Feb 28th: Youth Call Notes

We have created a Facebook Page that is private but you can Join by requesting to join through your private facebook page.

Today we shared the Facebook group on the League's facebook page here:
Link to League Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/LWVNYS/

You can also access the group directly here:
Link Directly to the Facebook Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/214831922408422/
Once on group page request to "Join"

What are obstacles that prevent groups from getting involved with youth projects:
- Margret Syracuse - trouble getting into the schools, very tight curriculum makes it difficult.
   Have been able to do voter registration at certain events.
- White Plains does not have that issue.
- One thing to do voter registration, another to get students involved. Got students to help them to get people signed up rather than the League doing it. But have issues with some schools that want to do things themselves.
- if someone knows social studies teacher, have teacher bring in League to show history of voting or to have students make believe they are running for office then have all students turning 18 by election sign up to register to vote. Having teacher on board has helped with getting the school to agree to have League come in. (This program is Vote 18)
  - Vote 18 is all kids who will be 18 at following election fill out registration forms, tell students what to do and hand it in to them. It is also a lesson plan in 3 parts - interactive history lesson, mock election, and registration. Was recently revised to be more current.
  - Access has been a problem and several Leagues have ideas of how to do this.
- Another issue is getting enough volunteers.
- Syracuse was able to get a grant from Women's Bar to do voter registration and to go into schools
  - Very good success going to colleges and having table outside of cafeteria
  - next generation politics is a new group that has 50 chapters throughout states that start in schools and they reach out to the League to co-sponsor events.
  - having students who were a part of SIA really helps with getting students involved especially when the League cannot get into the schools.
  - have you had difficulty getting younger students, Girl Scout age, getting them involved?
  - Mary in Chattaqua was invited by the Girl Scouts several times to come in and present on voting and on women's suffrage.
  - Members felt colleges were a better outlet for doing voter registration drives.

Guidelines For FB Page/SIA Conversation
- share information that is working and is successful
- want more information on Running and Winning (program in encourage girls to get involved in politics and running for office)
- SIA is huge advantage with getting in schools
- get kids to apply by leaving flyers in library and talking with Social Studies supervisors.
- sometimes its better to send student that isn't a shining star student, they have more to gain through experience that someone who already has so much on their resume.
- some leagues do interview before selecting and them some do an interview after they were selected.
- Some leagues use the state's forms, some use their own forms.
- Some leagues do mass mailings but others find they do not get responses when they do that and have had better luck working directly with social studies teachers.
- Potential to have another call just on SIA