

League of Women Voters

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The League of Women Voters of Port Washington-Manhasset

invites members and friends to join us at our
Annual Fall Fundraising Brunch

featuring an Omelet Station, Carving Station, Assorted Salads, Breads & Spread, Mimosas & Bloody Marys,
Extensive Dessert Buffet, Fresh Fruit and more!

Sunday, November 21, 2010, 12 noon

The Mansion at the Village Club of Sands Point

One Thayer Lane
Sands Point, New York

Guest Speaker

Stephen Weiner

Senior counsel and retired partner at the firm of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman
Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers
and presently adjunct professor at Hofstra, Brooklyn and Cardoza Law Schools

U.S. Supreme Court: Where Do We Go from Here?

\$60.00 (\$20 is tax-deductible) per person RSVP by November 12th

Questions: please call Pat Maher 516-883-8059 or e-mail: duffy131@verizon.net

Your invitation is in the mail, or you may complete and detach this form and return by
November 12th. Make checks payable to the League of Women Voters, NYS Education Foundation.

Mail to: **M. Bellon, 20 Briarcliff Drive, Port Washington, NY 11050**

Name _____

Address _____

attending: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ (\$20 of each ticket is tax-deductible)

I cannot attend but am enclosing a donation of \$ _____



Message from the President

Jane Thomas

As the League's 90th Anniversary year winds down, it is more incumbent upon us than ever that we treat Tuesday, November 2nd as a day of sacred obligation. It is on that day that our women members, for the 90th time, get to exercise our right to vote. This year, in tribute to the League, why not call some young women that day and remind them of this worthy endeavor?

Look for our League's "Voters' Guide" in the October 21st editions of the Port Washington News and Manhasset Press. Every candidate has been asked several questions to which they have supplied written answers. Voters can then determine for themselves the candidates of their choice. It also contains important information on how to use the new voting system. We proudly publish this guide every year as a service to our community. It is costly and we thank you all for your dues and contributions that go toward this and other efforts to educate the public.

Eight days after Election Day, on Wednesday, November 10th at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation on Shelter Rock Road, why not join us at our Post-Election Supper to hear Rick Brand of Newsday give his analysis of what happened on November 2nd? You will find the invitation enclosed in this Newsletter. All details are in it and we'd love to see many of you there.

As you see on page one of this Newsletter, our Fall Fundraiser, starring our very own Stephen Weiner, is scheduled for Sunday, November 21st. This yearly event, that now takes place at the magnificent Village Club is simply wonderful. Steve will speak on the Supreme Court with its new female residents and myriad intricate decisions. Invite your family and friends to this great event.

In our next Newsletter, we will give details of an upcoming meeting on Redistricting. This issue is extremely important and affects every one of us in terms of representation and funding. (See Redistricting article opposite my column.)

Exercise your franchise on Tuesday, November 2nd. Jane

LWV Port Washington-Manhasset to Honor 50-year Members

The League of Women Voters Port Washington-Manhasset will honor Phyllis Manko and Marjorie Rogatz on Sunday, November 21st at the annual Fall Fundraiser at the Sands Point Village Club. Phyllis and Marjorie have been members of our league for 50 years. We congratulate them and salute their efforts on behalf of voters! This event is open to all members of our community. (See page one for registration.)

From New York State League of Women Voters:

Action (updated 10/4/2010)

- [Memo in Support of S1614B](#)
This bill eliminates the existing reapportionment and redistricting commission and replaces it with an independent commission. The new commission's members would be appointed by the legislative leaders from a pool of candidates selected by a nominations committee. The bill also sets standards for the drawing of the new district lines.
- [Section Analysis of S1614B](#)
- [2011 Timetable for Redistricting Plan Under S1614B and A5279B](#)
- [Memo in Opposition to S7881A and S7882A](#)
These bills eliminate the existing reapportionment and redistricting commission and replace it with a commission still controlled by the legislature, either through their own service or directly chosen appointments.



2010 Voters Guides Available

2010 Voters Guide Part II: Candidates Information is now available.

Candidate information and responses to LWV questions are included for statewide races of Governor and the two US Senate seats. Information on candidates for Attorney General and Comptroller races are also included. For more detailed information, see the Smart Voter website at www.Smartvoter.org.

Let's Talk about Immigration:

A Nassau Discussion on Immigration Reform

Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

**Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock
48 Shelter Rock Rd., Manhasset**

The New York Civil Liberties Union and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock are holding a special public meeting on immigration reform.

Our nation's broken immigration system has led to a civil rights crisis throughout the country and across New York. Learn the facts. Hear stories of immigrants' lives. Decide for yourself about the need for immigration reform.

Join us for a **special community discussion as we hear how comprehensive immigration reform can benefit citizens and immigrants alike**. The discussion will approach this complex issue from several angles, including immigrant, religious and civil liberties perspectives.

For more information, call the NYCLU Nassau County Chapter at (516) 741-8520 or email Nassau@nyclu.org

Voter Registration

Many thanks to our PW-M League members Amy Bass, Joan Horne, MaryEllen McCollum, and Cathy Persons who registered voters at Port Washington and Manhasset Libraries and NYIT. Special kudos to Cathy Persons, our Voter Registration Director.

Energized Candidates' Night

by Jane Thomas

On Wednesday, October 13th, we had well over 200 people in attendance at the Universalist Unitarian Congregation on Shelter Rock Road, Manhasset for an energized, vibrant and sometimes vituperative "Candidates Night" starring the candidates for Receiver of Taxes, NYS Assembly, NYS Senate and U.S. Congress. Marion Fleming of our Central Nassau League was more than able to keep the peace and excellent questions were fielded for all candidates. We thank Judy Jacobson who pulled the entire thing together. A giant success for the voters of our towns.

WATER

Between 1950 and 2000, the U.S. population nearly doubled. However, in that same period, public demand for water more than tripled! Americans now use an average of 100 gallons of water each day enough to fill 1,600 drinking glasses! Most people realize that hot water uses up energy, but supplying and treating cold water requires a significant amount of energy too. American public water supply and treatment facilities consume about 56 billion kilowatt-hours per year — enough electricity to power more than 5 million homes for an entire year. If your toilet is from 1992 or earlier, you probably have an inefficient model that uses between 3.5 to 7 gallons per flush. Newer, high-efficiency toilets use less than 1.3 gallons per flush — that's at least 60 percent less water per flush! ([EPA, 2008](#))

New York's Redistricting Practices Undermine Democracy; Groups Urge Creation of an Independent Redistricting Commission

The Case for Redistricting Reform in New York

State – An educational power point presentation is available by request from the New York State League office at 518-465-4162 or lwwny@lwwny.org



CALENDAR:

Wed, Oct 26th: Last day to posmark application for absentee ballot for General Election.

Mon, Nov 1st: Last day to apply for absentee ballot in person; also last day for ballot to be posmarked.

Tues, Nov 2nd: **ELECTION DAY.** Polls open 6 A.M. to 9 P.M. No classes for Manhasset and Port Washington Public Schools.

Tues, Nov 2nd: Last day to deliver absentee ballot in person to Board of Elections.

Wed, Nov 3rd: PW-Manhasset LWV Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Manhasset Public Library.

Tues, Nov 9th: LWVNY at United Nations

Wed, Nov 10th: LWV Nassau County Post Election Supper, 6:30 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Shelter Rock Rd, Manhasset. (See enclosed flyer.)

Sun, Nov 21st: Fall Fundraiser (see page one)

**United Nations Annual Event-
Microfinance: From Struggle for Survival
to Planning for the Future**

Join League members and friends from around the state for the annual United Nations briefing on **Tuesday, November 9**, from 2:00-4:30 pm in New York City. This year's topic will be Microfinance: From Struggle for Survival to Planning for the Future. Because the UN building is under renovations, the briefing will be held across the street in the Church Center of the United Nations (777 United Nations Plaza); speakers will be arranged by the United Nations Department of Public Information. A optional tour of the UN and reservations for lunch at area restaurants are available. To register, call 518-465-4162.

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