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The League of Women Voters of Bronxville



invites you and your friends to its

Annual Meeting and Luncheon

Guest Speaker:

*Janine Rose, News Director and Anchor
NEWS 12 Westchester/Hudson Valley*

TOPIC: MY LIFE IN CABLE



Thursday, April 30, 2009

Board Meeting: 10 AM (Members)

Luncheon: 12 Noon

*Lake Isle Country Club
660 White Plains Road
Eastchester*

(See inside for details and reservations)

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members and Friends of the LWVoters of Bronxville,

This is the last letter I will be sending you as President of our League. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve with our League's board members in carrying out the mission of the League of Women Voters. As a grassroots nonpartisan organization, we continue to work to encourage informed, active participation of citizens in local, county, state and national governments. I believe we make a positive difference and I will definitely continue as a League member. I encourage you to do so as well. During my past seven years with the LWV Bronxville, I've appreciated working with three past presidents and functioning as membership chair for most of those years. Our third Tuesday informational coffees have been the focus of many of my efforts and I fondly recall those meetings – first at the Bronxville Cabin, then at the Bronxville Women's Club.

Our Voter Service activities are at the core of our work – registering voters, sponsoring candidates meetings, monitoring government activities, distributing the Voters Guide before elections, encouraging the use of our online informational websites such as SmartVoter.org, the League's County website: LWVWestchester.org, the State League's website: LWFVNY.org, as well as the National website: LWV.org.

At our monthly coffee meeting on **April 21st**, we will be holding our **National Popular Vote Compact Study Consensus meeting**. I look forward to seeing many members in attendance so we may come to consensus on this important issue. And, on April 30th, our annual meeting at the Lake Isle Club will be followed by a wonderful luncheon featuring News 12's director and guiding force Janine Rose as our honored guest speaker. Be sure to send in your reservations for this event. At the meeting we will elect our nominated co-presidents, current development chair Patricia Harriss and current health chair Edith Szold, and vote on the annual budget. I wish Pat and Edith the very best in their new roles, and urge you to support them.

Next year will be the 90th anniversary of the League of Women Voters – I look forward to celebrating that milestone with all of you.

Yours, in League.

Adelaide



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Name _____

Address _____

Please reserve _____ seats at \$35 per person
(Please circle your luncheon choice: CHICKEN or PASTA PRIMAVERA)

I would like to be a Sponsor of the League (includes special recognition)
Please reserve _____ seats at \$50 per person

I would like to be a Patron of the League (includes special recognition)
Please reserve _____ seats at \$75 per person

I cannot attend but enclose \$ _____ to support the League's activities

Send reservation form and check made out to LWV of Bronxville to:

Pat Parker
9 Knox Road
Eastchester, NY 10709



Janine Rose
News Director & Anchor
News12 Westchester/Hudson Valley

Janine Rose is well known to News12 Westchester viewers, as the anchor of the Evening News. Every weekday she anchors the “Yonkers,” “Evening” and “Hudson Valley” Editions. She also hosts “Newsmakers,” a weekend program which focuses on the people and events making headlines throughout the area. Janine is also the News Director at News12 Westchester and News12 Hudson Valley.

Janine began her tenure as news anchor in 1985. She has reported on numerous breaking news events, including the September 11th terror attacks and aftermath, the controversial Yonkers Housing Desegregation case and the War in Iraq. She has led News12 Westchester to eight prestigious New York Emmy Awards, broadcast television’s highest honor, several regional “Edward R. Murrow” awards from the Radio Television News Directors Assoc., and a Cable Ace award, the highest award in the Cable Television industry.

Janine has won two Emmys of her own. The latest in 2005 for News12 Westchester’s “Surfing for Sex Town Meeting” and her first in 2002 for News12 Westchester’s Special Three Part Series, “The Predator Next Door.” Janine has also been honored with a Martin Luther King Jr. “Making a Difference Award,” the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce “Women of Excellence Award,” and the All-Star Award from the Westchester Women in Communications. She also received the YWCA Centennial Award for Excellence in Communications and was honored with a Corporate Excellence Award from St. Jude’s Institute. Janine has received various other recognitions for her work, but prides herself most on the feedback she gets from viewers.

Janine began her career with Cablevision over twenty years ago after earning a Master’s Degree from Brooklyn College in Television and Radio and a Bachelor’s Degree from Lehman College in Communications and History. After working behind the scenes as a camera operator, producer and director, she moved to the anchor chair. She became News Director in 1991, and in 1995 assumed the task of guiding News 12 Westchester to a 24-hour format. In June of 2005 she did the same for News12 Hudson Valley.

Janine grew up in Westchester. She now calls Pelham home.

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PROPOSED BUDGET 2009 April 1 - 2010 March 31			
	YTD	BUDGETED	PROPOSED
	28-Feb-2009	2008-2009	2009-2010*
INCOME			
Dues: Individual	\$ 4,450.00	\$ 4,250.00	5,100.00
Household	1,500.00	1,200.00	1,350.00
Contributions	765.00	500.00	400.00
Finance Drive	2,095.00	2,500.00	2,000.00
Luncheon: Fee	2,120.00	1,500.00	1,750.00
Contribution		100.00	
Education Fund		2,900.00	2,805.00
Other (% NYS raffle, misc contribs)	595.00	500.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 11,525.00	\$ 13,450.00	\$ 13,405.00
EXPENSES			
President	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00
Secretary & Administration	297.00	350.00	100.00
Finance Drive	85.50	350.00	485.00
Membership	392.05	450.00	600.00
Programs	140.00	150.00	140.00
Voters' Guides	1,723.99	2,500.00	2,000.00
Voter Service	121.09	100.00	100.00
Bulletin Printing	1,310.22	1,800.00	1,400.00
Bulletin Postage	200.00	250.00	250.00
Permit and PO Box	58.00	235.00	250.00
Annual Luncheon	1,755.00	1,500.00	1,750.00
Conventions	1,399.99	1,400.00	800.00
County Legislature Day		125.00	
Annual Audit	250.00	250.00	250.00
NYS Taxes (aka Voters Guide use tax)		100.00	100.00
Special Study	54.55		100.00
Other (\$ to B'ville, NYS for 1x things)	100.00	100.00	100.00
LOCAL TOTAL	\$ 7,787.39	\$ 9,710.00	8,525.00
OTHER LEVELS			
PMP National (LWVUS increased)	\$ 3,002.00	\$ 2,921.20	\$ 3,533.20
PMP State	981.00	1,962.00	2,178.00
PMP County	218.00	218.00	242.00
OTHER LEVELS TOTAL	\$ 4,201.00	\$ 5,101.20	5,953.20
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 11,988.39	\$ 14,811.20	\$ 14,478.20
Surplus (deficit)	(463.39)	(1,361.20)	(1,073.20)
As of 2/28/2009		Budget Committee	
Checking Account	\$ 9,993.15	Amanda Moore, Chair	
Education Fund	3,595.86	Adelaide DiGiorgi	
P.O. Account	41.59	Pat Harriss	
Total Funds EOP	\$ 13,630.60	Janet Jaidi	
		Mary Nicolis	
*NOTES re PROPOSED 2009-2010			
INCOME		EXPENSES	
Dues: Individual	\$60 x 85	PMP National	(\$29.20 x 91) + (\$43.80 x 20)
Household	\$90 x 15	PMP State	(\$18 x 91) + (\$27 x 20)
		PMP County	(\$2 x 91) + (\$2 x 20)

BRONXVILLE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Report of the Nominating Committee
April, 2009

OFFICERS

Co-Presidents	Pat Harriss	2009-2011
	Edith Szold	2009-2011
Recording Secretary	Julia Pomeroy	2009-2011

DIRECTORS

Adelaide DiGiorgi	2009-2011
Janet Jaidi	2009-2011
Connie Partridge	2009-2011

NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2010

Dorothy Brennan, Chair
Martha Chatterjee
Sue Weisfeld

Respectfully submitted,

Nominating Committee 2009
Dorothy Brennan, Chair
Sue Weisfeld
Florence Vitiello
Janet Jaidi
Pat Parker

MISSION STATEMENT

Promote open government that is responsible and responsive to its citizens. Provide forums and other gatherings for the community to interact with candidates, officials, and each other to increase participation in local government. Raise ideas and issues that may have local significance and provide opportunities for citizens to discuss them.

HEALTH ISSUES

Diana Levine? Oh yes - the musician (violinist, I think) who lost her right arm to gangrene nine years ago when an injected anti-nausea drug hit an artery instead of a vein. Ms. Levine sued Wyeth, the drug's manufacturer, in the state court of Vermont on the grounds that it had failed to provide clear warning. She won. Wyeth then appealed to the US Supreme Court (supported by the Bush administration) arguing that FDA approval of a drug and its label indemnified it from state lawsuits. In a triumph for patients, Wyeth lost, 6 to 3. The same legal problems pertain to critical implanted medical devices. They are still insulated - a situation some members of Congress, thankfully, now hope to rectify.

According to Adam Liptak of the NY Times (3/05/09) the FDA had long welcomed state injury suits as a useful complement to federal regulation, given 11,000 drugs to monitor and limited means to do so. The larger concern remains the state of the FDA itself which has been so politicized, riddled with conflicts of interest and starved of funds that it should be on life-support. However, the newly appointed Chief, Margaret Hamburg, MD, and Deputy Commissioner, Joshua Sharfstein, MD, are both well qualified, our new president believes in science and things may really begin to change.

And a quick look at this scenario ripped from your HD TV screen. A federal sting operation was begun by the GAO (a research arm of Congress) to see whether companies paid to oversee the safety of patients in clinical studies of drugs and medical devices were doing their jobs. Last year, Coast Independent Review Board agreed to oversee a study led by Dr. J.Q. Kruger of Adhesiabloc, a product to reduce scar tissue, developed by Device Med-Systems (which, by the way, was supposedly paying for this). Five months after Coast approved the study, it looked into its bona fides - discovering only then that there is no such product, Device Med-Systems doesn't exist, and the medical licenses of the physicians involved were fake (NY Times, 3/13/09). 'Nough said.

Edith Szold, Health Issues Chair

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!!!

(Fiscal year begins April 1st)

Individual \$60 \$ _____

Family \$90 \$ _____

Contribution \$ _____

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IMPORTANT DATES

APR 14	9:30 AM	Bronxville LWV Open Board Meeting	Bronxville Women's Club
APR 21	9:30 AM	Bronxville LWV Monthly Coffee Meeting and NPV Consensus	Bronxville Women's Club
APR 30	10:00 AM 12 Noon	Bronxville LWV Annual Meeting Bronxville LWV ANNUAL LUNCHEON	Lake Isle Country Club 660 White Plains Road