

Welcome to all our members, friends and honored guests gathered here to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the League of Women Voters of the City of New York. A century ago suffragists here in the city celebrated earning the right to vote. They quickly realized there was a need to continue breaking barriers by educating women about how to register, how to analyze the issues, how to vote and how to run for public office. The Woman Suffrage Party became the League of Women Voters, and this organization, which has seen so many formidable women in its ranks, has been carrying out its mission in civic engagement ever since.

There are many women who continue to break barriers in our city – women in business, politics, sports, education, media and other fields. We are here this evening to honor Billie Jean King, who led the fight for pay equality in tennis and whose activism continues on many fronts; and Stacey Cunningham, who is the first woman president of the New York Stock Exchange, lighting a path for women in the corridors of Wall Street.

As Co-Presidents of the New York City League, we lead an amazing all-volunteer organization of approximately 400 members who follow the motto “democracy is not a spectator sport.” In this tumultuous period of history, it seems that many have taken the easy way out by not voting, thinking that their vote will not make a difference. In Dr. Seuss’ *Horton Hears A Who!*, the Who learned what happens when one voice decides not to sing: Silence!

To make a difference, New Yorkers must inform themselves about issues, find solutions to problems and choose worthy candidates. This takes effort, but it is our responsibility as citizens. The League provides New Yorkers with voting information and engages the electorate to make their voices heard and “Vote Louder.” Just as Billie Jean King, Stacey Cunningham, and so many others will continue to break barriers in their fields, the League will continue to excel and lead in defending our democracy.



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Dear Friends:

I am delighted to join the League of Women Voters of the City of New York in welcoming everyone to its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

New York has always been the center of progressive America, and for generations, our diverse residents have united to create lasting, positive change. Founded in 1919 after the triumph of the suffrage movement, the League is guided by its mission to inform New Yorkers about government at the local, state and national levels, encourage them to participate in our democratic system, and advocate for policies that would benefit people in the five boroughs and beyond. The League's commitment to fostering civic engagement inspires my administration as we work to expand civic education programs in our public schools and strengthen democracy locally through our DemocracyNYC agenda. As you gather to celebrate its milestone anniversary and recognize the accomplishments of trailblazing women leaders, I applaud everyone associated with LWVNYC for their efforts to empower voters and advance our core values of democracy, equality, and inclusivity. Together, we are building a fairer, brighter tomorrow for all.

On behalf of the City of New York, Chirlane and I extend our congratulations to tonight's honorees. Please accept our best wishes for a festive celebration and continued success.

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**Jennifer J. Raab**

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## Program

6:00 – 7:30 pm Wine and Food Stations

7:30 pm Co-Presidents – Ruth S. Altman and Catherine T. Gray  
*Welcome and Remarks*

Event Chair – Jennifer J. Raab, President, Hunter College  
*Remarks*

Honoree Award Presentation to Stacey Cunningham  
*Special introduction by Jennifer Raab*

Honoree Award Presentation to Billie Jean King  
*Special introduction by Mayor David Dinkins*

8:30 pm Cake Cutting – Happy Anniversary!



**Stacey Cunningham** is the President of the NYSE Group, which includes the New York Stock Exchange and a diverse range of equity and equity options exchanges, all wholly owned subsidiaries of Intercontinental Exchange (NYSE: ICE). She is the 67th President and the first woman to lead the NYSE Group in its 226 year history.

Ms. Cunningham is a respected equities industry veteran, having held senior positions in global exchanges throughout her career. Most recently, she was the NYSE Chief Operating Officer where she was responsible for NYSE's four equity markets and two options markets. In this capacity, she led the company's strategy for its equities, equity derivatives, and exchange-traded funds businesses. She also spearheaded the roll-out of NYSE's state-of-the-art trading platform, NYSE Pillar, one of the most ambitious technology programs ever completed by a global exchange.

Prior to serving as COO, Ms. Cunningham was President of NYSE Governance Services, a provider of governance, compliance, and education solutions for companies and their boards. Ms. Cunningham also served as Head of Sales & Relationship Management at NYSE where she managed the sales team for U.S. cash equities and options markets. Before joining NYSE, Ms. Cunningham held several senior positions at Nasdaq.

Ms. Cunningham began her career on the NYSE trading floor where she served as a specialist. Ms. Cunningham earned her B.S. in Industrial Engineering from Lehigh University.



**Billie Jean King** was named one of the "100 Most Important Americans of the 20th Century" by *Life* magazine and was a 2009 recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Ms. King is the founder of the Billie Jean King Leadership Initiative, the co-founder of World Team Tennis, and a member of the ownership group of the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Los Angeles Sparks. She founded the Women's Sports Foundation and the Women's Tennis Association. In August 2006, the National Tennis Center, home of the US Open, was renamed the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in honor of her accomplishments on and off the court.

In 2017, Fox Searchlight released the critically acclaimed film, *Battle of the Sexes*, which depicts the cultural and social impact of her groundbreaking match with Bobby Riggs. In 2018 Ms. King received a Lifetime Achievement Award as part of the prestigious BBC Sports Personality of the Year Awards. Ms. King serves on the board of the Women's Sports Foundation and is a past member of the board of the Elton John AIDS Foundation and a past member of the President's Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition.

As a tennis champion and social activist, Ms. King lives her life according to the principles of equality, empowerment, and access. She is a Visionary, Pioneer, and Legend.

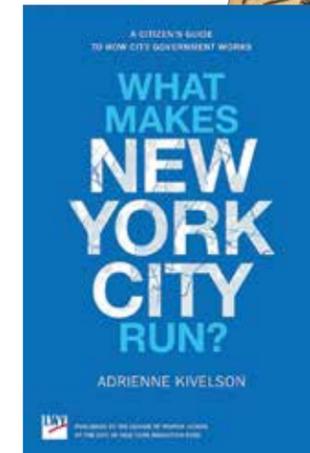
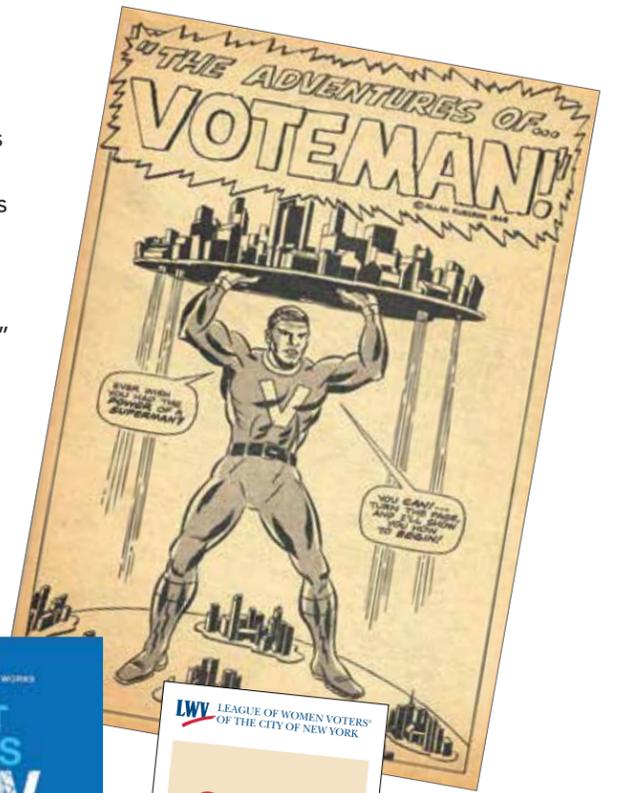
# Registering New Voters

The League of Women Voters of New York City was the name adopted in 1919 by the Woman Suffrage Party of New York City, whose hard work had been critical to winning the women's vote in the state in 1917. When only a minority of women registered to vote the first year, the League realized it had work to do. Members dispersed throughout the city, lecturing and holding classes about voting for women and new citizens. Over the decades, and with renewed vigor in the last three years, our members and volunteers have expanded our voter registration and education efforts to ever more diverse locations, including green markets, subways and parades, high schools and colleges, movie and Broadway theaters, corporate offices, retail stores and more. The League also trains other groups to properly carry out registration drives of their own, which multiplies the number of citizens registered to vote.



# Publications and Art

From the beginning, the State and City Leagues have produced a variety of pamphlets, manuals and books to inform New Yorkers about who represents them, who and what is on ballots for elections, and a host of other topics related to voting and to issues for which it advocates. The highly-lauded guide to government "What Makes New York City Run?" is now available on Kindle. Other classic publications include "They Represent You," "First Vote" and "Can You Make a Difference in Your City and Country?" The League has some wonderful art going back to its early days when the banner below led suffrage parades. In the 1960s, the "Voteman" comic book character helped lead a successful registration effort in underserved neighborhoods. And in 2014, the artist Lady Pink created a spectacular, larger-than-life VOTE painting before our eyes.



# Marches

What is more democratic than expressing what you believe in by marching? In its early days, the League paraded in cars and pushed baby buggies carrying signs. It continued marching with the 2014 Climate March and participated in the March for Science, the Women's Marches and the Gay Pride Parades, with volunteers helping new voters register before the marches started.



# Election Information/ Debates /Advocacy

Pre-election work like candidate information and organizing debates has always been among the League's most essential services. A nonpartisan stance enhances its quality reputation. Members choose issues that matter to them and for which they want to know candidates' stances. League positions are adopted based on consensus after rigorous study. The League once had its own television program where they asked politicians about issues. Officers and members have testified often at City Hall, and the League has a bureau of speakers who will travel when invited to address issues such as the upcoming Census.





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**Women Leading the Way** is a non-partisan national research, art and storytelling project that challenges high school students to explore the fundamental human right to vote by connecting their family history to the women's rights movement.

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