

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SCHENECTADY COUNTY



Annual Dinner Meeting

June 13th at 5:30pm
at the Turf Tavern,
40 Mohawk Avenue, Scotia



Join us for dinner,
the annual meeting and a talk
by Professor of Political Science &
Director of American Studies, Union College

Zoe M. Oxley

Professor Oxley will talk about
"What The Election in 2016 Tells Us About America;
a Look at Racial and Gender Equality in the USA.
& What it Means to Be Part of a Post Truth Society"

Dinner entrée choices:

Chicken Florentine
Baked Scrod
Vegetarian Saute over pasta or quinoa

Dinner will also include fresh fruit medley, house
salad, entrée, carrot cake and coffee or tea.

The charge for dinner is \$30. Reservations to be made
by June 6th to Carol Furman by phone 346-2746 or e-
mail cfurman@earthlink.net.

We are unable to cancel reservations after June 6th

SILENT AUCTION AT JUNE 13 DINNER!

*Bring your
checkbooks!*

*Your win will support the
League's educational
programs.*

Items offered:

- * Family membership to
the JCC*
- * Beautiful hand turned
wooden bowls*
- * Gift certificates to local
restaurants*
- * Family membership to
MiSci*
- * Facials at Beauty and
Bliss*
- * Classes at Soluna Yoga
Studio.*
- *Tubbs snowshoes*
- *Gift baskets and more!!!*

Bid and bid often!

President's Letter

It's heartening to see so many groups springing up, eager to participate in the political process. Because without that citizen participation, government can easily drift into abusive practices. Not because of malicious intent, but simply because government officials, whether it's at the national, state or local level or even on the Board of Education or Planning Commission, become lazy and convinced that only they know what's best for the public.

It might start with a conviction that only the government understands what's at stake because they know all of the details. Although, sometimes this is true because the government has been reluctant to share those details with the public.

Oftentimes, abuse or corruption in government comes down to preferential treatment, to the advantage or disadvantage of a group or individual. That unequal treatment is often financial, such as awarding contracts under an unfair bidding process, nepotism in personnel decisions or regulations that are burdensome for a small business owner

The League of Women Voters is first and foremost a good government group. The best antidote to corruption and abuse is for the public to pay attention to what their elected and appointed government officials are doing. It's a lot harder to pass self-serving legislation when people are sitting in the audience asking questions. The press plays a valuable role in reporting on government actions but does not generally ask questions of officials during a meeting. League members in the Observer Corps play an equally valuable role in attending public meetings and making statements during public comment periods

The goal of government should be to ensure fair treatment under the law. The League is proud of our efforts towards that goal.

Cheryl Nechamen

Citizenship Mentoring Group Update

Enthusiastic planning is well underway for the LWVSC Citizenship Mentoring Group. We have set a projected start date of **Tuesday, October 3** at the Bornt Library in Schenectady. The organizing committee has been meeting regularly and has begun gathering materials, studying lesson plans, discussing volunteer opportunities, and putting together a structure for the classes. Interested in learning how you can help? More information will soon be available at www.lwvschenectady.org, and there will be a short report about it at the June Dinner Meeting, with a chance to sign up to volunteer. Plan to attend the Orientation/Information Session that will be held on **Tuesday, June 20 from 3:00 – 4:00 pm at the Bornt Library**, (948 State Street in Schenectady). A Training Class for volunteers will be held in September. Want more information now? Contact Ann Hatke at hatkeann@gmail.com. Keep watching the Bulletin for further updates!

Voter Services Reminders for June

Help Wanted

Help is needed for these summer Voter Registration events on:

- June 3 at Kids Arts Festival: 2 – 4 PM shift
- June 17 at the Juneteenth Celebration in Central Park – 3 shifts:
10AM – 12 PM; 12 – 2 PM; and 2 – 4 PM—
- July 22 at Steinmetz Park Fun Day: 12 – 3 shift

Please call or email Peg Foley if you can help; 518 346-3923 or pegfoley1921@gmail.com. There are also many other dates in the fall yet to be “staffed”. Please check the online site for those dates. If you need the link—contact Peg Foley or Kay Ackerman at 393-5000 or (kaydonack@aol.com)

Help is needed for Vote411: this requires familiarity with computers. It involves inputting local candidate information on the Leagues on-line voters guide Vote411. Please call Pat Lambert 377-8917 or email patricialambert21@gmail.com or Kay Ackerman if you would be able to help out. An instruction booklet/guide is available.

Thank You Vicki McGowan-Horan and Team for organizing and conducting the Schenectady School Board candidate forum on May 8. Candidate Forums will be conducted next fall for the local city, town and county elections. Please let Kay Ackerman know if you might be interested in working on your hometown (or another) forum.

Kay Ackerman
Voter Services Chair

NEW MEMBER

Carol Hunter-Jacobson and her daughter Karin Jacobson have joined the LWV to become more knowledgeable about local and national political and government issues.

Karin is a senior at SUNY Oneonta where she majors in Family Services. She will be the 2017 Summer Program Director at the Rotterdam Boys and girls clubs.

Mission Statement: The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization. We encourage the informed and active participation of citizens in government. We work to increase the understanding of major public policy issues and influence public policy through education and advocacy.

www.lww.schenectady.org				JUNE 2017	
LWV Schenectady <i>Proposed Budget 2017-2018</i>		2016-2017 Budget	As of Feb. 28, 2017	Projected Year End Amount	2017-2018 Proposed Budget
INCOME					
A. Dues		7,535.00	7,213.10	7,713.10	7,275.00
B. Contributions					
	1. Membership	500.00	625.00	675.00	600.00
	2. Non Member	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	3. Earmarked Funds				
	a. Take Me To Vote	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	b. Escrow Ed. Fund	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
	c. Silent Auction	1,000.00	0.00	800.00	400.00
	d. Who's Who	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,400.00
	1. Bulletin Ads	550.00	400.00		
	2. Interest	15.00	6.18	400.00	400.00
	3. Election Monitoring	100.00	0.00	6.00	12.00
	4. Election Reporting	1,000.00	1,319.00	0.00	100.00
	5. Meeting Revenue	3,200.00	2,115.00	1,319.00	1,000.00
	6. Co-sponsorship/collaboration	0.00	150.00	3,615.00	3,300.00
D. From Reserves				150.00	100.00
	1. LWVNY Ed Foundation				
	a. Youth Programs/Inside Albany	600.00	0.00	650.00	650.00
	b. Other Grants	475.00	480.00	1,920.00	900.00
	2. Our Reserves	2,476.00	0.00		4,100.00
E. Miscellaneous Income		0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Total Income:	17,501.00	12,308.28	17,248.10	21,287.00
EXPENSES					
A. Operating Costs					
	1. General Supplies	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
	2. Postage--Bulk Mail	300.00	200.00	300.00	300.00
	3. P.O. Box & Bulk Mail Permit	325.00	315.00	315.00	325.00
	4. Bank Charges	35.00	0.00	0.00	35.00
	5. Copy Expense	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
	6. Bulletin				
	a. Copying	1,576.00	786.48	1,385.76	1,576.00
	7. Web Page	400.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
	8. Meeting Expense	3,200.00	2,020.79	3,476.79	3,300.00
	<i>sub total:</i>	<i>6,086.00</i>	<i>3,322.27</i>	<i>5,727.55</i>	<i>6,036.00</i>

B. Board & Admin Committees					
	1. President	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
	2. Board Tools & Expenses	50.00	25.00	25.00	50.00
	3. Fundraising				
	a. Copying	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
	b. Postage	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
	4. Membership Committee				
	a. Copying/Supplies	350.00	16.42	16.42	375.00
	b. Postage	30.00	0.00	0.00	30.00
	<i>sub total:</i>	<i>580.00</i>	<i>41.42</i>	<i>41.42</i>	<i>605.00</i>
C. Delegates					
	1. State Convention	1,600.00	0.00	1,600.00	0.00
	2. National Convention	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,600.00
	<i>sub total:</i>	<i>1,600.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>1,600.00</i>	<i>2,600.00</i>
D. Financial Support of the League					
	1. National PMP	3,960.00	1,920.00	3,960.00	4,026.00
	2. State PMP	2,400.00	1,800.00	2,400.00	2,440.00
	<i>sub total</i>	<i>6,360.00</i>	<i>3,720.00</i>	<i>6,360.00</i>	<i>6,466.00</i>
E. Educational Activities					
	1. Health Care	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
	2. Observer/Action/Lobbying	25.00	0.00	25.00	25.00
	3. Judicial	50.00	3.02	3.02	50.00
	4. Youth Programs/Inside Albany	600.00	0.00	650.00	650.00
	5. Voter Services				
	a. Facts For Voters	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
	b. Take Me To Vote	350.00	0.00	0.00	350.00
	c. Meeting Space/Taping/Ed Fund	875.00	921.25	921.25	1,000.00
	d. Who's Who	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,405.00
	6. Other Studies/Consensus	100.00	0.00	0.00	25.00
	7. Community Outreach	25.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
	8. SCED	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
	<i>sub total:</i>	<i>2,650.00</i>	<i>924.27</i>	<i>1,599.27</i>	<i>5,355.00</i>
F. Position Support					
	1. Affiliation				
	a. Martin Luther King	25.00	0.00	0.00	25.00
	b. Human Rights Commission	25.00	0.00	25.00	25.00
	2. Co-sponsorship/collaboration	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
	<i>sub total:</i>	<i>150.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>25.00</i>	<i>150.00</i>
G. Miscellaneous					
	1. Escrow Ed. Fund	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
	<i>sub total:</i>	<i>75.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>75.00</i>
	Total Expenses:	17,501.00	8,007.96	15,353.24	21,287.00
	2. Other Expenses	25.00	0.00	0.00	25.00

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Summer Lunch Program
 Steinmetz Park

Week of August 14 to August 18

Call Helen MacDonald 346-7006
 email: helenmacdonald@yahoo.com

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

May has been a busy month for the League. We have been ramping up our advocacy efforts and our hard work is finally paying off! This month the Assembly passed several of our priority bills: Single Payer, early voting, no-excuse absentee voting, single June primary, and legislation to include e-cigarettes under the Clean Indoor Air Act. We have been working hard on these issues and it's nice to see the Assembly responding to our efforts.

This month, the Assembly passed the New York Health Act which would implement a single payer health care system in New York. This is not the first time the bill has passed in the Assembly but each year the bill stalls in the Senate. Currently the Senate version of this legislation has 30 sponsors including members of the Independent Democratic Conference. We have created an advocacy toolkit that is available at jennifer@lwvny.org which highlights which members we should be targeting in the Health Committee where the bill has stalled. The toolkit includes a contacts for Senators, a phone script, key talking points, and sample tweets.

Jennifer Wilson, Director of Program and Policy, jennifer@lwvny.org

MEMBERSHIP

Our League goals are to educate citizens about government and public policy, encourage citizen participation in elections, and influence public policy relating to issues we've studied. Dues money makes working on our goals possible. **DUES for July 1, 2017– June 30, 2018** (half-year dues reduction available- contact Connie Young at 393-7061.

Return to: LWV of Schenectady County, P.O. Box 9135, Schenectady, NY 12309.

New or Renewing Members Please Confirm this Contact Information

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

\$60 Individual \$85 Household \$20 Full-time student Additional support for the League, dues plus \$10 contribution (\$70 or \$95 – circle one) (Confidential arrangements for special payment or partial assistance can be made. Contact Connie Young at 393-7061 with any questions. Dues and contributions are not tax deductible.) I am sending my membership dues payment, but please consider me an **INACTIVE member**.

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••• **ACTIVE MEMBERS:** The League depends upon the work of its members, even for a short task. Please check any activities that interest you. We appreciate your help.

Committees Judicial Health Membership Fundraising

Environment Observer Corps Education Voter Services Voter

Registration Candidate Forums Voter Information Computer Skills

Graphics/Layout Databases Website Work Facebook Electronic

Publicity Other Technical Skill? (Describe) _____

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