



**The LOCAL VOTER**  
**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS**  
**SYRACUSE METROPOLITAN AREA**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Tuesday, Oct. 12th, 7—9 PM**  
 Cazenovia Forum  
**Thursday, Oct. 21st, 6—8 PM**  
 LWVSYR/AARP Forum  
**Sunday, Oct. 31st, 2PM**  
 “Iron Jawed Angels”  
**Tuesday, Nov. 2nd, 6 AM– 9 PM**  
 Election Day

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**Thank You!**

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**HOW TO PICK A CANDIDATE**

**KNOW THY SELF**  
**KNOW THE CANDIDATES**  
**KNOW THE ISSUES**



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2010**  
**6—8 PM**  
**LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**1613 JAMES STREET, SYRACUSE 13203**

**LEARN WHERE THE CANDIDATES STAND ON THE ISSUES**  
**REDISTRICTING**  
**LONG TERM CARE**  
**PERSCRIPTION DRUGS**  
**ENERGY**  
**TRANSPORTATION**  
**ENVIRONMENT**  
**&**  
**MORE**

**All local candidates for the New York State Senate and Assembly have been invited to participate. The forum is sponsored by AARP and the Syracuse Metropolitan League of Women Voters.**

**The event is open to the public. Come and bring a friend.**

# BOARD NOTES

## MARION SHERMAN

On August 25, the Syracuse League of Women Voters lost a friend who had been a constant, integral part of the local chapter for 25 years. Marion Sherman was the Syracuse LWV office manager from 1968 to 1993. After graduating from the Eastman School of Music as a harpist and while raising her two daughters, Valerie and Stephanie, Marion had been a volunteer and then a paid assistant in their school libraries before coming to the League. Her lifelong interest in elections and government led her to the LWV.

Marion managed the office under the following League presidents: Jean Hoefer, Mary Burdick, Claire Anderson, Helen Zych, Ruth Timmerman, Mary Jo Fairbanks, Cheryl Smith, Ellen Agnew, Suzanne LaLonde, and Betsy Jump. During those years, LWV membership was much larger than today, as is the case with most civic organizations. Marion worked in the office at the Midtown Plaza building, courageously dealing with cockroaches and staying when ours was the last solitary office still functioning before the building was demolished. She then worked in the office at the United Way building on West Onondaga Street with other nonprofit agencies.

Marion told funny stories about some of the many phone calls made to the office requesting information about elections and candidates in the days before the Internet. One man would call once a year to rant about the problems with the political system. One time she helped a very young man by the name of James Walsh who came in to obtain information about government. Marion was also diligent in maintaining the bookkeeping records accurately to the penny, and she distributed publications, including Facts for Voters and sample ballots, some of which went to inform seniors at Henninger High School where her daughter still works.

After retirement Marion stayed in touch with League friends both locally and out of state and maintained her membership. These friendships were very important to Marion, and we miss her dearly. Her husband Manley Sherman died last year, and Marion passed away after several months of illness.

By her daughters' request, contributions in Marion's name may be made to :  
LWV Education Fund, PO Box 11866, Syracuse 13218.

Thanks to member Rhonda Hungerford for this tribute to Marion.

## Officers

President...	Susan Bush
Vice-President...	Mary Clare Hatch-Pennello
Secretary...	Karen Smith
Treasurer....	Donald MacLaughlin

## Directors

Advocacy...	Mary Clare Hatch-Pennello
Fund-Raising...	Open
Membership...	Mary Lou Green
Program....	Rae Rohfeld
Publications/PR...	Joan Johnson
Voter Service...	Joan Durant

## Off-Board Positions

Budget Director....	Rhonda Hungerford
Nominating Committee.....	Nina Tamrowski
	Minna Buck
	Barbara Olum
Election Law Specialist....	Lenore Rapalski
Technical Support...	Roberta Millert

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The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. For more information please call the League office at (315) 448-7199 or e-mail to [league@lwvsyr.org](mailto:league@lwvsyr.org)

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## Diversity Statement

The Syracuse Metropolitan League of Women Voters is committed to diversity and pluralism, which means there shall be no barriers to participation in any League activity on the basis of age, race, ethnicity, gender, disability, sexual orientation, religion, economic status, or national origin.

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- You will be notified of upcoming local events
- LWV National & State Action Alerts

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT

The cool weather brings renewed ambitions for this local league. We already have a forum scheduled and other requests coming in. This year the Election Guide will be in conjunction with both the Syracuse New Times and the Post Standard. Both bring benefits to our community by informing the public of who the candidates are and what they hope to bring as an elected official to the people. Advocacy brings out the issue of redistricting. The new voting machines which are in full use in our county now also bring new challenges for the community and the league.

Being a member of an organization like the League of Women Voters of the Syracuse Metropolitan Area means different things to everyone. The best way to have a fulfilling membership is to get involved. We have many activities going on. Any director will tell you there is plenty of room for you to immerse yourself in the events.

So I invite members and non-members alike to contact any Director and have a chat. Hear about the agenda and issues for the year and jump in. We look forward to hearing from you!

**Susan Bush**

## CALENDAR

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Sunday, October 31, 2010, 2PM  
Camden Community Room  
Liverpool Public Library, 310 Tulip Street

“Iron Jawed Angels”  
(see page 4)

Tuesday, November 2, 2010  
Polls open 6 AM—9 PM

Election Day

Tuesday, November 9, 2010, 2— 4:30 PM  
Church Center of the United Nations  
777 United Nations Plaza, New York City

LWVNY Annual United Nations Event  
Topic: Microfinance: From Struggle for Survival  
to Planning for the Future. A registration form is on the  
LWVNY website.  
information.



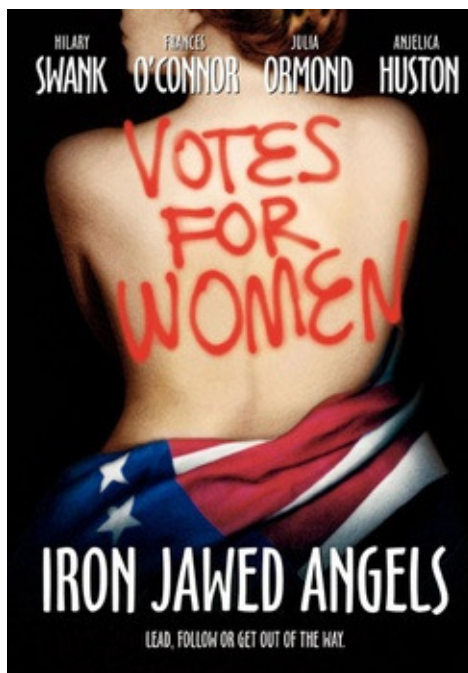
*I never doubted that equal rights was the right direction. Most problems are complicated. But to me there is nothing complicated about ordinary equality.*

**ALICE PAUL**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2010

2:00 PM

CAMDEN COMMUNITY ROOM  
LIVERPOOL PUBLIC LIBRARY  
310 TULIP STREET, LIVERPOOL, NY



*For Americans, the right to vote is so taken for granted that it's hard to believe it was unavailable to the country's women until 1920, and not until after quite a fight. "Iron Jawed Angels" is a wonderful movie about the last ten years of the struggle for the women's suffrage amendment. It has drama, action and a little romance. Hillary Swank plays Alice Paul, who leads some of the younger suffragists in public actions to call attention to the injustice of not allowing women to vote. It is based on events that actually took place, but that many people do not know. The cast also included Frances O'Connor (Lucy Burns), Bob Gunton (President Elect Woodrow Wilson) and Anjelica Huston (Carrie Chapman Catt).*

*This is a great way to continue our celebration of the 90th anniversary of the 19th amendment. Bring friends and enjoy refreshments along with the film. The event is free and open to the public.*

**Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of the Syracuse Metropolitan Area**

"Iron Jawed Angels", directed by German film Maker Katya von Garnier, was screened at the Sundance Film Festival in 2004 before its television premier on HBO.



**VOTE NY**  
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**ONONDAGA COUNTY CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE—GENERAL ELECTION—NOVEMBER 2, 2010**

**STATE WIDE OFFICES:**

**Governor**

Carl P Paladino (R)  
Andrew Cuomo (D)

**Lt Governor**

Gregory J Edwards (R)  
Robert J Duffy (D)

**Attorney General**

Dan Donovan (R)  
Eri t Schneiderman (D)

**Comptroller**

Harry Wilson (R)  
Thomas P DiNapoli (D)

**FEDERAL OFFICES:**

**US Senator - 6 year term**

Jay Townsend (R)  
Charles E Schumer (D)

**US Senator—2 year term**

Joseph J DioGuardi (R)  
Kristin E Gillibrand (D)

**US Congress – 25<sup>th</sup> Congressional District**

Ann Marie Buerkle (R)  
Daniel B Maffei (D)

**STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICES:**

**NYS Senate – 49<sup>th</sup> District**

Andrew Russo (R)  
David Valesky (D)

**NYS Senate – 50<sup>th</sup> District**

Joan A DeFrancisco (R)  
Kathleen Joy (D)

**Member of Assembly – 119<sup>th</sup> District**

John W Sharon (R)  
Sam Roberts (D)  
Christina Finch (C)

**STATE LEGISLATIVE OFFICES (cont'd)**

**Member of Assembly – 120<sup>th</sup> District**

Rick Guy (R)  
William B Magnarelli (D)

**Member of Assembly – 121<sup>st</sup> District**

Donald R Miller (R)  
Albert A. Stirpe, JR (D)

**Member of Assembly – 124<sup>th</sup> District**

William Barclay (R)

**Member of Assembly – 129<sup>th</sup> District**

Brian Kolb (R)

**ONONDAGA COUNTY OFFICES**

**Onondaga County Sheriff**

Kevin E Walsh (R)  
Joseph Price (D)

**County Court Judge**

William Walsh (R)

**Family Court Judges (2)**

Martha Walsh Hood (R)  
Michael Hanuszczak (R)

**CITY OF SYRACUSE OFFICES**

**City Court Judges (2)**

Langston McKinney (D)  
Kate Rosenthal(D)  
Ted Limpert(D)

**TOWN OFFICES**

**Cicero Town Justice**

Douglas M Demarche (R)  
Robert J Bertrand (D)

**Elbridge Town Justice**

George L Betts (D/R)

**Fabius Town Justice**

Richard E Garrett (R)

**Geddes Town Board**

Paul J Valenti (R)

**Lafayette Town Justice**

Malcolm W Knapp (R)

This list contains only candidates running on the Democrat, Republican and Conservative lines. There are many candidates on third party lines. They include candidates on the Green, Independence, Working Families, Taxpayer, Right to Life, Anti-Prohibition, Libertarian and Freedom lines. You can find this information on the Certified Election Ballot found on the New York State Board of Elections website.



On September 17, 1787 delegates to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia signed the U. S. Constitution, a written charter for a new—and enduring—federal government. The delegates convened in Philadelphia to develop a framework that would provide balance and freedom, taking into account federal and state interests, as well as individual human rights. By June 21, 1788, the Constitution was effective, having been approved by nine of the 13 states.

In 2005 Congress designated September 17 as a day to hold educational programs for students on the Constitution. Authorizing legislation states that all educational institutions and federal agencies receiving federal funds will hold educational programs about the Constitution on September 17—Constitution Day. However, Constitution day is a day for ALL Americans to commemorate the Constitution.

*American Bar Association*

## 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.

The 10/10/10 campaign is being organized by [www.350.org](http://www.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 CO<sub>2</sub>), the amount that leading climate scientists say is the safe upper limit for CO<sub>2</sub> in our atmosphere.

For more information visit [www.350.org/oct10](http://www.350.org/oct10).



**LWV Westchester County** has published a “Personal Pledge” promoting wide-spread distribution of a list of 10 things to do for the environment:

1. Use less stuff and reuse and recycle what I can
2. Keep the thermostat lower in winter, higher in summer
3. Insulate my home
4. Drive less; walk and bike more
5. Change my light bulbs to CFL or LED lighting
6. Stop using products with hazardous chemicals
7. Turn off the water when I am brushing my teeth
8. Ask my elected officials what they are doing to lower carbon emissions
9. Vote for candidates who promise to put a price on carbon
10. Spread the word among my neighbors and friends

## NEWS & NOTES

### REDISTRICTING REFORM

Over 50 members from many local Leagues participated in the training session on the issue of redistricting on September 11 in New York City, Albany, by conference telephone or by computer webmeeting.

We have asked all local League to organize a community forum on the issue of redistricting. We have created a power point presentation and handouts so that local Leagues can hold these forums and have a ready-made program for them. All the materials will be available on the LWVNY website.

Locally our Vice-President for Advocacy, **Mary Clare Hatch-Pennello** will be organizing a program in the Syracuse area.

Please contact Mary Clare at [mcpennello@gmail.com](mailto:mcpennello@gmail.com) or call our office at 448-7199 if you would like to help organize the program.

### HELP US REACH OUR 100TH BIRTHDAY

For 90 years the League has fought to promote the right of all Americans to be informed, heard, vote and have that vote counted correctly. Recently letters were sent to members, friends and others who support good government and the right to vote. We need your financial support to carry on our work.

You can help us out by becoming a member of the League or contributing to our general operating costs or our non-taxable education foundation.

Please take a moment to open your letter and generously support our efforts to **MAKE DEMOCRACY WORK**.

If you did not receive a letter, please use the form on the back page of this newsletter to help us reach our 100th birthday!

**THANK YOU**

### FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES COMMITTEE

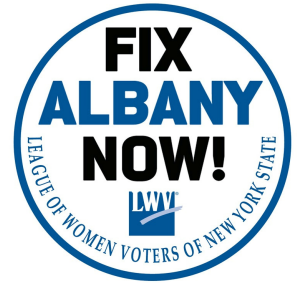
The League with the support of the Onondaga Citizens League will once again help candidates conduct fair and honest campaigns. The Committee will review complaints about alleged unfair campaign practices and determine through a hearing if the complaints are legitimate.

The committee is composed of members who represent the diversity of the community. Each representative is selected on his/her recognized community leadership, concern with the ethics of political campaigns and ability to be nonpartisan.

For more information, contact us at [FCP@lwvsyr.org](mailto:FCP@lwvsyr.org).

### 2011 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Last year the State Issues committee and the Issue Specialists decide to focus the 2010 Legislative Agenda on making the State legislature cleaner and more competitive through emphasizing campaign finance, redistricting and other good government legislative and election reforms. Some election reforms were passed last year, in particular simplifying the absentee ballot, but no progress was made on the other areas. Therefore, we are recommending that the 2010 legislative agenda be very similar to last year's. We ask for your comments on this recommendation (see the September State Board Report on the state website ([lwvny.org](http://lwvny.org))). We will also continue to take action on issues covered by the League's additional positions included in Impact on Issues as they arise.



### LOBBY CORPS

The State League is developing a group of trained volunteers who will communicate the league's position on proposed legislation in person directly to the members of the state Senate and Assembly. It would be expected that the Lobby Corps volunteers would agree to lobby on a regular basis as assigned in Albany. Come try something new in the League! Contact the state office for more information.



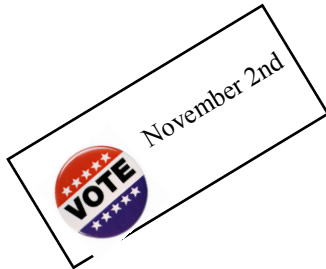
Check Out the League of Women Voters Smart Voter Site to find biographical and position responses for statewide offices you will find on the November ballot. Simply enter your address in the boxes in the upper right side and you will find the ballot for your area. Be sure to check the site often, as it will be continually updated as candidates provide their information. Don't see particular candidates' information? Contact them and ask them to provide information so that you can cast an informed vote. If they need help they can send an email to LWVNY Technology Specialist Bo Lipari at [bo@bolipari.com](mailto:bo@bolipari.com). You can access Smart Voter by going to [www.smartvoter.com](http://www.smartvoter.com) or visiting our website – [www.lwvsyr.org](http://www.lwvsyr.org). Scroll down to "Links" and click on Smart Voter.



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**League of Women Voters  
 Membership Application**

*Democracy is not a spectator sport  
 It's efficient activism*

*It is a way to make your voice count  
 It is a way to make politics a process for the people*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ *Individual Level....\$55*

\_\_\_ *Household Level\*....\$80*

\_\_\_ *Student Level \*\*....\$25*

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\* *Two members in the same household*

\*\* *Full time student under 25*

\_\_\_ *I would like to support the League with a donation.*

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