



## THE CAZENOVIA VOTER

THE CAZENOVIA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, P.O. BOX 219, CAZENOVIA, NY 13035      SEPTEMBER 2010

**September 15:** Polls are open from 12 noon - 9pm for the Democratic, Republican and Conservative Primary. Ballots may be viewed at [www.madisoncounty.org/boe](http://www.madisoncounty.org/boe).

**October 8:** Last day to register to vote for the General Election

**November 2:** Polls are open from 6am - 9pm for the general election. Offices to be elected are:

Governor and Lt. Governor, Comptroller,  
Attorney General, U.S. Senator, U.S. Senator (2-year term), Representative in Congress (23<sup>rd</sup> District), State Senator (49<sup>th</sup> District), Assembly (111<sup>th</sup> District), Madison County Treasurer

TOWN OFFICES (vote for one):

Town Clerk:

Lebanon 1-year vacancy

Highway Superintendent:

Eaton 1-year vacancy, Hamilton 1-year vacancy

Town Justices:

Cazenovia, Fenner, Lebanon, Nelson

Town Council

Georgetown - 1-year vacancy

City Council

Oneida (Ward 6) 1-year vacancy

### The Cazenovia League of Women Voters Membership Meeting

"Redistricting:

Issues and Impacts"

7:30 PM

**Tuesday, September 28**

Community Room of the

Cazenovia Public Library

Dessert and coffee will

be provided

### The LWV Forum for the NYS Legislature Candidates

7:00 PM

**Tuesday, October 12**

Cazenovia Municipal

Building

## President's Letter

Now that summer is on the wane I would like to encourage you to focus on some interesting League events coming this fall. The LWVNYS is urging local Leagues to hold public informational meetings about redistricting. Our League has decided to participate by holding a meeting on redistricting on September 28<sup>th</sup> in the Community Room of the Cazenovia Public Library. On October 12 our League will also host a New York State Legislature Candidate Forum at the Municipal Building which should be most informative. Additional information about these two events is found above.

Anne Redfern and Janet Munro set up a voter registration table at the Cazenovia Farmers Market on August 14. Kudos to them! We are also pleased to announce that Bonnie Bryans, Janet Munro and Ann Altmeyer were elected for a two-year term to the Cazenovia LWV Board at the annual meeting. Also, Barb Clarke and Marjie Wason were appointed as officers by the Board for a term of one year. We are fortunate to have such talented new board members.

At our annual meeting in June, the membership adopted the Shared Services Study as our Local Program for another year. The group working on this project is chaired by Helen Beale. At the July Board meeting of the LWVNYS, the League's Government Consolidation/Shared Services Position was approved. The Position Statement is found on page 2 of this newsletter. I look forward to seeing our membership at our upcoming League events.

~ Wendy Taylor

## POSITION ON CONSOLIDATION OF GOVERNMENTAL UNITS AND SHARING OF MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES

*At its July 15, 2010 meeting, the Board of the NYS LWV 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?

### ***Congratulations!***

Congratulations to Sara Silverman, who is the 2010 recipient of the League of Women Voters of Cazenovia scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to a graduate of Cazenovia High School who demonstrates excellence in academic achievement, conduct, and civic responsibility.

Sara will attend the University of Rochester, where she plans to study chemistry and psychology. While in high school, she was active in community service through Project Café and worked at the Book Sales by the Friends of the Cazenovia Public Library to raise funds for library programs. While working on the high school yearbook, Sara developed an interest in photography. She is the daughter of Lisa and David Silverman of Cazenovia.

The League wishes her continued success in her college career.

