



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF EAST NASSAU

Voter

*At local, state and national levels
the League works to influence public policy
through education and advocacy.*

October 2007

Save the Dates

Wednesday, Oct. 10 – 7:45 PM
LWVEN Candidates Meeting
Legislative Districts 12, 14, 16, 17
Plainview-Old Bethpage Library

Monday, Oct. 22 – 7:45 PM
LWVEN Candidates Meeting
Legislative Districts 13, 15, 19
Levittown Public Library

Monday, Oct. 29 – 9AM – 2PM
Planned Parenthood of NC
Annual Symposium & Luncheon
Garden City Hotel

Tuesday, Nov. 6
ELECTION DAY

Wednesday, Nov. 7 – 8:30 AM
LI Fund for Women & Girls
Annual Awards Breakfast
Crest Hollow Country Club

Wednesday, Nov. 7 – 7:45 PM
LWVEN Board Meeting
Home of Judy Schmertz
2428 Kayron Lane
No. Bellmore – 221-1576

Wednesday, Nov. 14
LWVNC Post Election Luncheon
Speaker: Lawrence Levy
See page 8.

Wednesday, Nov. 28 - AM
LWVNYS & UN Department of
Public Information - See page 3.
Briefings on the Effects of War on
Women Around the World (At UN)

Wednesday, Nov. 28 – 7:45 PM
LWVEN General Meeting
Topic: Immigration
Plainview Library

Please Join Us for These Important Candidates Meetings

**Hear what the candidates in your district have to say on
the issues that are important to you.**

Wednesday, October 10, 7:45 PM
Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library - Old Country Road

Nassau County Legislative District 12
John Rennhack (D)
Peter Schmitt (R, I, C)

Nassau County Legislative District 14
David Mejias (D, WF)
Joseph Belisi (R, C)

Nassau County Legislative District 16
Judith Jacobs (D, I, WF)
Joseph Girardi (R, C)

Nassau County Legislative District 17
Nicholas Guariglia (D)
Edward Mangano (R, I, C)



Monday, October 22 – 7:45 PM
Levittown Public Library – Bluegrass Lane

Nassau County Legislative District 13
John Rossi (D, WF)
Norma Gonsalves (R, I, C)

Nassau County Legislative District 15
John Clark (D, WF)
Dennis Dunne, Sr. (R, I, C)

Nassau County Legislative District 19
David Denenberg (D, I, WF)
John Podolski (R, C)

**Be sure to attend the Post Election Brunch on November 14.
See page 8 for details and registration form.**

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County Legislature Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, Oct. 10 10:00 AM
 Monday, Oct. 22 10:00 AM
 Wednesday, Nov. 7 6:00 PM
 Monday, Nov. 19 10:00 AM

The Nassau County Legislature meets in the Legislative Chamber, 5th floor, One West Street, Mineola, 571-4252. An admittance pass must be obtained on the first floor of the building, at the north elevator.

Town of Hempstead Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, Oct. 16 7:00 PM
 Tuesday, Nov. 13 10:30 AM
 Tuesday, Nov. 26 7:00 PM

The Hempstead Town Board meets at Town Hall, in the Nathan H. Bennett Pavilion, 489-5000.

Town of Oyster Bay Meeting Schedule

Tues., Oct. 16 10:00 AM, 7:00 PM
 Tuesday, Oct. 23 10:00 AM
 Tuesday, Nov. 13 10:00 AM
 Tuesday, Nov. 27 7:00 PM

The Oyster Bay Town Board meets at 54 Audrey Ave., Oyster Bay, 624-6390.

**Call before
attending.
Schedules
are subject
to change.**



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Keeping Connected

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REGISTRATION FORM



The League of Women Voters of New York State (LWVNYS)
in association with
The United Nations Department of Public Information
AAUW-NYS (American Association of University Women)
WBASNY (Women's Bar Association of the State of New York)
(additional co-sponsors to be named at a later date)



INVITE YOU TO ATTEND

BRIEFINGS ON THE EFFECTS OF WAR ON WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD

on Wednesday, November 28, 2007 from *1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

LWVNYS Registration Desk will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., Briefings will start promptly at 1:00 p.m.
at the United Nations Headquarters in NYC First Avenue at 46th Street

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Members/Students, Please Select Your Organization

- LWV of _____ AAUW---NYS
 HS/College/University WBASNY
 Other Co-Sponsoring Organization _____

COST/PAYMENT INFORMATION

- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. *Optional* Tour of the UN \$12.00 \$ _____
 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. *Optional* Lunch Buffet in the Delegates Dining Room
Includes International Buffet, Dessert Bar and Coffee/Tea only \$35.00 \$ _____
UN requires proper attire: jeans, shorts, sneakers will NOT be permitted.
 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. *Briefings Program* in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium
\$73 Non-Member \$63 Members of Sponsoring Organizations \$50 Students \$ _____
 Discounted fee to members of sponsoring organization for Tour, Lunch, and Briefing \$ 100
TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

My Check for \$ _____ is enclosed (make payable to LWVNYS)

Please charge my: _____ MasterCard _____ VISA _____ American Express _____ Discover

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PLEASE RETURN TO:

United Nations Briefings/LWVNYS**62 Grand Street ** Albany, New York 12207

Fax: 518-465-0812 (Credit Card Registrations ONLY)

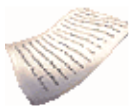
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FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: 518-465-4162

SPACE IS LIMITED, SO RESERVE EARLY

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 10, 2007

For updates on the "Briefings" forum, visit our website: www.lwny.org



NYS Airline Passengers' Bill of Rights

We were informed by Senator Fuschillo about a new law “creating new protections for airline passengers stranded on delayed planes at New York State airports.”

This first-in-the-nation law, which takes effect on January 1, 2008, establishes the **New York State Airline Passengers' Bill of Rights** to ensure that you receive basic amenities if you are stranded on a delayed flight.

Specifically, the New York State Airline Passengers' Bill of Rights:

- Ensures passengers delayed on a plane for more than 3 hours receive water, snacks, fresh air, and clean working restrooms;
- Creates a new Office of Airline Consumer Advocate where passengers can report any incidents. The Office will also coordinate with appropriate airline industry officials, federal agencies, and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey in the event an incident occurs;
- Allows the State Attorney General to seek a maximum civil penalty of \$1,000 per passenger each time an airline violates the law.

While the majority of regulations dealing with air travel are made by the federal government, federal courts have ruled that states have the power to address the provision of "amenities" for airline passengers.

Read more about your protections under NYS' Airline Passengers' Bill of Rights at www.senatorfuschillo.com, by clicking on the main homepage story.



Voting Machines What Now?

It has been determined that the voters of New York State will continue to use the lever machines for this coming election. But, what of the future?

The LWVs in NYS have a strong position in favor of PBOS (Precinct-based Optical Scan) systems, because, in addition to many other reasons, they are far less open to fraud than DRE (Direct Record Electronic) machines.

Apparently, Connecticut's Secretary of State agrees with us, since he recently held a press conference to announce that they have banned lever voting machines from use in CT, and that **optical scan systems** will be used in ALL voting districts in the state, combined with a random post-election hand-counted audit in 20% of the voting districts.

A frequently expressed concern cited by NYS election commissioners about paper ballot and scanner systems is the cost of printing paper ballots. NYVV (New Yorkers for Verified Voting) has updated their research into NYS ballot costs and demonstrates that high prices are not necessary. Their report discusses the legal and technical requirements for ballots and presents price quotes for NYS ballots **as low as 14 cents per ballot**.

The NYVV report also explores an alternative to purchasing printed ballots: in-house, county or regional printers that print scannable ballots. **In-house printing could lower ballot costs to pennies per ballot** and put control of printing ballots in the hands of local election boards.

Town of Hempstead

S.T.O.P. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Saturday, October 27 – North Woodmere
North Woodmere Park, Branch Boulevard

Sunday, November 18 – Baldwin
Baldwin Park, 3232 South Grand Avenue



Town of Oyster Bay

S.T.O.P./Electronic Waste Collection Schedule

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Saturday, October 13 – Town Hall South
977 Hicksville Road, Massapequa

Sunday, November 18
TOB Department of Public Works Garage
150 Miller Place, Syosset

Ballot Proposal:

This November's ballot will include a proposal to amend Article 14, section 1 of the state Constitution.

This proposal will read:

“The proposed amendment would allow the State to convey one acre of forest preserve land to the town of Long Lake for public use as the site for drinking water wells and necessary related equipment for the municipal water supply for the hamlet of Raquette Lake. In exchange, the State would receive at least twelve acres of land that is at least equal in value to the land conveyed to Long Lake. The land the State receives would be incorporated into the forest preserve. The Raquette Lake reservoir would be abandoned as a source of drinking water supply. Shall the proposed amendment be approved?”

Terminology Review

With Election Day soon approaching, perhaps it's time for a review of some of the common election terms being used.

Caucus

a meeting held among political party members to select candidates, elect leaders or set strategy, (or) any group created to further its interests through the legislative process

Republic

a form of government which derives its authority from the people who elect representatives to make decisions on their behalf, and is subject to a Constitution which protects the rights of the individual or minority

Democracy

direct government ruled by the majority who, as a group, wield unchecked power and have ultimate authority

Electoral College

the group of people (electors) who vote directly for the President and Vice President.

Electors pledge to cast their votes based on the result of the popular vote in their state. Each state has electors equal to the combined number of its Senators and Representatives

Federalism

a form of government in which power is shared between the central (federal) government and state governments

Legislature

a group of officials who are elected to make or change laws

Bipartisan

taking the view of two political parties

Nonpartisan

not affiliation with any party

Popular Vote

votes cast by the public as opposed to votes cast by members of the Electoral College

(sources: LWVUS, MamaVote)

87 Years of Fighting for Political Equality



LWV Marks Anniversary of the 19th Amendment

August 26 marked the 87th anniversary of the day that the U.S. Constitution was amended to grant women the right to vote. Our local Board of Elections still has an old lever machine in its public area which was one of those used to vote for the constitutional amendment that gave us that vote.

While American women now comprise more than half of our nation's voting age population, the struggle to become full participants in the political life of the country has yet to be fully realized.

“This anniversary of the 19th amendment, Women's Equality Day, provides us with an opportunity to reflect with pride on the progress made on voting rights in the past 87 years,” said Mary G. Wilson, national League president. “This year, we've witnessed a number of remarkable milestones for women. For the first time, a female has been elected Speaker of the House of Representatives, and a major contender for the 2008 Presidential election is a woman.”

“However, these achievements do not mark the end of our journey. In communities across the country, citizens still lack real representation by their elected officials and the policies they pass. It is only with the continued work of citizens and leaders, of all backgrounds, that this can change.”

The League's current and recent projects include the launch of a major voter education website, www.VOTE411.org, lobbying against the disenfranchisement of eligible voters, a campaign to end “taxation without representation” for D.C. citizens by granting DC a voting representative, and continuing voter registration drives nationwide.

“It is crucial that we continue to engage more citizens in the democratic process, on every level. Citizens volunteering, educating, lobbying; that's absolutely necessary to democracy, and we need to see more of it,” Wilson said.

It is “a time to celebrate the progress achieved by active citizens over the past eight decades, but it is also a time to look to what still needs to be done to make democracy work for all Americans. The League of Women Voters will continue to be the place where hands-on work leads to a better democracy for all.”

(source: LWVUS)



**THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF NASSAU COUNTY**

invites you to the
**ORA MEYER MEMORIAL
POST-ELECTION BRUNCH**

**Wednesday, November 14, 2007
10:30 am – 1:00 pm**

**St. John's Parish Hall
536 S. Franklin St., Hempstead, NY 11550**
(Southern State Parkway - Exit 20N toward Baldwin Road North, left onto Weir St., left onto S. Franklin St.)

Special Guest Speaker to Analyze the Election

Lawrence C. Levy

Executive Director, Center for Suburban Studies, Hofstra University
(Formerly Senior Editorial Editor and Columnist, Newsday)

\$20.00 in advance / \$25.00 at the door

For further information call the Nassau County League office at 516 431-1628.

Please complete the reservation form below, detach and mail no later than Nov. 7 to:
LWV of Nassau County, PO Box 539, Point Lookout, NY 11569

Please reserve _____ place(s) for the Post-Election Brunch on Wednesday Nov. 14, 2007, @ \$20.00

My check in the amount of \$ _____ payable to The LWV of Nassau County is enclosed.

NAME: _____ Email: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ LOCAL LEAGUE: _____

I regret I cannot attend the luncheon, but enclosed is my contribution of \$ _____ to LWVNC.

CHILDREN’S BOOKS NEEDED!

The Nassau County Department of Social Services has a book area with books available to adults and the children who accompany them to the Social Services office. They can be read while people wait for their appointments, and can be taken home as well. There are a sufficient number of books currently available for the adults, but not for the children. Not only do these books give the children something to do as they wait, and keep them from disturbing others; but they encourage them to read, and provide personal books for those children who might not otherwise have books of their own.

So – if your children or grandchildren have children’s books that they no longer need, please bring them to any LWV of East Nassau meeting, and one of our volunteers will bring them to the Social Services office.

One of our members also suggested that some members might be willing to purchase used children’s books from their local libraries, where they are often available for \$.15 to \$.50 each, and donate them to the Social Services library area’s children’s shelves.