



# The Broome-Tioga Voter

Bulletin of the *League of Women Voters of Broome & Tioga Counties*

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## Call to Annual Meeting

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Binghamton Regency Hotel

Binghamton, NY

5:30 p.m. ~ Business Meeting

6:30 p.m. ~ Social Time

7:00 p.m. ~ Dinner & Program

**Guest Speaker:**

**Brenda Cave-James**

**The Underground Railroad  
in the Southern Tier.**

DINNER RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 28

Dinner price of \$26 includes appetizer, salad, side dishes, dessert, tax and gratuity.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate number of people  
choosing each entrée:

\_\_\_ Chicken Marsala

\_\_\_ Stuffed Flounder

\_\_\_ Vegetable Lasagna

\_\_\_ Total x \$26 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.

## Co-President's Message

### What an exciting year it's been!

I always say something like that, don't I? Well, being part of the League is always exciting, and something new is always around the corner. We learn about important issues. This year, Program Meetings focused on conservation and recycling, natural gas drilling, health care, and consolidation and sharing of services by local school districts. We often participate in state and national studies. This year it was the LWVUS Consensus on the Compact for a National Popular Vote for the President. We had an exciting Legislative Breakfast in November, something we do a little better every year as we iron out the kinks in the subtle art of avoiding conflicts with annual partisan political events, the first day of hunting season, and the like.

Our interest in fair and honest elections focused our interest on new voting technologies and being sure every vote was counted. In the process, our country elected its first African-American President, something I wasn't sure I'd see in my lifetime. As women and racial minorities gain experience in politics, they are earning the respect of their colleagues and the media. Perhaps some day, if we keep up our hard work, the demographics of our elected officials will reflect that of the population as a whole.

My Co-Presidency with Clare Simeone worked even better in its second year. We learned to share the job better in our second year of working together. As a result, I was able to attend a volunteer appreciation party hosted by WSKG, where my "day job" is auction database programming and data entry, knowing that Clare would do a good job of chairing the Board meeting that night. She is well prepared to be your next President.

As for myself, I feel greatly enriched by the experience of leading our League, both as solo President and as Co-President. I've developed leadership skills that I never expected to need. I've learned the power of working with others to achieve our grandest goals, and patience has grown out of the realization that it inevitably takes time to bring about change. But the League never rests on its laurels – there are always new things to study and new goals to pursue. I've made friends among the many League colleagues I've worked with. The League has grown on me. I don't think I could ever be a "dues only" member again!

~ Anne Taft

## Co-President's Report

As I review the activities, and programs of 2008 -2009, I am impressed with the scope and quality of voter information we were able to offer our members and the voters of our communities.

Among other activities, we registered voters, distributed Voter Guides and organized one candidates debate and co-sponsored another. We learned about energy saving initiatives at BU University and the recycling and resource recovery efforts that help the environment and have motivated the students to be actively involved. A panel discussion on "Impacts of Natural Gas Drilling" made us more aware of the positive and negative effects of what seems like "a good thing". We learned about the problems of health care for those who can't afford it and the possibilities of schools sharing even more of their services. Finally we participated in the LWVUS consensus on the Compact for the National Popular Vote as a way of electing the President. You can read more about these programs elsewhere in this VOTER.

Even these selected activities and their brief summaries show that our League is providing substantial information and non-partisan service to its members and the voters in our counties.

If you as a member did any of the following (also a brief list), then you have been personally responsible for continuing the League's proud and noble tradition:

- Set up or put away chairs for a meeting.
- Took notes at a board meeting.
- Attended a program meeting.
- Helped sell or bought League products at a meeting.
- Helped register voters.
- Spoke to a group about the importance of voting.
- Are a dues paying member of the League.
- Suggested a topic for a program meeting.
- Suggested a speaker for a program meeting.
- Edited the VOTER newsletter.
- Answered the phone in the League's virtual office.
- Helped with Election Night Reporting.
- Brought a friend or encouraged a group of non- member friends to help with ENR.
- Have been or are planning to train to be a poll worker on Election Day.
- Attended a Board meeting.
- Provided for refreshments at a Program Meeting.
- Provided PR about our upcoming events.
- Helped to organize a debate.

Due to limited space in the newsletter, I must keep this list short. These are only a few of the many ways you can help the League,

and if you have done any of them you can recognize yourself.

If you'd like to become more involved, there are always jobs, large and small that need doing. Contact me or any Board member if you have questions.

~ Clare Simeone

## 2008-2009 Program Report

The national, state and local priorities of the League of Women Voters, along with issues of interest in our area, help to determine the program topics. Sally Oakes, Director of Physical Facilities Business Affairs at Binghamton University, spoke at the September program meeting. The program was titled, "Energy Conservation and Sustainability" and focused on new construction, energy saving initiatives, environmental impacts and recycling and resource recovery at Binghamton University.

In November, we met with elected officials at Russell's Steak and Seafood for our annual Legislative Breakfast. Our guests are seated with members from their district so that issues can be discussed over breakfast. Later each elected official is given an opportunity to address the group.

In our effort to inform our members and the public, the December brunch featured a panel speaking on gas production in the southern tier. The panelists were Donna Lupardo, 126<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, James Leonard, CPA and consultant for protecting the rights of royalty owners, and Prof. Adam Flint, Binghamton Regional Sustainability Coalition and adjunct lecturer at Binghamton University. The panelists brought new information and perspectives to our members and community members who came to join the discussion.

Accessing healthcare is a hot topic that brought many people out on a cold January evening. Our speaker was Lenore Boris, associate dean of SUNY Upstate Medical University at Binghamton University. Her work as administrator at the Dr. Garabed A. Fattal Community Free Clinic in Binghamton puts her on the front line of medical needs in our community.

The March program builds on our long-standing interest in consolidation and shared services. The local government committee arranged for Allen D. Buyck, Superintendent of Broome-Tioga BOCES, to address shared services and consolidation in our school districts.

In April we are working to achieve consensus on the national LWV study of the National Popular Vote as an alternative to the electoral college. We will watch a video on the topic and review

literature before answering several questions on the topic.

The program year closes with the annual meeting where we elect officers and board members and set policy and priorities for the coming year. The 5:30 meeting at the Regency will be followed by some social time, dinner and a program presented by Brenda Cave-James. Her special area is the Underground Railroad. She will tell us about Rev. Jermain W. Loguen and his mother Cherry, both of whom lived in this area .

I would like to thank our co-presidents Anne Taft and Clare Simeone, the board members and committees for all of their help in arranging speakers, setting up the room, registering visitors and providing the support needed to make these programs successful. A special thank you to Janet Gill for taking care of the refreshments among the many things she does for the League. It has been my pleasure to serve as your 1<sup>st</sup> VP and program chair.

~ Mary Johnson

## Nominating Committee Report

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

For a 2 year term: 2009-2011

President Clare Simeone

2nd Vice President

Secretary Joanne Gee

Directors Jane Park

Sara Wokan

Mary Diegert

Board Members continuing their terms:

1st Vice President Carol Oestrich

Treasurer Alice Brooks

Director Doris Lawton

New Directors filling out unexpired terms:

Charlene Shorten

Isolde Trapper

Nominating Committee 2009-2010

Chairman Anne Taft

Members Eleanor Hamilton

Pat Giglio

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 2008-2009

Eva Anderson, Carol Carpenter,

Mary Johnson, Carol Oestrich,

Jane Ebert, Chairman

## NPV Consensus Questions

At our April 28 meeting, we will complete our participation in the National Popular Vote (NPV) study by reviewing the issues raised and by addressing the questions that will determine whether or not we have consensus. We hope you have read the background materials we have provided in the *Voter* and that are available on-line.\* We think you will find, as we have, that this is a very interesting as well as important topic. We encourage you to revisit those background materials and to consider the following questions:

### Amending the Constitution

1. Which statement best reflects your opinion of NPV?

- a. Action to alter a basic element of the Constitutional framework, which is achievable by amendment to the Constitution, should be accomplished by amendment to the Constitution.
- b. Action by states through a compact process is an acceptable way to alter the method for electing the President and Vice-President.

2. Which statement best reflects your opinion of NPV?

- a. Because a compact has never before been used to address a fundamental Constitutional issue such as voting, the chance that it might set a precedent for the future leads to the conclusion that it is better for the League to continue working for a Constitutional amendment in order to establish the direct popular election of the President and the abolition of the Electoral College.
- b. Despite the novelty of using the compact approach to address a fundamental Constitutional issue such as voting, the League should support the NPV Compact as a way of achieving an important goal.

3. **Congressional Consent** Select one:

- a. The possibility that the NPV Compact will require Congressional consent is not of sufficient concern to block the implementation of the plan.
- b. The possibility that the NPV Compact will require Congressional consent is sufficient to conclude that the plan should not be implemented without obtaining such consent.

4. **Enforcement** – Select one.

- a. The NPV Compact contains sufficient enforcement provisions to assure smooth operation of the plan.
- lb. Although it is not possible to determine whether the enforcement provisions will be sufficient to assure smooth operation of the plan, the plan should be passed anyway.
- c. Enforcement of the plan is likely to add uncertainty and bring the courts into the Presidential election in ways that raise substantial concerns.
- d. The lack of adequate enforcement provisions is sufficient to

conclude that the NPV is not a viable plan.

5. **Uniformity** – Select one:

- a. The uniformity of voting systems is more important to American democracy than the possibility that the NPV Compact can be adopted.
- b. The NPV Compact is more important than uniformity of voting systems because it would succeed in achieving the popular election of the President.

6. **Popular Election of the President** – Select one.

- a. It is more important to achieve the goal of national popular election of the President than it is to achieve the goal of abolition of the Electoral College.
- b. It is more important to amend the Constitution to abolish the Electoral College than to achieve the goal of popular election of the President by alternative methods such as the NPV Compact.

7. **Achievability** – Do you agree or disagree with the following:

- a. The NPV Compact will have problems being passed because of the need for Congressional consideration and the need for action by so many states.
- b. A Constitutional amendment to establish the direct popular election of the President and the abolition of the Electoral College will continue to have problems being passed.

Do come on April 28 and bring your questions and comments. We can guarantee some interesting discussion!

~ Jane Park & Clare Simeone

\*For more information, check [www.LWV.org](http://www.LWV.org)

Click on for Members (at the top)

Click on Projects and Programs (left margin)

Click on National Popular Vote Compact (on the left)

## Election Night Reporting 2008

At the Presidential Primaries (2/5/08) the League provided 32 Phone Clerks; 5 Supervisors; 5 Runners. The Primary Elections (9/18/08) were covered by 12 Phone Clerks; 2 Runners; 2 Supervisors. We supplied 32 Phone Clerks; 5 Supervisors; 5 Runners for the Presidential Elections. Thanks to those members who invited family and/or friends to fill in where needed. Thanks to Sue Garing for continuing with AP reporting coverage for Broome County and to Jane Ebert and her husband for AP Coverage of Tioga County.

~ Clare Simeone, Joanne Gee, Sondra Pruden and Anne Petcosky (Marilyn Myers' granddaughter)

## Tioga County Report

Through the combined efforts of Jane Park, Jane Ebert and Charlene Shorten the Voter Guides and the They Represent You brochures were distributed throughout Tioga County.

Jane and Bill Ebert did the election night reporting for the Associated Press from the Tioga County Office Building.

Jane Ebert recently attended a Tioga County Council of Governments meeting. Two of the topics discussed were future legislation to protect county roads from the heavy loads common to natural gas drilling operations and a very informative brochure called Flooding: Are you Ready? What to do Before, During and After a Flood which was published by the Tioga County Flood Mitigation Group.

~Jane Ebert, Tioga County Liaison

## Election Reform

Once the voting machine issue was settled and New York (including Broome and Tioga Counties) became an “optical scan” state, our local activity in support of election reform eased up at least for a time.

Voting machine selection was certainly a victory for the League and its partner organizations as well as for New York State voters. However, New York still has a long way to go in assuring election integrity. LWVNYS is now a member of the NYS Citizens’ Coalition for Voter Participation and Fair Elections (formerly known as the HAVA Coalition). Issues ahead include such topics as

- effectiveness and integrity of the voter registration database,
- less restrictive, “no excuse needed” absentee ballot application process,
- increased mandatory training for poll workers,
- creative solutions for recruiting elections inspectors (e.g. split shifts, using 17 -year olds or college students), and
- early voting.

We will keep you updated as these issues develop and action is required. In the meantime, we can continue to concentrate on Voter Service – getting out the vote (only 64% of NY voters participated in the 2008 election), working with the Boards of Elections to educate the public on using the new machines, and providing information on ballot questions and candidates.

~ Jane Park

## Education Finance

The local education finance committee monitored education finance issues within the statewide position statement. The State Education Budget and Reform Act of 2007-2008 resulted in the commitment of \$7 billion in state school aid over a four year period. In addition it provides \$5.5 billion in foundation aid, use of a transparent and reliable formula based on need to ensure that the foundation aid is distributed to the neediest students and schools provision of an accountability tool, the Contract for Excellence provision for meaningful public participation in the development, review, approval and enforcement of the Contract.

Governor Paterson stated that there was a budget deficit of \$15 billion. In order to meet this deficit, he proposed taking \$2.5 billion (including the \$1.9 billion increase required under the Campaign for Fiscal Equity lawsuit) out of education this year through cutting the baseline funding for 2008-2009 and flat lining foundation and other education funding. A Deficit Reduction Assessment (DRA) was applied to each district. Other changes called for the elimination of Teacher Centers, Teacher-Mentor programs, the freezing of the Universal Pre-K program at the current level with a delay of the complete phase-in until 2014-15, and cutting of aid to SUNY four year and community colleges.

For the Binghamton City School District, the flat Foundation Aid means an increase of \$5,321,274 in 2008-2009 and 0 in 2009-2010. The preliminary state aid impact is going from \$51,357,325 to \$50,695,981 for a loss of \$661,344 versus the total state aid increase of \$6,051,369 in 2008-2009. The DRA is \$2,077,764. The 2009-2010 aid should have been \$59,008,210 under the current law, exclusive of building aid.

New York State is to receive \$24.6 billion in the federal stimulus package. Education is targeted to receive about \$2.5 billion. There has been no decision as to how the funds will be used. Many hope that the amount will be applied to removing the Deficit Reduction Assessments. Lobbying has also been underway for a progressive personal income tax asking for an increased rate for those earning more than \$250,000. The state and localities also have been urged to cut wasteful spending. The LWVNYS has provided testimony before various legislative committees asking for replacing the STAR program with a more targeted circuit breaker and, if necessary, an income tax surcharge on the wealthiest New Yorkers. We look forward to learning how the stimulus package will be used and what other measures will be enacted to improve the amount of state aid for 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

## Status of Women Council

During 2008 the Status of Women Council presented two events, the Presidents' Tea in September and the Women of Achievement Dinner in November.

The Presidents' Tea was held at the Endicott Visitor's Center. Presidents and delegates of each member organization were invited to this affair and 21 attended. After the guests enjoyed refreshments of tea, sandwiches and cookies, the representatives were invited to introduce themselves and tell about their organization. Chairmen of SWC committees gave reports and the guests were updated on plans for the Women of Achievement Dinner.

The Women of Achievement Dinner held in November at the Owego Treadway was a huge success. We made \$500 on the basket raffles and this money was given to the "Young Woman of Achievement" for her use in college. The full bios of the Women Of Achievement were read before presentation of their award which made the presentations very long. Next year only a very short bio will be read with the full bio appearing in the program.

The League's 2008 honoree was Carol Oestrich, who was very deserving of this award, not only for her work with the League, but also her many other volunteer jobs in the community. Next year's dinner will again be held at the Owego Treadway.

The SWC Adult Achievement Award was presented to Yvonne Garcia on June 18th at the GED graduation ceremony. This award is given to a woman who has graduated by taking a non-traditional route to achieve a high school diploma, many times overcoming great obstacles to receive this diploma.

The GED school staff selects the recipient of this monetary award.

~ Eva Anderson, Status of Women Council Delegate

## Membership

In January 2008, our official membership count with National and State was a total of 125. Last year our January count was 128. This is not a large drop in membership but we all need to keep in mind our responsibility to recruit for the League when meeting new friends and socializing with old friends. Maybe we can regain these 3, and some more, during 2009. "Thank you" to all who have referred prospective members to me. Please keep up the good work. The breakdown of our membership is: 99 Individual; 10 First Household; 10 Second Household; 3 National; and 3 Honorary. Mary Diegert continues to do a great job of maintaining the records, sending out dues notices, and preparing the membership list for the Board. Many thanks to Mary.

~ Eva Anderson, Membership Outreach

## Proposed Local Program 2009-10

The Board of Directors recommends re-adopting Local Program 2008-09. Items 1-10 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.

~ Anne Taft

## Voter Service

The League of Women Voters will again participate in the Urban League's annual Juneteenth Celebration. This event is scheduled for June 12, 13 and 14 at Columbus Park in downtown Binghamton. Heading the Voter Service project is Richard Paden. Voter registration, recruiting new members for the LWV and information on the new voting machines are among the activities that will be offered.

Voter Service slowed its pace after the November elections. During the Summer of 2008 we distributed 3,000 copies of our excel-

lent Voter Guides, Parts I and II, taking them to about 50 community groups and 16 area high schools. We also found it effective to keep a supply handy to give to individuals. Always appreciated. The Guides were also made available during other activities such as voter registration drives.

We held five registration drives - three on successive Saturdays in August at Sam's Club, one, also on an August Saturday, at the Oakdale Mall and one on October 2 at the YWCA. A characteristic of this year's voter registration applications was the many new voters who came to our tables. We also attracted parents who took forms for their first time voters. We found new residents of our area especially appreciative.

A new activity this year was our participation in Broome Community College's Center for Civic Engagement. We were among several groups who found it a good platform for planning debates and forums and avoiding scheduling conflicts. Another meeting is planned for later this spring to consider possibilities for the new election cycle.

We co-sponsored, with the Chamber of Commerce and WSKG, a debate between Barbara Fiala and Michael Marinachio, contenders for Broome County Executive. This debate was broadcast live on WSKG on October 1, repeated on WSKG radio on October 2. On October 21 we hosted a debate in Endicott between candidates for Town of Union Supervisor, John Bernardo, incumbent, and his challenger, James Testani. Later that week, on October 24, the Tioga County Legislative Auditorium in Owego was the venue for a candidates forum which included candidates for the 123rd Assembly District and the Tioga County Legislature.

To say it was a busy year is pretty obvious. But it was and thoughts have already turned to November, 2009.

~ Doris Lawton

## Local Government Committee

The Local Government Committee meets regularly to discuss various issues relating to consolidation.

Vivian Carlip and Louise Vanderkulk attended meetings of the Consolidation Committee of the Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce, and Jane Ebert monitored the Tioga County Council of Governments.

Our committee decided to focus on shared services and consolidation of school districts. Mr. Allen Buyck, BOCES District Superintendent, agreed to speak on this topic at the LWV general meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

My thanks to all the members of our committee: Vivian Carlip, Jane Ebert, Jean Gow, Laura House, Carol Oestrich, Richard Paden, and Louise Vanderkulk.

~ Barbara McMann, Chair

## Budget Notes: proposed Budget 2009–2010

### Income

Dues: Dues are currently \$45/year; two member households \$65. Some members pay more: \$55, \$75, or \$100. Our national PMP (per member payment) is being increased to \$29.20 and we anticipate that the state PMP, which is now \$18, will be increased at the LWVNY Convention in May. We hope members will voluntarily increase their donations because of the increased PMP.

D. LWVBTC Reserves: Amount we have to withdraw in order to balance the budget

### Expenses

Operating Costs: We expect an increase in the cost of the P.O. Box

C. Delegates: National Convention will be in Atlanta, Georgia and we expect our cost will be slightly less than last time

D. Financial Support for the League

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

F. Educational Activities

Program: includes speaker costs, refreshments, etc.

Voter Service: includes cost of state and local publications

Other Educational Activities: Students Inside Albany or something similar

G. Position Support: Cost of local publications (Be Part of the Action)

Many thanks to Budget Committee members: Alice Brooks, Carol Oestrich, Anne Taft, and Louise Vanderkulk for their hard work and input. If you have any questions, please call me at 724-7106.

Respectfully,  
Janet Gill

**THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BROOME & TIOGA COUNTIES**  
**Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

	2007-2008 Actual	2008-2009 Budget	2009-2010 Proposed Budget
<b>INCOME</b>			
<b>A. Dues</b>	\$ 5,240	\$ 5,800	\$ 5,600
<b>B. Contributions</b>			
1. Members	1,526	1,200	1,500
2. Finance Drive	820	1,200	1,000
<b>C. Other</b>			
1. Bank Interest - Checking	2	5	0
2. Product Sales	98	75	75
3. Election Night Reporting	1,000	1,200	1,100
4. Miscellaneous	53	200	300
5. Pottery Project	2,526		
6. Balance from S. Cowing Memorial	80		
<b>D. LWVBTC Reserves</b>	0	880	1,035
<b>E. Education Foundation</b>	1,043	3,146	2,930
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$12,388</b>	<b>\$13,706</b>	<b>\$13,540</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>A. Operating Costs</b>			
1. General Supplies	\$ 139	\$ 150	\$ 100
2. Duplication	56	50	50
3. Telephone	449	450	450
4. Postage	37	50	50
5. P. O. Box	92	92	95
6. Audit	100	100	100
7. Meeting Rooms	150	150	150
8. Annual Dinner	232	150	150
<b>Total Operating Costs</b>	<b>\$ 1,255</b>	<b>\$ 1,192</b>	<b>\$ 1,145</b>
<b>B. Board and Administrative Committees</b>			
1. Presidents' Expenses	\$ 0	\$ 50	\$ 50
2. Board Tools and Expenses	22	100	75
3. Administrative Committees			
a. Finance Drive	115	200	150
b. Products	126	100	100
c. Membership	107	150	125
d. Public Relations	192	150	150
e. Web Site	278	275	275
<b>Total Board and Administrative Committees</b>	<b>\$ 840</b>	<b>\$ 1,025</b>	<b>\$ 925</b>

	2007-2008 Actual	2008-2009 Budget	2009-2010 Proposed Budget
<b>C. Delegates</b>			
1. National Convention	\$ 2,615	\$ 0	\$ 2,250
2. State Convention	0	2,000	0
3. State Training	0	50	0
4. Status of Women Council	104	100	105
<b>Total Delegates</b>	<b>\$ 2,719</b>	<b>\$ 2,150</b>	<b>\$ 2,355</b>
<b>D. Financial Support for the League</b>			
1. National PMP	\$ 3,014	\$ 3,050	\$ 3,314
2. State PMP	2,079	2,034	2,166
3. Miscellaneous League Support	150	200	150
<b>Total Support for League</b>	<b>\$ 5,243</b>	<b>\$ 5,284</b>	<b>\$ 5,630</b>
<b>E. The Broome-Tioga Voter</b>			
1. Supplies	\$ 60	\$ 50	\$ 50
2. Postage	425	650	500
3. Printing	1,202	1,100	1,000
<b>Total The Broome-Tioga Voter</b>	<b>\$ 1,687</b>	<b>\$ 1,800</b>	<b>\$ 1,550</b>
<b>F. Educational Activities</b>			
1. Program	\$ 880	\$ 900	\$ 750
2. Voter Service			
a. State Voter Guides	0	400	350
b. Local Government Guides	258	275	260
c. Other	159	200	100
3. Other Educational Activities	153	100	100
4. Equipment - Pottery Project	1,975		
<b>Total Educational Activities</b>	<b>\$ 3,425</b>	<b>\$ 1,875</b>	<b>\$ 1,560</b>
<b>G. Position Support</b>			
1. Brochure Printing and Distribution	\$ 177	\$ 180	\$ 225
2. Action Activities	0	50	0
<b>Total Position Support</b>	<b>\$ 177</b>	<b>\$ 230</b>	<b>\$ 225</b>
<b>H. Legislative Breakfast</b>	<b>\$ 151</b>	<b>\$ 150</b>	<b>\$ 150</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$15,497</b>	<b>\$13,706</b>	<b>\$13,540</b>

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## “THEY REPRESENT YOU” Brochures

“They Represent You” 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 Jane Park and Jane Ebert for compiling the information and to the several members who helped distribute them to libraries, schools, government offices, and community organizations.

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## Calendar

Tuesday	April 7	Board of Directors, Vestal Library
Tuesday	April 28	National Popular Vote Consensus Meeting
	April 28th and 30th.	National Issues Forum on "The Energy Problem: Choices for an Uncertain Future". Phelps Mansion Museum, 6:30-8:00 p.m., reservations Jill Weston at 239-4353.
Tuesday	May 12	Annual Meeting

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