



# THE GENEVA LEAGUER

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF GENEVA, NY

<http://geneva.ny.lwvnet.org>

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2009

## CALENDAR

October 6

### Lunch with the League

11:45 am - 1:00 pm

Geneva Presbyterian Church  
24 Park Place, Geneva

October 14

### Court Watching Project

#### Open Meeting

1:15 p.m.

Geneva Presbyterian Church  
24 Park Place, Geneva

### General Meeting

#### Health Care Reform

7:00-9:00 pm

Sanford Room

Warren Hunting Smith  
Library at Hobart and William  
Smith Colleges

October 28

### Candidates' Night

7:30 pm

Location to be announced

November 3

### ELECTION DAY

November 10

### Lunch with the League

11:45 am - 1:00 pm

Geneva Presbyterian Church  
24 Park Place, Geneva

## LUNCH WITH THE LEAGUE

Come join league members for League news and a discussion of timely issues and concerns.

Date: Tuesday, October 6, 2009 at 11:45 am – 1:00 pm

Place: Presbyterian Church, 24 Park Place, Geneva

Topic: **Geneva Neighborhood Initiative**

Speakers: City Planner, Eric Ameigh and City Manager, Matthew Horn

Presentation on plans for the implementing the Neighborhood Initiative, recently adopted by City Council to improve and revitalize Geneva's residential neighborhoods.

The public is invited to attend.

*Catered lunch \$8. Make checks payable to Geneva LWV. For reservations: contact Kim Aliperti at [aliperti@verizon.net](mailto:aliperti@verizon.net) or 789-7395 before October 2.*

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## The Leaguer Goes Electronic

The Board has decided to make the Leaguer as "electronic" as possible in order to save on expenses. Upon request, we will provide a written copy to those who want to receive a print copy by mail. Requests should be made to Kim Reisch at (315) 789-7104. If you have an email address and do not currently receive email notices from Kim, please email her so you can receive your electronic version of the Leaguer ([kreisch@rochester.rr.com](mailto:kreich@rochester.rr.com)).

***This print version of the Leaguer will be your last unless you contact us.***

## Message from the Board

The squirrels busily burying walnuts in my flowerpots remind me that it's time for me to get busy too! Though I'm not burying any nuts at the moment, Board members and I are busy putting ideas to work on behalf of the League. Attending the New York State League Convention in May got me excited about what we can do here with our League.

Our fall activities include Candidates Night, Lunch with the League and a general meeting on health care reform. We'll also be participating in the statewide study on the consolidation of governmental units and the sharing of governmental services. A Statewide Committee is being formed and more information will be available shortly. If you are interested in participating in this study please contact me.

The Board has willingly taken on reorganization in order to better divide up the work. Each Director now chairs a committee and is looking for members willing to help out with activities. Each Director's email address and area of responsibility is listed here. Please consider offering to assist with Candidates' Night, distributing Facts for Voters, setting up and/or cleaning up for Lunch with the League, organizing fundraising event(s) or helping getting the Leaguer ready for mailing.

I look forward to seeing many of you in the coming weeks...and Happy Fall!

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## **GENERAL MEETING: HEALTH CARE REFORM**

The League will be sponsoring a Moderated Panel Discussion on the proposed Federal Health Care Legislation, including an update on HR 3700 and the Senator Baucus bills. The evening will include information on the League's position on health care reform. Panelists will discuss what the proposed reforms might mean for the patient, the doctor, the hospital, the insurance company, and the economy. Come bring your ideas and join in the discussion.

Professor Judith McKinney will be moderating the discussion. Panel speakers are to be determined.

Wednesday, October 14 from 7-9 pm  
Place: Sanford Room, Warren Hunting Smith Library, HWS Colleges, Geneva

*"Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhumane."*  
Martin Luther King, Jr.

## **CANDIDATES' NIGHT**

This year's Candidates' Night will be held on **Wednesday, October 28 at 7:30 pm**, location to be determined. Volunteers are needed to assist with the evening. Contact Mary Lee Bourbeau (789-7214) to offer your assistance!

The following candidates are running for election in the Town and City of Geneva and will be invited to the forum:

### **Ontario County Board of Supervisors City of Geneva**

Charles Evangelista  
Donald Ninestine  
Robert Larocca  
(All running unopposed)

### **Ontario County Board of Supervisors Town of Geneva**

Mary Luckern (unopposed)

### **Geneva Town Clerk**

Karen Fitzgerald (D)  
Lorrie Naegele (R)

### **Geneva Town Justices**

Myron Dox  
Peter Liberatore  
(Both running unopposed)

### **Geneva Town Council – two positions**


Bradley Roach (D)  
Patricia Mahoney (D)  
Patrick Riley (R)  
George Smith (R)

### **Geneva Town Superintendent of Highways**


David Achilles (D)  
Angelo Laquitara (R)

### **Geneva Town Tax Collector**

Helen Garlick (unopposed)



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The Observer Corps of the Geneva League of Women Voters finds its direction and mission in the NYS Open Meetings Law. Besides observing the letter of the law, the Corps incorporates the legislative intent that citizens be fully aware of public proceedings, can identify who the public officials are and can comfortably attend and listen to public meetings in order to be fully informed.

As used in the Open Meetings Law "a meeting" means the official convening of a quorum of a public body for the purpose of conducting public business. In a nutshell, the Open Meetings Law requires proper notice of all public meetings, the taking and posting of minutes and barrier free physical access.

The immediate mission of the local branch of Observer Corps is to observe regular Geneva City Council Meetings on the first Wednesday of the month and to observe the Finger Lakes TV video broadcast of the same meetings. The meetings are observed to insure public access, public disclosure and public education into the operation of Geneva City Government as communicated to the public through its City Council Meetings. The most recent report of the committee was shared with the Geneva City Council with recommendations for improvements.

The Observer Corps is currently seeking additional members. Membership requires an impartial and open mind and the commitment to observe one Geneva City Council Meeting a month and to attend one Observer Corp group meeting per month.

For more information, please contact the Coordinator, Chris Hoffman at (315)521-2566 or [choffmanlmt@rochester.rr.com](mailto:choffmanlmt@rochester.rr.com).

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## Court Watching Project

The Court Watching Project has been active in Ontario County for almost nine years. Currently twenty-one (21) volunteers observe court sessions in the City of Geneva, the Town of Geneva, and in the Ontario County Courts. Each issue of the Project's newsletter, "Eye on the Courts", reaches over 400 people across Ontario County.

The Project holds a General Meeting for volunteers and interested members of the public on the second Wednesday during the months of September - June, at 1:15 pm in the Presbyterian Church in Geneva.

Ontario County Assistant District Attorney, Bill Hart, will be speaking at the October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please consider joining us to learn more about the Project and about our criminal justice system.

Consider becoming a volunteer. It's easy, just contact Len DeFrancesco to learn more about the important role court watchers play in our justice system. (789-3579 or [defrancesco@hws.edu](mailto:defrancesco@hws.edu))

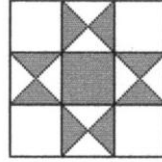
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