



League of Women Voters
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The League of Women Voters of the Oneonta Area, in both its values and practices, is committed to diversity and pluralism. There shall be no barriers to participation in the League. The League of Women Voters of the Oneonta Area recognizes that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision-making.

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April 2009

**RESERVE THIS DATE
SATURDAY, MAY 30TH**

**LWV ANNUAL MEETING BRUNCH:
10 AM – 12:30 PM
CLARION HOTEL
55 MARKET ST., ONEONTA**

BRUNCH BUFFET

Eggs Benedict, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Grilled Ham Pancakes and French Toast, Breakfast Potatoes, Fresh Fruit, Toast & Bagels, Make Your Own Waffle, Beverages.

Program to Follow Buffet

**Important Discussion for Membership on the
The Future of the LWV of Oneonta**

**Reservation Deadline: May 26th
Brunch: \$15.95 (tax & gratuity included)**

Checks payable to LWV of Oneonta

**Please mail check to:
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51 Spruce St.
Oneonta, NY 13820**

Mission Statement

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization whose purpose is to encourage the informed and active participation of citizens in government. The LWV does not support or oppose candidate or political parties, but does support or oppose issues after study and member agreement.

**COMPACT FOR NATIONAL
POPULAR VOTE**

CONSENSUS MEETING

**TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2009
7:30 PM – EMBRY ROOM**

First United Methodist Church
Chestnut Street, Oneonta, NY

We have been learning about the compact for a national popular vote. It is now time to come to a consensus on the issue.

Please join us and be a part of the decision making process!

Contact: Bette Wagner - 607.369.7507

THANK YOU

The League of Women Voters of the Oneonta Area would like to take this opportunity to send out a big "THANK YOU" to all our loyal donors. Throughout the year the League relies on the support we receive from our donors. In these especially difficult economic times, we appreciate more than ever your continued support.

President's Message

Spring has sprung! The temps aren't telling us it's so but we have had many days of full sunshine and that's always welcomed. I often read other League's bulletins and newsletters to see what's going on in other parts of the state. Today as I glanced at Saratoga's bulletin and read President Barb Thomas's message, I couldn't help but feel a little envious of knowing Barb has time during the day hours to walk. She writes, ". . . get some fresh air and exercise while talking with League members on any topic that enters your mind, call me," etc., etc. Walking, talking and exercising all at the same time? It doesn't get any better than that. I could offer the same for members of the LWV of Oneonta---only it would have to be after 5 PM on most weekdays or alternate Saturdays or Sundays PM depending on the interest. It would be a great way to get to now other Leaguers. Feel free to call me at 431-1125 if interested.

Our League recently was represented at the AAUW/LWV of Oneonta's brunch. This year's event was hosted by AAUW. It was held at Hartwick College and President Margaret Drugovich was the guest speaker. President Drugovich addressed a number of topics directly related to women and their roles, past and present. She spoke specifically about women in leadership roles throughout history, including the local areas of Oneonta and Delhi that currently have three presidents serving at three local colleges and they are all

women! Along similar lines the President emphasized to the audience that as we continue into the 21st century it is more important than ever that we encourage women of all ages to seek leadership roles!

The LWV of New York State's 53rd Biennial Convention is being held in Syracuse, NY on May 15-17, 2009. Three members of the LWV of Oneonta, Sandee Fleisher, Cathy LaFontaine, and Alice Collins will attend this year's convention. The Compact for National Popular Vote will be a part of the discussion. Bette Wagner is the local committee chair for this event. Locally, we have two meetings scheduled working towards consensus. On Wednesday, April 22, 2009 the committee and League members will meet for further discussion. The consensus general member meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at the First United Methodist Church, Embry Room here in Oneonta. All members are encouraged to attend. We welcome your support. If you have not had a chance to familiarize yourself with the issue of the compact for a "national popular vote" try accessing the CNPV through LWVNY state website or our local LWV of Oneonta website, www.lwvoneonta.org.

Plan ahead and put your reservations in for our Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 30, 2009! This year we are meeting for brunch at 10 AM at the Clarion Hotel, Main St., Oneonta. Our League is facing necessary changes in the near future. Join us for this important meeting. You can be part of the solution making process. We

President's Message - continued

welcome your input! See the front page of this bulletin for further details.

Also, in this issue you will find a copy of the proposed budget for 2009-2010. As members of the local League, you will have a chance to vote on the budget at the annual meeting on May 30th. Again, the League is your organization and it is with your continued support, time and effort that the organization will move forward. In the meantime, if you wish to speak with a board member, the contact information is listed in your membership booklet. Thank for taking the time to stay informed and I hope to see you at the annual meeting!

Cathy LaFontaine - Co-President

Nominating Committee Update

If you read last month's bulletin you know that this year's Nominating Committee spent a considerable amount of time working through recommendations to be brought before the LWV membership at our Annual Meeting to be held on Sat., May 30, 2009. The committee seeks suggestions and input from LWV members. At the meeting, the Nominating Committee will present its recommendations. We look forward to seeing you at this important meeting.

**Fair, Vibrant, and Strong
Call to Convention 2009**

NPV Consensus deadline May 1. Grassroots agreement on positions is one of the League's greatest strengths. May 1 is the deadline for the National Popular Vote study - "a study of the advisability of using the National Popular Vote Compact among the states as a method for electing the President". Preparing for and taking consensus is hard work, but worthwhile. The resulting position will allow the organization to educate the public and affect national policy for years to come. Prior to the Consensus Meeting, publicize the availability of NPV Compact Study Committee materials to League members. Go to www.lwv.org/NPV

Happy Spring!

LWV DUES MYSTIC

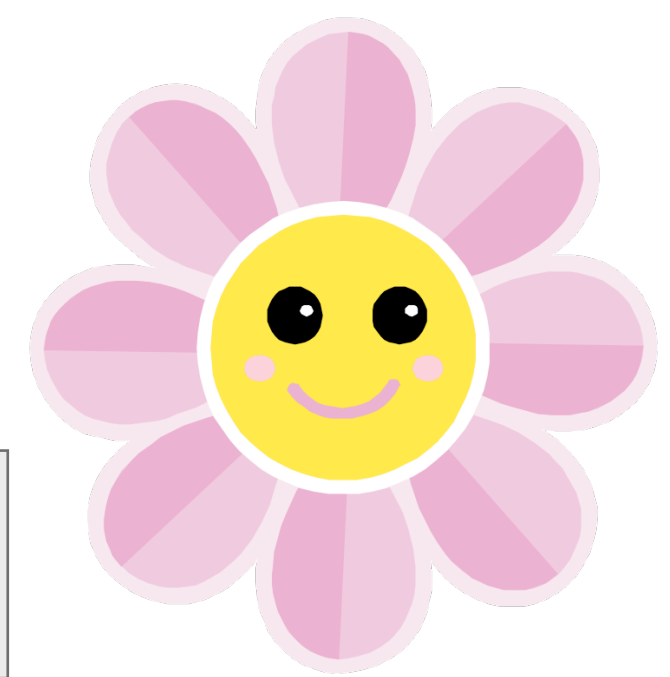
LWV-Oneonta has held dues at the \$45.00 level for sometime. In these economic times, that seems reasonable. For the treasury of LWV-Oneonta, it is not reasonable. Where does your \$45.00 go?

Your dues enroll you in LWVUS and LWVNY and in LWV-Oneonta. The local branch pays your dues - the per member payment or PMP - to the other two. LWVUS's PMP is \$28 for individuals and \$14 for household members. LWVNY's equal is \$18 and \$9. We - oops - have to subsidize a portion of each PMP. No income from dues for LWV-Oneonta.

Our revenue must come from contributions, newsletter ads and other fund raising in order to provide the regular mailing of the newsletter, meeting expenses and program expenses such as the Voter Service activities and publications.

It is highly likely that both LWVNY and LWVUS will vote to raise the PMP dues in the next conventions, spring 2009 and 2010. Your Board has discussed this issue and seeks your input. If we raise our dues to just \$50, we will probably still be left with nothing. What should LWV-Oneonta consider? Please contact me, or another Board member as soon as possible regarding this issue. We must vote at our Annual meeting.

Sandra Fleisher, Treasurer



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	A	B	C	D	E
1	EXPENSES	2009/10			
2		BUDGET	ACTUAL	IN KIND	BALANCE
3					
4	A. OPERATING COSTS				
5	1. Supplies	\$100.00			
6	2. PO Box	\$45.00			
7	3. Postage	\$45.00			
8					
9	B. ADMINISTRATION				
10	1. Fundraising				
11	2. Membership				
12	a. Booklet	\$50.00			
13	3. Meetings				
14	a. General	\$50.00			
15	b. Annual	\$900.00			
16	c. Brunch	\$500.00			
17	3. Website	\$50.00			
18					
19	C. Conventions	\$1000.00			
20					
21	D. PMP OBLIGATIONS				
22	1. LWVNY	\$1323.00			
23	2. LWVUS	\$2146.00			
24					
25	E. EDUCATION				
26	1. Voter Services				
27	a. State Voters Guides	\$200.00			
28	b. Local Voter Guides	\$800.00			
29	c. They Represent You	\$100.00			
30	d. Forums	\$150.00			
31	e. Registration	\$30.00			
32					
33	F. BULLETIN	\$625.00			
34					
35					
36	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$8114.00			

LWV 2009/10

	A	B	C	D	E
1	INCOME	2009/10			
2		BUDGET	ACTUAL	IN KIND	NOTES
3	A. DUES				
4	1. Full (\$50)	\$3450.00			
5	2. Household (\$25)	\$225.00			
6					
7	B. CONTRIBUTIONS				
8	1. Member	\$500.00			
9	2. Nonmember	\$500.00			
10	3. EF member	\$50.00			
11	4. EF nonmember	\$100.00			
12					
13	C. OTHER INCOME				
14	1. Bulletin Ads	\$200.00			
15	2. Annual dinner	\$900.00			
16	3. LWV/AAUW Brunch	\$500.00			
17	4. FOF grant	\$500.00			
18	5. Other	\$50.00			
19					
20	D. INTEREST	\$60.00			
21					
22	E. EF GRANT	\$513.00			
23					
24	F. FROM SAVINGS	\$566.00			
25					
26					
27	TOTAL INCOME	\$8114.00			