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Action Items



LWVMHR Book Club Meeting

The next book club in Kingston will be on Wednesday, **January 12th**, at 1:45pm, at Enzo's Restaurant, 207 Boices Lane, Kingston.

We are reading Richard Kluger's "THE BITTER WATERS OF MEDICINE CREEK". "Richard Kluger relates the ongoing white conquest of Native America in a book of extraordinary scholarship,

insight, and sensitivity. A vividly told tragic narrative, replete with unfulfilled promises, ethnic cleansing, betrayals, judicial murders, and the sham of treaty making, this is an engrossing

read - and the voice of the losers is omnipresent and eloquent.”

- LEON LITWACK

Moderator Daisy Tyler says, "The Book Club offers its members different types of literature to learn more about the cultures that are part of this American society.

All members are welcome! Come meet other League members and spend a pleasant time with us."

We encourage members to seek out the book selections through the library system or purchase from local book sellers.

Get involved -

County Legislature Observers/League

Liaison - Members, like Karen Holloway in Dutchess County, attend Legislative

meetings and report back to the Board to

keep us updated on the latest. Let us know if you are interested and we'll walk you through lwvmidhudson@gmail.com



LWVMHR programs

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE:

In December, League President Cindy Bell shared her fascinating, first person observations from the UN COP Climate Change conference in Glasgow.

You can access her presentation on



the League You Tube Channel:
[Climate Change COP 2021](#)

On January 11th, at 6:3pm, we have scheduling a deeper look into election security with Mark Lindeman from Verified Voting who can explain vulnerabilities and stop-gaps in the systems of New York State and other parts of the country. Join us virtually on Zoom:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89511767090?
pwd=amVoQUlPc0NnNDlnlneTB1R0djMULLQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89511767090?pwd=amVoQUlPc0NnNDlnlneTB1R0djMULLQT09)

January 20th, at 7pm, we will be offer a virtual program with Ulster County District Attorney David Clegg, to discuss the criminal justice system and bail reform. Join us on Zoom:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83939283154?
pwd=ZE9sQ0lvK3ZIN2N5OE5TRmJ6STlpUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83939283154?pwd=ZE9sQ0lvK3ZIN2N5OE5TRmJ6STlpUT09)

On January 22nd, 10am, we will, once again, offer "Running for Office" to learn more about the efforts it takes to run a successful campaign. You can join us on Zoom:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88135563660?
pwd=Y2hkeC9EQ0x4VHgrSnFTV3U5UDQwdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88135563660?pwd=Y2hkeC9EQ0x4VHgrSnFTV3U5UDQwdz09)

Please send program ideas to Maura at omeara6076@gmail.com

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The Prez says...

Prez Says

January 2022

YOU'RE INVITED!

Welcome to 2022! A toast to you all with wishes for a very happy new year. Our League has once again found it necessary to go virtual with programs, but we do have an excellent slate of interesting topics and guests. All are welcome at these events and members are invited to share this information with anyone that may be interested.



Please join us for a discussion of our local Election Security with Mark Lindeman, election security expert, as he explains the issues and solutions to this fluid topic. Mark has been with us in person in the past and is a knowledgeable resource for information and answers to your questions about what's happening in our area today.

Election Security in Our Region 2022

Time: Jan 11, 2022 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89511767090?pwd=amVoQUlPc0NnNDlnTB1R0djMUlLQT09>

Next up, we will be joined by the Ulster County District Attorney Dave Clegg, as he explains what's new in our criminal justice process and bail reform changes. Even if you are from outside Ulster County, there is a lot to learn about the workings of this important office.

A Current Look at Prosecution in Ulster County

Time: Jan 20, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83939283154?
pwd=ZE9sQ0lvK3ZIN2N5OE5TRmJ6STlpUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83939283154?pwd=ZE9sQ0lvK3ZIN2N5OE5TRmJ6STlpUT09)

Finally, we reprise our Running for Office event. We've been holding this event virtually for the past several years and it is a perennial favorite for those interested in the process of standing for elective office throughout the Mid-Hudson Region. Speakers include new and long-term office holders and Board of Elections Commissioners. Find out what it takes to run a successful campaign for local, county or statewide office.

Running for Office 2022

Time: Jan 22, 2022 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88135563660?
pwd=Y2hkeC9EQ0x4VHgrSnFTV3U5UDQwdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88135563660?pwd=Y2hkeC9EQ0x4VHgrSnFTV3U5UDQwdz09)

Special thanks to our Program Director and Vice President, Maura O'Meara for all the care and consideration she takes to make sure our League stays true to its mission to educate and support engagement of citizens in government. We're looking forward to seeing you on Zoom.

Please email lwvmidhudson@gmail.com for more information or if you need assistance with Zoom attendance.

In League,
Cindy Bell

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Press Release from NYS League of Women Voters

Groups Criticize the Independent Redistricting Commission's Failure to Approve a Single Set of Maps

The League of Women Voters, Citizens Union, and Reinvent Albany have submitted a letter to the New York State Independent Redistricting Commission criticizing the Commission for failing to approve a single set of redistricting maps for submission to the Legislature. The League previously encouraged the Commission to release a single set of maps on November 23 in a joint letter with Citizens Union, Reinvent Albany, Common Cause New York, and NYPIRG.

“The intended purpose of the IRC was to create an alternative to having district maps drawn by an incumbent, partisan legislature,” stated Laura Ladd Bierman, Executive Director, League of Women Voters of New York State. “Thousands of New Yorkers have participated in the redistricting process, and they deserve a result that respects the State Constitutional amendment adopted by voters in 2014. The failure of the Commission to collaborate on and approve a single set of maps constitutes an abdication of the Commission’s

responsibilities, confuses the redistricting process and places the interests of New York State voters in fair representation at risk.”



DID YOU KNOW...

We have an archive of videos done by our local LWV Mid-Hudson on YouTube? You can access them [here](#).

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Environmental Impact

January 20th, 4:30-5:30,
Climate Change Discussion
LWV Members may be
interested in this opportunity

hosted by the publication
Chronogram:



New York’s Climate Leadership and Protection Act (CLCPA), passed in 2019, is one of the most ambitious climate laws in the world. It requires New York to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 40 percent by 2030 and no less than 85 percent by 2050. To get there, epochal shifts will need to happen across industries. On a practical level: What is it going to take actually to weatherize all those buildings? How are we going to get all that solar built? How can we ensure that underserved communities participate in the scoping of the CLCPA and benefit from its climate justice provisions?

Join us for a virtual event celebrating the launch of the latest issue of the Clean Power Guide and a look at the practical implications of implementing the CLCPA.

Moderated by Lissa Harris, Staff Writer for The River Newsroom; with Melissa Everett of Sustainable Hudson Valley, Ryan Hawthorne of Central Hudson, Sameer Ranade of NYSERDA, and Luis Aguirre-Torres of the City of Ithaca.

Register for this event at:

[Eventbrite](#)

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Editor's Note:

We want you to know that we welcome your feedback with regard to anything you read in this newsletter, or items that you would like to see. We're here for you and would like to hear from you. Contact lwvmidhudson@gmail.com. Thanks.

Also note: this and previous issues of our newsletter are available for viewing on our website lwvmidhudson.org.

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