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The Refugee & Immigrant Experience in the Mohawk Valley

DATE: Saturday, Sept 15, 2018

WHERE: Utica Public Library, 303 Genesee St., Utica Gallery Room (2nd Floor)

PANEL: Shelly Callahan, Executive Director
Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees

Sonia Martinez, Chair/President
Mohawk Valley Latino Association

Dina Radeljas, PHD, Assistant professor, MVCC

SCHEDULE: 9:30 Registration & Refreshments
10:15 Panel discussion
12:00 LWV Business Meeting, as needed

COST: No cost, however there will be an opportunity to make goodwill donations to offset cost of refreshments

RSVP: RSVP's being requested for planning purposes by Sept 12 to: reservations@lwvuticarome.org

Annual Dues will be collected at meeting, for those wishing to pay for 2018-19 year

2018-2019 Meeting Schedule

<u>Board Meetings</u> New Hartford Library Saturday 10:10-noon	<u>General Membership Meetings</u> Utica Public Library (unless otherwise noted in meeting announcement) Saturday, 10-noon	<u>Newsletter Publication</u>	<u>Annual Meeting Place/Time- TBD</u>
Aug 18, 2018	Sept 15, 2018	Aug 29, 2018	
Oct 6, 2018			
Nov 3, 2018	Nov 17, 2018	Nov 7, 2018	
Dec 1, 2018			
Jan 5, 2019	Jan 19, 2019	Jan 9, 2019	
Feb 2, 2019			
Mar 2, 2019	Mar 23, 2019	Mar 13, 2019	
Apr 6, 2019		April 18, 2019	
May 4, 2019			May 18, 2019
June 1, 2019			

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How Can I Help?

This is a question new, and existing, members often wonder when they join League of Women Voters (LWV). Come to the meeting on September 15 and you will learn about an easy way to get involved - by volunteering at a voter registration drive.

LWV is going online and real-time with letting members know when and where the drives are. Let us show you the easy, new Google Sheets that we will use. You can browse the dates and sign up from the comfort of your couch! Hope to see you there!

Annual Meeting – May 12, 2018

The 2017-18 Annual Meeting of the Utica/Rome League of Women Voters featured Dawn Cateri Lupi, Oneida County Assistant District Attorney. Ms. Lupi talked about her 30 years of experience in reaching her current position, as well as the kinds of situations that her office handles on a regular basis, focusing on those pertaining to domestic violence.

In addition, the students that represented our chapter at the Students Inside Albany event in during May, 2018 were introduced. Each of these young adults gave a summary of the experience and their future goals.

Officers for 2018-19 were elected (full listing on cover page of Newsletter) and members adopted two local programs: Advocacy for (1) Smart Growth and (2) Recycled/Recyclable Containers



Sandra Bajrektarevic, Students Inside Albany, Proctor High School
Sandra DePerno and Lucretia Hunt, LWV Members
Dawn Cateri Lupi, Oneida County Assistant District Attorney
Marianne Buttenschon, LWV Member
Cameron Kilpatrick, Students Inside Albany, Rome Free Academy

Interested in becoming a member of Utica/Rome League of Women Voters?
Visit our website (www.lwvuticarome.org) or email us at league@uticarome.org
Membership dues are \$60/member or \$90 for household membership.
Student memberships are available for \$25

Upcoming Naturalization Ceremonies

2018 Oneida County Sponsored (All Fridays)	LOCATION – Ceremony Begins at 10:30; ARRIVE by 9:30 am
Friday, September 21, 2018	Oneida County Office Building, Utica
Friday, November 2, 2018	MVCC Info technology Bldg Aud.
2018 Federal Sponsored	LOCATION – Ceremony Begins at 11:00; ARRIVE by 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, September 27, 2018	Ft. Stanwix, Rome, NY
Thursday, December 6, 2018	Pirnie Fed. Building, 3 rd Floor Courtroom

CONTACT KAREN MCBRIDE (315-225-3159; Voterservices@lwvuticarome.org) IF ABLE TO HELP REPRESENT LWV DURING ANY OF THESE CEREMONIES

League Presence at Naturalization Ceremonies over the summer

Pictures taken by Thomas Loughlin, Jr.

International Refugee Day at Hanna Park, June 2018



Naturalization Ceremony July 2018



Keep a Look Out for...

Primary Day - Sept 13. Includes Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and State Assembly and Senate races.

National Voter Registration Day – Sept 25

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