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MAY 2016

League of Women Voters  
of Greenwich

Annual Meeting  
and Dinner

Wednesday, June 1

Riverside Yacht Club  
102 Club Road • Riverside, CT

*“Foreign Policy and  
National Security:  
A Journey from the  
U.S. Treasury to the  
White House to the  
United Nations”*

Keynote Speaker:

**Hagar Hajar  
Chemali**

former Communications  
Director for the U.S.  
Ambassador to the United  
Nations and now CEO of  
Greenwich Media Strategies

Presentation of the Mary  
Award to Cyndy Anderson

5:30 – Annual Meeting  
6:30 – Reception (cash bar)  
7:30 – Dinner and Keynote  
Speaker

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## From the Steering Committee

The Greenwich League had several important programs that were well-attended by League and other community members. In January, a Cocktails and Conversations meeting introduced the recently-nominated Town Administrator, Ben Branyan. Later in the month, the RTM Study Committee presented its report to the LWVG board. The report and the Concurrence Statement were unanimously approved by the board.

The League also was pleased to co-sponsor, with the Greenwich Alliance for Education and others, the screening of the film *Most Likely to Succeed* followed by a discussion. At the Program Planning meeting held in mid-February, members proposed an update of the Affordable Housing position. Mary Ellen LeBien and Diane Fox have agreed to co-chair the restudy. A first organizational meeting was held in early March.

A well-attended program, *Who Elected the Donors*, was held on March 1 at the Cole Auditorium, co-sponsored with the library and neighborhood associations. Michael Waldman of the Brennan Center, Karen Hobart Flynn of Common Cause and Representative Livvy Floren discussed the role of money in politics.

Finally, on March 22, the RTM Study Committee presented the study report and the concurrence to 54 League members and 2 guests. The discussion was lively, but at the end of the meeting, all 13 planks of the concurrence were

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## The League of Women Voters of Greenwich

*invites you to...*

**“Cocktails and Conversation”  
Winning Political Campaigns  
Including CT’s 4th District in 2008**

**with Dan Kully  
Award-winning Media Consultant**

Dan Kully has nearly 20 years of experience advising high profile candidates, ballot measure campaigns, non-profit organizations and corporations throughout the US and abroad. He’s helped elect dozens of Senators, Members of Congress, Governors, and Mayors. His ad “Creating a Buzz” is regarded as one of the most successful ads ever. As part of his talk, Dan will share and discuss some of his ads.

**Wednesday, May 4 • 5:30-7:00 pm**

Innis Arden Golf Club • 120 Tomac Avenue, Old Greenwich, CT 06870

**Cash Bar/Guests of Members Welcome**

**RSVP: [juliefaryniarz@gmail.com](mailto:juliefaryniarz@gmail.com)**

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## From the Steering Committee, continued...

overwhelmingly approved. The RTM position is now part of the LWVG advocacy agenda. Cyndy Anderson has agreed to be in charge of the action on this new position, and she welcomes your participation.

As part of the League's central mission, we again registered new voters at Greenwich High School in March. The drive was scheduled early by the Registrars to allow the newly-registered students to vote in the Presidential Preference Primary on April 26. Registrations at private schools in the area will also be held. These efforts are important for getting young people involved in the processes of democracy.

Our League is vibrant and continues to attract new members who value our organization's voter education activities and our study and advocacy of important issues. We hope you will all join us at our Annual meeting and dinner which will be held at Riverside Yacht Club on June 1. Our speaker will be Hagar Hajjar Chemali, and the title of her presentation is *Foreign Policy and National Security: A Journey from the U.S. Treasury to the White House to the United Nations*.

We thank all the wonderful volunteers who have made this such a productive year.

Best wishes from the Steering Committee,  
Caroline Adkins, Cyndy Anderson and Jara Burnett

## Annual Dinner Speaker

We hope to see you all at LWVG's Annual Meeting and Dinner on June 1st at the Riverside Yacht Club. Our featured speaker will be Hagar Hajjar Chemali. Ms. Chemali was born and raised in Greenwich and is a 1999 graduate of Greenwich Academy. She attended Barnard College and is a graduate of the School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University.

Ms. Chemali has had a fascinating career in government, which includes work on Terrorism and Financial Intelligence for the U.S. Department of the Treasury and three years working on the National Security Council in the White House, where she was the Specialist for Middle East Affairs. Ms. Chemali is the former Communications Director and Spokesperson for U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, Samantha Power, and is now CEO of Greenwich Media Strategies.

## Access Greenwich

In an effort to promote greater access to Town departments, the Town is now offering a service called Access Greenwich, a tool for residents to submit service requests online and through a free mobile application. This service allows residents to submit issues through a web portal or with their smart phones, attach photos, and track the progress of their requests.

With a long-term plan of extending this service to other Town departments, it is currently in use by the Department of Parks and Recreation; residents are able to report issues at Town parks, playgrounds, trees, athletic fields and other areas.

To submit a Parks and Recreation request online, visit [www.accessgreenwich.org](http://www.accessgreenwich.org). To submit a request through the mobile app, search the Apple App Store or Google Play for Access Greenwich and download the app to your mobile device.



## *Cyndy Anderson to receive 'Mary Award'*

The League of Women Voters of Greenwich is pleased to announce that its highest honor, the Mary Award, will be presented to Cyndy Anderson in recognition for her many years of service to the Greenwich League and to the community. Ms. Anderson will receive the award on Wednesday evening, June 1st, at the League of Women Voters Annual Dinner at the Riverside Yacht Club.

Cyndy was President of the League of Women Voters of Greenwich for three years and continued in her leadership position by being a member of the Steering Committee for another three years. Under her leadership, the Greenwich League grew in membership to become the fifth largest League in the United States. Her spirit, energy and commitment helped the League become an active and vital force in the community. She has overseen all aspects of the organization from developing wonderful voter education programs to continuing our sponsorship of candidates' debates for public office to becoming a partner in encouraging good governance in the Town of Greenwich. Under her leadership, the League developed and completed a study on the functions of the Representative Town Meeting. Recommendations from this study will be a part of the League's advocacy and educational efforts for the coming years.

Perhaps of most importance to the League was Cyndy's unique ability to introduce the League to a new generation of people, to help them understand and participate in the League's main mission, to encourage every citizen to actively participate in this wonderful democracy of ours. Cyndy has truly helped the League renew, develop, and revitalize as it moves to a celebration of its 95th Anniversary in October of 2016.

In addition to her contributions to the League, Cyndy has also been actively involved in many other aspects of community life in Greenwich. She has been a winner of the Spirit of Greenwich Award from the YWCA in 2015. She has also played major leadership roles in the First Congregational Church of Greenwich, the Riverside Yacht Club, Greenwich Academy, Greenwich Public Schools and Williams College, her Alma Mater.

The Mary Award is named for Mary Lou Woods and Mary Sullivan, two long-term members of the League who were highly visible in their work for the League and the broader community. The League of Women Voters of Greenwich is proud to add the Mary Award to Cyndy Anderson's long list of accomplishments and contributions to the League and our community.

## *Program Planning*

Our Annual Program Planning Meeting was held February 17, 2016. During that meeting, we reviewed our Active Local positions, which include our Affordable Housing position and our position on Water: Long Island Sound, Drinking Water Supply and Protection.

We heard from Mary Ellen LeBien, our Housing Specialist, who described her work on the Housing Task Force which was created as a result of the Town's Ten Year Plan for Conservation and Development. She said the Task Force was successful in obtaining some zoning changes that would allow work force housing to be included in some business zone locations. Incentives for developers were also approved.

Mary Ellen suggested that we needed to include the terms *subsidized*, *affordable*, *moderate* and *senior housing* in our Affordable Housing statement. After much discussion a motion was made and approved to include these terms in our position.

Another motion was made about the need to update our Affordable Housing position with a new study since our original position was formulated in 1982. The new study was unanimously approved and a preliminary group was formed to review all our housing definitions. The committee includes Mary Ellen Le Bien, Maryann Ramos, and Anne Malleta, with advice to be sought from Diane Fox.

It was also decided at this meeting that our priorities for the coming year would continue to be Getting Out the Vote and implementing the results of our RTM Study.

## Past & Future 2016 Programs

### January 14:

The Program Committee kicked off calendar 2016 with a successful *Cocktails and Conversation* with **Benjamin Branyan**, Town of Greenwich Administrator, at The Belle Haven Club. Mr. Branyan spoke to members and guests about his experience in municipal government and answered questions about the key administrative challenges facing the Town, the budget, traffic and who decides on policy questions. His answer: the elected officials decide on the policies, and he implements them.

Mr. Branyan responded to another audience question about his top priorities, stating that both he and Mr. Tesei have customer service as a primary goal. Mr. Branyan hit a home run for the LWVG in the customer service category at this event!

### February 2:

Nearly 500 people gathered at the Greenwich High School Performing Arts Center to watch a free community screening of the Sundance documentary *Most Likely to Succeed*. The LWVG hosted this event with the Greenwich Alliance for Education, Greenwich Leadership Partners and GHS Innovation Lab.

The film features two students attending High Tech High located in San Diego, California and inspires viewers with a sense of purpose and possibility and brings school communities together in re-imagining what learning for the 21st century can be. The screening was followed by a interactive audience discussion with parents and educators actively innovating in our local communities.

### March 13:

Approximately 150 attended a *Cocktails and Conversation* with LWVG member, **Andy Duus**, at the Riverside Yacht Club. Titled Connecticut *Budget 102*, his presentation addressed Connecticut's increasing financial challenges and shared some thoughts on what might be done.

This was the fourth in a series of Connecticut budget-related presentations sponsored by the LWVG over the past 18 months, following *Connecticut Budget 101* with LWVG member, **Nancy Cooper**, the discussion with **Denise Nappier** (Treasurer of the State of Connecticut) and the discussion with **Kevin Lembo** (Controller of the State of Connecticut).

### Coming up on May 4:

*Cocktails and Conversation* with **Dan Kully**, award-winning Media Consultant. See front page for details.

*Be sure to check your email or snail-mail box for notices about all our upcoming programs!*

## Reel Sunday 5/15 with LWV Wilton



Join the LWV Wilton for *Reel Sunday*, featuring the film *Suffragette*, at the Wilton Library, Sunday afternoon, May 15, from 3:00-5:30. Details will be available soon at [wiltonlww.org](http://wiltonlww.org).

*Suffragette* is a drama that tracks the story of the foot soldiers of the early feminist movement, women who were forced underground to pursue a dangerous game of cat and mouse with an increasingly brutal State. These women were not primarily from the genteel educated classes, they were working women who had seen peaceful protest achieve nothing. Radicalized and turning to violence as the only route to change, they were willing to lose everything in their fight for equality — their jobs, their homes, their children and their lives. Maud was one such foot soldier. The story of her fight for dignity is as gripping and visceral as any thriller, it is also heart-breaking and inspirational.

*Suffragette* takes place in early 20th-century Britain, focusing on working wife and mother Maud Watt's (Carey Mulligan) engagement with the suffragette movement, and how her involvement changes her life forever. While political activist Emmeline Pankhurst (Meryl Streep), does not dominate the screen, Ms. Pankhurst's role in galvanizing working-women in Britain to fight for equality and the right to vote is quite apparent. In the film, Ms. Watts joins a diverse group of women fighting for their rights as the dangers increase, risking their jobs, homes, families and lives.

# Proposed Program Position Changes to be voted on at the Annual Meeting

In advance of the Annual Meeting, we would like to inform you of the following proposed affirmations and amendments to our Program Positions which were presented to the Members at the Program Planning Meeting and approved by that group:

## Active Positions:

### Affordable Housing

#### RTM

### Water: Long Island Sound and Drinking Water Supply and Protection

A motion was made and approved to include additional terms in our Affordable Housing position. The revised position with additional terms (in **bold**) is stated below:

**Affordable Housing** (Amended from 1982 Town Plan of Development position) Greenwich has long been home to people from many different backgrounds and walks of life. In order to retain this historically diverse population, the town should encourage **subsidized, affordable, moderate, senior** and mixed-income housing wherever possible and make town-owned land available for affordable housing where this is in keeping with other goals. The League believes that our community is best served when a variety of residential types and densities are available and when there are housing opportunities for people of low and moderate incomes.

If you have any questions, please contact Cyndy Anderson at 203-637-1079 or tyander.aol.com.

## June 1, 2016 - ANNUAL MEETING OF LWVG AND LWVGEF

I authorize the Secretary of the Board to cast my vote as follows:

1. To elect the Slate as submitted by the Nominating Committee.

FOR:                       AGAINST:                       ABSTAIN:

1A. To elect the Slate as amended by any changes approved by the membership.

FOR:                       AGAINST:                       ABSTAIN:

2. To vote for the Budget as submitted by the Budget Committee.

FOR:                       AGAINST:                       ABSTAIN:

2A. To vote for the Budget as amended by any changes approved by the membership.

FOR:                       AGAINST:                       ABSTAIN:

3. To vote for the Proposed Program Position Changes.

FOR:                       AGAINST:                       ABSTAIN:

4. For any other matters that may come before the membership.

FOR:                       AGAINST:                       ABSTAIN:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting, the Proxy form to the right may be used.*

*Please mail to:*

**LWVG (PROXY)  
P.O. Box 604  
Greenwich, CT 06836**

THANK YOU to our Donors.  
Your contributions help us to continue our  
educational and advocacy work.

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## League of Women Voters of Greenwich 2016-2017 Slate of Officers & Directors

Biographies of persons to be elected this year (in bold type) begin at  
right and continue on pages 9 and 10.

### OFFICERS

<b>Steering Committee</b>	<b>Caroline Adkins</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>
	<b>Jara Burnett</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>
	<b>Liz van Caloen</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>
Vice President, Advocacy	Maryann Ramos	2015-2017
<b>Co-Vice Presidents, Program</b>	<b>Julie Faryniarz</b>	<b>2016-2017*</b>
	<b>Jill Oberlander</b>	<b>2016-2017*</b>
Co-Vice Presidents, Voter Services	Jara Burnett	2015-2017
	Joanne Stavrou	2015-2017
Secretary	Caroline Adkins	2015-2017
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Hillary McGuire</b>	<b>2016-2017*</b>

### DIRECTORS

Membership	OPEN	2016-2018
<b>Development</b>	<b>Anne Maletta</b>	<b>2016-2017*</b>
<b>Communications</b>	<b>Liz van Caloen</b>	<b>2016-2018</b>
<i>Greenwich Voter</i> Editor	Marla Laney	2015-2017
Webmaster/Constant Contact	Elise Hingson	2015-2017
Events Coordinator	Mary Ann Henry	2015-2017
<b>Directors-at-Large</b>	Nancy Cooper Duus	2015-2017
	<b>Louisa Green</b>	<b>2016-2018</b>
	Deirdre Kamlani	2015-2017
	<b>Sheila Mehta</b>	<b>2016-2018</b>
<b>Nominating Co-Chairs</b>	<b>Nancy Duffy</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>
	<b>Mary Ann Henry</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>

Nominating Committee:

Open (2 Board Members chosen after Annual Meeting)  
Open

We welcome nominations for the open positions "from the floor by any  
voting member, provided the consent of the nominee shall have been  
secured." (Bylaws, Article VIII, Sec. 2).

Respectfully submitted,

The Nominating Committee

Sue McCalley, Chair

Nancy Duffy, Mary Ann Henry and Alice Melly

\*These board members have extended their terms by one year.

# Who's Who on the 2016-2017 Slate



**Caroline Adkins**  
**Steering Committee, 2016-2017**

Caroline is a psychologist with a doctoral degree from Columbia University and is a Professor Emeritus from Hunter College, City University of New York, where she was Director of Graduate Programs in Counseling. Currently she is Vice President of the Institute for Life Coping Skills. She is the Mental Health Specialist for the State League and has served as Chair of the Greenwich League's Public Health Committee. Caroline has been a Board member of Greenwich's Adult and Continuing Education Programs and has served on the Public Policy Committee of the YWCA. She also has served on the Board of Trustees of the Round Hill Community Church in Greenwich.



**Jara Burnett**  
**Steering Committee, 2016-2017**

Born in Prague, Jara came to the U.S. via France and Canada. She attended Czech and French schools, receiving a Baccalaureate in Modern Languages and Philosophy from the College de Nice, France. Jara received a Certificate from the Harvard Radcliffe Graduate Program in Business Administration. Other studies include participation in Masters Programs in Juvenile Justice and Government Administration at the University of New Haven. Jara became a U.S. citizen and League member in 1964 and has worked as a community volunteer since then. She has served in various capacities on state and local League boards: currently as VP-Voter Services and President, 1980-82. Jara was elected to the League state board in 1982 and served in numerous capacities including VP-Public Issues and Voter Services Chair and served as President from 2005-2010. Current League positions include serving on the LWVG Steering Committee and a co-VP-Voter Services. As a Director of the LWVCT, Jara serves as League Services and Debate Coordinator. Other community activities include past service as director of Greenwich Adult Day Care, President of the Riverside Association and past board member of The Youth Shelter. She has also served two terms on the RTM and five terms on the Board of Estimate and Taxation. Jara is married with three grown children and a retired husband. Other activities include sports, travel, reading and music.



**Nancy Aborn Duffy**  
**Nominating Co-Chair, 2016-2017**

Nancy is a 35-year resident of Greenwich. She earned a degree in education from Boston University, where she is currently on the Dean's Advisory Board of the College of General Studies. After college, Nancy taught for five years in the Arlington, MA Public Schools before moving to Greenwich in 1980 with her husband, Ken. She served as President of Greenwich Newcomers and has been an active community volunteer on the Boards of the YWCA, Brunswick School and Greenwich Academy Parents Association. Currently, Nancy is a docent at the Bruce Museum and Vice-President of the Round Hill Association. Nancy and Ken are the parents of three adult

children who live and work in the New York area. Leisure time is enjoyed pursuing travel, exercise, art and politics. Introduced to the League at a young age by her mother who was active in the organization for over 50 years, Nancy is delighted to be a member of the LWVG Board.



**Julie Faryniarz**  
**Co-Vice President-Program, 2016-2017**

Julie grew up in Omaha, NE, and graduated University of Vermont 1986. She has three children: Andrew, who works in Boston, Katie, who just completed her sophomore year at University of Wisconsin, and Robbie, who recently completed his freshman year at Indiana University. Her husband Danny works for Optimity Advisors. Julie's family moved to Riverside in 1998 just in time for her oldest to start kindergarten at Riverside School. She began volunteering there as a class parent, joined the PTA Executive Board shortly after that and was Riverside School PTA President from 2004-2006. Julie joined the Greenwich PTA Council Board as a Vice President and was PTA Council President from 2007-2009. In 2006, she began volunteering for the Greenwich Alliance for Education and helped start the Tuning In To Music program. Julie became Executive Director of the Greenwich Alliance for Education in 2009. Julie also works as a Sales Representative for W by Worth Clothing. In her leisure time, Julie enjoys needlepointing, walking her dog, baking cookies and spending time with her family.



**Louisa Greene**  
**Director-at-Large, 2016-2018**

Louisa has a passion for three things: her extended family, her career as the Director of Development and Marketing at the Avon Theatre Film Center in Stamford, CT, and her volunteer work for Mount Holyoke College, the Greenwich Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Perrot Memorial Library, the Junior League of Greenwich, Christ Church Greenwich and several other charities. Louisa graduated from Mount Holyoke College with a B.A. in art history and earned her Masters degree in Social Work from Columbia University. Louisa has lived in Old Greenwich for over 25 years and has been a development and marketing professional for numerous non-profits, including the Perrot Memorial Library Assn., the YMCA of Greenwich, the Essex Library, the Episcopal Diocese of CT, and the Avon Theatre Film Center, a member supported non-profit independent cinema in downtown Stamford. She is married to Warren K. Greene, president of American Investors and a long-time Greenwich volunteer. She is the proud mother and grandmother of an extended family, including Andrew, Charlotte, and Warren, Jr.



**Mary Ann Henry**  
**Nominating Co-Chair, 2016-2017**

Mary Ann Henry is a passionate volunteer who operates on a results-oriented commitment to her numerous charitable organizations. She has held many leadership roles in Greenwich including LWVG, YWCA Greenwich

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## 2016-2017 Slate, continued

(focused on Domestic Abuse Services), The Red Cross, and The Avon Theatre in Stamford. She was a recipient of the YWCA Spirit of Greenwich Award in 2014. Additionally, she created *The Magazine for Greenwich Hospital* – a year-long product used for all their events instead of a one-night Journal. Mary Ann is proud to be in charge of the LWVG Annual Meeting/Dinner, the Holiday Party and the celebration of the League's 95th Anniversary in October, 2017.



**Anne Maletta**  
**Director–Development, 2016-2017**

A native of Washington, DC, Anne graduated from Mt. Holyoke College, then attended Business School at the University of Chicago. She completed a Master of Science in Historic Preservation at Columbia University. Between

Mt. Holyoke and the University of Chicago, she worked as a Washington representative to the independent oil marketers at the height of the oil crisis and helped with the formation of a federal energy department, all at the height of Watergate. She became involved in grass roots efforts on a national level when working for farm and heavy duty equipment manufacturers while finishing her MBA. She firmly believes that every vote counts and that our plebiscite needs clear, concise, plain-language assistance when voting...something no longer available through classic, unbiased channels of communication such as television news programs or newspapers. A widow, she has three grown children and two Clumber spaniels. She has lived in Greenwich and Rowayton for 30 years.



**Hillary McGuire**  
**Treasurer, 2016-2017**

Hillary, a CPA and graduate of Lafayette College with a degree in economics, has lived in Greenwich since 1987. Since leaving the accounting field professionally, she has enjoyed volunteering her time to her children's schools

and town organizations, such as the PTA, Parents Together, and Greenwich Adult Day Care, often serving in the capacity of treasurer. In 2003, Hillary started a business specializing in college application preparation and consultation. Enjoying her work with students and families, Hillary volunteers as an adult mentor and SAT tutor with Let's Get Ready, assisting underserved students who are often the first in their families to go to college. Hillary and her husband, Jim, live in Riverside and have two grown children who live and work in Manhattan and Greenwich. She enjoys needlepoint, tennis, paddle and golf, and is currently learning Bridge. Hillary has been LWVG Treasurer for the past four years.



**Sheila Mehta**  
**Director-at-Large, 2016-2018**

Sheila is relatively new to Southern Connecticut having moved here from Los Angeles about three years ago, and still loves the novelty of four seasons. She is a market insights professional with experience working with the

consumer packaged goods; healthcare/pharmaceutical and media and entertainment industries, including television networks such as The CW, Starz and Comedy Central. Prior to moving to the U.S. in 2004, she was a Policy and Criminal Intelligence Analyst for the Australian Government. In addition to a Bachelor of Economics, she has Post-Graduate Diplomas in Information Technology and Marketing, and has recently completed a course in Public Relations at NYU. She has lived in four countries on three continents and currently lives with her partner Eric, at Shippan Point, Stamford. When they are not working on renovating their house and garden, they travel the world as often as possible.



**Jill Oberlander**  
**Co-Vice President–Program, 2016-2017**

Jill Oberlander is a lawyer whose career focused on government and public service. She has experience working on transportation and economic development issues at the NYS Metropolitan Transportation Authority, private

law firms, and with a NYC based business improvement district. She is a strong supporter of public education and ethics in government. Jill was elected to the Greenwich Board of Estimate and Taxation in 2015, and previously served six years on the Greenwich RTM. She also devotes many volunteer hours to community service as a Director of a New York elder care not-for-profit, as Trustee of her neighborhood association, and with the parent association for her children's schools. This will be Jill's second year as co-Vice President–Program for the LWVG. Jill lives in the Belle Haven section of Greenwich with her husband, Larry, and three children.



**Liz van Caloen**  
**Steering Committee, 2016-2018**  
**Director–Communications, 2016-2018**

A longtime Riverside resident, Liz van Caloen recently moved to Stamford. She is a graduate of Colby College, where she majored in Asian studies. Following graduate study at

Princeton, she went to Wall Street, joining Nomura Securities and earning an MBA from NYU. In 1987, Liz joined asset manager Scudder, Stevens and Clark as an investment analyst in their Tokyo office. Four years later, she returned to New York to head up Scudder's Japan Fund. In the mid-90s, Liz's duties expanded to include Pacific Basin/Asia funds. This brought a great deal of travel, from Mumbai to Seoul to Sydney. After Scudder was bought by Deutsche Asset Management, Liz was named Managing Director of that organization. She appeared frequently on television and radio, and was interviewed in *Fortune*, *BusinessWeek*, *Bloomberg* and *The Wall Street Journal*, among others. Now retired, Liz still enjoys travel; she and husband Herve' van Caloen have visited many countries. Liz's grown daughters Caroline and Jennifer live in Brooklyn; stepson Charles works in London.

## LWVG 2016-2017 Budget Committee Report

Dear Members:

The Budget Committee is pleased to present the cash budgets for the League and Educational Funds for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. In accordance with our financial goals, each budget reflects a level of cash sufficient to support the activities of the upcoming year and two years beyond. Please review the statements and direct any questions you may have to a budget committee member.

**The League Fund** supports the activities that fall within the League's status as a 501(c) 4 organization, primarily those related to membership and lobbying. As such, dues and contributions to the League are not tax deductible. Your membership dues allow the Greenwich League to publish *The Greenwich Voter* newsletter, hold the holiday and new member parties, fund lobbying expenses, maintain the website, pay operating expenses, and satisfy the bulk of a local League's obligation to support activities at the state and national levels. For the upcoming year, we project a stable level of membership and plan to continue member services and traditional celebrations. In 2017, the League celebrates its 95th anniversary, and we hope you'll join us for a special party that is currently in the works. Note that, although the rate that determines the Greenwich League's obligation to the national organization remains the same for 2017, the amount is so significant that it is increasingly important to maintain membership levels and collect dues on a timely basis.

**The Educational Fund** is a 501(c) 3 organization; monies in this fund support activities that are educational in nature and donations to the fund are tax deductible. Through your generous support of our annual appeals, the Greenwich League presents its series of monthly programs, holds candidate debates, runs voter registration drives, conducts studies of interest to our community, holds a legislative picnic, and creates publications such as the nonpartisan *Voter's Guide* to annual elections and this year's *How to Run for Greenwich Elective and Appointive Offices*. For the past several years, publishing the *Voter's Guide* and mailing it to every household in Greenwich was a major focus of the fund; last year we distributed the guide through the *Greenwich Time*, the *Greenwich Sentinel* and on our website. In 2017, we are committing additional funds to programs as we plan to bring in a greater number of expert speakers and panels to discuss topics of interest to members. We hope this generates interest and increased membership in the organization.

Once again, thank you for your support of the Greenwich League. We look forward to seeing you at our Annual Meeting and Dinner.

Sincerely,

LWVG Budget Committee  
Tina Lindstet, Chair

Hillary McGuire, Anne Maletta, Elizabeth van Caloen, Jara Burnett

	7/1/15-3/31/16	2016 Budget	Difference	Proposed 2017 Budget
<b>Cash Inflows</b>				
Annual Dinner (net):		500	(500)	300
95th Anniversary (net)				0
League Contributions	960	400	560	450
Membership Dues	11,092	16,000	(4,908)	16,000
Interest Inc	3		3	4
<b>Total Cash Inflow</b>	<b>12,055</b>	<b>16,900</b>	<b>(4,845)</b>	<b>16,754</b>
<b>Cash Outflows</b>				
Advocacy:				
Local Lobbying		25	25	
National Lobbying				
State Lobbying		50	50	
Supplies, Copying				25
Total Advocacy		75	75	25
Membership:				
Holiday Party	353	350	(3)	365
Misc. Supplies		50	50	
Renewal Drive	137	250	113	150
New Member Party		150	150	150
Total Membership	490	800	310	665
Operations:				
Fin. Sup. LWVCT PMP	3,531	4,710	1,179	4,991
Fin. Sup. LWVUS PMP	5,139	6,852	1,713	9,680
Convention Expenses		2,500	2,500	0
Insurance-D&O/League	12	312	300	208
Secy of State Filing Fee	160			50
Secy or Treas Expense	10	25	15	20
Stationery	302	100	(202)	
Bulk Mail	225	600	375	477
Postage/PO Box		125	125	125
Safe Deposit Box		110	110	110
Telephone	201	300	99	300
YWCA Ad	600	0	(600)	
Total Operations	10,180	15,634	5,454	15,961
President's Stipend		200	200	150
Member Services:				
Constant Contact/Web	126	126		430
Greenwich Voter	524	1,000	476	975
<b>Total Cash Outflow</b>	<b>11,319</b>	<b>17,835</b>	<b>6,516</b>	<b>18,206</b>
<b>Net inflow (outflow)</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>(935)</b>	<b>1,670</b>	<b>(1,452)</b>
<b>Cash balance 3/31/16</b>	<b>\$35,573</b>		<b>Projected Cash Balance 6/30/17</b>	<b>\$35,056</b>

	7/1/15-3/31/16	2016 Budget	Difference	Proposed 2017 Budget
<b>Cash Inflows</b>				
Restricted Contributions	235	1,000	(765)	
Contributions - Unrestricted	5,625	6,000	(375)	6000
Interest Inc	2		2	
Subsidy from League Fund				
<b>Total Cash Inflow</b>	<b>5,862</b>	<b>7,000</b>	<b>(1,138)</b>	<b>6,000</b>
<b>Cash Outflows</b>				
Annual Appeal Exp.	491	300	(191)	300
Operations:				
LWV US PMP	1,713	2,284	571	
Sec. or Treas. Expense				104
D & O Insurance				50
Sec of State filing fee	50	50		300
Supplies, Bulk Mail, Telephone				454
Total Operations	1,763	2,334	571	
Program:				
Forums & Workshops	1,034	700	(334)	3355
Supplies, Postage	557	500	(57)	845
Total Program	1,590	1,200	(390)	4,200
Studies	116	1,100	984	150
Publications:				
How to Make It Happen		130		130
Guide to Greenwich	974			
How to Run	420		(420)	
Total Publications	1,394	130	(1,264)	130
Voter Services:				
Debates	154	200	46	200
Legislative Picnic		200		200
Voter's Guide	5,047	2,350	(2,697)	4200
Total Voter Services	5,201	2,750	(2,451)	4,600
<b>Total Cash Outflow</b>	<b>10,556</b>	<b>7,814</b>	<b>(2,098)</b>	<b>9,834</b>
<b>Net Inflow (outflow)</b>	<b>(4,579)</b>	<b>(814)</b>	<b>(3,765)</b>	<b>(3,834)</b>
<b>Cash balance 3/31/16</b>	<b>\$19,502</b>		<b>Projected Cash Balance 6/30/17</b>	<b>\$19,548</b>



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