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Call to Annual Meeting

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

Binghamton Regency Hotel
One Sarbro Square, Binghamton

5:00 p.m. ~ Business Meeting

6:30 p.m. ~ Social Time

7:00 p.m. ~ Dinner & Program

(Dinner reservations must be received by May 1)

Guest Speaker:

Roger Luther of P.A.S.T.
Presents

“Castle on the Hill”

Saving Binghamton’s Inebriate Asylum

Co-President's Column

One of the benefits of being the new Co-President with a highly capable and experienced one, is that Anne has a developed, automatic response to the League's state and national requirements as they present themselves. I am gradually becoming more familiar with them, thanks to her direction and patience. Another benefit of co-presidency is that there have been times when there has been only one dependable computer between the two of us. With such reliable back-up, I have been able to devote some of my time and attention to these League commitments:

VOTE 18 – At the December Brunch, I presented an interactive voting game, “Vote 18”, to all who attended. Alice, Anne and I were introduced to it at the LWVNYS Convention in May by its creator, Walt Townes. Walt has made all materials available on his website and email, and those who participated in the game, found it to be a useful teaching tool. In order to share it with the Participation In Government teachers in the Broome and Tioga County High Schools, Jane Ebert and I arranged to get all this information out to them along with a brief outline of the game.

PNHP- Physicians for a National Health Program was another inspiring seminar offered at the Convention. It was refreshing to learn that doctors have taken the initiative to help those that need healthcare and can't afford it under our present system. I was even more surprised to hear that it is a single payer, universal system. In an effort to share this news with our local League and public, I invited Dr. de la Roza, a member of PNHP and a pathologist at University Medical Center in Syracuse, to explain it at one of our program meetings. He graciously accepted and the interest in healthcare was proven by the large number of people (87) who attended this meeting and the questions they asked.

ENR – Proof that 2007 was slow election year was shown by the number of phone clerks required for election night reporting at the September Primaries, which was 8, and only 2 supervisors and 2 runners were needed at that time. The General Election, however, required the usual amounts: 5 supervisors, 32 phone clerks and 5 runners. We are fortunate to have faithful volunteers who carry out this service for the Board of Elections and the public in general. Special thanks to Joanne Gee for her help with phone calls.

SIA – Rather than using an essay to select a student representative to the Students Inside Albany Conference, our

League has chosen a letter from a teacher, counselor, parent or any adult who has frequent interaction with the student, to share some of the academic, social and other qualities that would justify sending him/her to this event. Letters are due March 21 and the Conference will take place April 27 – April 30, 2008. Jane Ebert arranged to get the information to the respective Social Studies Departments at all the Broome and Tioga High Schools. Sandy Kosty is in charge of PR in the Press and Sun – Bulletin.

~ Clare Simeone

Co-President's Message

It's been another wonderful League year! Our program meetings have been exciting, focusing mainly on election-related issues, campaign finance, a judicial candidates' forum, National Popular Vote vs. the Electoral College, and election reform under HAVA. We also had a very well attended program on a physicians' national health insurance proposal (PNHP) in January. We reserved a room in the Vestal Library in February, in case we had to reschedule, but the weather cooperated and we didn't need it. We weren't so lucky with our Board meetings; the Board did not meet in February. We were just glad that we didn't have to cancel a Program Meeting. That's much harder, especially if the speaker is coming from out of town.

It's been a great experience working with Clare Simeone as Co-Presidents. At the LWVNYS Convention last May, we talked with members of a League which had 4 Co-Presidents (2 in charge in the fall and winter, the other 2 in charge in the spring and summer). Compared to that, 2 co-presidents are easy to coordinate! Clare's good ideas combined with my own, make our (co-)Presidency stronger than either of us could manage alone. After 4 years as solo President, I've had to break the habit of doing everything myself and remind myself that we're sharing the job. It has been well worth the effort. Even the hardest decisions seem easier when shared. We've both kept track of everything, making sure that no task falls through the cracks. Sharing the work with Clare has given me the break that I needed from being the one in charge, while still enjoying the satisfaction of helping lead our wonderful League. More important personally, I needed more free time to spend on other projects. In short, it's been a more relaxed year, and that's good. I'm looking forward to another year working with Clare as co-Presidents of our League.

~ Anne Taft

Proposed Local Program 2008-09

The Board of Directors recommends re-adopting Local Program 2007-08. Items 1-10 appear below:

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 full-scale separation and recycling in Broome and Tioga Counties
6. Support of equitable apportionment of the Broome 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 improved public transport 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.

Nominating Committee Report

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

For a two year term, 2008-2010

1st Vice President	Carol Oestrich
Treasurer	Alice Brooks
Directors	Julie Larson
	Doris Lawton
	Barbara McMann

Nominating Committee, 2008-2009

Chair	Jane Ebert
Members	Eva Anderson
	Carol Carpenter

Board Members continuing their terms:

Co-Presidents	Clare Simeone
	Anne Taft
2nd Vice President	Mary Johnson
Secretary	Joanne Gee
Directors	Carole Coppens
	Sandy Kosty
	Jane Park

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 2007-2008

Eva Anderson
Carol Carpenter
Doris Lawton
Jane Park
Marilyn Myers, Chair

Identification Statement

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Education Finance Report

The local education finance committee monitored education finance issues within the statewide position statement. We noted that a positive outcome this year in support of “reforms for greater equity in education financing for both pupils and taxpayers” was an increase in education aid toward meeting the Campaign for Fiscal Equity lawsuit decision. That position and the one for supporting “measures to provide for openness and accountability” resulted in the Contract for Excellence that provided additional funding for high needs districts. Governor Eliot Spitzer proposed a cap on how much school property taxes can be increased. A commission, set up to develop a tax cap plan, will try to present a report to the legislature by May 15, 2008.

The LWVNYS opposes “any increase in the maximum number of charter schools without amendment of the Charter School Act.” This past year the Legislature and Governor Spitzer raised the cap by 100 new charter schools. The Board of Trustees of the State University of New York is responsible for awarding half of the new charters.

While the state League did not form a position regarding the use of gambling revenues to finance education, it should be noted that the New York Racing Association was awarded a 25-year franchise to operate the Aqueduct, Belmont Park and Saratoga race tracks. The installation of video lottery terminals (VLTs) will proceed at Aqueduct. The agreement with New York State provides some transparency and accountability measures with the establishment of a Franchise Oversight Board. Racetracks, such as Tioga and Vernon Downs, which operate VLTs will receive increases in commissions and capital allowances to alleviate any financial burden. These increases will result in less revenue to fund education.

Thanks go to committee members Linda Biemer, Vivian Carlip, Mary Johnson, and Charlene Shorten for continuing to check on the educational issues.

~ Carol Oestrich, Education Finance

Programs Report

The 2007-2008 program year opened with the theme Clean Money, Clean Elections. Our speaker was Jessica Wisneski, Campaigns Director for Citizen Action of New York in Albany. Jessica is leading a statewide campaign to bring this issue to various groups and to inspire them to action. While elected officials are needed to enact reforms, this campaign works to involve citizens in leading the way to full public financing of campaigns.

November has become the traditional time for our Legislative Breakfast. This year we moved to Russell’s Steak House and found the food and facility to be very agreeable. Several of our leading lawmakers attended, and all seemed to enjoy the time to converse informally about important issues.

December began with our Annual Brunch at the Endicott Visitors’ Center. The program was provided by and led by Clare Simeone. VOTE 18 was simulated by members, who were well beyond 18, but able to provide the members an opportunity to preview the program to see if it would ever be a viable one for our League.

Dr. Gustavo de la Roza of Physicians for a National Health Program led our January meeting. He provided us with some eye-opening statistics about which people are covered by insurance and receiving regular health care and those who have no coverage. He offered some possible solutions to closing this gap. Thank you to Clare Simeone for planning and organizing the program.

In March, Douglas Garnar, Distinguished Service Professor at Broome Community College, will lead a panel discussion on the popular vote vs. the Electoral College. The state League is advocating a national study of the National Popular Vote Compact.

Thank you to Jane Park for her diligence in following these issues and keeping the League current and for arranging the March and April programs.

A special thank you to Janet Gill for providing us with

hospitality before each of our program meetings. Thank you to Carol Oestrich for searching out and obtaining some electronic equipment that will facilitate the speakers' presentations. Thank you to Eva Anderson and others who register our attendees, to Jane Ebert and MaryBelle Mitten for bringing our League products to the meetings. Thanks to Sandy Kosty for providing the public with information and to all who help set up and take down the chairs for the meeting.

~ Mary Johnson, Programs

May 13 Annual Meeting Program "Castle on the Hill"

In 1858, construction began on the New York State Inebriate Asylum, the first institution in this country intended for the medical treatment of alcoholism. Designed by noted architect Isaac Perry, the facility was later converted to a mental institution and would provide health services and employment to thousands, before closing its doors in 1993.

This is a presentation on the history, current status, and future of one of Binghamton's greatest architectural and historic treasures, the Castle on the Hill, presented in the year of its 150th anniversary. The presentation includes historic documentation from the files of the founder of the institution, first-hand stories by former employees and residents, rare current interior photos of the building, and an update on recent developments.

Roger Luther moved to this area eight years ago from Buffalo. His interests center around historic preservation, photography, and website design. Over the last four years he has researched Binghamton's Inebriate Asylum and has actively promoted preservation and adaptive reuse of the building. During that time he has also researched three other similar New York State Asylums and has designed and maintains a website on the subject: nysAsylum.com.

Voter Service Report

Voter Service activities for 2007-2008 began in the summer with the distribution of 3,000 Voters' Guides throughout Broome and Tioga Counties. The guides covered basic facts for voters and then, in Part II, an explanation of ballot issues, elections of NYS Supreme Court Justices and a reminder of the Presidential Primary on February 5.

Also distributed was the 2007 guide to officials of Broome and Tioga Counties, the legislative agenda for 2007 prepared by the LWV of New York State and the promotional brochure for our local league which outlines local, state and national priorities.

In October we held a Judicial Educational Forum with candidates for Broome County Judge and the 6th District of the State Supreme Court.

Eight candidates participated - six for the three Supreme Court vacancies and two for Broome County Judge. The forum was moderated by Barbara Shope. Held October 30 at the Vestal Public Library, the event was attended by about 75 people.

A new program "Vote 18" was presented by Clare Simeone at our annual brunch in December. The program, in skit format, is designed to demonstrate the importance of voting for high school students. Clare was joined by Mary Johnson and Carol Oestrich, posing as candidates running for election.

The eligibility deadlines and other basics for voting in the presidential primary on February 5 were the subject of a letter to the editor, a talk given by Anne Taft to the Owego Business and Professional Women, and a discussion with residents of the YWCA led by Doris Lawton.

~ Doris Lawton, Voter Service

"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.

Local Government

In April 2007, our League held a public meeting with Dr. Thomas Sinclair, Binghamton University, and Patrick Brennan, Deputy County Executive speaking about shared services and consolidation. Mr. Brennan presented the Broome County Plan for Urban Core Police Consolidation.

Members of the Local Government Committee continued to monitor meetings of the Greater Binghamton Council of Governments. We also attended meetings of the Consolidation Committee of the Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce.

The wording of our item is "Support consolidation of local government services and local governments in Broome and Tioga Counties, provided that a valid feasibility study determines that 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."

This was adopted at the Annual Meeting, May 8, 2007. The January 2008 meeting of our local Board of Directors unanimously approved the recommendation of the Local Government Committee to support a consolidated police force for the urban areas in Broome County. A letter expressing our position was sent to the Binghamton Press & Sun - Bulletin. Also, letters were sent to each of the five municipalities in the urban core of Broome County that have police forces.

We thank all the members of our committee: Eva Anderson, Vivian Carlip, Barbara Carter, Laura House, Barbara McMann, and Marjorie Norcross. A special thank you to Clare Simeone who did such a great job as Chair of the Local Government Committee before she became Co-President.

~ Jean Gow and Louise Vanderkulk, Co-Chairs

Notes on Proposed Budget 2008-2009

Income:

A. Dues: Amount is estimated since some members pay the basic \$45/year; students pay \$20; two members in same household pay \$65. Others voluntarily increase their dues to \$55, \$75, or \$100.

B. Contributions: Member contributions include in-kind donations and donations with dues payments.

C. Miscellaneous: Income from other sources, e.g., brunch and dinner receipts after expenses and state League fundraisers in which local Leagues share

D. LWVBTC Reserves: Amount needed to balance the budget

E. Education Foundation: Amount equals ¼ of PMP (D1 and D2) plus Educational Activities Expenses (F)

Expenses:

C. Delegates:

1. Funds for our delegates to the National Convention to be held in June 2008 were included in our current budget for 2007-2008. Next year the State Convention will be held, and it has been included in this proposed budget.

D. Financial Support for the League:

1. National PMP: We expect the national PMP to be increased at this year's convention, but we will not know the exact amount until then. The amount shown is an estimate based on an increase of \$.50 per member to \$27.30. (Students and the second member in a household are assessed at 50% of the basic PMP, and LWVUS returns \$5.00 to us for each national member.)

2. State PMP: This amount remains at \$18.00 per member and \$9.00 for the second member in a household. Both National and State totals are based on the number of members at the end of January each year.

3. Additional League Support: This is an optional donation to the state League made at the discretion of our local Board of Directors.

F. Educational Activities

2.b. Local Government Guides: Cost of our local publication "They Represent You"

3. Other Educational Activities: Students Inside Albany would come under this.

G. Position Support

1. Cost of our local publication "Be Part of the Action"

Many thanks to the Budget Committee members: Alice Brooks, Jane Ebert, Carol Oestrich, and Co-President Anne Taft. If you have any questions about the proposed budget, please call me at 748-2868 or email louisavan@aol.com

~ Louise Vanderkulk

Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009

	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
Income	Actual	Budget	Budget
A. Dues	\$5,660	\$5,800	\$5,800
B. Contributions			
Members	1,530	1,000	1,200
Finance Drive	1,180	1,200	1,200
C. Other			
1. Bank interest	8	10	5
2. Product Sales	62	100	75
3. Election Night Reporting	1,360	1,075	1,200
4. Miscellaneous	338	300	200
D. LWVBTC Reserves	0	980	880
E. Education Foundation	1,142	2,916	3,146
TOTAL INCOME	\$11,280	\$13,381	\$13,706
 EXPENSES			
A. Operating costs			
1. General Supplies	\$118	\$150	\$150
2. Duplication	53	50	50
3. Telephone	423	425	450
4. Postage	41	50	50
5. P.O. Box	80	80	92
6. Audit	100	100	100
7. Meeting Room Expense	175	150	150
8. Annual Dinner	99	175	150
Total Operating Expenses	\$1,089	\$1,180	\$1,192
B. Board and Administrative Committees			
1. President	\$35	\$50	\$50
2. Board Tools & expenses	67	100	100
3. Administrative Committees			
a. Finance Drive	174	200	200
b. Products	145	100	100
c. Membership	118	175	150
d. Public Relations	138	125	150
e. Web Site	283	285	275
Total Board and Admin. Expenses	\$960	\$1,035	\$1,025
C. Delegates			
1. National Convention	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
2. State Convention	1,510	0	2,000
3. State Training	0	50	50
4. Status of women	102	100	100
Total Delegates	\$1,612	\$2,150	\$2,150

	2006-2007 Actual	2007-2008 Budget	2008-2009 Budget
D. Financial Support for the League			
1. National PMP	\$2,927	\$2,987	\$3,050
2. State PMP	2,025	2,079	2,034
3. Additional League Support	200	200	200
Total League Support	\$5,152	\$5,266	\$5,284
E. <u>Broom-Tioga Voter</u>			
1. Supplies	\$73	\$50	\$50
2. Postage	560	650	650
3. Printing	979	1,050	1,100
Total <u>Broome-Tioga Voter</u>	\$1,612	\$1,750	\$1,800
F. Educational Activities			
1. Program	\$733	\$800	\$900
2. Voters Service			
a. State Voter Guide	229	350	400
b. Local Government Guides	259	250	275
c. Other	27	150	200
3. Other Educational Activities	0	100	100
Total Educational Activities	\$1,248	\$1,650	\$1,875
G. Position Support			
1. Production & Distribution	\$172	\$175	\$180
2. Action Activities	0	50	50
Total Position Support	\$172	\$225	\$230
H. Legislative Breakfast	\$125	\$125	\$150
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$11,970	\$13,381	\$13,706

April Program Meeting Tuesday, April 22, 7:00 p.m., Vestal Public Library

Election Reform in New York: Perspectives from the "Front Line"

Our guest speaker at the April 22 meeting will be Bo Lipari, Executive Director of New Yorkers for Verified Voting and the LWVNYS representative on the Citizens' Election Modernization Advisory Committee.

Mr. Lipari is a retired software engineer with 20 years of professional software development experience. Since 2003, he has worked tirelessly at the forefront of efforts to alert people to problems with electronic voting and the potential for compromising the integrity of our elections. He will bring us up to date on what has happened so far and share his thoughts on the challenges still ahead. As he put it in a recent blog, quoting Yogi Berra, "It ain't over, til it's over." You won't want to miss this presentation.

Do plan to come and bring friends.

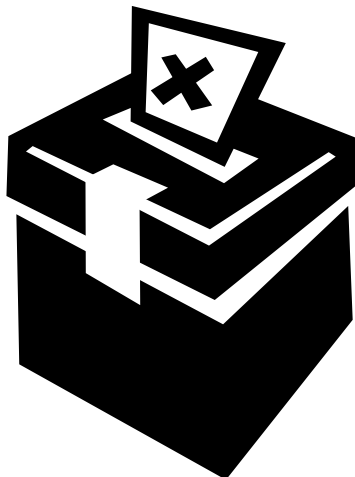
~ Jane Park

Election Reform

Voting machine selection remained the hottest issue of election reform in New York during the last year. Most of the activity has taken place at the state level: monitoring the work of the New York State Board of Elections, tracking the Department of Justice lawsuit, and advocating for paper-based optical scan systems in every arena available. In the face of complexities and fast-changing situations, our State League has done an excellent job in keeping us up to date on developments, and they are to be commended.

Locally, this has meant that we have been on standby ready to contact local officials and media when requested by LWVNYS. At least once, a request for action received one day was withdrawn the next because the situation in Albany was so volatile. We have maintained periodic contact with our local Boards of Elections and kept our members informed through articles in the VOTER. We expect to move forward and work on some of the other state and national issues involved in election reform such as pollworker training and compensation, voter ID requirements, and assuring best practices in election management.

~ Jane Park



Status Of Women Council

At the Broome County Status of Women Council's 32nd annual Women of Achievement Dinner on November 7th, the LWV of Broome and Tioga Counties honored Clare Simeone as its 2007 Woman of Achievement. The dinner was held at the Owego Treadway Inn with entertainment by "String of Pearls."

The evening not only allowed us to honor Clare and many other local women who have made significant contributions to the community, but gave us an evening of fun and entertainment, along with the opportunity to socialize with many local League members.

Due to poor attendance in the past to the Status of Women Council's Women History Month programs it was decided that the Status would not present a program this year. Instead, it was recommended that member organizations be encouraged to attend the AAUW's Women's History Month celebration on March 12th at the Vestal Library.

At the February meeting of the Status of Women Council a new annual award was approved. The award is to be given to a woman in the GED program who has taken a nontraditional route to achieve a high school diploma, many times overcoming great obstacles to receive this diploma. The award will be given in the form of a \$100 debit card. The recipient will be selected by the GED school staff.

~ Eva Anderson, Status of Women Council Delegate

Membership

In January 2007 our official membership count was 143. I am sorry to report that our January 2008 official count was only 128.

2007 2008

110 109 Individual Membership

9 8 Second Household

19 7 National Member

4 4 Honorary Member

1 0 Student

Although we gained 14 new members in 2007, it did not make up for the loss of National members that were dropped. National members are members who joined the LWV of the United States thereby also making them a member of the local League in which they reside. We are encouraged to invite these members to renew their membership at the local level..

Membership recruitment is the responsibility of every member. I hope everyone will keep the League in mind as they meet new friends and socialize with old friends. "Thank you" to everyone who has referred prospective members to me. It is very much appreciated, and the reason we gained 14 new members last year.

Also, a big "thank you" to Mary Diegert who does the majority of the membership work. She maintains the records, sends out dues notices, and prepares the membership list for the Board.

~ Eva Anderson, Membership Outreach



The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Men and women of voting age are welcome to join.

Be Part of the Action – Join Today!

Membership Application

Individual membership \$45/yr.

Household membership \$65/yr.

Student membership \$20/yr.

Send me information about the League.

Name _____

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State _____ Zip _____

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Make checks payable to LWVBTC and mail with this coupon to:

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Police Consolidation

At the January meeting the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Broome & Tioga Counties, voted to support the Broome County Proposal for Police Consolidation, as recommended by the Local Government Committee. This, of course, applies only to Broome County, not to Tioga County.

~ Jean Gow and Louise Vanderkulk

The following letter was sent to the Press & Sun-Bulletin: *The League of Women Voters of Broome and Tioga Counties supports the Broome County government proposal to consolidate the police forces of the urban core of Broome County. This position is based on our League's agreement to "support consolidation of local government services and local governments in Broome and Tioga Counties, provided that a valid feasibility study determines that the level of services will remain the same, or be improved, and be cost effective." We believe it is essential that all aspects of the process are well publicized and that citizen participation is encouraged in making such decisions.*

The recent proposal, detailed in the document "Police Consolidation Plan," analyzes current and projected staffing and costs. It recommends that the County enter into five-year agreements to provide police services with "any or all" of the local governments of Binghamton, Johnson City, Endicott, Vestal, and Port Dickinson-the urban core of the County. Among the expected benefits to taxpayers are cost reductions of 6 percent over a five-year period. This saving is projected without decreasing the number of patrol officers on the street. The number of middle- and upper-management staff positions would be gradually reduced through attrition (even assuming that only 10 percent of eligible staff retire when first eligible). In the non-urban areas of the county, existing police coverage by the County Sheriff's Road Patrol and the State Police would remain unchanged. We urge the municipalities with police agencies to consider consolidation. Further information on the plan can be reached at <http://www.gobroomecounty.com/countyexec/pdfs/PoliceConsolidationPlan.pdf>.

~ Anne Taft and Clare Simeone Co-Presidents

DINNER RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 1.

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

Indicate number of people
choosing each entrée:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone/e-mail: _____

Guests: _____

___ Chicken Piccata

___ Grilled Swordfish

___ Vegetable Lasagna

Total x \$25 per person

= \$ _____ enclosed

Make check payable to League of Women Voters of Broome & Tioga Counties, and mail with this coupon to Janet Gill, 23 Orchard Ave., Binghamton, NY 13904.

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Tuesday	April 8	Board Meeting
Tuesday	April 22	Program Meeting, Election Reform
Sun.- Wed.	April 27-30	SIA Conference
Tuesday	May 13	Annual Meeting
	June 13-17	LWVUS Convention, Portland, Oregon