

GREENWICH VOTER

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREENWICH
ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

RIVERSIDE YACHT CLUB
102 CLUB ROAD • RIVERSIDE, CT

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

ROSIE RIOS

43RD TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

*“Inspirations and Aspirations:
Using History to
Influence Our Future”*

Following the historic effort to place a woman on U.S. currency for the first time in over a century, former Treasurer Rosie Rios continued to highlight historical American women, beginning with her educational initiative, Teachers Righting History. Her focus on the correlation between visibility and value and what we see in the public domain becomes a wake-up call to the future of our girls. Women and girls remain a minimal part of our everyday consciousness in terms of how they are valued in history and what we see in our everyday lives from the classroom to the boardroom. As she continues her strategic partnerships to develop additional educational and public initiatives, her goal is to inspire the next generation of leadership, using history as a tool as we prepare for the suffrage centennial in 2020 and our nation's 250th anniversary in 2026.

PRESENTATION OF THE MARY AWARD
TO DR. DEIRDRE KAMLANI

INAUGURAL PRESENTATION OF THE
BURNETT AWARD

5:30 – ANNUAL MEETING

6:30 – RECEPTION (CASH BAR)

7:30 – DINNER AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER

LOOK FOR YOUR INVITATION IN THE MAIL!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The League continued its tradition of innovative programs to deepen the understanding of public policy issues, voter registration efforts, debates and forums preceding the election. It was a busy year!

As usual, the program year began with the Legislative Picnic at the home of Nancy and Andy Duus with all our Hartford representatives present. Highway tolls and fiscal woes dominated the discussion. The election season soon became quite hectic. The League received requests to run voter registration drives from new partners, such as the YWCA and Neighbor-to-Neighbor, and we continued our efforts with our usual partners, the YMCA and the Boys and Girls Club. In addition, we participated in the National Voter Registration day on September 25.

The forum for state candidates brought a huge overflow of attendees and was also streamed live by Channel 79. Of great interest was the student-run debate for all state candidates. More than 500 Greenwich High School students were present, and the debate was also streamed to the independent schools. Our usual *Voter's Guide* was published as a pull-out section of the *Greenwich Time* and posted on various websites.

On October 2, the League presented a program on Connecticut Fiscal Sustainability (see the complete write up archived on our website), a provocative look at righting the fiscal ship of our state. The second Harvard Case discussion, focused on Martin Luther King, Jr. and Voting Rights, was presented with the Greenwich High School Social Studies Department on November 13. Again, the League opened this opportunity to teachers from independent schools. The sold-out audience was evenly divided between students and League members. These programs will continue, and training is now being offered by Harvard to representatives from all the Leagues nationwide. What an opportunity for teachers and students to participate in this teaching method!

Program offerings included a brown bag lunch with the Department of Social Services and a Cocktails and Conversation with our Tax Collector. Two more large events in the Community Speaker Series are planned: on April 24 with Professor Peter De Monocal, Dean of Science at

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**DEIRDRE KAMLANI
2019 MARY AWARD RECIPIENT**

The League of Women Voters of Greenwich is pleased to announce that its highest honor, the Mary Award, will be presented to Deirdre Kamlani in recognition of her outstanding work to fulfill the League's mission of promoting better understanding of major public policy issues. Deirdre will receive the award on Wednesday, June 5th, at the League of Women Voters Annual Dinner at the Riverside Yacht Club.

Deirdre is a policy advisor, academic researcher and former banking executive who has lived and worked in the US, Europe and Asia. Since joining the League, she has made public policy education and citizen engagement the centerpiece of her efforts as a Board and Program Committee member. She has led a number of large-scale forums for the benefit of the wider community on topics as varied as money in politics, the national popular vote compact and citizen-advocacy. She has also encouraged bipartisan support for the League's public programs and helped organize a debate on the subject of voting rights with both the Republican and Democratic Town Committees as co-sponsors. Finally, as a political economist, she has endeavored to help voters understand the unique fiscal challenges faced by Connecticut and the importance of forward-thinking economic development policies to our state's future.

In late 2017, Deirdre piloted an innovative program in collaboration with Professor David Moss of Harvard Business School. The project, which was co-sponsored by Greenwich High School, involved students, teachers and the broader community in public discussions about pivotal episodes in American democracy using the Harvard case study method. Survey results found that those taking part in the case discussions were much more likely to vote, run for office, and engage in civil and constructive debate. Following the success of the pilot in Greenwich, Deirdre presented the program to a large and receptive audience at the national League's convention in Chicago. As a result, she is now working in concert with the Harvard Case Method Project to scale the program nationally, with more than 270 Leagues involved from 34 states.

Prior to joining the League, Deirdre spent 22 years at JP Morgan Chase where she built and led businesses in a number of areas, including institutional asset management, leveraged finance, and credit risk policy. As an academic, her research focuses on financial crisis, sovereign default and regulatory reform. In addition to being a founding board member of The Parity Partnership in Greenwich, Deirdre has been an issues director, policy advisor and treasury manager for a number of candidates running for elected office. She received her BA, summa cum laude, from Columbia University and her MSc (Hons.) and PhD from the London School of Economics. Deirdre and her husband, Suneel, a board member and former banking executive, first moved to Greenwich nearly twenty years ago.

The Mary Award is named for Mary Lou Woods and Mary Sullivan, two long-time members of the League, who were highly visible in their work for the League and the community. We are proud to add Deirdre to the list of distinguished prior recipients of the Award.

THE BURNETT AWARD

This year, a new League of Women Voters of Greenwich award has been established to recognize and honor the many contributions and achievements of Jara Burnett, current LWVG President and longstanding member, whose dedication and leadership has contributed to the vitality and success of the League in countless ways. The first recipient will receive the award at the Annual Dinner.

THE BURNETT AWARD

The Burnett Award is presented to a longstanding member of the League of Women Voters of Greenwich whose significant contributions to the organization have positively impacted the work of the League through their time, actions, talents and dedication.

This award was established in 2019 to recognize and honor Jara Burnett, whose decades of vision, commitment, and leadership of the League of Women Voters of Greenwich have been an inspiration to all.

VOTER SERVICES

A complete report of last year's activities was published in the January/February *Voter*. The Committee is looking forward to a new year of full programs beginning with the July Legislative Picnic, once again at the home of Nancy and Andy Duus. Look for your postcard in the mail and please plan to attend.

Joanne Stavrou and committee



ANNUAL MEETING KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Our Annual Meeting and Dinner will be held this year on June 5 at the Riverside Yacht Club. Look for your invitation soon!

We are delighted to announce that our keynote speaker will be Rosie Rios, the 43rd Treasurer of the United States. Rosie is the CEO of Red River Associates, a real estate consulting firm, and has recently completed

her term as a Visiting Scholar at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University. She is most recently known for leading the efforts to place a portrait of a woman on the front of U.S. currency for the first time in over a century. Upon her resignation in 2016, she received the Hamilton Award, the highest honor bestowed in the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Rosie was the longest serving Senate-confirmed Treasury official, beginning with her time on the Treasury/Federal Reserve Transition Team in November 2008 at the height of the financial crisis.

In her role as Treasurer of the United States, Rosie was the CEO of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the U.S. Mint, including Fort Knox. Her day-to-day responsibilities included overseeing all currency and coin production activities with almost 4,000 employees in eight facilities nationwide and an annual budget of approximately \$5 billion. In the first five years of her tenure, she saved over \$1 billion by implementing efficiencies and innovative concepts while meeting increased production demand and increasing employee morale at record levels. Her signature currently appears on a world-record \$1.5 trillion out of the \$1.6 trillion in circulation worldwide.

Rosie is a graduate of Harvard University and was selected as the first Latina in Harvard's 383-year history to have a portrait commissioned in her honor. She currently serves on the board of Fidelity Charitable Trust, the Schlesinger Council at Harvard and the Advisory Committee for Artemis Real Estate Partners. She was previously a Trustee with the Alameda County Employees' Retirement Association (ACERA). In 2018, she was appointed as a member of America 250, the Congressional Commission to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the nation's founding in 2026. Her personal passion includes serving as Founder and CEO of EMPOWERMENT 2020, an initiative that facilitates the physical recognition of historical American women. Its first project, Teachers Righting History, recognizes historical American women in classrooms across the country. She has also launched Notable Women, an Augmented Reality educational initiative in collaboration with Google. She remains active in real estate finance and is consulting on several transformational projects in the Bay Area under her "RESCUE" initiative: Real Estate for Socially Conscious Urban Empowerment.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Since June 2018, the LWVG welcomed the following new members:

Margarita Alban
Debbie Appelbaum

Patricia Aser
Maureen Baillie
Jennifer Barro

Christopher Bass
Cathleen Blood

Sarah Boles
Steven Bruce

Betsey Buddy
Samareh Coffy

Molly Colombo-Hagerty

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Meredith Shames

R.C. Sloane

Sandra Soule

Peter Stone

Robert Strong

Susan Warner

Sandy Waters

Victoria Martin Young

FROM THE PRESIDENT *CONT'D*

Columbia University, with numerous community co-sponsors, and on May 21 with Nicole Hockley, founder of Sandy Hook Promise.

We also held a Program Planning session in February to affirm our active positions and a proposed new study. Please see the report below.

The RTM Advocacy efforts continue. We are observing the twice-monthly meetings of the RTM Governance Committee. They incorporated three of our recommendations in their proposed changes.

We have also played! The Holiday Party at the River House on December 5 was well attended and festive with music by the Accousticats. The newly-elected and re-elected state representatives attended, as well as our local elected officials. This popular annual event allows us to better know our elected officials.

The Board and I look forward to seeing many of you at the Annual Meeting followed by the dinner on June 5. We have an engaging speaker, Rosie Rios (see bio on page three) and will be presenting the Mary Award to Deirdre Kamlani.

My thanks to all the Board members who worked very hard to make the League year a success. They are the backbone of this organization and a pleasure to work with. Come and help us celebrate a great year.

Jara Burnett

PROGRAM PLANNING

On February 28, the Greenwich League held its Program Planning Meeting at the home of Joanne Stavrou. Dessert and coffee were served, and close to 20 members attended. After a brief explanation of the program process, members voted to leave the Teen Pregnancy 10-year LWVCT position unchanged but urged the state board to archive it, as there is limited activity on the item. Members also discussed the need to work to make Early Voting a reality; a process requiring a Constitutional change.

Locally, members voted to maintain as active our long-standing position: Affordable Housing (as revised by the Annual Meeting in 2017). A specialist, Maryellen LeBien, is monitoring activity. The Water positions including Long Island Sound and Drinking Water Supply and Protection are currently without a specialist, and it was voted to archive it. In case of any activity, the Board would consider possible action.

RTM Advocacy remains the action priority for 2019-20. Cyndy Anderson provided an update on the action so far: monitoring the meetings of the RTM Governance Committee and meeting with some members of the Committee potentially favoring change. A report of the Governance Committee is expected to be presented at the June RTM meeting. So far, the eight recommended planks include four LWVG recommendations. Cyndy also outlined the strategy for the advocacy efforts in the coming months.

Members continue to support another priority for the League: Get Out the Vote.

Jara Burnett

PROPOSED SCOPE OF NEW STUDY

Inasmuch as the Town is embarking on a sustained effort to rebuild its infrastructure in the upcoming 10 year period, the LWVG proposes a study of the process used to determine which projects will be selected, calendared and funded. The study is to include but not be limited to:

- Planning process used by the various proponents of projects: First Selectman, BOE, Public Works, Parks and Recreation and others
- Approval process: how it is done by various proponents; public awareness, public hearings, surveys
- Funding process: priority-setting
- Relationship to POCD; how projects relate to the plan
- Transparency: awareness of the public, during the planning, approval and implementation
- Influence of state and federal proposals on the Town, including laws and regulations
- Oversight of the planned projects: role of various proponents in approvals, implementations and result.

This is potentially a 2-year study.

Proposed LWVG Program Position Affirmations 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 to our Program Positions which were presented to the Members at the Program Planning Meeting and approved by that group:

Active Position:

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Action Priority:

RTM

Archive:

**WATER: LONG ISLAND SOUND AND
DRINKING WATER SUPPLY AND
PROTECTION**

If you have any questions, please contact
Jara Burnett at 203-637-9244 or cdb299@aol.com.

June 5, 2019 - 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. To vote for the Proposed Scope of the New Study.

FOR: AGAINST: ABSTAIN:

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

FOR: AGAINST: ABSTAIN:

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

Name _____

Date _____

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GREENWICH 2019-20/21 SLATE OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

Listed below is the slate of officers and directors to be submitted for election for the operating year 2019-2020. **Persons to be elected this year are in bold type and their biographies begin on page 7.**

OFFICERS

President	Sandy Waters	2019-2021
Vice-President, Advocacy	Jara Burnett	2019-2021 *
Vice-President, Program	Janet McGuigan	2019-2020 *
Vice-President, Voter Services	Joanne Stavrou	2019-2020
Secretary	Caroline Adkins	2019-2021 *
Treasurer	Jane Brash	2019-2021

DIRECTORS

Membership	Rita Baker	2019-2020
	Barbara O'Shea	2019-2020
Development	Louisa Greene	2019-2021 *
	Michele Kinner	2019-2021 *
Communications	Aya DeSimone	2019-2021
Greenwich Voter Editor	Marla Laney	2019-2021
Webmaster/Constant Contact	Open	
Events Coordinator	Pamela Toper	2019-2021 *
Youth Outreach	Anne-Marie Hesser	2019-2021 *
Directors-at-Large	Lynn Garelick	2019-2020 *
	Laura Geffs	2019-2021
	Sharon Kinney	2019-2021
Nominating Co-Chairs	Nancy Duffy	2019-2020 *
	Deirdre Kamlani	2019-2020 *

*These board members have extended their terms by one or two years.

WHO'S WHO ON THE 2019-2020 SLATE



Caroline Adkins
Secretary 2019-2021
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.



Jane Brash
Treasurer 2019-2021
Jane is a dual citizen of Canada and the U.S. Born in Canada, she received her B.A. in Linguistics and teaching degree from

University of Toronto and Laval University and a Masters in Business from York University in Toronto. She moved to the U.S. in 1983 to work in Advertising and Marketing. She was relocated to Greenwich in 1995 to work for Clairrol and last held the position of VP of Marketing before leaving the corporate world in 2001. She has been a full time real estate agent for the past 13 years. She has held various volunteer positions in Town including PTA President of Riverside Elementary, President of the Riverside Association, Eastern PTA board member, GADC board member, RTM Member and Think Greenwich Co-President. Jane and her husband Alex live in Riverside and have two adult children. When she's not working, Jane enjoys bridge, tennis, golf and traveling.



Jara Burnett
Vice President, Advocacy 2019-2021
Born in Prague, Jara 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

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WHO'S WHO *CONT'D*

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, including 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. She was President from 2006-2010. Current League positions include serving as President and database manager. Previously, she served on the LWVG Steering Committee and as a co-VP of Voter Services. As a Director of the LWVCT, Jara was 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, now River House. 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. Other activities include sports, travel, reading and music.



Aya DeSimone

Director, Communications 2019-2021

Aya is a long time Greenwich resident, who like you, believes that democracy requires active participation, which ultimately benefits all in our communities. Aya has over two decades of real-life, in-the-trenches corporate, investment

banking and small business startup experience. She spent several years managing client and Treasury risk portfolios for multinational corporations, including Apple, and UBS Investment Bank. Most recently, Aya has redirected her energies, taking an active role in local civic, nonprofit and community aspects of life. She has managed local political campaigns and has served on and cofounded local non profit boards committed to improving and accelerating gender parity policies and practices in our communities, businesses, and government. She continues to apply her creativity, strategic development and leadership skills to public and private partnerships. Aya is excited by the prospect of inspiring, educating and working with local citizens, community leaders, companies and governments; empowering people across the spectrum of ages, political perspectives and socio economic spheres to improve our government and impact public policy through citizen education and advocacy.



Nancy Aborn Duffy

Co-Chair, Nominating 2019-2020

Nancy is a 38-year resident of Greenwich. She earned a degree in education from Boston University. 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. Nancy has been a docent at the Bruce Museum for 11 years and is currently Vice-President of the Round Hill Association. She serves on the National Board of Trustees of the Educational Theatre Foundation. 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.



Lynn Garelick

Director-at-Large 2019-2020

Lynn is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley with an undergraduate degree in Art History and a graduate Credential in Elementary Education. Upon graduation, Lynn taught third grade in Berkeley, CA and Minneapolis, MN.

In 1977, Lynn started her career in Interior Design. She graduated in 1978 from the New York School of Interior Design with a Credential in Residential Design. She established her company, LBG Interior Design, LLC in 2001. She is a professional member of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) and served as President of the CT Chapter in 2012-2013. A resident of Greenwich, CT since 1992, Lynn has taken on leadership roles in the community including Vestry Member, Historian and Property Chair at Christ Church. She also serves as Recording Secretary on the Executive Board of the Greenwich Art Council. Lynn is an Artist member of the Greenwich Pen Women. She is a docent at the Bruce Museum. Lynn has two sons, Bruce and Jeffrey, who grew up in Westport, CT. She is the proud grandmother of Olivia (16 years, a young ballerina) and Andrew (13 years, basketball team player). She enjoys frequent trips to Cohasset, MA to stay abreast of the grandchildren's many activities.



Laura Holland Geffs

Director-at-Large 2019-2021

Originally from South Carolina, Laura has lived in Greenwich for 24 years. A registered nurse, she received her BS in Nursing from Clemson University and an MA in Education from Columbia University. Presently she

teaches undergraduate nursing at Monroe College in the Bronx. Past community board positions include Junior League of Greenwich, President; American Red Cross, Greenwich United Way, Sacred Heart Greenwich, First Presbyterian Church, Greenwich Alliance for Education, Community Answers, and Green Fingers Garden Club. She also served for 11 years on the Selectman's Nominating Advisory Committee and coached youth basketball for Greenwich Basketball Association. Currently she is a driver for Meals-on-Wheels, a reader for Reading Champions and an escort at Planned Parenthood. Quality time consists of a long run, good game of tennis or a nap on the beach. She has three children, two cats, one dog and a husband—all make her smile.



Louisa Greene

Co-Director, Development 2019-2021

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 and Christ Church Greenwich. 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

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Avon Theatre Film. 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.



Anne-Marie Hesser
Director, Youth Outreach 2019-2021

Anne-Marie moved to Greenwich ten years ago with her husband and three children. She received her Master's Degree in Education from the University of Pennsylvania, where she also began her career in educational and documentary television. She was honored to work on many award-winning programs, including one that earned her an Emmy Award. Anne-Marie's interest in Art History eventually led her to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, where she worked as a docent in the Education Department and the American Art department. She now works for Greenwich Education Group and volunteers with many community organizations including Christ Church, Brunswick Parents Association, and the Greenwich Academy Parents Association.



Deirdre Kamlani
Co-Chair, Nominating 2019-2020

Dr. Deirdre Kamlani is a policy advisor, academic researcher and former banking executive who has lived and worked in the US, Europe and Asia. She spent 22 years at JP Morgan Chase, where she built and led businesses in a number of areas, including institutional asset management, leveraged lending and credit risk policy. Deirdre's academic research over the past decade has focused on financial crisis, sovereign default and regulatory reform. In addition to being a founding board member of The Parity Partnership in Greenwich, she has been an issues director, policy advisor and treasury manager for a number of candidates running for elected office. She received her BA, summa cum laude, from Columbia University and her MSc (Hons.) and PhD from the London School of Economics. Deirdre and her husband, Suneel, have lived in Greenwich for nearly 20 years.



Michele Kinner
Co-Director, Development 2019-2021

Michele has been a Greenwich resident for 27 years. She is a graduate of Smith College and has an MBA from the University of New Hampshire. After school, Michele worked in banking and investment management for 25 years, primarily at JPMorgan and its predecessors. She held senior positions in banking, leveraged finance, credit and private equity investment management. She was recruited in 2005 by Quilvest, a global family office, to manage their US private equity fund investing. Her investment and investor relations responsibilities have entailed significant worldwide travel, which has given her a broad-minded perspective of different cultures. Michele is married to Steve Kinner, a retired U.S. Coast Guard officer who subsequently had a second career teaching at Eastern Middle School in Riverside. Michele has two grown sons, Christopher and Ryan, who went to local schools and have lived and worked in the area.



Sharon Kinney
Director-at-Large 2019-2021

Originally from Massachusetts, Sharon graduated from Bates College as a history major and earned an MBA from the Yale School of Management. She worked in nonprofit marketing and for Pepsi-Cola before her three children were born, and after that, the flexibility of being a real estate agent appealed to her. Sharon has been an active realtor in Greenwich for over 20 years and currently works at Douglas Elliman Real Estate in Greenwich and for Randall Realtors in Westerly, RI, where the Kinney family spends their summers. Sharon's leisure time is spent at the bridge table and on the golf course, and she belongs to the Greenwich Garden Club, Greenwich Country Club and the Shelter Harbor Club.



Marla Laney
Director, Greenwich Voter Editor 2019-2021

Marla, originally from the Chicago area, is a freelance graphic designer and has produced the *Greenwich Voter* and other promotional and educational materials for the LWVG for many years. Marla and her husband Brian have been Old Greenwich residents since 1991 and have two daughters – a video game artist living in North Carolina, and a high school civics teacher/basketball coach living in Pennsylvania.



Janet Stone McGuigan
Vice President, Program 2019-2020

Janet, along with her husband, Peter, and sons, Peter and James, lives in Old Greenwich. Prior to returning to Greenwich after a three-year sojourn in Bryn Mawr, PA, Janet and her family also lived in Brussels, Belgium, Summit, NJ and Dublin, Ireland. She is a volunteer with the PTA Council of Greenwich, Greenwich United Way Community Planning Council, Junior League of Greenwich, Boy Scout Troop 9 and Greenwich High School Band Boosters. When she is not volunteering or keeping up with her active family, Janet enjoys travel and book discussions. Janet earned bachelor degrees in civil engineering and economics from Cornell University, and a master in public policy from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. After graduating, she worked for a number of years in Washington, DC for Resources for the Future, an environmental economics think tank, as a policy associate, and for Resolve: Center for Dispute Resolution, as an associate mediator. While living in Brussels, she interned for the European Commission, authoring white papers on environmental liability.



Pamela Toper
Director, Events Coordinator 2019-2021

Pamela was born in Minneapolis, MN. She graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College, majoring in History, Art, and French, spending her senior year living and studying in Paris. She began her career at AT&T. In 1987, she worked for an internet think tank owned by Citibank and NYNEX in Greenwich, CT. She started her own consulting firm in internet services to large

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WHO'S WHO *CONT'D*

companies. In 1995, she was hired by IBM as a Director in Internet Business Development. Pamela and her husband George moved to Greenwich from NYC. She became active in local nonprofits, co-chairing a YWCA fundraising event and serving as President of the Newcomers Club. Pamela was involved with the Junior League of Greenwich and served on the Board and Sustainer Board, and in 2006-2008, was the Chairman of Sustainers of the JLG where she is still involved. She was active on the Greenwich Red Cross board and co-chaired two Balls. In 1994, Pamela received the Greenwich Hospital's Courage to Change award. She was on the Connecticut Board of the Anti-Defamation League, and in 2006, received the Ginsberg Award for Community Service. She has served on the board of Greenwich Reform Synagogue. She is currently the Chairman of the First Selectman's Diversity Advisory Committee. In her leisure time, she is in a French conversation group and a book club. She and her husband enjoy spending time at museums in NYC and have been members of the Old Greenwich Yacht Club since 1992.



Sandy Waters
President 2019-2021

Sandy grew up in Cincinnati, OH. She received her BA in History from Oberlin College and her MA from Tufts

University. A Greenwich resident for 41 years, Sandy has been active at First Presbyterian Church, at the Greenwich YWCA, and in the PTA and on the PTA Council. She became a Republican member of the Greenwich Board of Education (1997-2005) and its Chair (2003-2005). Most recently, she has served 13 years on the Greenwich YMCA Board, three years as Board Chairman (2013-2016). She has also served as a Trustee of Oberlin College. Sandy and her husband Steve have three married children and seven grandsons. Sandy enjoys Masters swimming, playing the piano, reading, and current events.

LWVG 2019-2020 Budget Committee Report

Dear Members:

The Budget Committee is pleased to present for approval the budgets for the League and Educational Funds for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. In accordance with our financial goals, each budget allows for a level of cash sufficient to support the activities of the upcoming year and one year beyond. Please review the statements and direct any questions you may have to a member of the budget committee.

The League has two funds to support its operations. The **League Fund** supports the activities that fall within its 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 our local league to publish *The Greenwich Voter* newsletter, conduct studies of interest to our community, lobby for league positions, maintain its website, pay operating expenses, hold the holiday and new member parties, and satisfy our obligation as a grassroots organization to support the state and national leagues. For the upcoming year, we project a stable level of membership and plan to continue member services and traditional celebrations, like the holiday and new member parties. As always, the league's obligation to support the work of the national organization makes up a significant part of our budget, and as such, 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 appeal, the Greenwich League presents its series of monthly programs and panels, the popular Cocktails and Conversations, holds candidate debates, runs voter registration drives, and creates publications such as our *How to Run for Greenwich Elective and Appointive Offices*, and the nonpartisan *Voter's Guide*. In fiscal 2020, we are again committing significant funds to program as we bring in expert speakers and panels to discuss topics of interest to members, such as this year's Sandy Hook Promise and climate change programs. We hope these informative programs will generate 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, Jara Burnett

League of Women Voters of Greenwich Cash/Budget Report

Cash Balance 6/30/18	\$33,032			
		2019		Proposed
	7/1/18-3/31/19	Budget	Difference	2020 Budget
Cash Inflows				
Annual Dinner (net):		500	(500)	500
League Contributions			(100)	100
Membership Dues	8,397	17,000	(8,603)	16,000
Interest Inc				
Total Cash Inflow	8,397	17,500	(9,203)	16,600
Cash Outflows				
Advocacy:				
Local Lobbying		250	25	50
National Lobbying				25
State Lobbying				25
Total Advocacy		250	250	100
Membership:				
Holiday Party	71	150	79	250
Misc. Supplies		200	200	200
Renewal Drive	25	400	375	400
Join Us Brochure		200	200	200
New Member Party				25
Total Membership	96	950	854	1,075
Operations:				
Fin. Sup. LWVCT PMP	3,834	5,115	1,281	5,041
Fin. Sup. LWVUS PMP	7,440	9,920	2,480	9,776
Convention Expenses	2,330	0	(2,330)	500
Insurance-D&O/League	312	312		312
Secy of State Filing Fee		50	50	50
Stationery		20		
Bulk Mail		300	300	300
Postage/PO Box		125	125	125
Safe Deposit Box		110	110	110
Telephone	252	300	48	300
Total Operations	14,168	16,252	2,084	16,514
President's Stipend		75	75	
Member Services:				
Constant Contact	593	130	(463)	240
Website	530	230	(300)	230
Greenwich Voter	594	950	356	950
Total Member Services	1,717	1,310	(407)	1,420
Total Cash Outflow	15,981	18,837	2,856	19,109
Net inflow (outflow)	(7,584)	(1,337)	(6,247)	(2,509)
Cash balance 3/31/19	\$25,448			

League of Women Voters of Greenwich Educational Fund Cash/Budget Report

Cash balance 6/30/18	\$25,820			
	7/1/18 - 3/31/19	2019 Budget	Difference	Proposed 2020 Budget
Cash Inflows				
Restricted Contributions/Grants	363		363	
Contributions - Unrestricted	6,072	7,500	(1,428)	7500
Total Cash Inflow	6,435	7,500	(1,065)	7,500
Cash Outflows				
Annual Appeal Exp.	691	750	59	750
Operations:				
Sec of State filing fee		50	50	50
Supplies				0
Charge reversed in July				
Total Operations		50	50	50
Program:				
Forums & Workshops	925	5,000	4,075	5000
Supplies, Postage	407	500	93	500
Total Program	1,332	5,500	4,168	5,500
Studies				50
Publications:				
How to Make It Happen		100	100	100
Guide to Greenwich Gov't	491			
Total Publications	491	100	(391)	100
Voter Services:				
Debates	25	150	125	150
Voter's Guide	1,585	1,700	115	1700
Legislative Picnic				50
Total Voter Services	1,610	1,850	240	1,900
Total Cash Outflow	\$4,124	8,250	4,126	8,350
Net Inflow (outflow)	2,311	(750)	3,061	(850)
Cash balance 3/31/19	\$28,131			



The League of Women Voters, 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. It was founded in 1920 as an outgrowth of the 72 year struggle to win voting rights for women.



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Panelists will discuss ways to convert unused food and food waste into a productive and useful resource.

Friday, May 17, 2019 • 8:00am - 12:30pm

Jones Auditorium
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 123 Huntington Street
 New Haven, CT 06511

Register online at www.lwvct.org, or for further information, contact the LWVCT office at 203-288-7996 or league@comcast.net



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

March with the League in the Old Greenwich Memorial Day Parade on May 27. Join other organizations in this community event sponsored by the Old Greenwich Fire Department. Line up by 9am on Sound Beach Avenue and Lincoln, then march along Sound Beach to Binney Park.

Call Jara Burnett at 203 637-9244 or email cdb299@aol.com if you want to join the fun!

Join the LWVG! It's easy! You may download a membership form from our website, www.lwvg.org, and mail it in with your check. OR, you can join online using PayPal! Your membership is very important because it helps us to continue our educational and advocacy work. Together, we really can make a difference!