



Newsletter July 2022

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Action Items

Be Involved with Your Local League!

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

July 13, 6:30pm

**"What's Happening
with Elections?" with Ulster County Commssioners**

Join Zoom Meeting



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July 15, noon

Southern Tier LWV Mid-Hudson Membership Meeting (all

League members welcome)

[Silk Factory Cafe](#), Newburgh

July 20, 1:45pm

LWVMHR Book Club Meeting at [Enzo's](#) in Kingston

July 21, 5pm

LWVMHR Board Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

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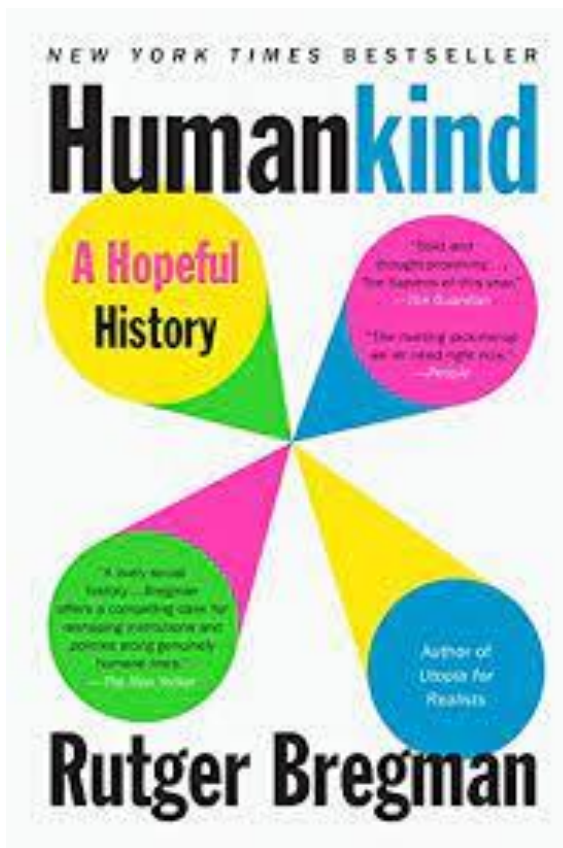
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LWVMHR Book Club Meeting

From Daisy Tyler:

Our latest Book Club reunion was on June 15th at Enzo's Restaurant. We discussed the book "Humankind: A Hopeful History" by the Dutch writer Rutger Bregman. Is humanity



evil or good, are we irrevocable lost in wars and conflict? These are some of the questions that the author brings to the reader. Borrowing from studies in anthropology, sociology, psychology and other sciences, Bregman methodically investigates the old entrenched ideas about man's behavior. This book is so interesting that we have decided to continue discussing it in our next session on Wednesday July

20th at 1:45pm in Kingston at [Enzo's](#)

We would like to invite all members to participate in our book club, come and spend a pleasant time getting to know new members and exchange ideas. WE promise that you'll have a great time.

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

What's Happening With Elections?

This is an extraordinary Election Year! With challenges to New York State redistricting and



candidates having multiple primaries many people are confused and have questions. Join us as we talk with Ulster County Board of Elections Commissioners Ashley Dittus (D) and John Quigley(R) about

the changes and how we move forward providing information to other voters.

Wednesday, July 13th, 6:30pm

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The Prez says...

Prez Said

July 2022

With the LWVUS Convention right

around the corner and our Annual Meeting right behind us, I have been spending some time looking over my past four years at the helm of this august group and remembering the time when our board meetings were full of fun, laughter and tasty snacks around the Merrill Lynch conference table. We were able to get so much done! Our membership was galvanized around supporting our local governments, the voters and each other. Programs like "Fake News", "RBG" and "Wasted" (about food waste) brought both members and the public together.



Then the pandemic stopped everyone in their tracks and we had to learn brand new ways to function as an organization and as a board unit. The State and National Leagues were a great help in getting us back on track but all the work happened right here. Getting together in smaller groups was a stop/start conversation, as surges happened, but if our recent Southern Tier group is any indication, we are on our way toward a better way to achieve a stronger organization. We are geographically separated, but as one in our pursuit of positive change through our League work.

I want to thank our departing board members for all their efforts over the past few years and let them know how deeply grateful I am for their presence during those difficult times.

Karen Holloway—I thank you for making our League a credible presence in Dutchess, which we had not enjoyed for some time. Your analytical mind and outspoken ways were always appreciated, and I hope you continue to be part of the League's work in your new home. They will be lucky to have you.

Sally Colclough—You practically single-handedly kept the Saugerties League going for years and are still a force that area citizens count on. Every time I called for assistance with an event or activity you always said yes. You can count on me to continue to be there for you, as you did for me.

Kate Hymes—Voter Service will never be the same! Your volunteer system and excellent trainings transformed our process forever, and for that, I will always appreciate you, your intelligence, your kindness and that wonderful smile. You will always have a home in our League and a place in my heart.

Margaret Sellers—I remember your frequent refrain at board meetings being “we should do a fundraiser”. You’re right, Margaret. Thanks to you and Vic for being generous hosts for our gatherings, a steady presence in local governmental affairs, and remembering that we must always be responsible for sustaining our fiscal health. I will strive to carry on your legacy and your refrain.

I have great optimism for the future of our League under the amazing leadership of Dare Thompson, who never met a problem she couldn’t handle and who propped me up on many an occasion with solutions and pep talks.

Welcome, welcome to our newest board members, Louise Reavis and Ann Toner (both from Orange County) and a hearty thanks to our continuing members for sticking with us!

As you may know, I’ll still be on our board. Maybe having a little more fun without the weight of the world on my shoulders, and always willing to do what is necessary to keep this League moving forward!

Thanks for the memories. It has been my honor.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia (Cindy) Bell

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News Items

Annual Meeting Election News!

Here's the latest slate of your elected Board Members (All officer and director terms are for two years):

(We have indicated each person's town and county.)

Officers:

President: Dare Thompson (Marlboro, Ulster)

2nd Vice President: Jennifer Clark (Poughkeepsie, Dutchess)

Treasurer: Dorothy Winrow (Kingston, Ulster)

Continuing until 2023:

1st Vice President: Maura O'Meara (New Paltz, Ulster),

Secretary: Emilie Hauser (Kingston, Ulster)

Directors:

Cynthia Bell (Ruby, Ulster)

Louise Reavis (Monroe, Ulster)

Ann Toner (Middletown, Orange)

Continuing until 2023: Sheba Abraham (Beacon, Dutchess),

Cynthia Lanzetta

(Marlboro, Ulster), Mary (Peg) Nau (Saugerties, Ulster), Daisy Tyler



(Kingston, Ulster)

2022-23 Nominating Committee:

Pat Lamanna (Hyde Park, Dutchess)

Jean McGarry (Ruby, Ulster)

Kathy OConnor (Tivoli, Dutchess)

Two board members will be added at a summer board meeting.

The above slate was presented by the 2021-22 Nominating Committee consisting of Pat Lamanna, Jean McGarry, and Dorothy Winrow. Thank you all!



KUDOS TO...

Fellow LWVMHR member Nora Sherer received the 2022 Distinguished Friend of Education Award from The Ulster County School

Boards Association. Nora has been successfully coordinating our Students Inside Albany program for several challenging years, is a school board member, former teacher and tireless advocate for young people. Well deserved, Nora!

Many thanks to the folks who hosted the League's booth at the Harambee-Juneteenth Celebration, on June 18th, in Kingston. Pictured are Rashida Tyler & Daisy



Tyler.



LWVNYS 2022 Council Report

This year's
Council meeting
took place virtually

on June 7th and lasted just over an hour. The State League has Council meetings every other year in non-convention years. This one was packed with information and so worth the time. Here is a brief outline of the Council activities:

The Budget- normally, I would begin to yawn as soon as I hear the word, but it turns out that learning about the budget is really just a different view of the year's activities. I'll never look at a budget the same way again. The budget was explained, questions answered, and the vote to accept was unanimous.

Committee reports highlights:

- Issues with Voter Guides this year due to redistricting delays. Revised Part 1 will be available in July and Part 2 will be available as usual in August or September.

- Empty Chair policies will remain as in the past, with no events permitted with a single candidate running for an office. There are issues with candidate participation and so the policy was reviewed.

- Facts and figures regarding candidate events, voter registration and GOTV efforts were reported with excellent numbers.

Reporting is critical to measure our results.

- The two lawsuits filed recently regarding multiple primaries we denied at the state and federal level, with appeals to appellate courts active in both. Cost of conducting primaries (funded only locally) and summertime voter interest were cited. The federal

judge stated that the case was worth bringing.

- There is a 10-day limit on voter registration rather than the current 25 was passed which is viewed as a negative for voters.
- The Voting Rights Act of NYS was passed
- Crypto mining Moratorium is not guaranteed, as the Governor may not sign.
- DEI efforts this year have affected positive changes and are ongoing.
- Youth Committee reported that more young people are talking about civics and a Seal of Civics Preparedness is being considered.

Membership numbers have dropped significantly this year (-9%), though a new MAL (Member-at-Large- new League provisional status) has been formed and welcomed in Great Neck with 23 active members.

Finally, [LWVNYS](#) has secured two grants of significance. Local Leagues can apply and efforts to reach other communities will be highlighted. Data collection with results will be required for these grants.

This event was interesting and chock full of information. The next Council meeting will take place in 2024 and I encourage one and all to attend- it's a great way to find out what is happening on the state level with ways to inspire and encourage local Leagues' members.

Cindy Bell

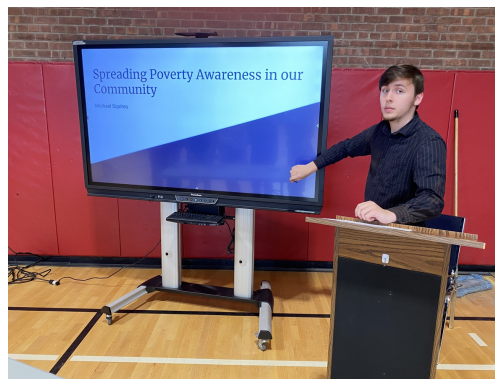


Tr-Valley Central School District Civics & Social Justice Class

Capstone Project Showcase

On June 9th, League Members

Marylin Jones & Cindy Lanzetta attended the presentations made by the students who had participated in an innovative Civics & Social Justice Class for high school students at Tri-Valley Central School in Grahamsville. League Members Sheba Abraham & Cindy Lanzetta had spoken to the class, earlier in the year, about the work the League of Women Voters does. Our League was excited to make this connection with the teachers and students. The presentations were done in a "Gallery Walk" format. Not only did the students study issues, they had to do a project to address the concern and then explain the entire project to the public and fellow students. It was a remarkable day and one that left League members very hopeful for the future!



UN Update
by Sheba Abraham

**Invisible in Afghanistan and Forgotten by
the International Community?**



Before the Ukrainian war began on February 24, 2022, there was Afghanistan. I do not know if the Biden Administration is still concerned with the issues that are plaguing the once vibrant country, since the major focus is Ukraine. When the Ukrainian war started with Russia, there was no mention of the women or girls

of Afghanistan, in this horrible turmoil! Have they disappeared or been silenced to the point they are afraid to speak out? In Afghanistan, where the Taliban have taken over, a decree was issued for the women to cover themselves. The women now have no fundamental rights, and women must fight for a place in a society that was built, in part, by them. I hope this does not happen to other women and girls in other war-torn countries, and they aren't forgotten, as the women in Afghanistan seem to be. For information on this topic, please visit: [Invisible in Afghanistan and Forgotten by the International Community?](#)

OAXACA WEEK
IN POUGHKEEPSIE
JULY 29 - AUGUST 5, 2022

A Celebration of Mexican Textiles, Art, Crafts, and Food at various locations in the City of Poughkeepsie.

El Hilo Cultural, painting by Isabel Velasco Gómez

SAVE THE DATES!

- Textiles at the Trolley Barn, 489 Main Street: July 30 - August 5, afternoons
- Art at MASS Design Group, 289 Main Street: July 30 - August 5, afternoons
- Craft Workshops at Fall Kill Creative Works, 635 Main Street: TBA
- Displays & Programs at Adriaance Memorial Library, 93 Market Street: TBA
- Oaxacan Lunch at La Cabañita, 763 Main Street: August 4, 12 pm
- La Guelaguetza at Waryas Park, Main Street: August 14

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www.poklib.org

Sponsored by Oaxaca y sus Culturas Hermanas del Mundo, Poughkeepsie-Oaxaca Friendship Committee, and the Poughkeepsie Public Library District

Member Ellie Charwat asked us to invite League Members to check out this interesting week of [Celebration in Poughkeepsie, July 29-Aug 5th.](#)

DID YOU KNOW...If you didn't attend



our last program "**Bitcoin, Cryptocurrency and Blockchain-Promise or Peril?**" you can watch the excellent presentation on YouTube?

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** [here](#)

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Environmental Impact

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So what is Hydrogen Power?



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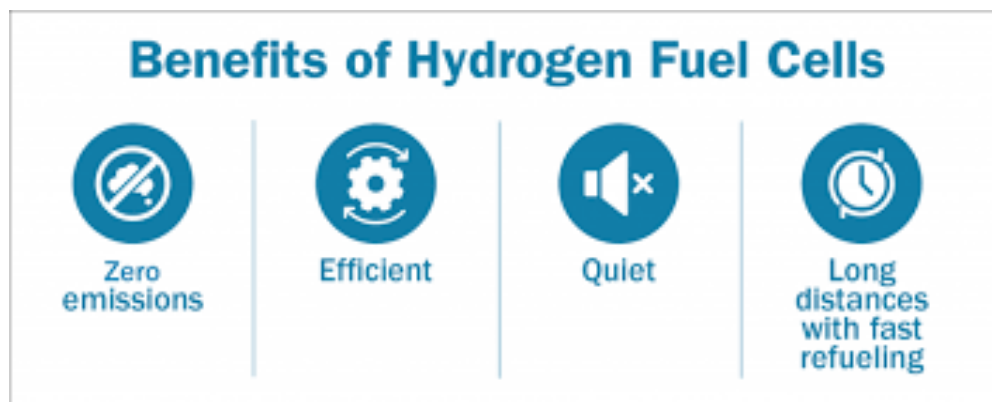
Hydrogen power is generated by an electro-chemical process using only hydrogen and oxygen, producing zero-emissions electricity. The by-product of burning hydrogen is... water. Green Hydrogen is made using renewables and Blue Hydrogen is generated using fossil fuels such as natural gas, nuclear power or biomass. Green Hydrogen is created using only renewable energy, such as wind turbines or

solar.

It is being considered, and in some cases used in some large engine vehicles-- as in aviation, boats and ships, rail, municipal buses or very large trucks. What makes this type of power practical and useable right now is that current diesel engines can be retrofitted to use it. Liquid hydrogen can be transported much like the current gasoline in tank trucks.

The downside is supply. At this point, lack of infrastructure is the biggest issue. These facilities take a long time to build and require a large capital investment. It is happening, though. Western states have several in process or in planning already-- and there are a few others, including more than one here in New York State. At the UN Climate Summit last fall, I actually heard New York referred to as one of the first mover countries because of its forward-looking environmental policies.

By Cindy Bell



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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 midhudsonlwv@gmail.com. Thanks.
Next Newsletter deadline is June 24th.

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