



# Suffolk County Voter

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Thursday May 10

LWVSC 39th Annual Convention, 4:00-7:30pm  
Bellport Country Club, Bellport, NY

Friday - Sunday May 18-20

LWVNYS 52nd Biennial Convention, White Plains, NY

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## LEAGUE HISTORY

At the League's first meeting in February 1920, the League's founders pledged to reach out, reform, and improve the lives of citizens everywhere. Nearly nine decades later, we remain intensely committed to those same goals.

The League's weekly newsletter in January 1921 maintained that this non-partisan organization of women (and men, as of the 1970s) would "work wholeheartedly for good government, for better laws and for higher political standards, without a desire for spoils or office..."

Eleanor Roosevelt was a member and wrote in Weekly News, "Common Sense Versus Party Regularity" in September 1921:

*"Every voter should enroll as a member of that party whose broad principles he or she prefers...such enrollment does not preclude the voter from supporting...candidates of another party...if at any given time an individual nominee of our party appears to us unworthy, then we have an even higher duty to our heritage as American citizens. America must come first, not party."*

Roosevelt urged and advocated that women (and men) affiliate themselves with a political party since through party government alone could the greatest achievements be reached. In November 1923 she spoke at a League Citizen School held in Albany, NY.

The stated object of the training was: "To interest the homemaker and taxpayer in the great opportunities of citizenship. To arouse the lukewarm and indifferent voter. To reduce the number of non-voters in every community. To improve the electorate by education."

The League continues to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government, and provides non-partisan voter information.

## NATURAL RESOURCES REPORT (notes of Water for Long Island meeting 4/12/07)

As of March 9, 2007 the hearing on the SCWA Application for a Lloyd Aquifer well was closed. The ALJ (judge) will review all the evidence and issue a ruling of the Facts and make a recommendation for the final ruling to the DEC Commissioner. (The new DEC Commissioner is Pete Grannis.) The process is still on-going. One can expect it to take more than three months for the ruling to be handed down - given the patterns followed in the past; and it might take more time given the large amount of testimony submitted. After the ruling by the ALJ, there can be appeals by the unsuccessful party. After the appeals have been settled, the ruling goes to the Commissioner, who then issues the final ruling. A party can take the DEC Commissioner to Court, under an Article 78 ruling, if that party is not happy with the Commissioner's ruling. This issue may continue in the judicial system for many years yet. Either party is expected to challenge the ALJ's ruling and the DEC Commissioner's ruling.

We urge members to contact many elected officials to educate them on the issue of the fragility of the aquifers and the Lloyd, in particular. There have been many new officials elected who do not know about this issue in detail. We may speak to them about the effects of climate change/global warming on our water supply. (Gov. Spitzer's #1 priority on the environment is "climate change".)

Dorothea Cappadona



*Calling all  
League Members  
to the*

**League of Women Voters of Suffolk County  
39th Annual Convention**

*Thursday, May 10, 2007  
Bellport Country Club, Bellport, NY*

**Guest speaker:**

*Michael White*

*Executive Director, Long Island Regional Planning Board*

**Honorees:**

*Cathy L. Richter Geier and Anita S. Katz.*

*Commissioners, Suffolk County Board of Elections*

**4:00 – 4:30 Registration, coffee/tea/soft drinks available**

**4:30 – 6:30 Business meeting, awards, and speakers**

**6:30 – 7:30 Buffet (*cash bar available*)**

**Cost- \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door  
(make checks payable to LWVSC)**

*Please RSVP before May 3 to Marilyn McKeown,  
15 Mott Lane, Brookhaven NY 11719  
631 286-1169*

**Directions:**

From LIE Exit 64 South or from Sunrise Highway  
to Rt. 112 South. Take Rt. 112 South to end:  
Montauk Hwy. Go left (east) for 1 mile. Road Forks.  
Stay right onto South Country Road for 2 miles.  
Bellport Country Club is on the right.