



# THE CAZENOVIA VOTER

THE CAZENOVIA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, P.O. BOX 219, CAZENOVIA, NEW YORK 13035

OCTOBER 2009

Please join us for the  
Cazenovia League of  
Women Voters  
**Candidate's  
Night**

*Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00 PM  
in the Community Room  
of the Cazenovia  
Public Library*

All are welcome to attend!  
Candidates for the offices of  
Madison County Clerk  
and Madison County Sheriff will  
participate. We will also hear from  
the candidate for Cazenovia Town  
Supervisor  
and candidates for the  
Cazenovia Town Board.  
We encourage the public to attend  
and to hear from the candidates on  
topics of importance in the county  
and the town.

## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Fall has arrived and the League is back to work, starting with the Candidate's Forum at the Cazenovia Library Community Room on October 19<sup>th</sup>. It will be a very informative evening. The Board has also been meeting and appointed two new members to one-year terms: Barb Clarke and Margie Tormey.

Given widespread dissatisfaction of League members with this summer's stalemate in the New York Senate, the LWVNY State Issues Committee and the Issues Specialists decided to focus the 2010 Legislature Agenda on making the State Legislature cleaner and more competitive. They plan to do this through emphasizing campaign finance, redistricting, and additional government legislative and election reforms.

The LWVNY is gearing up for the governmental consolidation/shared services study. Helen Beale has agreed to chair this committee for our local league along with her other responsibilities of Chairman of our Local Program, and Chairman of the Village and Town Committee that is studying this issue. Many thanks to Helen.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Candidate's Forum.

*~ Wendy Taylor*

## *The Cazenovia League of Women Voters*

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.

Please encourage your friends and neighbors to join us. Contact Susan Smith, Membership Chair, at 655-4167 for membership information.

### **Cazenovia League and LWWNYS Focus on Shared Services**

At the 53rd Biennial Convention of the LWWNYS in May 2009, the delegates adopted a new study of up to two years on the consolidation of governmental units and the sharing of governmental services. The Chair of the study is Noreen Fisher, a member of the LWV of Scarsdale and a former Mayor of the Village of Scarsdale, New York. Helen Beale has agreed to be the local chair of this statewide study. She is also working on the study of local shared services which is our local League program.

### **Cooperstown Outing at the Otesaga**

The LWV of the Cooperstown area has invited Cazenovia League members and guests to a luncheon on October 17, 2009 at The Otesaga in Cooperstown. Barbara Bartoletti will be the featured speaker. The Cooperstown League is hosting this meeting in an effort to promote membership and inspire current members, as well as to connect with other Leagues in the Central New York region. The cost for the luncheon is \$19.00 inclusive (buffet, beverage, desserts with tax and tip included). Send your reservation to LWVCA, Vicki Gates, PO Box 426, Cooperstown, NY 13326 or call (607) 547 1943 for questions. Contact LWV President, Wendy Taylor, if you would like to carpool.

### **LWV of Cazenovia Provides College Scholarship**

Stacy Marris, the recipient of the 2009 LWV of Cazenovia College Scholarship, is a freshman at Hamilton College in Clinton, NY. The scholarship is awarded on the basis of academic achievement, conduct, and civic responsibility. She reports that she is considering two career paths, the law and teaching, and is taking several English classes this semester. Stacy says, "I cannot possibly express how grateful I am to the League of Women Voters of Cazenovia for awarding me this scholarship. I am honored and I hope to continue to possess the criteria on which this award is based.

