



Dear Neighbor,

We are fully in the swing of the budget season in Albany. This past month we hosted our Budget Town Hall to hear from constituents about your priorities for the year. We also met with hundreds of people in both Albany and the District Office to discuss budget items and the needs of various organizations and constituencies throughout the state. I also participated in several of our Joint Budget Hearings and you can [check out some of my questions by clicking here](#).

This is the busiest time of year for us but we try our best to carve out space for in-district events whenever possible. This month I joined my colleague Assemblymember Jon Rivera to celebrate the passage of his bill to put paratransit users on the boards of our regional transportation authorities. This bill ensures that the perspectives of actual transit-dependent riders with disabilities can be part of the public transportation decision making process. We also hosted a virtual forum, aimed primarily at seniors, to discuss utility rebates and cost-savings programs. On February 22 I spent the morning with the Pittsford Rotary Club, discussing what our office does and answering questions about the Executive Budget. Earlier that week, I met with the Veterans Outreach Center to hear more about their goals and how the state and federal government can better support our veterans. The Jewish Federation of Rochester hosted me and many of my various government partners to discuss the rise of anti-semitism in our region and to open up a dialogue to help combat hate in our community. And we celebrated the 203rd birthday of Susan B. Anthony with an announcement from the Governor that she would be putting \$10 million in the budget to support the expansion of the Susan B. Anthony House and Museum!

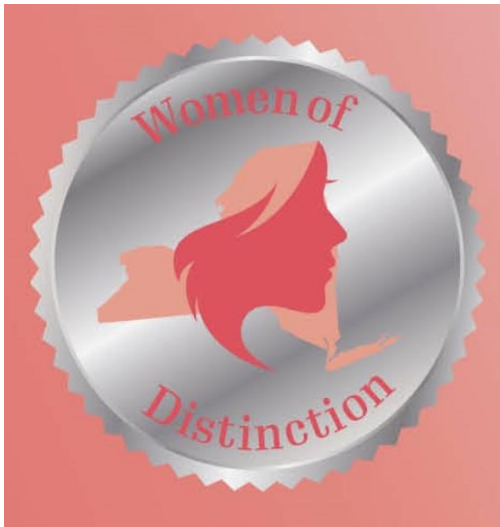
This next month is a marathon as we charge towards the completion of the budget. I will continue to provide updates on the budget process and [welcome your input](#) on what your priorities are as the negotiations between the Executive, the Assembly and the Senate get underway. Thank you all for taking the time to contact us about what matters most to you; your input helps us to provide better representation for our district!

Now let's get back to work!

Best,

Jen Lunsford

WOMEN OF DISTINCTION NOMINATIONS



In recognition of March as Women's History Month, I am collecting nominations for the **135th District's 2023 Women of Distinction!**

A Woman of Distinction is someone who goes above and beyond for her community without expecting anything in return. We invite you to nominate a woman in your life who exhibits this kind of impact on her community; our only qualification is that she reside in the 135th District (East Rochester, Fairport, Honeoye Falls, Mendon, Penfield, Perinton, and Pittsford.) You can [confirm your nominee's Assembly district by clicking here](#).

The deadline for submissions is March 7, 2023. Submit your nomination for a Woman of Distinction [by clicking here](#).

SIGN UP TO BE AN ORGAN DONOR

You have the power to Donate Life! Did you know that New York residents 16 years of age or older are eligible to be organ donors? Donors can also specify their donations, and you can modify or withdraw your donation at any time.



For more information or to enroll to become a donor, [visit here.](#)



UNCLAIMED FUNDS: CLAIM YOURS!

In Monroe County alone there are \$124,053,847 in unclaimed funds. Some of that money might belong to you!

Checking if you're owed unclaimed funds from the State is fast and easy; [click here for more information or to claim your funds.](#)

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH LOCALLY

March is Women's History Month and there are events happening every week around Rochester to celebrate!

Weekends at RMSC: The Rochester Museum and Science Center will be hosting [themed activity weekends](#) all throughout Women's History Month. These weekends include activities on Saturdays and Sundays from 11am to 3pm and welcome all ages! Activities include tours, story times, arts & crafts, documentary screenings, and games for for the whole family. The themes and dates are:

March 4th & 5th: Freedom Seekers and Suffragists

March 11th & 12th: Enterprising Women

March 18th & 19th: Arts and Culture Herstory Showcase

March 25th & 26th: Great Women in STEM

Tickets for these events are included in general admission. Tickets can be purchased onsite or online [here](#).

Friday, March 3rd: Nazareth College will be hosting a Women in Music Festival! The event begins at 4pm with a panel discussion followed by a concert with guest performers at 5:30pm featuring music written by women composers. For more information about the event, [click here](#).

Opening on Friday, March 3rd: The Rochester Contemporary Art Center will begin two exhibitions on March 3rd that will run through May 6th: "As I Recall Her: Artists Expand the Legacy of the Douglass Women" and "Facing Black Women: Shugabanni". To learn more or plan your visit, [click here](#).



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