

Louise Meyer Van Buskirk

ON SEPTEMBER 6, 1902, the first meeting of the Pittsford Political Equality Club was held at the Main Street home of Louise Meyer Van Buskirk, daughter of German immigrants.

The Pittsford Club members felt a strong connection to the national and global movement. The following year the Club again met in the Van Buskirk home on February 13, 1903, "on account of a desire to make the February meeting an anniversary (in so far as we could) of the 83rd birthday of "The Grand Woman" Susan B. Anthony... The day is celebrated by Suffrage Societies throughout the world, on either Saturday or Monday. In large cities and towns they were to do some fine things, raise money, &c. to help the cause so dear to Miss Anthony's heart, and for which she has toiled through a long life of self-denial..."

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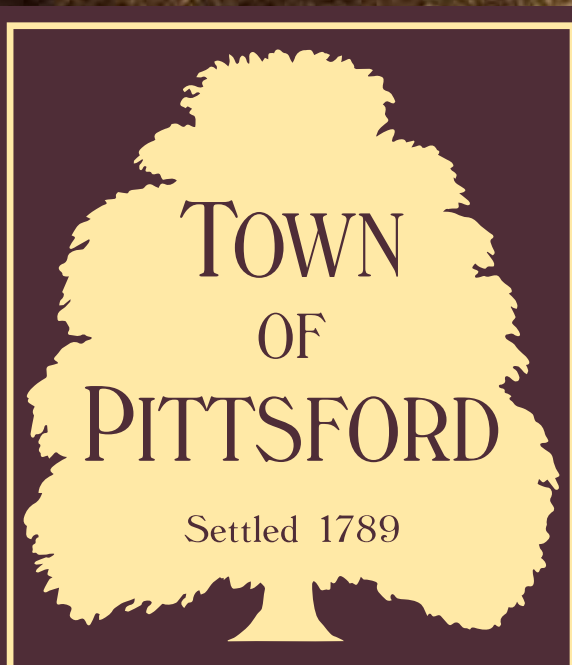
New Organization Starts Off With Ten Members.

Much enthusiasm was manifested yesterday afternoon by a group of women who met at the home of Mrs. Louise Van Buskirk, in Pittsford, for the purpose of organizing a political equality club. Mrs. M. J. H. Stebbins, president of the Monroe County Club; Miss Mary Anthony of this city and Mrs. Eva Wyman of Churchville were present, and all spoke urging the village women to effort in behalf of their rights. Mrs. Stebbins alluded particularly to the need of women having a voice in matters that pertain to their business interests, and to the custody of their children.

After an informal discussion a vote was taken as to whether the society should be organized. The majority voted for the founding of a society and ten women signified their intention of joining. A committee composed of Mrs. Mary Light, Mrs. Louise Van Buskirk, and Mrs. Mary True was appointed to frame a suitable constitution and by-laws, and it was decided to hold a meeting at the home of Mrs. Mary Agate on Saturday, September 13th, at 3 o'clock p. m., to effect a permanent organization.

An invitation was given by the prospective club to hold the county suffrage convention in Pittsford, under its auspices.

September 6, 1902



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First meeting called Sept. 6. at
the home of Mrs Wesley Vanbuskirk.
Those present - Miss M. Anthony,
Mrs Stebbins & Mrs Wyman of Churchville,
Mrs Vanbuskirk, Mrs Light, Mrs True,
Mrs Louise Eckle, Mrs Charles Cummings,
Mrs Romaine Lusk, Mrs Torrey,
Mrs John Agate. The account of the
proceedings of the meeting is best
given by the printed article, reported
by Miss Mary Anthony to the Rochester
Union & Advertiser, & sent by her to
Sec. of Club. M. J. Agate.

Second meeting of Club. Sept. 13
-at home of Mrs John Agate.
Miss Mary Anthony gave us a
surprise by coming out on the
3 p. m. train.