



Newsletter August 2022

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**Action Items**

**Get the most out of  
a Membership and  
Be Involved with  
Your Local League!**

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



August 3, 2022

**LWVMHR Membership Committee Meeting**

11:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84829835056?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84829835056?pwd=NnNscFBwNnpDQUM2ekFrQXJsdTFMQT09)

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Meeting ID: 848 2983 5056

Passcode: 076432

August 4, 2022

**Northern Dutchess Member Meetup**

2 pm.

[Taste Budd's Cafe](#), 40 W. Market St, Red Hook.

August 4, 2022

**Planning Mtg for Voter Services Activities**

6:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84614653579>

Meeting ID: 846 1465 3579

August 10, 2022

**Voter Service Training LWV MidHudson**

7:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81318379842>

Meeting ID: 813 1837 9842

August 11, 2022

**Western Tier Member Meetup**

5pm

[Main Course](#), 175 Main St., New Paltz

**August 13-21,2022**

**EARLY VOTING**

throughout your County - various times. Check your Board of Elections!

August 17,2022

**Voter Services Training LWV MidHudson #2 option**

7:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85229634211>

Meeting ID: 852 2963 4211

August 18, 2022

**LWVMHR BOARD Mtg**

7:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83392563109?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83392563109?pwd=ZXh4RWVhdjlrVjMvRWVhbnRkSkNScHBQdz09)

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Meeting ID: 833 9256 3109

Passcode: 386986

**August 23, 2022**

**VOTE!**

At your regular polling place, 6am-9pm

August 25, 2022

**Mid-Hudson Member Meetup**

5pm

[Gateway Diner](#), 3579 Rt.9W, Highland

August 26, 2022

**Southern Tier Member Meetup**

Noon

[Silk Factory](#), 299 Washington St., Newburgh

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**LWVMHR Book Club  
Meeting**

From Daisy Tyler:



In July we discussed Rutgers Bregman book: Humankind: A Hopeful History.

Are human beings born flawed? Is it in our nature to do evil to others? Why have humans conquered their environment and created larger and complicated societies while at the same time having the ability to destroy it? Bregman's answer is that most people are decent. Homo Sapiens developed the ability to work together... well all that is fabulous, you would tell yourself, but how about our society right now?

We are not together, on the contrary, we have become cynics and discontented.

If you want to know the answers to these questions, you must read the book. It's in your local library and I have a copy if you want to borrow it.

Our next meeting is in September and we have change the day. It'll be on Mondays. The future date will be announced. If there are difficulties with the day, please let me know.

All League members are welcome to come and participate. Guests are welcome. We promise that you don't have to take a test, and further, you don't have to finish all the book in order to participate in the discussions. We do promise, that you'll have a great time and a savory lunch at [Enzo's](#).

The book to read for the September session is : "THE LEGEND of FIRE HORSE WOMEN" by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston.

“ In Hiroshima, Japan,1902, a women born under the portentous Fire Horse Sign is married by proxy into the wealthy Matsubara

family and sent to join her new husband in a new world....America “ This book is her story. I am sure you’ll find it intriguing and a good summer reading.

WE’LL SEE YOU ALL IN SEPTEMBER!!!!

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



### **Voter Services**

We are re-building our Voter Services Corps and hope you can consider supporting this vital work so critical to the LWV mission of voter engagement. Before you

represent the LWV at community events, we ask that you join us for a brief training session. There are TWO upcoming Zoom training opportunities for new and returning volunteers to become familiar with the forms and process for registering voters, answering voter questions about election participation and understanding the LWV Voters materials we offer to the general public. You will only need to attend one, as they are repetitive:

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For strategy planning which includes: building a calendar of events. logistics of organizing volunteer teams, distribution of materials across three counties, collaborating with other organizations, please also consider joining the **Planning Meeting for Voters Service Activity**. This meeting will not train volunteers but invites participants to bring ideas about what venues/festivals/organizations [both in-person or virtual] would benefit from non-partisan voter education. If you cannot attend this meeting but have ideas, you can email Maura Omeara with suggestions/questions about where we should be [omeara6076@gmail.com](mailto:omeara6076@gmail.com).

Time: **Aug 4**, 2022 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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### **Regional Meetup Groups**

Meet up with your fellow LWV Mid-Hudson members in the Northern Dutchess Area.

When? Thursday **August 4th, 2 pm**. Where?

[Taste Budd's Cafe](#), 40 W. Market St, Red Hook. Let's talk about elections and issues, and possible constructive action. Contact Kathy OConnor to let her know you'll be there. 845-757-2247. [oconnor.kraye@gmail.com](mailto:oconnor.kraye@gmail.com).

How about a Meet up on the Western tier, convenient to the Thruway? On **August 11th, 5pm**, at the [Main Course](#), 175 Main St. in New Paltz, we could have noshes and interesting discussion. Dare Thompson, our President, will facilitate and can be reached at 845-236-3074. [darethompson@gmail.com](mailto:darethompson@gmail.com)

Doesn't work for you? How about a Mid-Hudson Meet up on **August 25th, 5pm**, at the [Gateway Diner](#), 3579 Rt. 9W, in Highland? Contact Dare Thompson with any questions 845-236-3074. [darethompson@gmail.com](mailto:darethompson@gmail.com)

If the Southern Tier of Ulster or Dutchess County, as well as Orange County, is more your stomping grounds, please consider joining our Meet up on **August 26th, noon**, at the [Silk Factory](#), 299 Washington Ave., in Newburgh. You can contact Cindy Lanzetta, 845-236-7288 or [packback56@yahoo.com](mailto:packback56@yahoo.com) to learn more.

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### **The Prez says ...**

Prez says ...

It is an honor and a challenge to be the newish president of the lively Mid Hudson Region League. It is a particular honor to follow the dedicated and energetic past president, Cindy Bell, who has done so much to keep this League strong during such a difficult time for citizens and their various governmental bodies. How blessed we are that she will not be resting on her laurels but continuing to serve on the board as an active member of the membership and voter services teams and also as a fierce environmentalist. Brava, Cindy! and thank you!



I say I am a newish president because I have served in this

position before and have never really stopped being involved, most recently as treasurer. Fortunately a former excellent LWVMHR treasurer, Dorothy Winrow, has agreed to fill out my treasurer's term, and many other capable and experienced board members will be continuing to serve. Fresh perspectives are being provided by Kathie Beinkafner, a geologist and one of our region's solid waste experts. And now that Orange County is in our League's service area, two Orange members, Louise Reavis and Ann Toner, have come aboard to help us strengthen the League presence in their county. We are in good hands!

But being the president of a THREE-county League is also a major challenge, so we are "dividing and conquering" to make this sprawling League more personal and accessible for all of us. We've divvied up our membership into 5-6 reasonably fluid regions with a pair of members coordinating each one

You'll see in this newsletter and in other announcements to come that over the next few weeks there will be opportunities for you to attend gatherings in Red Hook, Highland, Newburgh, Poughkeepsie, Kingston, and the Saugerties/Woodstock area to name a few spots. Any of you are welcome at any of these meetings but they are designed to allow for more nearby, in-person opportunities to get to know one another after, too long, being trapped in Zoom squares.

If you'd like to help host, or know of a great spot to use (not too noisy, flexible seating, available snacks), speak up!

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And watch in this newsletter and future ones for opportunities to have a positive impact on the upcoming elections and the resulting legislative bodies. The small group meetings offer a chance to come up with strategies for your area. I know that



helping our challenged democracy is a priority for so many of us right now, so let's get going.

Dare Thompson, President

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## News Items

### Wow! Watch Us Grow!

We have been glad to see many individuals and households join our League since early 2021, and we share their names here. They're from all corners of our three-county service area - even a bit beyond. As life is opening up more, let's get to know each other better. Watch for informal gatherings near you.



A welcome to new members since February 2021:

Sarah Anderson-Lock, Ancram (Columbia Co.)

Stuart Auchincloss, Woodstock

Erin Binford, Pleasant Valley

Barbara Jean Briskey, Hurley

Susan Campbell, Saugerties

Fay Casatuta, Wappingers Falls

Ann Citron, Tillson

Penny Coleman, Kingston

Emma DiValentino, New Paltz

Erna DuPuis, Wappingers Falls  
Julie Fajgenbaum, Millerton  
Johanna Fallert, Poughkeepsie  
Amanda Fitzgerald, Fishkill  
Ramona Fradon, Woodstock  
Laura Freeman, Beacon  
Malvina Holloway, Poughkeepsie  
March Gallagher, Rosendale  
Kevin Gardiner, Pawling  
Cynthia Glass, Hurley  
Susan Goldberg, Woodstock  
Constance Gustke, Rhinebeck  
Terry Hockler, Beacon  
Cristin Hughes, Wappingers Falls  
Angela Janecke, Woodstock  
Marylin Jones, Grahamsville (Sullivan Co.)  
Dori Kaplan, Hopewell Junction  
Sara Kowalski, Poughkeepsie  
Alex Kupfer, Poughkeepsie  
Holly Lutz, Stone Ridge  
Gerda Maissel, Pleasant Valley  
Deborah Marr, Accord  
Richard Mattocks, Hyde Park  
Carol Nolan, New Paltz

Diane Perea and Steve Haimovitz, Beacon  
Neil Rindlaub, Gardiner  
Karen Robblee, Poughkeepsie  
Lauren Ruberg, Saugerties  
Zara St. Croix, Poughkeepsie

And we want to give a BIG WELCOME to our new ORANGE COUNTY members (we will list next month)!



## **Election News**

**AUGUST 23RD  
SIMPLIFIED**

by Kathy OConnor

### **Battle of the Titans**

August 23rd

County Executive Marc Molinaro (R, Dutchess) and County Executive Pat Ryan (D, Ulster) will go toe-to-toe to succeed Antonio Delgado as Congressman for New York's 19th Congressional District. The winner will take office immediately and will serve in that position for the remainder of the calendar year. The winner's county will be governed by the next in command for that period.

### **Other August 23rd Elections**

#### Primary for New State Senate Districts

In Ulster, Orange and Dutchess Counties, the three served by the LWV Mid-Hudson Region, four state senate districts cross our borders. Three of these four have no primaries; the candidates for the November election are known. The only one that does involve a primary is the Republican one for SD-51 which touches upon the western portion of Ulster County.

#### Primaries for New Congressional Districts

CD-17 has primaries for multiple parties. This district touches

only two and a half towns at the bottom of Dutchess, and then proceeds to lower counties.

CD-18 has a primary for the Democratic candidate for the November ballot.

CD-19 also has a primary for the Democratic candidate on the November ballot. You can see a video of these two candidates [here](#)

## **Do Your Research**

Know what your new Congressional District is, and your new State Senate District? Go to [this page](#) on the NYS Board of Elections site, and they will confirm that you are registered to vote and which districts pertain to you. Do your own research on your candidates' backgrounds and positions.

This is a wild election year. Let us help you figure it out.  
[lwvmidhudson.org](http://lwvmidhudson.org) Hotline: (845) 340-2003

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DID YOU KNOW...If you didn't attend our last program "[What's Up With the Elections?!](#)" 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 2022 Redistricting Maps [HERE](#).

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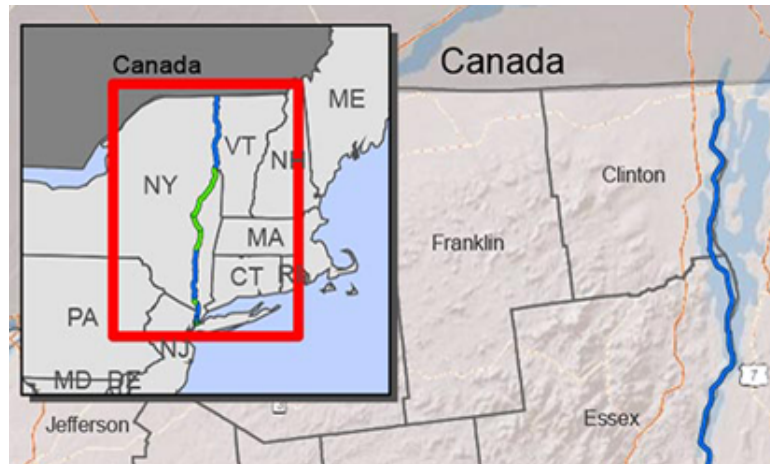
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## Environmental Impact

by Guest Writer &  
League Board  
Member- Kathie  
Beinkafner

**Hudson  
Champlain  
Power Express  
approved by  
NYPublic Service Commission**



The Hudson Champlain Power Express (CHPE) project has been proposed by people and corporations not based in New York State. Hydro-Quebec generates power from waterfalls, so it is considered “clean and renewable.” The project involves laying an electrical transmission line down Lake Champlain, through the Champlain Canal and through the Hudson River, the Harlem River reaching a converter station in Astoria, a distance of 339 miles from Canada to New York City.

The proponents of this project claim the following benefits:

(1) Dependable, all season source of baseload, renewable, clean hydropower that will provide near term contribution toward phasing out existing fossil fuel burning power plants, currently producing 90% of New York City’s total electricity.

(2) Affordable power that will lower electricity generation costs

throughout the state by over \$17 billion over the first 25 years of operation.

(3) \$189 million in environmental and community benefits across New York State.

(4) 37 million metric tons of carbon emissions reduction statewide over the first ten years of the project, the equivalent of taking over half a million cars off of New York's roads.

(5) CHPE will contribute 28% to achieving New York City's greenhouse gas reduction target by 2030, a decrease in harmful air pollutants equivalent to shuttering 15 of 16 peaker plants [those plants that fire up to supply electricity during peak use times].

(6) \$14 billion in tax revenue for communities throughout New York State over 25 years.

Sounds too good to be true. Here are some other facts the project does not tell us about.

The power corporation wants tax breaks from the counties that the cable will run through.

The power line is to be laid in a 7-foot deep trench in the sediments of the lake, canal, and rivers. To excavate the trench and lay the cable, they will be disturbing sediments in the Hudson River. The most important environmental issue is that between 1947 and 1977, General Electric dumped an estimated 1.3 million pounds of p PCBs [polychlorinated biphenyls] into the Hudson River. The source of the PCB discharges was two GE capacitor manufacturing plants located in Fort Edward and Hudson Falls, New York, about 50 miles north of Albany. These oily chemicals have been entrained in sediments and never totally cleaned up.

If the power company tries to make this trench in the river sediments, it is very possible the PCBs could be released into the

stream flow and make their way into public water supplies.

PCBs are a class of chemicals used in transformers, those big black tanks you see up on electrical poles along the road. The oily substance is toxic and used in electrical products. PCB chemicals were banned in the U.S. in 1979 because these chemicals harm human and environmental health. Studies of PCBs in humans have found increased rates of melanomas, liver cancer, gall bladder cancer, biliary tract cancer, gastrointestinal tract cancer, and brain cancer, and may be linked to breast cancer.

The important environmental impact that has, apparently, not been addressed by any SEQRA study is that PCBs have been transported downriver and entrained in river bottom sediments. There are seven communities in the Mid-Hudson region which get their drinking water from the Hudson River. These towns, villages and one city are joined as a group known as the Hudson 7, including Village and Town of Rhinebeck, City and Town of Poughkeepsie, and Towns of Hyde Park, Lloyd, and Esopus. The group is seeking cooperation with the project to test chemical contaminants in Mid-Hudson River sediments before the trench is dug as well as during and after disturbance of the sediments from the “jet plowing” of the trench. Both PFAS [per- and polyfluoroalkyl] substances and PCB chemicals are considered “forever” chemicals because they do not degrade in the environment.

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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 August 22nd.

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

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