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'Lessons Learned: Tales From the Campaign Trail' Topic of Darien League of Women Voters Online Talk

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The League of Women Voters of Darien invites the community to its Annual Meeting to be held online on June 2 at 7 p.m.

Patricia Russo, executive director of the Campaign School at Yale will address the topic "Lessons Learned: Tales from the Campaign Trail."

— an announcement from the <u>Darien League of Women Voters</u>

The program will be hosted by the Darien Library and is free and open to the public. You can <u>register here</u> through the Darien Library website.

Russo is a nationally respected leader focused on achieving political parity in the United States and the

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world. For over 30 years she has held numerous leadership positions in the public, private and not for profit organizations centered on gender equality. She has held leadership positions on federal, state and local political campaigns.

As noted above, presently, Patricia serves as executive director of <u>The Campaign School at Yale University</u>, a non-partisan, issue neutral political campaign training program for those interested in running for office, as well as for those interested in campaign management.

The school is also for those who embrace the school's mission of increasing the number of women in political levels of government at the local, state and federal levels.

It's premier five-day campaign intensive training program, based at Yale Law School, is the leading program attracting individuals from the United States and internationally. In 2019, the school recently celebrated its 25th year at Yale Law School.

She is a former chair and commissioner of the Connecticut Permanent Commission on the Status of Women, a position she held for 25 years.

Russo served as a leader for "Love Makes A Family," a state-wide, nonprofit organization, which worked for equal marriage rights for same sex couples in Connecticut. It was disbanded with an amazing party in 2009 after achieving its goal. The records of the organization are housed at Yale.

She serves as an honorary member of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women.

Russo holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the George Washington University, and a certificate in health care and nonprofit management from the Yale School of Management.

While an undergraduate student, Patricia served as an intern to U.S. Congresswoman Bella S. Abzug of New York City, who inspires her to this day

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