



League of Women Voters of Steuben County

From the President.....

Stand Up and Be Counted

Those who oppose the way hydraulic fracturing is being done in this country will gather in Albany on Monday, April 11 for a late morning rally followed by an afternoon of lobbying legislators and other New York State government officials.

Regardless of whether their priority solution is regulation, legislation, litigation or a ban, those attending will be united in saying the process as currently done can contaminate air, water and soil, thereby negatively affecting the health of people, livestock, farms and vineyards. It also ruins roads, bottles up traffic, pits neighbors

against neighbors and industrializes communities in which it occurs.

Pittsburgh, Buffalo and Quebec have voted to ban hydraulic fracturing. New Jersey is considering doing so. It's time for us to let our views be known.

People for a Healthy Environment (PHE, Inc.) is sponsoring a bus. It will start in Bath or Horseheads, depending on the number of riders. To make a reservation, write to gsmulter@stny.rr.com or call 739-9141. Those who cannot attend are encouraged to donate scholarship money to enable others to do so.



Lunch with the Legislators.....

Senator Tom O'Mara and Assemblyman Phil Palmesano have chosen Friday, April 29 for our "Lunch with Legislators" event. It will be held from 12:00-1:00 pm at Club 57, located at 7465 Seneca Road, North Hornell. The cost is \$12 which includes tax and tip. Make your check out to LWV of Steuben County and send it by April 15 to Joan Mistretta, P.O. Box 426, Hammondsport, NY 14840. Come with questions for our legislators and bring a friend!

Trip to Seneca Falls and Ganondagan State Historic Site.....

The Road Scholar program at Watson Homestead Conference and Retreat Center has invited the LWV of Steuben County to join a trip on May 11th, to the Women's Rights National Historical Park and the Elizabeth Cady Stanton House in Seneca Falls.

We will then go west to visit a 17th century, recreated and fully furnished bark longhouse at Ganondagan in Victor. Their native staff will introduce us to the Iroquois culture and to their site's educational activities. We will travel by way of scenic Seneca and Canadaigua lakes in their spring splendor. The bus will leave Watson Homestead at 8:45 am or you can pick it up at Wegman's in Corning at 8:15 am.

Bring a bag lunch to enjoy en route. The cost is \$35 per person, including transportation. Make your check payable to Watson Homestead and send it to 9620 Dry Run Rd., Painted Post, NY 14870, indicating whether you will board the bus in Corning or at Watson Homestead. For credit card orders or information call Jenny Monroe, Road Scholar Coordinator, at (607)-962-0541.

Students Inside Albany

The Students Inside Albany (SIA) committee, Joan Mistretta, Jan Smith and Linda Ferris, have selected **Thomas G. Peer**, a Junior at Bradford Central School to attend Students Inside Albany this year. The alternate winner, who will attend if the winner cannot, is **Andrew King** of Canisteo, also a Junior.

This year's program will be held April 10-13. Those participating will shadow their legislators for a day, attending workshops on lobbying, bill passage and fixing Albany.

The committee, for the second time, found themselves wishing it were possible to send two students instead of just one. Next year, they hope to raise the \$600 needed to send an additional student by appealing to local civic groups and asking for member funds from our legislators.



2009 SIA participant, **Joseph Martel**, Arkport, presents to LWV members

2011 Calendar

<p>March 15 Hydrofracking & Agriculture Penn Yan</p> <p>April 11 Stand Up and Be Counted in Albany</p> <p>April 10-13 Students Inside Albany</p> <p>April 29 Lunch with the Legislators</p>	<p>May 11 Trip to National Women's Rights Historical Park in Seneca Falls</p> <p>June Annual Meeting</p> <p>October Candidate Forum Corning Mayor and City Council</p>
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Please provide information or articles for the next edition of the LWV of Steuben County Newsletter to Lorraine Manelis (lulumanelis@gmail.com) by April 29, 2011.

Please Join Us

In contrast to the nationally-recommended dues of \$55 per year, our chapter's annual dues are only \$36, payable in November. For new members, each month prior to that is prorated at \$3/month. For example, if you join in April, the proportional dues (until November) are \$21; in June, \$15; in August, \$9. Send a check, made payable to the League of Women Voters of Steuben County, to Joan Mistretta (P.O. Box 426, Hammondsport 14840) with the following information:

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

Email address (please print clearly) _____