



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

OF SARATOGA COUNTY, NEW YORK

BULLETIN

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OUR MISSION

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Diversity Policy

The League of Women Voters of Saratoga County, in both its values and practices, is committed to inclusion and diversity.

This means:

There shall be no barriers to participation in any activity of the League on the basis of economic position, gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.

We recognize that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision-making.

We believe inclusiveness enhances the organization's ability to respond more effectively to changing conditions and needs.

We affirm our commitment to reflecting the diversity of Saratoga County.

Learn more about gun control:

GUNS 'N ROSES

Why the League Supports Gun Control

THURSDAY, May 19th

7pm—Saratoga Springs Public Library

Speaker: Robyn Ringler See p. 3

TOUGH TALK About Hard Decisions See flyer: lwvsaratoga.org

Friday, MAY 6TH— 1PM—Saratoga Springs Public Library

What Happened? What's Going to Happen? Report from the

LWVNY Convention and Planning for Saratoga League Happenings

Thursday, June 23, 7pm

Dutcher Community Room, SS Public Library

Find out what happened at the LWVNY Convention, then help plan our League's calendar for 2011-2012.

Come with ideas of the things you are interested in.

LWVSC ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, Noon, June 5, 2011

Luncheon at the Vista at Van Patten Golf Club, Clifton Park

Hear Ron Seyb,

Associate Professor of Government at Skidmore College

speaking on

"Who Speaks for Me?

Free Speech, the Constitution and Corporations"

Touching on the U. S. Supreme Court's 2010 decision in Citizens United vs Federal Election Commission, allowing open-ended corporate money to bankroll U.S. election campaigns.

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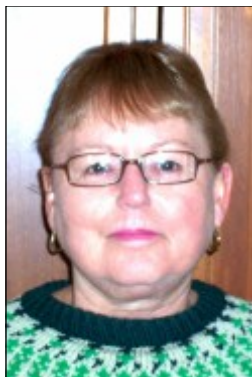
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From the President -

This is the last time I will be writing this column, so I want to take advantage of the opportunity to publicly thank some people who supported me over the 21 years that I served as president or co-president of this League. First, thanks go to my co-presidents: Maki Jackowitz, Patricia Nugent, Terry Lowenthal, Mary Lou Classen, and Kim Copenhaver.

Having someone else to share the load with certainly makes the job easier.

Next, I want to thank the marvelous people who were chairs of the Voters' Service Committee: Joan Whitford, Barbara Stamas, Pat Reed, Terry Lowenthal, Chris Alexander, Mary Lou Classen, and our current and continuing chair, Ann Kril. About half of the work of the League revolves around planning and conducting Candidate Forums, getting out the vote and providing Voter Guides – so a good Voters' Service Chair is worth her weight in gold, and we have had good ones!

In fact, since 2003, we have spun off the work of getting out the vote with two programs developed by Helen Crawshaw: TAKE ME TO VOTE! and First Vote. Helen continues to implement First Vote and this year Mary Ratzer succeeded Cindy Sodher and ran TAKE ME TO VOTE!

Then there are the people who chaired or co-chaired Study Committees: Selma Harwood (Library); Margie Van Meter (Education, Study Circles on Rockefeller Drug Laws, County Governance, Consolidation); Susan Burton and Debbie Peck Kelleher (Role of Saratoga County IDA & EDC); Margot Ammon (Emergency Services); Francine Rodger (County Governance, Consolidation); Lori Dawson & Renee Moore (Death Penalty).

I appreciate the accuracy of our secretaries: Mary Jane Ellis, Mally Sue Hennig, Pattie Garrett and our Treasurers: Carol Fleming, Carol Green and Diane Whitburn. They were great!

Lori Dawson learned how to manipulate the rules of LWVNY and LWVUS to get us to a position on the death penalty, the Compact for the National Popular Vote, Same Sex Marriage, and to improvements in the internal functioning of LWVUS. Thank you, Lori!

Janice Burns has kept track of our membership on the LWVUS database for the entire time that I have been President, first with the cumbersome data entry sheets and more recently directly on the LWVUS website. Thanks, Janice, for keeping track of who is a member and who hasn't joined or renewed. And, also, for serving as chair of the nominating committee for the last decade.

We've had an online presence for our Voters' Guides for over 10 years thanks to Susan Zappen (Dnet), then Francine

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Rodger and Christine Alexander (Vote 411). Look for an enhanced online presence in 2011. Kelly Reidy got us started with a website. Christine Alexander picked up from Kelly and expanded the site and updates it frequently to highlight LWV Saratoga activities. Pattie Garrett started and keeps our Facebook page vibrant and current. Kelly also piloted a LWV presence at the Saratoga Farmers' Market, which Pattie expanded.

I thank Jane Weihe, Jaye Kuczynski and Kristin Overholt for designing our local LeaderSpark Program. It really develops leaders as it enhances the LWV image.

Then I want to thank Mary Jane Ellis and Barbara Stamas who recruited people to bring the soups and salads that we served prior to LWV events. It made people comfortable as they dashed to our meetings from work.

We've had an impressive lineup of Bulletin editors: Libby Smith Holmes, Frances Kelly, Maki Jackowitz, Carl Danna, Margot Ammon and Cliff Ammon. Margot, especially has transformed the look of the Bulletin.

OMG! This is an impossible task. There are so many wonderful people in this League and their support of me and this LWV is truly amazing. If I didn't mention you it is not because you were not important to the success of this League, you were. THANK YOU TO EVERY MEMBER OF LWV SARATOGA! I look forward to supporting Patricia Nugent as she leads this League into the future.

Barb

Thanks!!

We are pleased and proud to announce that we have received a \$4000 grant from

State Farm

**For our
EDUCATION & EMPOWERMENT FOR CITIZEN PARTICIPATION
project.**

**This project includes *Take Me To Vote!*,
LeaderSpark, *First Vote*, *Candidate Forums*, and *Voters Guides*.**

GUNS 'N ROSES – Why The League Supports Gun Control

The featured speaker will be Robyn Ringler, who served as President Reagan's nurse when he was shot and has been a tireless advocate for gun control alongside James Brady, who was also shot at that time. Ms. Ringler is a League member, as well as a nurse, lawyer, and owner of East Line Books in Clifton Park. She will review the history of gun control legislation and provide some statistics on gun violence in America.

The League's official national position on gun control will also be presented, as adopted in 1990 and amended in 1994 and 1998. In short, it reads, "The League of Women Voters of the United States believes that the proliferation of handguns and semi-automatic assault weapons in the United States is a major health and safety threat to its citizens. The League supports strong federal measures to limit the accessibility and regulate the ownership of these weapons by private citizens. The League supports regulating firearms for consumer safety."

The League also supports licensing procedures for gun ownership by private citizens to include a waiting period for a background check, personal identity verification, gun safety education and annual license renewal. It advocates for a ban on "Saturday night specials," enforcement of strict penalties for the improper possession of and crimes committed with handguns and assault weapons, and allocation of resources to better regulate and monitor gun dealers.

Ms. Ringler's talk will also include a review of pending legislation and what concerned citizens can do to help get reform enacted. The program is free and open to the public.

For more information, visit the League website at www.lwvsaratoga.org or call 728-0237.

NOTICE

There will be no LWVSC Farmers' Market presence this summer in Saratoga Springs unless someone steps forward to organize it!

If you think you might be that person, call 728-0237 for more information.



Below is a photo of some of our LeaderSpark graduates modeling the T-shirts they received to mark their completion of the intensive six week LeaderSpark leadership training program, which is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Saratoga County, State Farm and Stewart's Shops.



Back Row: Kevin Unser & Brian Parsons (both Ballston Spa HS), Svetlana Morrell (Stillwater HS), Hannah Curtiss, Matthew Martin, & Jacob Devasagayam (all Ballston Spa HS).
Front Row: Dakota Closson & Kristi Krulcik (both Saratoga Springs HS), Sarah Chandler & Emilee Conroe (both Ballston Spa HS).

County Supervisors Paul Sausville and Joanne Yepsen were on hand to congratulate the students and their parents and to present LeaderSpark diplomas.

The LeaderSpark curriculum is designed to enhance the leadership skills of youth through high quality, interactive skill-building workshops to produce strong emerging leaders. It utilizes a practical, proven leadership curriculum, specially designed sequenced topics, youth-driven discussions, and hands-on interactive activities.

The workshops took place each Sunday afternoon at the Salvation Army Building, 27 Woodlawn Ave., Saratoga Springs. Students benefited by gaining self confidence, through focusing on topics such as styles and qualities of leadership, working with groups, planning projects, dealing with conflict and presenting yourself and by working with adult mentors to develop a meaningful community service project.

FOR REAL EXCITEMENT— SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

By Terry Lowenthal

Two exciting new programs were recently launched by Saratoga County School Districts. These programs are too interesting not to know about – especially since our league is about to participate in the national study on education. (See next page). With a world that is small and getting smaller, and even more technologically driven, preparing our students for the future has never been more important.

One of the programs is the "Clean Technologies & Sustainable Industries Program" recently launched by the Ballston Spa School District in collaboration with the Hudson Valley Community College and NYSERDA (New York State Energy Research and Development Authority).

For next year, 11th and 12th grade students from the Saratoga Springs School District have been invited to participate with the Ballston Spa students and study at the Saratoga Technology+ Energy Park site in Malta. The program offers the opportunity to gain up to 20 college credits over 2 years while finishing their high school diploma. Each student will spend one half day at her/his home school and one half day in college courses. During the second year, internships in the industries and partners located near the facility will be included in the program. With so much emphasis on the high technology careers of the future, this is a wonderful chance for students to gain early exposure to the field.

The other program is more a gleam in a few eyes but oh, what an exciting gleam. WWHSE BOCES is participating in an initiative with Southwest University in Chongqing, China to help build bridges between the countries. The first part of the initiative, "Project Chinese", an extracurricular Chinese language program is already offered online, after school and in summer.

The second part of the program, not yet implemented, will be a cultural component that will create exchange programs for educators and students. Among the ideas they are discussing: administrator/teacher exchanges, electronic exchange of materials and ideas and, eventually, visits between student groups. A group of Chinese teachers and administrators spent time visiting schools in Saratoga and Warren counties. At the SS school board meeting, they spoke of how impressed they were with what they saw in local districts. This seemed to be a great beginning to an exciting initiative.

Participate in the LWVUS study of:

THE ROLE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN PUBLIC EDUCATION, 2011

Study will focus on Pre-K to 12 Public Education, and the deadline for completing consensus by local Leagues will be the end of November 2011, so that means our local study group will start meeting in May or June. Terry Lowenthal and Marian Potter have already said that they want to serve on the committee, and Terry will coordinate till a chair is selected. **Call her at 587-2516** to let her know you are interested, and when you can meet. Just to give you a taste of the scope of the study the following **Papers already online at www.lwv.org are:**

- History of Federal Efforts Related to Equity in Public Schooling
- Common Core Standards and Assessments
- Funding and Equity Issues
- Early Childhood Education, Equity and Funding

Report of the Bylaws Committee (Pat Reed, chair and Susan Stewart) approved at the April 14th Board meeting:

Proposed changes:

Article III, 2a, 2b:

Add: **State** (replaced National) to 2.a.1.) individuals who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other league; (2)those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be **State** members-at-large; *Remove:* **honorary** from 2.a.3.) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be (*honorary -remove*) life members excused from the payment of dues.

Add: **Join, Add: Associate members are non-voting members** to 2.b.) **Associate members:** All others who **join** the League shall be associate members. **Associate members are non-voting members.**

Reason: Members may no longer join at the national level, and the first three Articles of our by-laws must be consistent with LWVUS by-laws.

Article VI. 2.

Remove: **The membership year shall run from July 1 to June 30. Annual Dues shall be payable on the first day of the membership year.** *Leaving:* Proposed annual dues will be presented to the membership at least one month prior to the annual meeting. Annual dues will be set by a majority vote of the membership present at each year's annual meeting.

Reason: First two sentences do not reflect current practice.

Article VIII. 2.

Add: **off-board** to Section 2.) The report of the nominating committee of its nominations for officers, directors and **off-board** members of the succeeding nominating committee shall be sent all members one month before the date of the annual meeting. The report of the nominating committee shall be presented to the annual meeting. Immediately following the presentation of this report, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member provided the consent of the nominee shall have been secured.

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ANNUAL MEETING 2011

The Saratoga Co. LWV's June 5 Annual Meeting discussion topic will cover a new ruling regarding the flow of money in election campaigns. Our discussion will be: "Who Speaks For Me? Free Speech, the Constitution and Corporations".

In 2010, the U.S. Supreme Court, in a 'free speech' issue, has ruled in a 5 to 4 decision in favor of the right of corporations to contribute unlimited money in political campaigns. The case was Citizens United vs. the Federal Election Commission. Since this ruling, newly formed citizens' groups are seeking to either amend the constitution or encourage Congress to pass a law to override this decision. Surprisingly, the ACLU spoke in favor of one narrow portion of the decision based on vague wording of a prior, related case. How will this decision impact the flow of information to voters during elections and the ability of average citizens and smaller groups to compete with the level of corporate money?

We have asked Professor Ronald Seyb, of the Department of Government at Skidmore College to help us understand this vital issue. Ron Seyb has earned his Ph.D. in Political Science from Yale in 1988 and his Bachelors at the University of California, Irvine. Some of his current teaching includes "Politics of the Congress" and "The Psychology of Congress". He has written on the presidencies of Richard Nixon, Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter as well as Gov. Pat Brown's reorganization of California's Executive Branch.

Directions to the Vista at Van Patten Golf Club

From North: Take I-87 (Northway) to Exit 10. Go Right (west) onto Ushers Rd. Then 2/10 mile to second Left onto Van Patten Dr. to the end (3/4 mile). Turn right onto Carleton Rd. to the end (half mile). Turn Right onto Main St. for 500 yards to Van Patten Golf Club on the Left.

From South: Take I-87 (Northway) to Exit 10. Go Left onto Ushers Rd. Cross over Northway to third Left onto Van Patten Dr. to the end. Follow directions as above.

Reason: To clarify the need to nominate and elect the off-board members of the nominating committee.

The full text of the current LWV Saratoga by-laws and of the Program Positions which are proposed to be readopted at the Annual meeting are on our website www.lwvsc.org in the "About Us" section.

LWVSC PROPOSED 2011-2012 BUDGET

	ADOPTED 2010-2011	PROPOSED 2011 - 2012		
		<u>REGULAR</u>	<u>EdFUND</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>INCOME:</u>				
DUES	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00		\$ 7,000.00
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
INTEREST	\$ 100.00	\$ 50.00		\$ 50.00
VOTERS SERVICE	\$ 350.00	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
VOTERS' GUIDES	\$ 300.00	\$	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
ANNUAL MEETING	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
FUND RAISING PROJECT	\$ 5,500.00	\$	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
LEADERSPARK	\$ 3,960.00			
PROJECT TBA	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$22,910.00	\$11,750.00	\$10,850.00	\$22,600.00
FROM RESERVES	\$ 2,460.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,880.00
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$25,370.00	\$11,880.00	\$14,600.00	\$26,480.00
<u>EXPENSES:</u>				
OPERATING COSTS:				
SUPPLIES	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00
POSTAGE	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
PO BOX	\$ 60.00	\$ 80.00		\$ 80.00
PHONE	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS	\$ 560.00	\$ 680.00		\$ 680.00
LWV SUPPORT	\$ 6,700.00	\$ 3,350.00	\$ 3,350.00	\$ 6,700.00
CONFERENCES	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
BULLETIN & BULK MAIL	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,600.00		\$ 1,600.00
MEMBERSHIP	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
VOTERS SERVICES:				
GET OUT THE VOTE, ETC.	\$ 1,500.00	\$	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00
CANDIDATES/ELECTION NIGHT	\$ 1,200.00	\$	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
VOTERS' GUIDES	\$ 300.00	\$	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00
MEETING EXPENSES/RENTALS	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00
FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00
PUBLICATIONS	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
ANNUAL MEETING	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
FUND RAISING PROJECT	\$ 3,500.00	\$	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
LEADERSPARK	\$ 3,960.00	\$	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00		\$ 200.00
GRANTS	\$ 150.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
PROJECT TBA	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$25,370.00	\$11,880.00	\$14,600.00	\$26,480.00

BUDGET REPORT & NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Budget Committee Report—2011

The Budget Committee met March 16, 2011. The committee members are: Peter Martin, Francine Rodger, Barb Thomas, Diane Whitburn and myself.

A few line items were changed to make the donations' line clearer. When we apply for grants the lines did not show where all the money was going. All contributions have been moved to the Contribution line and split between the Education Foundation and the operating budget. We have added a TBA project line in case we do something like the Suffrage Event again.

The dues were kept at the current level as they continue to cover our per member payments to both the State and National Leagues.

Mary Lou Classen, chair

Nominating Committee Report—2011

Officers to be elected: (2011-2013)

President.....Pat Nugent
 1st Vice President-.....Ann Kril
 Secretary.....Donna Dardaris
 Director.....Barbara Murphy
 Director.....Jackie Pardon
 Director.....Meg Stevens

Officers to be elected

to complete a term ending in 2012

Director.....Darnell Rohrbaugh
 Director.....Mary Lou Classen
 Director.....Pattie Garrett

Nominating committee to be elected(2012)

Selma Harwood, chair; Margie Van Meter; Barbara Thomas

Officers continuing: term ending in 2012

Treasurer-.....Diane Whitburn
 Director.....

Appointed Directors, term ending in 2012

Directors.....Pat Reed; Margot Ammon
Submitted by Nominating Committee(2010-2011)
 Millie Green; Terry Lowenthal; Margot Ammon;
 Mary Lou Classen; Janice Burns, chair.

School Board Candidate Events

Contested Elections

May 3, Tues. Saratoga Springs HS
Teaching Auditorium, 7pm

May 11, Wed. Burnt Hills/Ballston Lake HS
HS Library, 7pm

LWV Saratoga County ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 5, 2011

PLEASE RESERVE BY MAY 26, 2011

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PREFERRED PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

HOW MANY _____ X \$25= \$ _____

Luncheon Main Course Selections (choose one per person)

LUNCH CHOICES: Grilled Chicken Ceasar Salad _____ OR Egg Battered Chicken Piccata _____

Grilled Salmon _____ OR Vegetarian Selection: Grilled Vegetable Wrap _____

Make your check to: LWV of Saratoga County
Mail to: Diane Whitburn, 11 North Hill Drive, Ballston Lake, NY 12019

COMING EVENTS

May 3 & 11 School Board Candidate Events, see p. 7

May 17 – Tuesday – School Board and Budget Elections see p. 7

May 19 – Thursday – Guns ‘N Roses: Why the League Supports Gun Control – 7pm, SSPL p.1 & 3

May 20, 21 & 22 – LWVNY Convention, Desmond Hotel, Albany, Registration required Call 728-0237

June 23 – Thursday - What Happened? What’s Going to Happen? – 7pm, SSPL See p.1

June 5, Sunday- LWV Saratoga’s 45th Annual Meeting & Luncheon at the Vista Restaurant (at the Van Patten Golf Club, Clifton Park) see p.1,5,6,7
Who Speaks For Me? Free Speech, the Constitution and Corporations
\$25 pp Coupon p.7



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Want to march in a parade? Last year we marched in the Saratoga Springs Memorial Day Parade and had a lot of fun. Where would you like to march this year? Would you like to march?
Call 728-0237 if interested.

We’ve already had a call on our new cell phone!!!! This will be the permanent number even as our leadership changes: **(518) 728-0237**

Thanks to our April contributor
Paul Sausville

GET INVOLVED ! GIVE 2 HOURS A MONTH TO THE OBSERVER CORP
Contact Denny Finneran at 583-1478

From Francine Rodger -

I propose getting a study group together, to meet once a month or so, to look at the LWV positions. There are four general areas for the LWVUS, and seven for New York State. I thought if someone would take an area, or even half an area, read through *Impact on Issues*, digest and summarize the positions, and then share them with the group, we would all come away with more information than we had before

We could meet at one of the coffee spots which have private rooms, purchase an AM coffee and a snack if we like, learn a little bit about league policy and history....this would be like at 9:30 or 10 in the morning, alternating between Saratoga & Clifton Park.

We would have a venue to look at the old, adopted positions, understand the current battles, and just have some good conversation.

Contact Francine at 371-8032 or aerodger@aol.com if you are interested.

JOIN US & MAKE A DIFFERENCE

YES! I Would like to join the League.

\$50. Individual \$75 Family

\$20 Student

Please send more information

I would like to contribute\$_____

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CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

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EMAIL _____

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Mail to: Membership, LWVSC P.O. Box 1029, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866