First, there have been ongoing discussions on the subject of “carbon farming”. We hope that many of you would like to learn more about this subject and will come to the program “Farmers Can Help Cool the Planet” on Wednesday, September 26, 7:00-9:00 at the Tompkins County Public Library.

The League of Women Voters of Tompkins County will be a co-sponsor of the event. The speaker will be Dr. Jeffrey Creque from the Marin Carbon Project and the Carbon Cycle Institute in California. He will describe some exciting results of carbon farming methods. There will also be three panelists who will join the discussion and help to answer questions from the audience. We hope to see you there.

An issue that is getting a lot of attention in our community is the North Campus Housing project being proposed by Cornell University. The plan is to house 2,000 additional students and provide supporting services in new buildings on north campus.

The positive side of this proposal is that it will have an impact on our need for additional housing. Unfortunately, the plans presented so far include the use of natural gas for heating and show little beyond standard construction practices in terms of creating good building envelopes that could dramatically reduce the amount of energy needed to heat and cool the buildings. Local planning boards are still reviewing the plans and many residents are speaking up about these issues at public hearings.

As we head into fall our committee will begin meeting again.

If you would like to join us contact Kay Wagner, CMW18@cornell.edu, 607-539-3322.
Voter Services Update

by Mandy Qualls

Voter Services has had a busy summer, and it’s shaping up to be a busy fall. Midterm elections are coming up, and it promises to be a year with stronger-than-usual voter participation.

In June, League volunteers attended the Ithaca Festival to register voters. Volunteers included Kay Sharp, Sheila Stone, Clare Nicholetti, Lucia Sciore, Saoirse McIlory, Larry Hirschberger, Charlotte Coffman, Caroline Chavez, and Mandy Qualls.

We were also invited to attend Juneteenth at the Southside Community Center. Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of African/European slavery in the United States. Volunteers for this event included Kay Sharp, Min Yi, Lucia Sciore, Alice Churchill, and Ann Reichlin.

On August 1st, League members attended a naturalization ceremony at the Courthouse. Our members registered 20 new voters that day!

The League was invited to attend an event at Cornell with John Fox, known for his documentary Gasland. Our President, Kay Sharp, was invited to speak about the League and our work. Kay Sharp was also joined by Sheila Stone, registering voters at the event.

On September 1st, Kay Sharp attended the NY State Fair to help register voters with the NY State League!

Upcoming Events for Voter Services

* Constitution Day at TC3, September 17th

* National Voter Registration Day, September 25th

* Apple Harvest Festival, September 29th and 30th

To volunteer for an open slot, go to https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1JYW7DKAo0tU1exsrwBkqGRMIkT0zgZoiId7Z4DtCl0/edit?usp=sharing or contact Mandy Qualls at mandyqualls@gmail.com.
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

You have mail!
The membership committee is hard at work, preparing to send out the yearly membership drive.

Please keep an eye on your mailbox later this month for a renewal form. This is a great time to update any of your information, as well as sign up to be more involved with the league.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lory Saltzman or Megan Nettleton.
**Upcoming Events**

**Farmers Can Help Cool the Planet**

Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 7:00 to 9:00pm.
Tompkins County Public Library, 101 E Green St, Ithaca, NY 14850, USA

Farmers can offer a significant solution to climate change by reducing greenhouse gas in the atmosphere. Known as "carbon farming", a wide range of methods can affordably pull carbon from the atmosphere and place it productively back into the earth. When done on a global scale, this is one of the most hopeful solutions to global warming that we know about.

Dr. Jeffrey Creque from the Carbon Cycle Institute will describe the exciting results when carbon farming methods are used, including applying compost and rotational grazing. Three local farmers representing different sectors of our agricultural economy will show how carbon farming is beneficial in our climate and conditions.

**Campaign Finance Reform**

Monday, September 24, 7:00pm, Tompkins County Public Library East Room

Speakers:
Laura Bierman, Executive Director, NYS LWV
Jonathan Krasno, Political Science, SUNY Binghamton.

Campaign Finance Reform is a very hot topic. Please join us for an informative discussion, along with information about where the league stands.

**Vote Smart National Tour - Facts Matter**

Monday, October 22, at noon
United Presbyterian Church, 25 Court St, Cortland, NY.

Speaker: Richard Kimball, President of Vote Smart, a national non-partisan organization that maintains records on candidate statements, voting record, donors, etc. [https://votesmart.org/](https://votesmart.org/)

Co-sponsors: League of Women Voters Cortland County, YWCA Cortland and Cortland Women’s Coalition

League members will provide some transport. Bring a brown bag lunch, if you wish.

The League is one of the co-sponsors for this event. We hope to see you there!
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.

Our fantastic webmasters are Michael & Linda Duttweiler.
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The League wants to give you a 👍

Wednesday, October 10th
7-8:30pm
Kendal Conference Room A

Please join us for a quick and easy training on how to work social media.

Megan Nettleton and Mandy Qualls will walk you through how to like the league page, how to access the league event pages, and how to share with your friends and family. This is open to everyone, please bring a friend!
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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_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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