



*League of Women Voters® of Cortland County*

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*Make your voice heard - join the Cortland County League of Women Voters today and  
'like' us on Facebook - LWV of Cortland County*

***WISHING YOU A HEALTHY & PEACEFUL 2018!***

*Welcome to Ryann Hudson, SUNY Cortland intern who will assist with social media and our newsletter as well as educate students about rights and responsibilities as voters, including identifying and voicing views to elected officials on issues that they care about.*

***BRING SOME LUNCH AND JOIN US AT  
OUR FIRST MAJOR 2018 EVENT:***

## ***DEATH WITH DIGNITY FORUM***

***Noon, Monday, January 22***

***Cortland Community Center (train station), Central Ave.***

### ***Speakers:***

- LWVCC, LWVNYS Consensus Process  
Overview of Current and Proposed Law
- Pro/Con Panel including Corinne Carey, JD, Compassion & Choices;  
Disability community (ATI or other); Others TBA

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## ***LWV MISSION***

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

## ***2018 LWVCC BOARD MEETINGS***

***OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS***

**Cortland Free Library – 1:30-3PM**

***Monday January 8, 2018***

***Monday February 5***

***Monday, March 5***

***Monday April 2***

***Monday May 7***

***Monday June 4***

## ***ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING***

***June 12, 2018***

In addition to dinner and a featured speaker, our League presents the Alice A. Walker Award.

## ***OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS***

President: Alison King

Vice President: (open)

Secretary: Suzanne Etherington

Treasurer: Lenore Schwager

### **Board Members 2017-2019**

Sheila Cohen

Charlotte Farris

Linda Frank

### **Board Members 2017-2019**

Dottie Fowler

Norma Rhodes

Jo Schaffer

### **Nominating Committee**

Norma Rhodes, chairperson

Charlotte Farris

Anita Wright

## ***ALICE A. WALKER AWARD***

Do you know a woman worthy of this award?

The award honors a member of the Cortland County community whose volunteer leadership reflects those qualities that we valued in Alice A. Walker:

- a commitment to community service,
- an independent spirit and outlook,
- a clear sense of justice, and
- an ability to focus on an area of need in the community.

Nomination form on page 7 for the Alice Walker Award can be sent via email to Sheila Cohen at [lwvcortland@gmail.com](mailto:lwvcortland@gmail.com) OR via US mail to LWV Cortland, PO Box 22, Cortland, NY 13045.

The deadline for receiving nominations is Monday, March 30, 2018.

## ***LWVCC 2018 CALENDAR***

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| January 22       | Death With Dignity – Educational Forum   |
| February 5       | Death With Dignity – Consensus Meeting and Vote (Cortland LWV members, at board meeting) |
| February         | Support hiring a County Administrator<br>To help, contact lwvcortland@gmail.com          |
| February 15      | Deadline for Submitting Nominations for Students Inside Albany                           |
| March – Date TBD | How to Run for Office or Volunteer on a Campaign   |
| March 30         | Deadline for Submitting Nominations for Alice Walker Award                               |
| March – Date TBD | Students Inside Albany Awardees Announced  |
| April 10         | Naturalization Ceremony, County Courthouse   |
| April – Date TBD | Waste Not – Educational Forum  |
| April 24         | LWVNYS Advocacy Day, Albany, NYS Museum Rooms A&B  |
| May 10           | Alice Walker Awardee Announced   |
| May 20-23        | Students Inside Albany Conference  |
| May – Dates TBD  | Meet Candidates for School Boards (tentative)  |
| June 12          | Annual Meeting of LWV of Cortland County   |
| June 28-July 1   | LWV National Convention, Hilton Hotel, Chicago IL  |

### ***CONTRIBUTE TO THE LWV EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION***

**Your gift today will be doubled!** Thanks to the generosity of our Board members, your tax deductible gift to the League of Women Voters of New York State Education Foundation will do even more to empower our electorate through education. With your help, we do the following:

- Educate people on the importance of their participation in government, in the political process and, most importantly, in the life of their home community.
- Create awareness of the issues at the local, state and national levels and what average citizens can do to have an impact on their government.
- Instill in young people and new citizens the knowledge of their role and responsibilities in managing their own government.

**The LWVNYS Board will match gifts received BEFORE December 31, 2017 up to a total of \$9,000.**

## ***2017 WAS ANOTHER BUSY AND PRODUCTIVE YEAR FOR LWVCC!***

### ***Launched new website (cortlandlwv.org) and Facebook page (lwvcortland)***

- Like us on Facebook - LWV of Cortland County

### ***Registered New Voters at Four Venues***

- August 5 at the Cortland Arts & Wine Festival, Courthouse Park
- September 4 at SUNY Cortland Club Fair, Corey Student Union steps
- September 26 on National Voter Registration Day at BRU 64
- October 7-8 at the Pumpkin Fest, Courthouse Park

### ***Hosted Four Candidate Forums for September Primary Election***

- August 26 Meet Primary Candidates for County Legislator at Homer Town Hall
- September 9 Meet Primary Candidates for County Judge, City Mayor, and City Common Council at Cortland Elks Lodge

### ***Hosted Four Candidate Forums for November General Election***

- October 14 Meet Candidates for County Legislature at Homer Town Hall
- October 21 Meet Candidates for City Common Council, Cortlandville Justice, & Cortlandville Town Board at Cortland Elks Lodge

### ***Hosted the Following Special Events and Initiatives***

- February 3, Mary McGuire (SUNY Cortland Pol Sci and ICE) delivered LWV presentation on the NYS Constitutional Convention at WWT luncheon.
- February – March, Collaborated with Women's Coalition to write proclamations of 2017 as Centennial of Women's Suffrage in NY State. County Legislature and Common Council proclamations were displayed at YWCA.
- March 31, Alison King PhD testified in Albany on NYS environmental law (SEQR) reform, including statement on behalf of LWVNYS and scientific comments endorsed by LWVCC.
- April 6, Participated in YWCA Postcard Writing to elected officials in Albany and Washington, D.C. Attendees choose their own topic and the message.
- April 13, Jenny Shonk spoke on "How to Spot Fake News and Combat it with CRAAP (Currency, Relevance, Authority, Accuracy, and Purpose)" at Cortland Free Library. LWVCC provided refreshments and information about the League's Observer Corps. Event was publicized on NBC3 tv's Weekend Today interview of LWVCC President Alison King on March 9.
- June 6 Dairy Parade, Along with The Cortland Women's Coalition, LWVCC members walked in celebration of the Centennial of Women's Suffrage in Cortland County and New York State.
- June 11, Annual meeting and presentation of Alice A. Walker award to Dorothy Hopkins at Tinelli's Hathaway House.
- September 19 & October 30, Pro/Con: Should NYS Hold a Constitutional Convention?, Jamie Dangler, SUNY Cortland (pro) and Hank Dullea, Cornell Univ emeritus (con). Held at Cortland Free Library and SUNY Cortland.
- November 6, Celebrated 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women's Suffrage in NYS at AAUW dinner and Panel Discussion featuring women in public office past and present at Cortland Elks Lodge.
- November 30, Social to *Meet the People You Elected*, held at the Finger Lakes Tasting Room.

***You can make events like the above happen in 2018!***

## ***RESOLVE TO BECOME AN ACTIVE LWVCC MEMBER IN 2018!***

Need to stretch your mind and skills as well as make a difference in the community and the world? These are reasons to become a member and volunteer with other members of our organization. We are affiliated with highly effective NYS and US League organizations that support our activities in multiple ways and provide opportunities for state and national involvement.

We tailor the experience to your needs. Below are some ideas to help you think about the perfect role for you!



- Serve on one or more committees. Check your preference:
  - ***Communications*** (contribute to the newsletter and website; publicize league activities and positions)
  - ***Membership and Fundraising*** (keep our base of support increasing and strong);
  - ***Voter Services*** (organize candidate forums for local, state, and national elections; register voters; attend naturalization ceremonies);
  - ***Program*** (plan and execute programs on issues affecting Cortland County residents);
  - ***Youth Services*** (register new voters through League-sponsored programs such as “First Vote” and identify outstanding students to participate in “Students Inside Albany;”)
  - ***Nominating*** (make sure we have a dynamic Board of Directors and active committees,) and
  - ***Good Government*** (help ensure that local government is open and responsive to citizens)
- Serve as a member of the Board of Directors or as an officer. We are always looking for new leadership.

### ***League of Women Voters Membership Application – Cortland Branch***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this page with check payable to:  
"League of Women Voters Cortland"  
PO Box 22  
Cortland, NY 13045

Tax Deductible donations of any amount for educational programs payable to “LWVNYS Education Foundation” c/o **Cortland League of Women Voters, P.O. Box 22 Cortland, NY 13045.**







*World premier - fully staged opera with orchestra*



# PUSHED ASIDE: RECLAIMING GAGE

*4PM, Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018  
Carrier Theater, Civic Center, Syracuse, NY*

Matilda Joslyn Gage - Danan Tsan  
 Elizabeth Cady Stanton - Laura Enslin  
 Susan B. Anthony - Juliane Price  
 John, runaway slave & Frederick Douglass - Gregory Sheppard  
 Dr. Electa Thomas - Jennifer Stevens (Oncida Nation)  
 Dr. Isaiah Thomas - Jonathan Howell  
 L. Frank Baum - Steven Stull  
 Maud Gage Baum - Julia Ebner  
 Conductor - Heather Buchman  
 Stage Director - Victoria King  
 Lighting - Bob Dwyer  
 Composer - Persis Vehar  
 Librettist - Gabrielle Vehar

## **Saturday, January 20, 2018 Women's Marches and More**

Syracuse, Women's March, Reception at ArtRage Gallery 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

United Way Parking Lot to Art Rage Gallery and Back - Hawley Avenue

Seneca Falls, Women's March in recognition of one year since the Women's Marches across the world.10:00am