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Does the Current State of Politics Get You Angry?

**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.

Membership Information: call Myra Decker 643-2742 or send:

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone No. (home) _____ (work) _____ Email: _____

Membership Dues: _____ \$50.00 Individual

(Check desired level) _____ \$70.00 Family

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

Mail to: Myra Decker, 7 Woodland Hills, Morrisonville, NY 12962

THE INFORMER



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

October 2010 No. 2

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

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**Reminder:
Dues are Due**

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

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, Morrisonville, NY 12962.**

LWV Plattsburgh Area Diversity Statement

"The League of Women Voters of the Plattsburgh Area is committed to diversity and pluralism. There shall be no barriers to participation in any League activity on the basis of age, gender, race, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, national origin, religion, creed, economic status or political affiliation."

Voter Service News

Mountain Lake Public Broadcast System (MLPBS) and the League of Women Voters will sponsor candidate debates for the 114th Assembly and 23rd Congressional Districts after the primary election. *If you wish to be involved, contact **Betsy Metz** at **561-6106** or tlmetz@westelcom.com*



League Board Meeting Minutes are Available

If you wish to receive the board minutes of the Plattsburgh Area League of Women Voters, please contact **Myra Decker** at **643-2742** or mystdek7@northnet.org



Steps to access the Informer:

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.



Dues Reminder

A reminder that if you have not renewed your League membership, please do so now. Our fiscal year began May 1st and we need your help in carrying out our mission of encouraging participation in government on all levels through education and advocacy.

If you have misplaced your renewal notice, please use the form on the last page of this newsletter to renew.



Bakers and Volunteers Needed

Bakers are needed for Voter Registration/Bake Sale at Clinton Community College on **Oct. 8th from 8:30-1. See baked goods guidelines on p. 3** Please bring your baked/wrapped goods to either **Stasia** at 118 Prospect Ave, Plattsburgh (**561-1745**) the night before or to CCC on Oct. 8th before 8:30 am. Contributions in lieu of baked goods are very much appreciated. If you wish to help at the voter registration/bake sale, call **Stasia 561-1745** to sign up.



Position on Consolidation of Governmental Units and Sharing of Major Governmental Services

At its July 15, 2010 meeting, the Board of the NYSLWV approved the following government consolidation/shared services position: The League of Women Voters of New York State (League) supports the efficient and effective operation of government. Consolidation of governmental units and the sharing of major governmental services may be a way of promoting the efficient and effective operation of government. (As used in this position, consolidation refers to both the process of consolidation and the process of dissolution.) In achieving this goal, the League supports a cooperative and transparent process, in which citizens have sufficient and timely information with which to make informed decisions about proposed actions, and well-defined channels for citizen input and review. Administrative and fiscal efficiency should be included in the criteria by which local governments consider whether to consolidate or share major services. The League supports a system of state-funded grants to local governments to study the feasibility of the consolidation of governmental units or sharing of governmental services. In determining whether to support a consolidation/shared services proposal at the local level, as a way of making government more efficient and effective, local Leagues must consider both the adequacy of the process and the likely effects of the proposal's implementation. In determining whether to support a consolidation/shared services proposal as a way of making government more efficient and effective, local Leagues should apply the following criteria. While it is not necessary that each standard be met, the League recognizes that these standards represent potential benefits of consolidation, leading to more efficient and effective government:

Will the proposal result in projected cost savings and a positive effect on taxes over the long term;

Will the proposal either result in an increased quality and/or efficiency of services or, at a minimum, maintain services at existing levels;

Will the proposal fairly address disparities in employee contracts;

Will the proposal result in increased social and economic justice;

Will the proposal result in a reduction in the number of governmental entities?

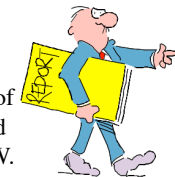
Video Celebrating 90 Years of Women's Rights)

In recognition of the 90th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, the National Women's History Museum (NWHM) has released a documentary, "[Celebrating 90 Years of Women's Rights.](#)" This brief, concise video chronicles the 72-year struggle of American women to achieve suffrage, which was obtained through hard work, dedication, and the organization of women throughout our country.



Openness in Government: Annual Secrecy Report Card

OpenTheGovernment.org, a coalition of more than 70 organizations including the LWV, works to strengthen public trust in government. It recently released its [2010 Secrecy Report Card](#), which covers the first nine months of administration and months of the G.W. administration. It should not be read, therefore, as a full reporting on trends in the new administration. The elections of 2008 were viewed by many as a referendum on the secrecy and unaccountability of the Bush administration, and the country elected a president who has promised the most open, transparent and account



Candidate Bio-platforms to be on Website

by Betty Ann King

Election season is here again and as part of our annual voter service to the public our local LWV website, <http://plattsburgh.ny.lwvnet.org>, is ready to publish bio-platforms of local candidates running for office within Clinton County. For Statewide candidates, please check Smart Voter at this link: <http://www.smartvoter.org>. Click on any of the statewide offices and view the candidates in those races. Candidates who have provided biographical and position responses have links from their names (in blue and underlined) to that information. Enter your address in the boxes in the upper right side and you will find the ballot for your area. Pages continue to be revised to reflect the races for the November 2 election with more candidate information. Be sure to check back on the site often.

Below is a copy of the invitation each candidate who appears on the 2010 ballot will receive. The invitation will also appear in the Press Republican. In the past, response has been excellent. Any help contacting candidates is greatly appreciated. Check our website often. it continues to be updated.

* **LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**
of the Plattsburgh Area
plattsburgh.ny.lwvnet.org September 15, 2010

Dear Candidate:

My name is Betty Ann King. I am a board member and webmaster for the Plattsburgh Area of League of Women Voters. We currently have a web site at <http://plattsburgh.ny.lwvnet.org>. As part of our annual voter service to the public, we will be posting bio-platforms of local and county candidates running for political office.

Our local LWV respectfully requests that your bio-

platform be a part of this non-partisan voter service. I am sorry, but presently we are unable to post pictures, so text only please.

The format is as follows:

A. Bio should have 50 words or less.
Educational Component
Current Employment
Community Involvement

B. Platform should address the 2 questions below in 150 words or less.

As a (elected position candidate is seeking), what do you hope to accomplish?

What steps will you take to reach these goals?

You may forward information to bking8213@charter.net. If you wish to contact me personally, my phone number is 293-8213.

Please send information in the body of the email as well as an attachment.

To protect the integrity of all bio-platform statements no additions, omissions or corrections will be made by LWV.

Information will be posted on October 1st or upon receipt.

Thank you so much for your public service.

The web site at <http://plattsburgh.ny.lwvnet.org/> averaged over 3400 hits during the 2009 election season.

*Betty Ann King,
Web Master, LWV Board Member*

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League of Women Voters
First Friday Forum

OCTOBER 1, 2010

12 noon

Butcher Block Restaurant

Speaker: Kristina Parker - Wingler,
manager of the Battle of Plattsburgh
Museum

**Topic: Improvements to the Battle of
Plattsburgh Museum**

Kristina will be talking about the recent \$6,000 capital project, the incorporation of War of 1812 Museum and the Allan S. Everest Interpretive Center into the main museum building. (This will be an excellent opportunity to learn how our local history is being preserved and perpetuated)

RSVP by Sep. 30th to: Myra Decker
643-2742 or mystdek7@northnet.org

Cost: \$12.00 (no checks please)

**Don't Forget to Participate in the
League's Voter Registration/Bake
Sale on October 8th at Clinton
Community College. See p. 1 and
p. 3 for details.**



2010 Calendar

October 1, 2010	FFF-12 noon
October 8, 2010	Last Day to register to vote in the General Election
October 8, 2010	Voter Registration at CCC
October 11, 2010	Columbus Day
November 2, 2010	Election Day
November 5, 2010	FFF-12 noon
November 11, 2010	Veterans Day
November 25, 2010	Thanksgiving
December 3, 2010	FFF-12 noon
December 25, 2010	Christmas
February 4, 2011	FFF - 12 noon
March 4, 2011	FFF - 12 noon
April 1, 2010	FFF - 12 noon

Bake Sale Guidelines

What Foods Should be Sold?

Breads...quick and yeast	Cakes
Cookies	Candies
Popcorn balls	Muffins
Brownies & Bars	Breakfast rolls
Fruit Pies that don't have to be refrigerated.	
Cupcakes (without cream frosting or filling)	



What Foods Should NOT be Sold?

Potentially hazardous foods are ones that require refrigeration such as:

Pumpkin, sweet potato or other custard pies.
 Cream filled cupcakes or donuts
 Cakes or cupcakes with cream cheese frosting
 Cheesecake
 Meringue Pies
 Cream Pies

Packaging Your Product

Individually wrap each item for sale in clear plastic wrap or foil.

Labeling Your Goodies

It is a good idea to provide a list of the ingredients used in your recipe so it can be displayed. This is helpful to people with food allergies.

Make sure you're ready to vote!

Go to VOTE411.org to register to vote and encourage your friends and family to do the same. And, check back frequently as new voter guides and candidate information are added daily.

Voter Registration Event

On October 5th at 6:30 pm, the LWV of Plattsburgh Area will provide voter information at the Meet the Candidates Forum sponsored by the BPW at Olive Ridleys.

Tell Us Your Poll Worker Story

Have you volunteered as a poll worker in a past election? The Communications Department is interested in hearing your story. Contact Kelly Ceballos at kceballos@lwv.org if you are interested in being profiled for an e-engagement email on poll workers this fall.

General Election Deadlines

Mail Registration:

October 8th Applications must be postmarked



In Person Registration:

October 8th Application must be received by

except, if you have been honorably discharged from the military or have become a naturalized citizen since October 8th, you may register in person at the board of elections up until **October 22nd**.

Change of Address:

Notices of change of address from registered voters received by October 13th by a county board of elections must be processed and entered in the records in time for the general election.



Voting by Absentee Ballot

Oct. 26th last day to postmark application or letter of application for ballot.

Nov. 1st Last day to apply in person for ballot

Nov. 1st Last day to postmark ballot.

Nov. 2nd Last day to deliver ballot in person to the board of elections.



League Urges House Leaders to Support Office of Congressional Ethics

The League and coalition partners sent letters to [House Speaker Pelosi](#) and [House Minority Leader Boehner](#), urging them to make a public commitment to the American people to support the continuation of the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE) as well as oppose any efforts to prevent the OCE from effectively carrying out its mission and basic responsibilities. The coalition also thanked Speaker Pelosi for her leadership in establishing the Office of Congressional Ethics in 2008.

Marriage Equality Amendment Added to Equality of Opportunity Position

LWVUS added an amendment to the national position on Equality of Opportunity to add a statement in support of marriage equality for same-gender couples at the National Convention.

The League of Women Voters of the United States supports equal rights for all under state and federal law. LWVUS supports legislation to equalize the legal rights, obligations, and benefits available to same-gender couples with those available to heterosexual couples. LWVUS supports legislation to permit same-gender couples to marry under civil law. The League believes that the civil status of marriage is already clearly distinguished from the religious institution of marriage and that religious rights will be preserved.

10/10/10 - Global Day of Climate Action

On October 10, 2010, thousands of communities across the globe will be taking action to address climate change -- celebrating what people can do right now to make an impact, garnering media attention for climate action, and sending a strong message to decision-makers at all levels that it's time for them to do their job, too.. [Find more information and some suggestions of possible 10/10/10 projects here.](#)



The 10/10/10 campaign is being organized by 350.org, an international movement aimed at uniting the world around solutions to the climate crisis. The focus is on the number 350 -- as in 350 parts per million of carbon dioxide (ppm CO2), the amount that leading climate scientists say is the safe upper limit for CO2 in our atmosphere. Many 10/10/10 activities, therefore, incorporate the number 350 in some way.

How do we create the political change to steer towards 350?

This year, we can create a grassroots movement connected by the web and active all over the world. We will focus on the systemic barriers to climate solutions, changing political dynamics whenever possible. At the same time, we'll get to work implementing real climate solutions in our communities, demonstrating the benefits of moving to a clean energy economy.

If this global movement succeeds, we can get the world on track to get back to 350 and back to climate safety. It won't be easy, that's why we need all the help we can get.

How do we actually reduce carbon emissions to get to 350?

Make no mistake—getting back to 350 means transforming our world. It means building solar arrays instead of coal plants, it means planting trees instead of clear-cutting rainforests, it means increasing efficiency and decreasing our waste. Getting to 350 means developing a thousand different solutions—all of which will become much easier if we have a global treaty grounded in the latest science and built around the principles of equity and justice. To get this kind of treaty, we need a movement of people who care enough about our shared global future to get involved and make their voices heard.

League Urges Senate to Ratify START Treaty

League President Elisabeth MacNamara sent a [letter to the Senate](#) urging members to ratify the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START), which was signed by President Obama and President Medvedev in April 2010. Lobby Corps members are visiting key Senate offices this month to support ratification of the START Treaty.