

Schuylers County League of Women Voters

Bulletin...



St Patrick's Day, and the LWV!

As Max O'Neal has been heard to say "You don't have to be Irish, to be Irish on St Patrick's Day!" The wearin' o' the green, may be prolific for the next LWV luncheon meeting on Wednesday, March 17th, 11:45 at the Moose Club. The topic is Voter Registration with Joe Fazzary and John Vona from the Board of Elections. Irish or not please reserve your space by contacting Donna Beardsley (607) 535-7676 or e-mail dhbeards@yahoo.com. (Lunch \$10.00)

February 25th, was the joint luncheon meeting of the LWV/Rotary Club, with Schuylers legislators in a panel discussion.



L-R, seated, Legislator M. Yuhasz; speaking, Legislator P. Marcellus; seated Glenda Gephart, Rotary President; standing, Max Neal, LWV President; seated Legislator, Glenn Larison. Also on the panel Legislators D. Fagin and T. Gifford. Absent, Legislators S. Field; Doris Karius; and B. Halpin. Ms. Halpin issued a statement, read by Max Neal.

Message from LWV President...

March Greetings!

From my perspective, our League has had a good year; I say that as I am one month away from relinquishing the gavel to our incoming President, Jim Wilson.

Membership recruitment and retention was a priority coming into my tenure. I'm pleased to say we welcomed eight new members with six 'on deck'; no doubt revisiting the once traditional Membership Tea played a huge part!

We amended the Bylaws as well, a much needed step. A major amendment was changing 2-year terms to 1-year

terms for the offices of President, 1st Vice president, and 2nd Vice president. This amendment will hopefully encourage greater participation from our members.

Board orientation was held during the year. Board Orientation manuals were provided to the Directors, coupled with a Board meeting dedicated to thoroughly establishing clear roles and responsibilities, outlined in the manual. The process was well received by all.

In April 2008 your leadership began to recognize that it was critical

to the League that structural/organizational changes be recommended in order to sustain our effectiveness as a League. Since then, there have been monthly Board meeting discussions about what changes might be appropriate. Board recommendations will be presented at the 4/28/10 meeting.

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 28th (not the usual 3rd Wed). The Yardstick will be presented at the Annual Meeting and will provide an overview of the accomplishments and successes we shared during the 2009/10 League year.

We are all 'Irish' on the 17th of March...enjoy and celebrate with gusto!

Max

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Special points of interest...

- The League always welcomes new members!
- The Thursday, April 8th Board of Directors meeting will be held at the Chamber of Commerce offices beginning at 7:30 AM. All members are welcome to attend!
- Give potential new members the LWV web site... all the information and contact numbers are there! Voting info? It's all there too!
- www.schuylervotes.com

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From across Max's desk...

We encourage you to join a Committee if you haven't already, or re-join if you've taken a hiatus. The following Committee Chairs WELCOME you! Bulletin Chair, Judy Lampman 546-4051; Publicity Chair, Jim Wilson 535-6934; Health, Welfare & Women's Issues Co-chairs, Janet Meaney 243-7377 & Virginia Houseknecht 535-9715; Hospitality Co-chairs, Shirley & Jerry Kohena 546-2641; Membership Chair, Donna Beardsley 535-7676; Natural Resources (Retired committee); Program Chair, Jean Kosty 535-8195; Publicity Chair, Jim Wilson; Voter Services Chair, Marcia Douglas 535-4052; Web Site Chair, Judy Lampman 546-4051; Youth Program TBD. The Nominating Committee are appointed positions.

Here I am pictured at the LWV combined luncheon meeting, February 25th with the Rotary Club. Glenda Gephart, the Rotary President, generously welcomed us into the Rotary fold for the annual opportunity to meet and greet Schuyler County Legislators. Also pictured with us is of course Jim Wilson, our soon-to-be President of the League of Women Voters, as of April 28th, 2010! This is an historic event, since Jim will be the first male President in our League's history. The Bylaws were amended last year so that the President serves only a one year term; hopefully after having served as a Director.



Doings...

The March 4th Board meeting was held at the Montour House Coffee Shop as a change of pace. Attending were Board members Donna Beardsley, Ellen Coleman, Marcia Douglas, Jean Kosty, Max Neal, Nancy Peters, Betty Vinti, and Jim Wilson. Health, Welfare and Women's Issues Chair Janet Meaney and Bulletin/Web Editor Judy Lampman gave their respective reports.

The Board has been very busy working over the last year on ways to make the LWV relevant and affordable in terms of time (member participation)

PS...Did we mention? Please call Donna Beardsley 535-7676 or e-mail her dhbeards@yahoo.com to reserve your monthly luncheon space, and reserve a space for a friend!

and money (Dues, Patron donations and Fundraising). For the Annual Meeting Wednesday, April 28th (last Wed of month) a White Paper will be introduced to members concerning Board Recommendations of the Future of the Schuyler County League of Women Voters. These are recommendations only, and the Board will be looking forward to your input! Don't forget, the new updated Yardstick will be handed out then as well.

The 2010 Yardstick must be ready for the April Annual Meeting. Chairs' Annual Reports are due to Max by March 15th. Reminder to members... If you need your contact information updated, please call Max as soon as you can, for those changes to be made to the new Yardstick. Max's number 607.535.6169 THANKS!

It's all just glitch and glam! Bulletin/Web Editor needs help, Call Judy Lampman 546-4051 or e-mail her at terrylamp@aol.com www.schuylervotes.com

UPCOMING LEAGUE DATES:

3/17/10 LWV Luncheon Meeting, Moose Club, 11:45 (\$10.00 at the door). Topic: Voter registration

4/28/10 LWV Annual Meeting (Venue TBA)

5/19/10 LWV Luncheon Meeting (Venue/program TBA)

6/2010 LWV June Picnic 'Fun'raiser

STATE LWV site:

www.lwvny.org

National 90th LWV Birthday!

NATIONAL LWV web site:

www.lwv.org

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Happy St Patrick's Day to our LWV PATRONS

Print off this page and post by your telephone or computer, please call our Patrons first. Our PATRONS are also listed on the 'Contacts' page of our LWV web site with 'links' to their own business web sites.

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