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**Action Items**

**Be Involved with  
Your Local League!**

MEETING DATES &  
ZOOM LINKS- JUNE  
2022- some events in  
person!!



**June 2nd, 4-6pm  
Annual Meeting at  
Locust Grove Estate,  
Poughkeepsie**

Please bring \$ for annual dues! Looking forward to seeing  
everyone in person!

**June 9th, 7pm  
Bitcoin, Cryptocurrency and Blockchain- Promise or Peril?**

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86316568529?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86316568529?pwd=V0R0WEJ3bHdxeXZ2TE8vZFRRSmx1dz09)

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Meeting ID: 863 1656 8529

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**June 15th, 1:45pm  
League Book Club  
Enzo's in Kingston**

**June 15th, 7pm  
Program Committee Meeting**

Join Zoom Meeting [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86082868603?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86082868603?pwd=dkNqbHF5SVNyOU95a1FheFRVOUdqUT09)

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June 16th, 7pm

**LWVMHR Board Meeting**

Join Zoom Meeting

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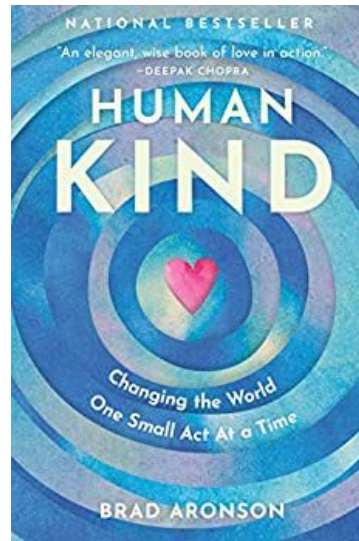
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June 24th, noon

**Southern Tier LWV Mid-Hudson Membership Meeting** (all League members welcome)

[Silk Factory Cafe](#), Newburgh



### **LWVMHR Book Club Meeting**

From Daisy Tyler:

The Book Club met, in person for the first time, on 5/11/22. Some members couldn't make it but they are still active on the list.

We chose a book by Rutger Bregman: "Humankind: A Hopeful History".

Members can read the book in its entirety or choose chapters interesting to them for discussion.

Our next meeting will be on June 15th in Kingston at

[Enzo's](#) at 1:45pm.

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

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**Bitcoin,  
Cryptocurrency and  
Blockchain- Promise  
or Peril?**

June 9th  
7pm



Join us for this virtual presentation, by Irene Weiser, about the environmental impacts associated with cryptocurrency. "The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that natural resources should be managed as interrelated parts of life-supporting ecosystems. Resources should be conserved and protected to assure their future

availability. Pollution of these resources should be controlled in order to preserve the physical, chemical and biological integrity of ecosystems and to protect public health.” Learn why the use of cryptocurrency runs counter to our stand.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Passcode: 240506



### Annual Meeting

Thursday, June 2nd

4pm-6pm

[RSVP requested](#)

Join us at the beautiful historic site [Locust Grove Estate](#) in Poughkeepsie  
2683 South Road

Our meeting will begin, promptly, at 4pm with a personal tour of the historic garden. That will be followed by refreshments on the back porch of the Visitors Center. We will visit and conduct the important business for our local League. Please bring your annual dues for renewal and questions about how you can become more active in this especially important year!

Guests interested in joining the League are welcome. RSVP requested. Carpooling is encouraged. [midhudsonlww@gmail.com](mailto:midhudsonlww@gmail.com)

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### The Prez says...

Prez Says  
May/June 2022

April was a busy month! Our program on the State of Mental Health in the Mid-Hudson Valley was well appreciated, both by those who attended and others that asked to see the recording. April is also the month Earth Day takes place and we had LWVMHR tables at two events. Many attendees are already registered to vote still stopped by to connect, ask questions or find out more about our upcoming event-



"Bitcoin, Cryptocurrency & Blockchain, Promise or Peril".  
Every day is Earth Day for our League!

As most of you know, redistricting has been a huge problem, both for voters and candidates. [Click here](#) for the LWVNYS press release about the lawsuit that's been brought to change this year's primaries to a single day in August, rather than one in June and another in August, for statewide offices. This is due to the late redrawing of lines, a process that continues as I write this.

School board elections have also been active this year and our few moderators covered seven in-person events! We use these opportunities to raise a few dollars for our League and this money will come in very handy, as we have done few fundraisers of late.

In this final year of my second term as president, I've been reflecting on my last four years of leadership. I'm so grateful for the support of our board, who have kept us going through thick and thin (a lot of thick!). I've been honored to serve this amazing organization and will carry forward new skills, new friends, and a new perspective. I applaud each and every one of our members for their ongoing support because, as I never tire of saying, the League is a grassroots organization and our greatest strength is our membership.

Please renew your membership today or at our Annual Meeting at Locust Grove on June 2nd at 4:00pm. The event will be outdoors with a garden tour and refreshments on the covered patio. Masks are welcome though not required at this time. Apparently, we're not out of the woods with the pandemic yet. Please join us for this special event. Guests interested in our work are welcome.

This year, resolve to attend a program or two, join a committee or sit for a shift at a Voter Registration table. You'll be glad you did!

In League,

Cynthia (Cindy) Bell

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## News Items

**Climate Change  
Threats to  
Democratic  
Elections:  
Preparing for the**



deliberately exclusionary electoral regime for statewide offices designed to limit further competition in the primary and from independent candidates in the general election. Our suit requests the Court to order the postponement of the statewide primary from June 28 to August 23, 2022 - the same date as State Senate and Congressional primaries -- and extend the deadline for gathering signatures for both the party primaries and independent candidates seeking to qualify for the general election.”

The League of Women Voters of New York State, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. See Complaint filed with the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York at <https://lwvny.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Complaint.pdf> and related Memorandum of Law at <https://lwvny.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Memorandum-of-Law.pdf>

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**The League of Women Voters of  
the Mid-Hudson has a NEW Email  
Address!**



Our new email address is:  
[midhudsonlwv@gmail.com](mailto:midhudsonlwv@gmail.com)

Drop us a line or two - we'd love to hear from you!

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### **Ulster County Naturalization Ceremony**

On May 13th, the Ulster County Clerk's Office advised us that 19 new citizens attended the Naturalization Ceremony and were provided with the new League of Women Voters bags, filled with valuable information on first time voting. Because of COVID the ceremony was private, but the Clerk believes the League will be invited to the next one! Special thanks to Daisy Tyler for the update!



**DID YOU KNOW...**

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

You can see the final **New York State Redistricting Maps** at:



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## Environmental Impact

Environmental  
Impact  
June 2022

### VOTING IN A TIME OF CLIMATE CHANGE

There are worldwide challenges to the voting process - war, massive hunger and lack of government support.



That all happens elsewhere- but what is happening right now, here in the United States? Natural events have become commonplace and will become more of a factor going forward. So what do we do about citizen displacement because of wildfires or flooding? What happens when the power goes out?

These questions must be addressed by our local election officials, as well as state and national lawmakers. Many are already working on the problem. For example, there are plans in place, in the western US, for front-line fire and emergency personnel who cannot be home in order to vote and people whose homes are uninhabitable or simply destroyed. Online resources are favored, though they present their own set of challenges.

The primary solution is to 'prepare, prepare, prepare' and have a plan of action ready. As League members, you can lobby your officials to have a proposal for the 'what-ifs'. Vulnerable populations, such as people with disabilities and the elderly, need specific attention in order to protect their right to vote. A Master Plan NOW can have a huge impact later.

Ask your local BOE officials what their plans are and press your state and national elected representatives for their ideas and actions. They should be aware of current and future vulnerabilities in the current system and have a game plan ready.

It's time to take the blinders off and get ready for whatever may happen. We can make a difference!

Cindy Bell

\*Photo- LWVMidHudson Member Christine Hunter at the Esopus Earth Day Event

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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 [midhudsonlww@gmail.com](mailto:midhudsonlww@gmail.com). Thanks.  
Next Newsletter deadline is June 24th.

Also note: this and previous issues of our newsletter are available for viewing on our website [lvvmidhudson.org](http://lvvmidhudson.org).

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