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## Call to Annual Meeting

Tuesday, May 8, 2007

Binghamton Regency Hotel  
One Sarbro Square, Binghamton

5:00 p.m. ~ Business Meeting

6:30 p.m. ~ Social Time

7:00 ~ Dinner & Program

### Guest Speaker:

Barbara Bartoletti

LWVNYS Legislative Director

“Albany after ‘Day One’:

A New Beginning or Just More of the Same?”

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#### DINNER RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 1.

Dinner price of \$25 includes appetizer, salad, side dishes, dessert, and gratuity.

Name: _____	Indicate number of people choosing each entrée:
Address: _____	___ Chicken Piccata
Phone/e-mail: _____	___ Baked Sole Florentine
Guests: _____	___ Vegetable Lasagna
	___ Total x \$25 per person
	= \$ _____ enclosed

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# President's Message

What an exciting year it has been! I've marched with League colleagues behind our local League banner in the Broome County Bicentennial Parade, and I went to the LWVUS Convention in Minneapolis with Mary Johnson to represent our League. I've welcomed people to a candidate forum, to breakfast with legislators and to a stimulating year's worth of program meetings. We participated in the LWVNY Consensus on Charter Schools, part of the Financing Education study, and are planning a local concurrence on consolidation of local governmental services and local governments, the culmination of a 3-year study by our Local Government Committee. What a varied and, yes, exciting assortment of League activities!

As you know, this marks the end of my second two-year term as your President. I thank every one of you who helped make this past year such a good one – my fellow officers and Board members, who did their jobs and pitched in where needed; off-Board chairs, who did a variety of important jobs that help make our League such a vital one; members, who may or may not attend program meetings but who do important behind-the-scenes work; and others who simply support our important work with their membership dues and increase our clout with lawmakers by letting us speak for them when we lobby.

I had expected that this would be a time to step back into a smaller role in our League. Well, I will, but not the way I expected. When I indicated that I needed to cut back on my League commitments and step down from the League Presidency, a brave Leaguer stepped forward and offered to serve as Co-President with me. I feel very honored to have been asked to continue in the leadership of our League as Co-President with Clare Simeone. Clare has been on the Board for five years now and was an active member before that, helping with and chairing such projects as Election Night Reporting and Students Inside Albany. I think we'll make a good team. I know the job of President, but my mind yearns for something new. That's just what I'm getting. Having co-presidents adds a whole new dimension to League leadership, the challenge of communication between the co-presidents and

sharing the work equitably. Best of all, I expect this job change will allow me time to get back into some interests – exercise, art, reading – that I haven't had much time for in the last four years. Thank you!

~ Anne Taft

## Nominating Committee Report

We nominate the following slate of officers and directors with our thanks to those who have agreed to serve:

For a two-year term, 2007-09:

Co-Presidents	Clare Simeone & Anne Taft
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President	Mary Johnson
Directors	Carole Coppens Sandy Kosty Jane Park

For a one-year term, 2007-2008:

Director	Pat Giglio
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Nominating Committee, 2007-2008:

Chair	Marilyn Myers
Members	Eva Anderson Carol Carpenter

Board Members continuing their terms:

1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President	Carol Oestrich
Secretary	Joanne Gee
Treasurer	Alice Brooks
Director	Jane Ebert

***Immediately following the presentation of this report at the Annual Meeting, any voting member may make nominations from the floor provided that consent has been secured from the person(s) being nominated.***

Respectfully submitted,  
Nominating Committee 2006-2007  
Eva Anderson  
Carol Carpenter  
Doris Lawton  
Jane Park  
Elsie Wager, Chair

## Proposed Bylaws Changes

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Broome & Tioga Counties voted to recommend the following three amendments to our bylaws for members' consideration at the Annual Meeting. Recommended deletions are [in square brackets]; recommended additions are underlined.

### **Article III Section 2. Types of Membership:**

a. Voting Members. Citizens at least 18 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of the League, the LWVUS, and the LWVNYS: (1) Those who reside outside the area of the local League may join the local League or shall be state members-at-large; (2) T[hose who make a lump-sum life membership payment to the LWVUS shall be paid life members and t]hose who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be honorary life members excused from payment of dues.

b. Associate Members. All others who join the League shall be associate members.

*The reason for this change is to bring our bylaws into agreement with the LWVUS bylaws. The LWVUS no longer offers paid life memberships; their bylaws were changed to reflect this policy at the LWVUS Convention 2006.*

**Article II Section 1. Purposes:** The purposes of the League are to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation [of citizens] in government and to act on selected governmental issues.

*The reason for this change is to bring our bylaws into agreement with the LWVUS bylaws. This change was made at Convention 2006.*

### **Article V Board of Directors Section 5:**

**Meetings:** There shall be at least [nine] five regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually. The President may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five members of the Board.

*The reason for this change is to allow more flexibility. This new minimum is equal to the minimum number of membership meetings our bylaws require.*

## Proposed Local Program 2007-08

The Board of Directors recommends re-adopting Items 1-8 below, amending Item 9 and adopting the new position proposed as Item 10.

1. Support for a countywide centralized emergency dispatch system (911) in Broome and Tioga Counties, with the cost assumed by each county.
2. Support of the Councils of Governments as forums for communication and cooperation in Broome and Tioga Counties.
3. Support of a consolidated approach to water and wastewater planning in Broome and Tioga Counties.
4. Support of reassessment at full value of all properties in Broome and Tioga Counties in order to achieve more equitable distribution of taxes.
5. Support of full-scale separation and recycling in Broome and Tioga Counties.
6. Support of equitable apportionment of the Broome County and Tioga County Legislatures.
7. Support of an elected executive for Broome County.
8. Support for adequate operating expenses and facilities by Broome and Tioga County governments to assure effective operation of the Broome and Tioga County Boards of Elections.
9. Support of improved public transit in Broome and Tioga Counties.
10. **Support consolidation of local government services and local governments in Broome and Tioga Counties, provided that a valid feasibility study determines the level of services will remain the same or be improved and is cost effective. It is essential that all aspects of the process are well publicized and that citizen participation is encouraged.**

## Notes on Proposed Program

**Item 9:** Public transit has become a regional issue, and it is appropriate to include Tioga County in our study and action on this topic.

**Item 10:** In the 2004-2005 program year, the membership approved studying consolidation of local government services in Broome and Tioga Counties. Since that time, the Local Government Committee has

- observed the Council on Government meetings,
- attended forums on this complex issue,
- held two general membership meetings addressing consolidation,
- had numerous committee meetings on the subject, and
- planned another program (April 24) with Dr. Thomas Sinclair speaking on consolidation prior to the Annual Meeting (May 6) at which members will be asked to vote on the proposed position.

Based on this work of the Local Government Committee, the Board of Directors concurred with the committee that it is an appropriate time to move from study to position and recommends that the membership adopt the position as proposed.

The committee used concurrence rather than consensus to get this proposition approved. IN LEAGUE IN NEW YORK STATE A ***Guide to managing Local Leagues*** explains concurrence as follows.

*“The use of concurrence on any issue is decided by the appropriate League board on the basis of the nature of the subject, the time available for decision-making and the resources or interest present for research. The Board sets the guidelines for the process, particularly those relating to who will be asked to concur, with whom and how. For example, the board of a local League might ask its members to concur with a position statement arrived at by the League’s resource committee or by the board itself. The request for concurrence could be presented at a meeting or by telephone or by written questionnaire. “*

## Notes on Proposed Budget

### Income:

- A. Dues: Amount is estimated since some members pay the basic \$45/year; students pay less; two members in same household pay \$65. Others voluntarily increase their dues to \$55, \$75, or \$100.
- B.1. Contributions: Member contributions include in-kind donations and donations with dues payment.
- C. Miscellaneous: Income from other sources, e.g., brunch and dinner receipts after expenses and state League fundraisers in which local Leagues share.
- D. Education Foundation: Amount equals ¼ of PMP (D.1. and D.2) plus Educational Activities Expenses (F).

### Expenses:

- C. Delegates:
2. No funds for State Convention. That is held in odd years.
  3. Increase in Status of Women Council to reflect actual cost.
- E. Financial Support for the League:
1. National PMP: 110 members @ \$26.80 and 10 @ \$13.40 (student and 2<sup>nd</sup> in household) less credit for national members.
  2. State PMP: 111 members @ \$18 and 9 @ \$9.
  3. Miscellaneous: Annual donation to State League. (This is optional.)
- F. Educational Activities
- 2.c. Other: There may be other Voter Service expenses.
  3. Other Educational: The Board may wish to support new student opportunities if they are offered.

Many thanks to the Budget Committee members: Eva Anderson, Alice Brooks, Jane Ebert and President Anne Taft. If you have any questions about the proposed budget, please call me at 748-2868.

~ Louise Vanderkulk

# Proposed Budget for 2007-2008

	2005-2006 Actual	2006-2007 Budget	2007-2008 Budget
<b>INCOME</b>			
A. Dues	\$5,965	\$5,600	\$5,800
B. Contributions			
1. Members	1,230	1,000	1,000
2. Finance Drive	1,315	1,200	1,200
C. Other			
1. Bank interest	9	10	10
2. Product Sales	76	100	100
3. Election Night Reporting	1,160	1,075	1,075
4. Miscellaneous	222	300	300
D. LWVBTC Reserves	0	805	980
E. Education Foundation, Inc.	1,268	2,800	2,916
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$11,246</b>	<b>\$12,890</b>	<b>\$13,381</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
A. Operating costs			
1. General Supplies	\$113	\$200	\$150
2. Duplication	48	50	50
3. Telephone	356	400	425
4. Postage	34	75	50
5. P.O. Box	80	80	80
6. Audit	0	100	100
7. Meeting Room Expense	150	150	150
8. Annual Dinner	150	150	175
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$932</b>	<b>\$1,205</b>	<b>\$1,180</b>
B. Board & Admin. Committees			
1. President	\$9	\$50	\$50
2. Board Tools & expenses	32	100	100
3. Administrative Committees			
a. Finance Drive	116	200	200
b. Products	98	75	100
c. Membership	143	225	175
d. Public Relations	85	125	125
e. Web Site	283	285	285
<b>Total Board &amp; Admin. Expenses</b>	<b>\$768</b>	<b>\$1,060</b>	<b>\$1,035</b>
C. Delegates			
1. National Convention	\$1,937	\$ 0	\$2,000
2. State Convention	0	2,000	0
3. State Training	0	50	50
4. Status of women	100	75	100
<b>Total Delegates</b>	<b>\$2,037</b>	<b>\$2,125</b>	<b>\$2,150</b>

D. Financial Support for the League			
1. National PMP	\$2,792	\$2,657	\$2,987
2. State PMP	2,142	2,043	2,079
3. Miscellaneous	200	200	200
<b>Total League Support</b>	<b>\$5,134</b>	<b>\$4,900</b>	<b>\$5,266</b>

E. BroomeTioga Voter			
1. Supplies	\$ 0	\$ 50	\$ 50
2. Postage	550	600	650

3.Printing	865	1,000	1,050
<b>Total Broome-Tioga Voter</b>	<b>\$1,415</b>	<b>\$1,650</b>	<b>\$1,750</b>
F.Educational Activities			
1. Program	\$618	\$800	\$800
2.Voters Service			
a.State Voter Guide	306	250	350
b.Government Guides	244	300	250
c. Other	36	200	150
3. Other Educational	65	100	100
<b>Total Educational Activities</b>	<b>\$1,269</b>	<b>\$1,650</b>	<b>\$1,650</b>
G.Position Support			
1. Production & Distribution	\$165	\$175	\$175
2. Action Activities	0	50	50
<b>Total Position Support</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>\$225</b>
<b>H. Legislative Breakfast</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$75</b>	<b>\$125</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$11,721</b>	<b>\$12,890</b>	<b>\$13,381</b>

- Actual figures for 2005-2006 have been rounded. Totals in each category are correct.

## Program Meetings

The program year really begins in the spring when our committees, board members and members in general submit ideas for programs. The national, state and local priorities provide us with topics for consideration. As always, the League provides a service of educating and informing our members and the community on important and timely issues. The brochure, "Be a Part of the Action," is produced in August, with a listing of the officers, board of directors, holders of portfolios, national, state and local priorities and program dates and topics for the upcoming year.

In September, Rebecca Elgie, Ithaca LWV, and Bernie Fetterly presented a program outlining the need for a universal health care plan. They are part of a broad coalition of groups, including the

Tompkins County Healthcare Task Force, interested in reforming healthcare. They encouraged us to stay involved in this issue and welcomed new members.

LWVBTC participated in a statewide, two-year study of education financing. In October, we held a consensus meeting on the issue of charter schools and whether the Charter School Act should be amended or repealed. Following a lively and thoughtful discussion, most members present supported the repeal of the act.

Congressman Maurice Hinchey spoke at our Legislative Breakfast in November. We also heard from State Assemblywoman Donna Lupardo, Binghamton Mayor Matt Ryan, town supervisors and Broome and Tioga legislators. Members and elected officials seem to enjoy and profit from this opportunity for dialogue on important issues.

What has become an annual brunch, occurred on December 2 with a presentation by Todd Eames and Dina Thompson on the State Comptroller's role in consolidation. We found a new resource for some very relevant data on the topic and enjoyed learning about roles the comptroller's office plays that were new to us.

The League is well-known for promoting the rights and responsibilities of voting. In addition, we also involve ourselves in social issues. In January, a panel composed of Tim Grippen, Executive Director of Opportunities for Broome, Chris Burger, activist and advocate, and Dan Schofield, Broome County Legislator, debated the living wage and the impact it would have on workers and business owners.

In February we met at the American Civic Association to hear from Fred Trzcinski, Executive Director. He spoke on contemporary issues in U.S. immigration and the services that American Civic offers to the community. They focus on three major areas: immigrant services, refugee resettlement, and cultural and ethnic preservation and education. This important topic is sure to be addressed by Congress this year and will be the subject of a three-year study by the national LWV.

The final section of the education finance study was meant to be a look at how gambling revenues impact the total education budget. While the state League decided not to pursue consensus on this issue, we felt it deserved an airing locally. Our first program to be held in Tioga County for some time was at the Hubbard Auditorium in March to address this issue.

We will complete our current program series with an April program on consolidation led by Dr. Thomas Sinclair and with our annual meeting on May 8 where Barbara Bartoletti, LWNYS Legislative Director, will speak on "Albany after 'Day One' – A New Beginning or Just More of the Same?"

~ Mary Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President

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## **Election Night Reporting**

Primary Election Night was September 12, and thirty-two local LWV volunteers took the unofficial tally. Four supervisors helped direct the flow of reports to the Broome County Board of Elections office, and five students from Jim Testani's Social Studies Class served as runners.

The General Election took place on November 7. At this time, thirty-two phone clerks were needed to handle the district returns. Five supervisors checked out the forms, and seven students from Jim Testani's Participation In Government Class facilitated in getting the reports to the Board of Elections office. In Tioga County, Jane Ebert handled communication between the Tioga Board of Elections and the Associated Press.

Once again we thank Janet Gill, Sandi Junker, Clare Simeone, and Joanne Gee, who came early on one or both nights to clear the phones and stayed on as supervisors.

Thanks to all who participated so graciously and efficiently. Please join us again and if you are able to give someone a ride to the Broome County Office Building on either night it will help a great deal.

~ Clare Simeone & Joanne Gee, Coordinators

## Naturalization Ceremonies

This past year the League was represented at four naturalization ceremonies where more than 200 new citizens were welcomed this year. The tentative dates for the rest of the year are April 20th, July 20th and October 12th. The ceremonies are usually held at 11 a.m. at the Broome County Court House. I am there about 10:30 a.m. to set up a display of voter registration cards and other League material. We usually finish by noon. I thank Toni Norton for filling in for me this past fall at one of the ceremonies. If you would like to come, contact me at 754-7463 or [bmdessel@aol.com](mailto:bmdessel@aol.com).

~ Barbara Dessel

## Voter Service

Our **Voter Registration Drive** at the Oakdale Mall on September 30 helped remind people to vote as well as signing up new voters and facilitating address changes. Carol Oestrich, Vivian Carlip, Sandy Kosty, Doris Lawton, and Barbara Shope distributed materials along with AAUW members, Mitzi Manning and Betty Sabo.

The state **Voter Guides** were in two parts again this year. Thanks go to so many of you for taking the 4,000 guides to locations all over Broome and Tioga counties and for putting up Vote signs in your yards. Cheryl Papa's picture in the Press gave our guides great publicity. Part I, which let our citizens know the requirements for voting, was sent to all area high schools, as well as libraries and

other public places. Part II presented the answers that the candidates for state offices gave to League questions on the major issues.

On October 26 the League and AAUW co-sponsored a **Candidate Forum for the 126th Assembly District** between Donna Lupardo and Jay Dinga. Gail Yaus moderated the forum held at the Binghamton City Council Chambers. Written questions were solicited from the audience and then screened by Marilyn Myers, Clare Simeone, and Elsie Wager. Eva Anderson and Joanne Gee made sure things ran smoothly as our time keepers. Carol Carpenter handled the publicity and Sandi Junker greeted the press at the Forum. Carol Oestrich was our TV liaison with the Time Warner live broadcast.

Voter turn-out in Broome and Tioga Counties was high again this year. Our League played an effective role in educating the community about the importance of an informed vote. We thank everyone who helped inform voters about how and where to vote and about the issues and candidates.

~ Barbara Shope & Cheryl Papa, Co-chairs

## Education Finance

The local Education Finance Committee focused on the statewide consensus concerning charter schools and an anticipated consensus on gambling as a means for funding schools. Several meetings took place with committee members gathering information locally, reading materials from the State Co-Chairs (Betsey Swan and Lee Tekowski), and doing research on the Internet.

The program entitled "Consensus Meeting – Charter Schools: A Good Answer?" was held on October 30, 2006. The raw data was sent to the LWV of New York State with a letter indicating the fact that a consensus was not reached on amending the Charter School Act. The state-approved position was later posted on its website.

The LWVNYS Board decided not to pursue a consensus on the gambling issue due to the fact that there were not enough league units to participate in the event. A local program entitled "Education Financing: Does Gambling Money Really Help?" was scheduled for March 27. The local committee is to lead the presentation and discussion.

Information regarding the Campaign for Fiscal Equity (CFE) decision and its implementation have been reported at local Board meetings and in *The Voter*. Governor Eliot Spitzer addressed state school aid and charter schools in his first *State of the State* address. He is working with legislative leaders to correct school aid inequities.

Thanks to committee members Linda Biemer, Vivian Carlip, Mary Johnson, and Charlene Shorten for their diligence, research, time, and effort. The years 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 proved to be very active ones for this committee.

~ Carol Oestrich, Chair

## Social Policy

The Social Policy Committee has continued to focus on the issue of poverty on the national, state, and local levels and attempts to inform our membership, as well as the community at large about the issue locally. We provided handouts for the LWVBT meeting in January on the Living Wage, wrote guest viewpoints for the Press and

## Membership

In January 2006, our official membership count with National and State was a total of 133. In January 2007, our official membership count was 143. The breakdown of this figure is: 110 individual members, 9 second member in household, 19 National, 4 honorary and 1 student.

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Sun-Bulletin, and met with its editorial board to share our study results. Because there are few elections this year, the committee is not planning a workshop on helping women run for office.

I appreciate the hard work of committee members Judy Arnold, Sue Carlin, Carole Coppens, Amy Fleming, and Sandy Kosty.

~ Linda Biemer, Chair

## Election Reform

New York State continues to move very slowly toward compliance with the Help America Vote Act. LWVNYS, working with other good government groups, has worked diligently to assure transparency in the entire process and to promote selection of optical scan systems to replace the lever voting machines. Because of delays in the machine certification process and because of questions generated by the Department of Justice lawsuit against New York, LWVNYS is seizing the opportunity to seek further changes in the state's Election Law. If successful, this will mean that New York would have a single statewide optical scan system using paper ballots, precinct-based optical scanners, and ballot marking devices to be in place for the 2009 elections.

Locally, that has meant a fair amount of "hurry up and wait." We have had periodic conversations with the Broome and Tioga County Boards of Elections, contacted state legislators and the State Board of Elections when appropriate, and kept League members up to date with articles in the *Voter*.

~ Jane Park

Most of our new members come to us because they join at the national League of Women Voters level, or their names are given to me by our own members. Thanks to all of you who have given me names. Please keep them coming.

Also, a big "thank you" to Mary Diegert, who does the majority of the work. She keeps the

records, sends out the dues notices, and prepares the membership list for the Board.

~ Eva Anderson, Membership Outreach

## Garside Environmental Award

In honor of Fran Garside, a long-time League member and true environmentalist, the League gives the Fran Garside Environmental Award to a full-time student enrolled in environmental or closely related studies at Binghamton University or Broome Community College. We also consider financial need and nontraditional student status. The student receives an award of \$500, which is sent to the student's account at the college bookstore to help defray book expenses. The committee members are Eva Anderson, Carol Carpenter, Sandi Junker, Ruth Levy, Nancy Pellicciotti (Fran's daughter), and Anne Shelton.

The 2006 award was given to Cheryl Gunther of Binghamton University. Cheryl is an environmental studies/ecosystems major. She is a non-traditional student, returning to the classroom after ten years away from school working as a secretary. Cheryl is a wife and mother of two daughters. Her particular area of interest is ornithology and ecosystems.

~ Carol Carpenter, Chair

## Status of Women Council

During 2006 the Status of Women Council presented three events. The Women's History Month breakfast was held in March, the Presidents' Tea in September, and the Women of Achievement Dinner in November.

Due to poor attendance at the Women's History Month breakfast, the Council asked to be included in the breakfast co-sponsored by the YWCA and the Triple Cities Business & Professional Women's Association. They were very glad to include the Council, and this year's Women's History Month breakfast was sponsored by the three organizations and held at the Regency Hotel on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

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The Presidents' Tea was held at the Endicott Visitors Center. Presidents and delegates of each member organization are invited to this affair. After the guests enjoyed refreshments consisting of tea sandwiches and cookies, a candlelight installation of new officers was the first order of business. The three Council nominees for Women of Achievement were selected from applications submitted by non-members, and other matters of business were covered.

As always, the Women of Achievement Dinner was a huge success. The League's 2006 honoree was a deserving Barbara Shope. The dinner was held at the Binghamton Club with entertainment by "String of Pearls" -- a lovely evening honoring a very deserving group of women.

~ Eva Anderson, LWV Delegate

## "They Represent You" Brochures

Brochures with contact information for local office holders serving Broome and Tioga Counties are being distributed (2,000 copies for Broome and 1,200 for Tioga). Thanks to Pat Giglio and Jane Ebert for compiling and producing the brochures.

## Join the LWVNYS SWOT Team

Our state League is working on a long-term development plan to ensure the financial stability of LWVNYS and its Education Foundation. Rather than depend on one-time grants for specific programs or annual fund drives, they want to ensure a predictable, reliable funding stream for their operational expenses so they can provide assistance and support to local Leagues.

As part of the planning process, they are asking local Leagues to help by providing input. Thinking in terms of **S**trengths and **W**eaknesses (internal to the League) and **O**pportunities and **T**hreats (external to the League), they ask us to consider the following questions:

- How can the state League do a better job meeting the needs of local Leagues?
- What do you think are the greatest challenges facing your local League – short term (one year) and long term (five to ten years)?
- In what directions do you think that the state League should move? What ideas do you have for implementation of those directions?
- How can the mission of the LWV be better supported through technology?

Please send your ideas to me via e-mail ([anci@stny.rr.com](mailto:anci@stny.rr.com)) or phone (724-6830). I need to have them by April 9 so we can complete the response form at the April 10 Board Meeting.

Thank you!

~ Anne Taft

the state League by the close of business on May 14.

~ Anne Taft

### ***Be Part of the Action – Join Today!***

*The League of Women Voters*, a nonpartisan, grassroots political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

**Men and women of voting age are welcome to join.**

#### **Membership Application**

- Individual membership \$45/yr.
- Household membership \$65/yr.
- Student membership \$20/yr.
- Send me information about the League.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

***Make checks payable to LWVBTC and mail with this coupon to LWVBTC, PO Box 944, Vestal, NY 13851-0944.***

## **Big League Raffle**

The LWVNYS Big League Raffle is coming! You'll be receiving tickets in the mail soon. You can help make this annual fund-raiser a success by selling tickets to your friends and family and buying them as gifts for your children and grandchildren. You'll be helping both the state League and our local League. A portion of ticket sales is returned to the League credited with the sale, and a bonus is returned to the League selling the winning ticket!

If you need more tickets, contact me at 724-6830 or [anci@stny.rr.com](mailto:anci@stny.rr.com), and I will get them to you. Money and ticket stubs must be returned to

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