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Don't Just Explode!
Join the League of Women Voters
and Do Something About It!!**

Join an organization that makes an impact in the community, the state and the nation.
Nonpartisan: We do not support candidates, elected officials or political parties.

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Address _____

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Membership Dues: _____ \$50.00 Individual

(Check desired level) _____ \$70.00 Family

Make check out to: **Plattsburgh Area League of Women Voters**

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THE INFORMER



**League of Women Voters
of the Plattsburgh Area**

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**7 Woodland Hills
Morrisonville, New York 12962**

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**DON'T FORGET THE
JANUARY 30TH
MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Visit Plattsburgh LWV Web Site at www.plattsburgh.ny.lwvnet.org

NEW

Hard Copy of Informer

To all members and the public: If you wish to receive the League Newsletter, "The Informer" by mail, please submit \$5.00 to cover cost of postage and printing for 10 issues. Make check payable to **League of Women Voters, Plattsburgh Area** and send it to **Myra Decker, 7 Woodland Hill, Morristonville, NY 12962.**

Calendar

January 30, 2010 Annual Membership Meeting 1-3 pm United Way Bldg Tom Miller Rd.



February 5, 2010 FFF Clinton County Historical Museum

February 9, 2010 Public forum on redistricting followed by celebration of League's 90th birthday; Albany.

February 14, 2010 LWV's 90th Birthday

Getting Through Tough Financial Times: Wallet, Mind, Body, and Spirit

FREE

February 4, 2010 7:00 PM

Refreshments

Plattsburgh United Methodist Church

Featuring:

Glen Michaels, NY State Asst. Attorney General, Plattsburgh Office
Deacon Mark Bennett, Spiritual Life Director, St. Peter's Church

Co-sponsored by: Interfaith Council of Plattsburgh and Clinton County and the League of Women Voters

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Log on to www.plattsburgh.ny.lwvnet.org. Click on "The Informer" either on the side bar or main part of the page. Click on <http://www.lwvny-bulletins.org/Capital%20Region/Plattsburgh.htm> The next page enables you to click on the latest or past editions of the newsletter. It will ask to either open it up or save it to a disk. You can then print it if you desire. You will get a larger print if you use legal size paper.



Students Inside Albany Conference

The League's 2010 Students Inside Albany conference will be held April 11-14 for 10th-12th grade students. Information and applications are available in the Social Studies departments of area schools or by contacting **Betsy Metz 561-6106**. Applications are due February 5th to Betty Ann King. A panel of local educators will choose the local winner.

Transportation, lodging, meals and all education materials will be provided for each representative attending the Students Inside Albany conference.



Live Bluegrass Concert with the Gibson Brothers

January 30, 2010 - Doors open at 6 pm Show begins at 7 pm

Chazy Central School

Proceeds benefit Family Promise of Clinton County~A community response to homelessness

Tickets available at the following:

Family Promise office at 36 Brinkeroff St, Plattsburgh

Dick's Country Store, Chrususco Adirondack Trading Co, Plattsburgh Homestead Restaurant, Chazy or call 562-0710

Greetings from Florida



Hi everyone,

We're finally thawing out from that very cold wave at the beginning of Jan. This hasn't stopped the League in its activities, however. We celebrated Lee County LWV's 60th birthday with a party at Carrabbas with many League officials, members and guests. A brief history of the League was read as well as proclamations from several communities.

We have already held a candidate's forum in anticipation of a primary for one of the cities.

At the Martin Luther King celebration here, several League members set up a booth and asked people if they usually voted and if not, why not. They'll do the tabulations and give a report to the board. Nothing very scientific but interesting. It was done primarily to attract people to the booth to hear about the League and voter service information.

Our members have also been attending conferences on water quality and climate control and writing letters regarding offshore/nearshore drilling. Speaking of environment, a biofuel company, Algenol, will build a laboratory and offices in Lee County that would begin two new programs-create biofuel from chemical feedstock and the other in carbon dioxide management. Algenol makes biofuel from algae. There is also another company working on using vegetable oil from restaurants to fuel area busses.

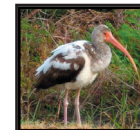
Our program planning will be help in a couple of weeks. We will also have a speaker on water quality-a big concern especially with the Caloosahatchee River. I will give you a report on this in the next Informer.

The Harry Chapin Food Bank held a walk around a major mall that raised \$138,000 that will buy about \$800,000 in food. Much needed in these times.

In the meantime, keep warm.

Take care,
Stasia Arcarese

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The League was instrumental in the enactment of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 and the Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform Act of 2002. The League worked to renew the Voting Rights Act, and filed a number of amicus briefs relating to campaign finance reform issues, racial bias in jury selection and Title IX. Beginning in 2004, the League focused its legislative work under a "Democracy Agenda" umbrella that included redistricting, civil liberties, campaign finance reform, voting rights for District of Columbia residents, election administration reform and ethics and lobbying reform.

The League launched a nationwide voter education campaign on "5 Things You Need to Know on Election Day" in 2004 that was repeated in 2006. In addition, the League engaged in a multi-year education project on Judicial Independence. A major effort was the Local Voices Project that fostered a dialogue on the critical issue of balancing homeland security and civil liberties.

The League continued its international work through several Global Democracy Programs that included working with women in Africa, Brazil, Ukraine and Russia. In addition, the League participated in a number of programs that focused on increased understanding of international affairs on the part of Americans.

The League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVEF) and the Overseas Education Fund (OEF)

In the late 1940s and 1950s, the League established two 501(c)(3) educational organizations that, like the LWVUS, are nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations, but, unlike the LWVUS, also can accept contributions that are deductible for income tax purposes. In 1957, the LWVUS Board established the League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVEF). The LWVEF undertakes a broad array of citizen education and research efforts, which complement the membership and political action activities of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

The League of Women Voters Through the Decades! Compiled by Kay J. Maxwell
http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=90th_Anniversary&Template=/TaggedPage/TaggedPageDisplay.cfm&TPLID=143&ContentID=14349

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Issues: The League was in the forefront of the struggle to pass the Voting Rights Act Amendments of 1982 and contributed significantly to enactment of the historic Tax Reform Act of 1986. It also adopted a position on fiscal policy and one on US Relations with Developing Countries. In the arms control field, LWV pressure helped achieve Senate ratification of the groundbreaking Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty (INF) in 1988. In that same year the League also completed a study of U.S. agricultural policy. And through the Agenda for Security Projects in 1984, 1986 and 1988, the League underwrote some 150 debates focused on national security issues among congressional candidates. The League also sponsored Presidential Debates in 1980 and 1984, but withdrew as a sponsor of General Election debates in 1988. In 1983 the League adopted a position on public policy on reproductive choice.

The 1990s:

Organization: At the 1996 convention, bylaws changes were made to simplify the process of forming new Leagues by eliminating the provisional League category, and set the procedure for proposing adoption or amendment of an LWVUS position by concurrence on the floor of convention. The LWVUS Future Planning process was also launched at that convention.

At the 1998 convention, the bylaws were amended to provide for communication vehicles other than "snail" mail!

A nationwide brainstorming effort, the Crossroads Project, on the future of the League was set in motion at the 1992 convention, and the resulting recommendations were presented to convention 1994. A 75th Anniversary Membership Campaign was launched in 1994 and included a new member video, "75 Years of a Great Idea".

Issues: Members adopted a position on gun control in 1990 and Congress passed reauthorization of the Clean Air Act, capping a ten-year legislative campaign. The League also launched "Take Back the System", a voter campaign to reclaim government and elections and sponsored a Presidential Primary Debate in 1992. In 1993, the League adopted a position on health care and won passage of the National Voter Registration Act, better known as Motor Voter.

In the last years of the decade, the issue for emphasis, Making Democracy Work, included increasing voter turnout, campaign finance reform, civic education,

diversity of representation, civic participation and voting representation for the residents of the District of Columbia. During that same period LWVEF activities included Running and Winning, a program that encouraged young women to consider careers as political leaders, as well as community dialogues on water resources, energy and health care.

Following the end of the Cold War, the League began several international programs: hosting emerging women leaders from Poland and Hungary; Strengthening Women's Rights in the NIS; Voices for Women – Forces for Change: Women's Leadership Workshops for Russia and Belarus; Voices for Women – Forces for Change: Building Peace in the Bosnian Community; a Bosnian Citizen Get-Out-The Vote Campaign; and Woman Power in Politics: Building Grassroots Democracy in Africa.

In 1998 the Democracy Network (DNet) was tested and then launched nationwide in January 2000. This Internet web site was a major effort to provide information regarding elections to citizens across the nation.

The 21st Century:

Organization: A hallmark of the new century was the commitment on the part of the League to increased use of electronic communication to League leaders across the nation. A monthly electronic newsletter was begun and the League's membership database became available electronically for direct updating by League membership chairs.

At convention 2000, the per member payment (PMP) for student members was set at one half the regular rate and direct member input on program planning was implemented. For the first time, membership brochures were produced in Spanish and in 2004, the League received the Civic Change award from the Pew Partnership for Civic Change.

Issues: Beginning in 2000 Issues for Emphasis were no longer selected at conventions and, at the 2000 convention, the League adopted a concurrence to add support for restoration of the federal payment to the District of Columbia. The League offered the first "candidate debates" online through the League's Internet based voter education program, DNet. DNet ended in 2005, but was replaced by the even more effective voter education web site, Vote411, in 2006. The League adopted updated positions on Trade and the UN in 2001 and 2002, an updated position on election of the president in 2004, as well as a concurrence in support of the abolition of the death penalty and a study of immigration policies at convention 2006.

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Annual Membership Meeting

JANUARY 30, 2010



1-3 PM



United Way Building
Tom Miller Rd in Plattsburgh

Sweet Treats
"Sounds of the Northway"*

Come and enjoy

- • delicious desserts
- • socialization
- • entertainment

Bring a guest.

RSVP to Myra Decker at 643-2742 or
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*Sounds of the Northway members:
Ann Hope Ruzow Holland, a founder of the group sings,
plays guitar and piano, composes and adapts songs.
Cathie Davenport plays flute and sings.
Jennifer Van Benschoten plays the violin and keyboard.

League of Women Voters
First Friday Forum

FEBRUARY 5, 2010

12 noon

Butcher Block Restaurant

Speaker: Carol Blakeslee-Collin,
Director Clinton County Historical Museum

Topic: "Clinton County
Historical Museum"



RSVP by Feb. 4th: Myra Decker
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Cost: \$12.00 (no checks, please)

January FFF Report

by Betsy Metz

Michele Armani, interim director of the Family Welcome Center, discussed its program and services at the January 7, 2010 First Friday Forum.



Michele Armani

woman in the home. Many single women are in the program.

The following statistics reflect the economic and education levels of the residents in the City of Plattsburgh:

- 49% of students in lunch support program
- 24% below poverty level
- 53% high school graduates - statewide 79%
- 3.6% bachelors degree or higher

New York State ranks 50th in adult education. [Note: New York is one of 2 states in the U.S. which offers free GED - an attractive option for many adults.] To address this problem the new state paradigm has created 11 literacy zones. Plattsburgh was chosen as one of these sites based on CV Tech's partnership/community coalition and the school's 94% passing rate of students living in Clinton and Essex Counties. The Center is funded by a State Education Department 3 year grant which focuses on the City Plattsburgh; additional funds are available for the county. Michele and social worker Erin Zinicola comprise the staff. The Center emphasizes the following areas:

- health/finance
- family
- education and training

Initiatives include the City after school program and GED. Guidelines include those of the National Work Readiness Training program. Efforts are made for the students to achieve high skills in math and reading while also encouraging reliability and a strong work ethic. Training and clothing are provided for job interviews. The Center also assists people released from jail by arranging interviews, referrals, and clothing to meet needs during the wait for an appointment with DSS. Michele stated that the Jail has a good GED and training program.

Challenges include: stigma of accepting assistance, bus schedules and accessibility to bus routes, cost of taxicabs, condition of sidewalks [snow and ice coverage make walking with a stroller or riding in a wheelchair impossible], proximity to OneWork-Source [dream is to have a sub-office downtown], retention of area youth, difficulty of people employed in corrections to move to other jobs, and need to improve diversity in job training.

GED retention is very difficult due to health issues, childcare, employment and transportation. To address these issues, the Center partners with the Department of Social Services, Childcare Coordinating Council, Clinton County Public Transit, County Department of Health and many other county agencies and organizations. The Center also provides clothing and accessories.



Jan Forsman, Betsy Metz, Michele Armani. Edie Poland is not pictured.

continued from p. 7 "LWV 90th" against Senator Joseph McCarthy's abuse of congressional investigative powers. "I believe tolerance and respect for the opinions of others is being jeopardized by men and women whose instincts are worthily patriotic, but whose minds are apparently unwilling to accept the necessity for dissent within a democracy."

Dating back to a 1920s study of the Tennessee Valley Authority, the League's concern about the depletion and conservation of natural resources was rekindled in the mid-1950s with a study of water resources.

The 1960s:

Organization: The 1966 convention redefined program as "those governmental issues chosen for concerted study and action." This change made it possible to have program without the "CA" and "CR" categories, and at the convention in 1968 the program was adopted without categorizing issues. Membership reached a high point in 1969, with almost 157,000 members.

Issues: In response to the growing civil rights crisis of the 1960s the League directed its energies to equality of opportunity and built a solid foundation of support for equal access to education, employment and housing. The League also added apportionment to its national program and supported presidential suffrage for the residents of Washington, DC. In 1969, the League was one of the first organizations calling for the United States to normalize relations with China. The League also hosted an exchange with women from the USSR and the OEF Institutes for Latin American women were inaugurated.

The 1970s:

Organization: In 1970 the national bylaws requirement for adopting a not-recommended item was changed from three-fifths to a simple majority. "CAs" and "CRs" were dropped from the bylaws, and the national program appeared as one list of issues discussed, amended and adopted at national

conventions every two years. In 1972, Inter-League Organizations (ILOs), created in many parts of the country to deal with regional issues, were added to the formal structure of the League. The 1974 convention also amended the bylaws to allow men to join the League as full voting members.

Issues: In the early 1970s, the League addressed the issue of income assistance and also began its efforts to achieve a national Equal Rights Amendment, an effort which ultimately failed. The League also adopted a position on direct popular election of the President, on Congress, on the UN and on Campaign Finance. And, in 1976, the League sponsored the first televised presidential debates since 1960, resulting in receiving an Emmy award.

The League's deep interest in the environment was dramatically evident in the 1970s and it has since built a sequence of broad national positions on water, as well as air, waste management, land use and energy.

The 1980s:

Organization: To broaden membership and address the issue of membership decline, the 1982 convention amended the bylaws to permit member recruitment by thenational and state levels, as well as the local level. Convention delegates also called for the development of a long-range plan for the organization. The plan, which defined the League's mission and outlined goals and strategies for the future, was the subject of spirited debate at the convention.

During the 1984-88 period the League's long-range plan was refined and updated, then adopted by the 1988 convention with some modifications. These steps, together with the restructuring and streamlining of League Boards, leadership training and an emphasis on modern techniques of management and communication, were evidence of the League's efforts to adapt to the realities of a changing world and to ensure its place as the leading civic organization in the United States.

The 1940s:

Organization: The 1944 convention made major changes in the basic structure of the League, proclaiming it an association of members, rather than a federation of state leagues, and abolishing the department system of managing the various facets of the League program. At the 1946 convention, the name was changed to the League of Women Voters of the United States, and the national program was considerably shortened.

This action was based on the League's conviction that if the League was to help democracy succeed by increasing intelligent citizen participation in government, it must choose a restricted program which was suitable to widespread member participation and leave enough time and energy to take such a program to greater numbers. (25 Years of a Great Idea, 1950.)

Members joined the League of Women Voters of the United States by enrolling in local Leagues in their communities. The local League became the basis of organization and representation in the League, while power was vested in the members. It is in and through the local League that members determine, directly and indirectly, what the League does and how it does it. Members influence League decisions either personally or through representatives at state and national levels by electing leaders, determining how money will be spent through adoption of budgets, choosing program, participating in the member agreement process and by deciding the bylaws.

At the same time, a continuing strong role for state Leagues was delineated. They were given responsibility for organizing and developing local Leagues and for promoting finance programs in the local Leagues to further the work of the Leagues as a whole, including transmission of funds adequate to support the national budget. Later structural changes included the establishment of several Leagues at colleges, between 1948 and 1956, and of the unit system in 1948, which encouraged the development of small neighborhood-based discussion groups to further the opportunity for member

input and participation.

Issues: During the post World War II period, the League helped lead the effort to establish the United Nations and to ensure U.S. participation. The League was one of the first organizations in the country officially recognized by the United Nations as a non-governmental organization (NGO); it still maintains official observer status today and has special consultative status to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). The League also supported the creation of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, as well as NATO, economic aid to less developed countries and the Marshall Plan.

The Overseas Education Fund was established in 1947.

The 1950s:

Organization: Delegates to the 1954 convention voted to group League program into Current Agenda ("CAs") government issues chosen for sustained attention and concerted action, and Continuing Responsibilities ("CRs") positions on governmental issues to which the League had given sustained attention and on which it could continue to act. In 1951, "The National Voter" magazine was first published and in 1957 the League of Women Voters Education was established. (For more detail, see the section titled League of Women Voters Education Fund and Overseas Education Fund at http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=90th_Anniversary&Template=/TaggedPage/TaggedPage-Display.cfm&TPLID=143&ContentID=14349)

Issues: The witch hunt period of the early fifties inspired the League to undertake a two-year community education program focusing on the individual liberties guaranteed by the Constitution. Next came an evaluation of the federal loyalty/security programs and ultimately a League position that strongly emphasized the protection of individual rights. In 1955 League President Percy Maxim Lee testified before Congress

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The Family Welcome Center works to empower clients to build a positive future. *This goal includes encouraging participants to register to vote.* The Center is always looking for partners and volunteers.

Note: League member Madeleine Robinson announced that the Keeseville Thrift Shop provides outfits for people seeking jobs.

Some Highlights of County Legislature Business /Resolutions of the December 22nd and January 13th County Legislature Meetings

by Betty Ann King

Legislator Jackie Walker announced that it is possible for underinsured or uninsured to obtain antiviral medication from a clinician.

Good news for an award of funding of a million dollars for a fire suppression system and a dock nose at the airport.. This system is deemed to encourage new tenants..the county will need to reapply for funding for infrastructure.

The Transportation committee reported that the replacement of Slossol Road Bridge will be 100% funded by stimulus money.

Legislator Walker reported that 94% of the nursing students at Clinton Community College passed boards. Chinese students will also be attending Clinton Community College generating revenue of over \$460,000 for the college and adding diversity into the community.

The County Treasurer was authorized to establish contingency and tax stabilization reserve fund .

Personnel committee recommendations for backfill of full time correction officer position in the sheriff's department, permanent backfill of 2 full time senior caseworker positions at social services and

permanent backfill of permanent full time case-worker position were approved.

January 13, 2010

Adore Kurz from the Development Corporation presented a plea for stimulus bonds to be applied for to use as a recovery zone. It was emphasized that the funds could be used for any worthy project in any town in the county and did not necessarily need to be used by county.

The airport committee reported that 10,000 more emplanements than projected occurred at Plattsburgh International than expected.

The county highway department is assisting the Town of Dannemora whose Town Garage with all equipment burned on January 1st.

Pfizer layoffs will begin in February. Pfizer layoffs will be a quarter of a billion dollars loss.

Committees listed are:

Building and Grounds Committee/Children and Family Services Committee/Canton County Youth Board/County Operations Committee/Finance Committee/Health Committee/Human Services Committee/Personnel Committee/Plattsburgh International Airport Committee/Public Safety Committee/Transportation Committee/Director of Real Property Request/Deputy County Treasurer Requests

The Clinton County Legislature serves as the county's policy making body. The Legislature is responsible for establishing County policies, reviewing the administration of government, appropriate funding, levying taxes, reviewing and adopting the annual budget, and enacting resolutions and local laws.

If you are unsure as to which of the 10 legislators represent your area, check out the county legislator's website, www.clintoncountygov.com. Once on this home page, click on "legislative" in the right margin. The link is also listed on our LWV website. Also see back page of *Informer*.



ACTION ALERTS

Stand Up Against Weakening the Clean Air Act

The Senate is expected to vote soon on an amendment that would weaken the Clean Air Act and block EPA action against climate change. If it passes, the amendment will put public health at risk and jeopardize long-overdue action to cut emissions from the biggest polluters.

Take action today by clicking here <http://capwiz.com/lwv/utr/1/KMBHLWNXJE/BKBALWYGXO/4544725596> and enter your zip code. Tell them to oppose the Murkowski Amendment and to support action against global climate change.

Now is the critical time to urge your Senators to oppose the weakening of a law with a nearly 40-year track record of protecting human health and the environment and spurring innovation. Just as EPA is finally beginning to use the Clean Air Act to cut dangerous pollution that is causing global climate change, Senator Lisa Murkowski (R AK) is trying to block that action.

The Murkowski Amendment would let America's biggest polluters off the hook and negatively affect thousands of American businesses that are waiting for Congress to set clear energy and climate policies that will unlock billions of dollars in job-creating clean energy investments.

Please E-Mail Your Senator Immediately to Vote YES on S.6457 providing New York State with much needed ethics and campaign finance enforcement reforms. While not everything that the League and our good government colleagues sought, the proposed changes in S.6457 would improve both ethics and campaign finance enforcement and create greater transparency. S. 6457 represents a good-faith effort on the part of legislative leadership to overhaul ethics oversight and deserves to be passed in the Senate TODAY.

E-mail state Senator immediately, by clicking on the following link <http://www.capwiz.com/lwv/ny/issues/alert/?alertid=14578706&type=ST>.

You are invited

Redistricting Reform: Visions for the Future in NYS

Rockefeller Institute of Government
411 State Street, Albany

INVITED SPEAKERS:

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NYS Legislative Leaders
Gerald Benjamin, Associate VP for Regional Engagement, SUNY New Paltz
Blair Horner, Legislative Director, NYPIRG

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LIGHT RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE PANEL TO CELEBRATE THE LEAGUE'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY

RSVP PREFERRED:

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Invite someone to join the League of Women Voters today!

State News



Fix Albany Now!

The LWVNY State Board adopted Fix Albany Now! as the slogan for this year's legislative priorities. The 2010 priorities are steps to a new and better State government:

- Redistricting
- Campaign Finance Reform
- Ethics Reform
- Election Reform

Copies of the 2010 Legislative Agenda brochure (free except for shipping) and "Fix Albany Now!" buttons (\$1 each plus tax and shipping) are available from the state League office.

On January 13, leaders in both NYS house announced an agreement on the reform bill for campaign finance enforcement and ethics reform.. Info and a Memo in Support of S6457/A9544, is posted on the state League website www.lwvny.org for use in lobbying your legislators.

NYS BOE Certifies Voting Systems for 2010 Elections

A milestone in the six year saga of the state's implementation of the federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) was reached in December when the NYS Board of Elections voted unanimously to approve two voting systems for use by the voters in NYS. Now, that the machines have been selected, the League will be needed to educate voters on the machines and monitor the machines usage. Watch for more information on how your League can assist in your community.

State Study on Local Consolidation/Shared Services

The State Board approved Consensus questions at its January meeting. A Leader's Discussion Guide is currently being developed. The questions and the Guide will be distributed to all local Leagues by the end of January. Prepare for the consensus meeting in your League by reading the materials on the website, www.lwvny.org, and materials in your own local bulletin. Everyone needs to have their voice heard so join the consensus discussion!

Voter Service

The state League is talking with major PBS affiliates about co-sponsoring a series of debates for statewide offices in the fall 2010. The statewide offices include US Senate, NYS Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General and Comptroller.

A new publication for military voters is being developed and will become part of the series "Your Right to Vote in NYS," joining the brochures specifically for homeless individuals, college students, individuals convicted of crimes, and individuals with physical or mental disabilities. Copies of these special Voter Guides are available for purchase from the state League office.

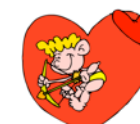
New State Voter On Its Way - Don't Miss It! Don't miss the League's news! The state Voter went electronic in November because the cost of the printed Voter became prohibitive in light of current League funding realities. **You will receive the electronic Voter automatically free of charge if we have an e-mail address for you.** If not, your may order a printed version for \$20.00 for the rest of this fiscal year (4 issues @ \$5 each) or send us your e-mail address to get on our free electronic list.

Don't Forget These February Dates

Groundhog Day
Feb. 2



Valentine's Day
Feb. 14



President's Day
Feb. 15

