Central NY Regional Training Notes
Civics Education

What are League doing?
- Utica: does between 10 & 12 naturalization ceremonies per year
  - Typically 50 candidates per ceremony
  - 1/3 of their voter registration come from this
  - Get about 120-200 per year
- Broome Tioga
  - Has a civic action boot camp
    - Get people to talk to their reps
    - “they Represent You” forum – have reps on local, state, and federal level.
    - Use citizen lobbyist for this
  - Do naturalization ceremonies
    - Have a speaker who is a League member that is also a naturalized citizen
    - July and August have at least 10 with at least 50 candidates each
- Syracuse – sometimes does 2 ceremonies per month
  - Can be hard to get volunteers
- Suffolk – do ceremonies every Tuesday – 150 candidates at each ceremony
  - Check forms after they fill them out at their table
  - Try and pair experiences members with new members
  - Pass out First Vote
- Tompkins – 4 ceremonies per year
- Utica Resource Center for Refugees
- BOECES programs that have weekly night classes for adults
- Cultural Resources First Vote Display in Syracuse has been circulating state
- Smart Vote – Project Vote smart has been trying to work with LWV Cortland
- Chemung volunteered to register voters at the local food pantry
  - Voter registration tables were set up there
  - Same people came there over and over again after a while
  - Let the food pantry people speak to the local League
- Broome followed the food truck around to do voter registration
  - Wondering if they can get question about voter registration onto the pantry’s questionnaire.
- Broome also doing a Civic action boot camp
  - Partnering with Citizen action and also the Sierra Club
  - Had a handful of organizations organize the event and saw great turnout.

Who can benefit from civics training?
- College students registering to vote
  - How for students from other states register? What do they do?
- Other like minded groups:
  - AAUW
  - Daughters of the American Revolution
  - Women’s Suffrage orgs
  - Libraries
  - Veteran Orgs
  - Bar association
How to do outreach to communities of color?
- NAACP
- Committee for Voter Registration expansion
- Latino association
- Churches
- Invisible Mohawk Valley
- BOCES – have continuing education for adults with nighttime classes
  - 2-3 hours a class
  - Could do a civics program?
  - Maybe also look at school districts or colleges
- “Welcome Wagon” when you move from out of state
  - Put something in the packet about civics
  - Usually done through the realtor association
- Boy and Girl Scouts when they do their Eagle and Gold projects
- Go to city hall on the last day of tax season to get people registered to vote
  - Could give out info on civics
  - League did this in partnership with AARP – registered 67 voters