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The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government. The league works to increase and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Any person 16 years and older, male or female, may become a League member.

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## TOMPKINS COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ANNUAL MEETING

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**at the Tompkins Center for  
History & Culture**



Including:

- \*A guided tour of the brand new Tompkins Center for History & Culture
- \*Honoring Mary Berkleman, our new Lifetime member
- \*Meet Students Inside Albany
- \*Induct executive board members

Explore the LWV Civics Engagement Curriculum with Jody Butts

Learn about local outreach from Julia Taylor, Education Outreach, The History Center

**Monday, May 6th 2019**

**\*Arrive at 5:30 if joining the a tour. Meeting begins at 6pm. Address is 110 Tioga St, (Bank Alley)**

**\*Dinner is a catered BBQ from Greenstar. Vegetarian options are available. Cost is \$15**

**\*Please RSVP by April 30th, to Charlotte cwc4@cornell.edu or 272-7551**

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## **BYLAWS REVIEW**

The Board reviewed the Bylaws and proposes two changes. Given the decision to change dates for the fiscal year, that needs to be reflected in the Bylaws (Article VI, Section 1) so the Fiscal Year is defined as “April 1-March 31”.

The reduction in the number of members in the League needs to be addressed in the Bylaws. Specifically, Article VII, Section 3, Quorum needs to read, “Fifteen percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the LWVTC . Before this revision, the Bylaws required at least 16 members to constitute a quorum in all meetings. We don’t have 16 members on our Board, for example.

A copy of the revised Bylaws will be handed out at the Annual Meeting.

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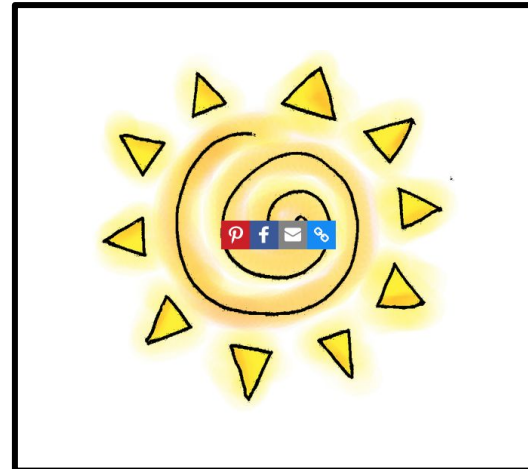
**The board is always looking for more members.**



# BULLETIN CHANGE:

The League is going to combine May, June, and July into one summer edition of the bulletin.

Please check your inboxes  
Mid-June for a summer update!





The League of Women Voters of  
Tompkins County

presents a panel on the

## Legalization of Recreational Marijuana

*April 29, 2019, 7 – 8:45 pm*

**Borg Warner Room, Tompkins Co. Library**

**Jim Sharp**, Ph.D., Director Emeritus, Van Dyke Addiction Treatment Center

**Nellie Brown**, MS, CIH, Director of Workplace Health & Safety Programs,  
ILR, Cornell University

**Derek Osborne**, Sheriff, Tompkins County

**William Klepack**, MD, Medical Director, Tompkins County Dept. of Health

**Matt Van Houten**, District Attorney, Tompkins County

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**Legalized recreational marijuana is sweeping the country.**

**With our neighbor states Vermont and Massachusetts legalizing recreational pot, could New York be next?**

The Governor has put legalization of recreational marijuana on his agenda for 2019-20. Come join us to discuss it as a community.

Speakers include:

Jim Sharp, Ph.D., Director Emeritus, Van Dyke Addiction Treatment Center

Nellie Brown, MS, CIH, Director of Workplace Health & Safety Programs, ILR, Cornell University

Derek Osborne, Sheriff, Tompkins County

William Klepack, MD, Medical Director, Tompkins County Dept. of Health  
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<https://www.facebook.com/events/590635768122617/>

# Climate Wise Gardening An Earthkeeping Fair

Talks – Exhibits – Demonstrations – Plant Sales – Films

**Free and open to all!**

**Saturday, April 27**

**10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**Boynton Middle School**



**Climate Wise Gardening: an EarthKeeping Fair**  
**Saturday, April 27, 10 am – 3 pm**  
**Boynton Middle School, 1601 N. Cayuga St**

This event will feature all you need to do to create healthy soils, gardens and landscapes. Over 30 groups participating with exhibits and demos on soils, plants, and ecological gardening practices that protect the earth and capture carbon. Plant sales, tree and shrub giveaway, free soil pH testing, and more.

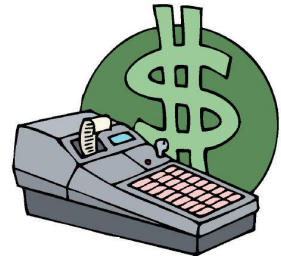
Talks scheduled throughout the day on healthy soil, water management, permaculture practices, no mow lawns, native plants and meadows. Free. For more information visit:

<http://ccetompkins.org/events/2019/04/27/climate-wise-gardening-an-earthkeeping-fair>

The League is thrilled to co-sponsor this event!

# TREASURER ANNUAL REPORT 2019

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In recent years the budgets have been done using a fiscal year July 1 through the following June 30. The board has decided to change the fiscal year to April 1 through the following March 31 for bookkeeping purposes. For this reason, you will note that the first column in the budget contains the proposed budget for fiscal year July 1, 2018 – June 30 2019, which was written in March 2018, while the current fiscal year is April 1, 2018 – March 31, 2019 and the proposed budget for next year is for April 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020.

The change in fiscal year is due to two factors. 1. The IRS records have our League with a fiscal year ending on March 31. This requires us to file a report within 5 months of the end of March each year. 2. Because our annual meeting is held in early May, the current and new proposed budget must be in the April bulletin. This has meant that the figures for April, May and June have only been estimates of income and expenses. By changing the fiscal year so that it ends on March 31, we are able to report exact figures for the current year.

This year our expenses are lower than they will be next year. This is due to the fact that no members attended the 2018 national convention while we expect that three members will attend the state convention in June 2019. In addition, in 2018 we sent only one student to the program Students Inside Albany, while we (with great pleasure) expect to send two students to Albany this spring.

**See Tables on the the next two pages, 7 & 8.**



# League of Women Voters of Tompkins County

## Proposed Budget for 2019-2020

	Adopted Budget July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019	Budget April 1, 2018 - March 31, 2019. *	Proposed Budget April 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020	
<b>INCOME</b>				
Membership dues	\$2,500.00	\$2,855.00	\$2,900.00	
Income from donations	\$450.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	
Internet website donations	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$375.00	
Income for mailing Bulletin	\$100.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	
Income from annual meeting	\$300.00	\$360.00	\$350.00	
Soup & Bread Luncheon		\$161.00	\$150.00	
Miscellaneous income	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	
Transfer from reserve (checking)	\$1,625.00	\$0.00	\$570.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$5,350.00</b>	<b>\$4,291.00</b>	<b>\$4,735.00</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
WordPro expenses	\$125.00	\$140.51	\$175.00	
Convention (National 2020, State 2019)	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,110.00	
Voter Services	\$250.00	\$440.82	\$350.00	
Administration (incl. Treasurer)	\$100.00	\$72.08	\$100.00	
Soup & Bread Luncheon		\$101.25	\$100.00	
Membership	\$100.00	\$53.60	\$75.00	
Meetings/Programs	\$800.00	\$290.00	\$500.00	
Annual Meeting	\$500.00	\$354.60	\$400.00	
Committees	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
PMP State	\$700.00	\$590.00	\$600.00	
PMP National	\$1,200.00	\$944.00	\$950.00	
Internet website	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$375.00	
Youth Programs	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Transfer into reserve (checking)		\$929.14	\$0.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$5,350.00</b>	<b>\$4,291.00</b>	<b>\$4,735.00</b>	

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Community Foundation of Tompkins County						
INCOME						
Contributions	\$550.00		\$590.00		\$600.00	
Interest & Dividends			\$921.98		\$900.00	
Investment Gains			0			
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	\$550.00		\$1,511.98		\$1,500.00	
EXPENSES						
National PMP	\$1,200.00		\$944.00		\$944.00	
State PMP	\$700.00		\$570.00		\$570.00	
Educational Materials			0		\$0.00	
Students Inside Albany	\$350.00		\$0.00		\$650.00	
Investment Fees			\$125.17		\$125.00	
Philanthropic Services			\$785.03		\$785.00	
Investment Losses			\$3,501.93		?	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	\$2,250.00		\$5,926.13		\$3,074.00	



# Annual Report from the Membership Committee

Most of our members are interested in voter services, that is in our effort to encourage people to vote and helping them to do so by setting up tables with voting information and offer help filling out voter applications.

Some of those League members join with others who are most interested in helping registered voters know what elections are to be held and when, who the candidates are, and what their messages are. These members are working on VOTE114 an on-line service for voters soon to be available.

A good number of our members are also interested in providing information about issues currently being legislatively considered, or perhaps ones that should be considered, so that voters can be informed voters when they cast their ballots. To that end we have knowledgeable speakers come to our public programs that perhaps you have attended, or sponsor those of other organizations as you may have noticed.

One of the best ways for voters to choose whom to vote for is to have forums where voters can see and hear the candidates in person. Some members are involved in making sure forums and debates happen before elections and do the actual planning for those events.

It's important to note that our membership dues are also committed to lobbying in the State capitals and Washington for the carefully crafted policies that League members across the country help the State and National Leagues to develop. We are very serious in our efforts to effect our nation's future. That means sometimes scrambling to pay for these local services.

If any of this sounds exciting to you consider becoming a member and participating in whatever of these local activities attract your interest, or if you just want to befriend the League and expand our local treasury with a contribution to make sure we can continue to provide local voters with the opportunity to be informed and active voters, please know that your help would be most welcome.

-Lory

# TCLWV Nominating Committee Report

The candidates for our upcoming 2019-2020 League Board will be voted by the membership at the May Annual Meeting. Our long-time president, Kay Sharp, will be stepping down this year, however, we are very fortunate that she would like to remain on the Board and continue to help us keep things running smoothly.

After some discussion, we determined to shift some of the Board positions to co-positions: President, Treasurer, and Director of Voter Services. In connection with these two-person positions, we determined to appoint one person to a 2-year term and the other to a 1-year term, so that next year, one of the two people will be continuing. Members of next year's 2020-2021 Nominating Committee will also be elected.

Submitted by Ann Warde, acting chairperson. Other members of the Committee are Lucia Armstrong, Sally Grubb, and Kay Wagner

**Three non-Board members need to be elected for next year's 2019-2020 Nominating Committee. Marnie Johnson is so far the only candidate.**

**=> Perhaps you are interested in contributing to putting together the 2020-2021 Board?  
Any one of the current Nominating Committee members would be happy to hear from you!**

## **Slate of Board Member Candidates for May 2019 Annual Meeting Vote**

Co-Presidents: Sally Grubb (2-year term - through May 2021)  
Kay Wagner (1-year - through May 2020)

Co-Treasurers: Ann Coyne (2-year term - through May 2021)  
Connie Sterling-Engman began a 2-year term in May 2019 and will continue through May 2020]

Secretary: This position is open. It's only duty is to Take Meeting Minutes.

Program Director: [Charlotte Coffman began a 2-year term in May 2019 and will continue through May 2020]

Membership Director: Lory Saltzman (2-year term - through May 2021)

Co-Voter Services Director: Mandy Qualls (2-year term - through May 2021)  
Kay Sharp (1-year term – through May 2020)

Directors At Large: Ann Warde (2-year term - through May 2021)  
Megan Nettleton (2-year term - through May 2021)  
She will continue to handle some secretarial items, including the bulletin and publicity.

# ANNUAL REPORT, PROGRAMS 2018-2019

CHARLOTTE COFFMAN, VP FOR PROGRAMS

## Upcoming Events

April 27th 10 am – 3 pm  Boynton Middle School	Climate Wise Gardening: An Earthkeeping Fair (Co-sponsors: Cornell Cooperative Extension, Fossil Free Tompkins, Social Ventures, Citizens Climate Lobby, Dryden Resource, Awareness Coalition).	Demonstrations, exhibits, talks and films about farming techniques used to help cool the planet.
April 29th 7-8:45 TCPL	Legalization of Recreational Marijuana	Jim Sharp, Ph.D., Director Emeritus, Van Dyke Addiction Treatment Center; Nellie Brown, MS, CIH, Director of Workplace Health & Safety Programs, ILR, Cornell; Derek Osborne, Sheriff, Tompkins County; William Klepack, MD, Medical Director, Tompkins County Mental Health; Matt Van Houten, District Attorney, Tompkins Co
May 2nd	Jump on Board (Organized by Tompkins Connect)	Participated in event to introduce the LWV to interested community members.
May 6th 5:30-8:30 Tompkins Center for History & Culture	Annual Meeting (Program reports, Lifetime Members, Officer Installation) Youth Civic Engagement (Co-sponsor: The History Center)	Kay Sharp, President  Jody Butts, LWV Civics Engagement Curriculum Local youth groups Students Inside Albany

The Tompkins County LWV strives to provide members and the public with factual, non-partisan information on topics of current interest. Thanks are due to the Natural Resources, Health and Program Committees, as well as the past and current boards and our community partners for assistance in offering these programs.

2019-2020 Programs. The Program Committee is exploring these topics for the coming year: Voter Registration for Under-served Groups, Hungry and Homeless in Tompkins County, A New Look at Public Health, Judicial issues, Natural Resources and other relevant topics. We also are intent on reaching audiences in different ways such as launching a book club, community discussions and forging new partnerships. As always, we encourage our membership and members of the community to suggest topics for our programs.

February 26 2019	Our Lakes and Streams: Their Health and Care (Co-sponsors: Campaign for Renewable Energy, Fossil Free Tompkins, Sustainable Tompkins, Tompkins County Environmental Management Council)	Hilary Lambert, Steward of the Cayuga Lake Watershed Network; Andy Zepp, Executive Director of the Finger Lakes Land Trust	72
March 23	Soup & Bread Luncheon Achieving Beulah Land: A History of Suffrage Activities in Tompkins County (Co-sponsor: The History Center)	To thank members and community partners Carol Kammen, Tompkins County Historian Elaine Engst, Cornell University Archivist Emerita	32
March 29	Greater Ithaca Activity Center Senior Breakfast to celebrate Women's History Month	LWV Tompkins County – A Legacy of Action Charlotte Coffman, LWVTC VP for Programs	35

Date	Topic	Speakers/Exhibitors	Attendance
September 24 <u>2018</u>	Campaign Finance Reform – Follow the Money!	Jonathan Krasno, Political Science, SUNY Binghamton; Laura Bierman, Executive Director, LWVNYS	16
September 27	Farmers Can Help Cool the Planet (Co-sponsors: Citizens' Climate Lobby NY-23, Cornell Botanic Garden, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County, Cornell School of Integrative Plant Science, Cornell Small Farms Program, Dryden Resources Awareness Coalition, Environmental Management Council of Tompkins County, Fossil Free Tompkins, Groundswell, Interfaith Climate-Justice Action Network, Social Ventures, Sustainable Tompkins, Tompkins County Climate Protection Initiative, Tompkins County Food Policy Council, Tompkins County Planning and Sustainability Depart)	Jonathan Bates (moderator), Food Forest Farm; Dr. Jeffrey Creque, Marin Carbon Project and the Carbon Cycle Institute in California; Steve Gabriel, Writer and farmer, Wellspring Forest Farm; Suzanne Hunt, Hunt Country Vineyards; Brian Caldwell, Hemlock Grove Farm and retired Cornell agronomist	100
October 9	Dark Money (Co-sponsors: AAUW, Trailblazers PAC, Cinemapolis, and Wolf-PAC)	PBS documentary about corporate influence in elections. Discussion led by Leslie Danks Burke, Trailblazers PAC.	100
October 10	Come and Learn about Social Media!	A workshop designed for members but open to all. Mandy Qualls and Megan Nettleton, LWVTC board members.	10
October 22	Vote Smart National Tour – Facts Matter (Co-sponsors: LWV Cortland County, YWCA Cortland)	Richard Kimball, co-founder and president of Vote Smart.	50
November 14	COPD Awareness and Lung Health (Co-sponsors: Tompkins County Health Depart., Cayuga Medical Center)	Carrie Westlake, Director, Respiratory Therapy, Cayuga Medical Center; Anne Reilley, Physical Therapist, Cayuga Medical; Susan Dunlop, Community Health Nurse, Harmonics for Health	45

VOTE411 is web-based electronic voter guide as a community service for voters and candidates.

Our local League is compiling voter guide information for the April 23rd Village Elections, June 25th Primary Election and November 5th General Election. This information is part of the League participating in the National VOTE411.

The purpose of VOTE411 is to provide voters with non-partisan voting and election information, and to enable candidates to provide their contact and biographical information and their responses to questions posed so that voters can become more informed. All candidates are contacted directly by U.S. mail and invited to participate. If they choose not to participate or provide information, their name and the office that they are running for will be listed.

**"As the New York State League proudly celebrates its 100th anniversary this year, it is a truly monumental achievement to finally see the passage of early voting, same day voter registration, and primary consolidation in New York State!"**



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF  
NEW YORK STATE**

**THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW YORK STATE TURNS 100 ON NOVEMBER 19TH OF 2019**

## **Interested in becoming a league member?**

**The league would love to have you!**

**Who can join LWV-TC?** Membership is open to all men and women, 16 years or older.

### **What does membership bring?**

Joining the League of Tompkins County automatically enrolls you in the League of Women Voters of New York State and the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Membership includes our Voter newsletter with reports, legislative action, events, news, membership updates, and more. For more information, here is our [Membership Booklet](#).

To join LWV-TC, print and complete the [membership form](#) and return it to

League of Women Voters of Tompkins County  
303 Savage Farm Drive  
Ithaca, NY 14850



You will receive a packet from the Membership Chair. If you have problems accessing or printing the form, please contact [lwvtompkins@gmail.com](mailto:lwvtompkins@gmail.com)

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## Important Links

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See all of the League's Past Bulletins

<http://lwvtompkins.org/calendar.html>  
The League's Calendar of Events

<http://lwv.org/>  
The National League Website

<http://www.lwvny.org/>  
The State League Website

<http://lwvtompkins.org/stand.html>  
Where the Tompkins County League  
stands on important issues

[http://www.lwvtompkins.org/program\\_ar  
chive.html](http://www.lwvtompkins.org/program_archive.html)

A link to previous league sponsored  
programs which were videotaped.

<http://www.lwvtompkins.org/voting.html>

Find out when the Upcoming Elections  
<https://www.elections.ny.gov/>

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Important  
Information

