

Rochester/Metro League of Women Voters

Mission Statement

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Voter education is one of the League's most important functions, and the League encourages all citizens to register and to cast an informed vote.

The League does not support political parties or candidates, but does take stands on important issues after careful study and research.

Membership in the League is open to all citizens of voting age.

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Join Us at Our Health Care Forum!

Health Care Exchanges in New York

Nazareth College Arts Center A14 7:00 - 8:30 PM, November 3, 2011 Speaker: Trilby DeJung, Senior Health Attorney at Empire Justice Center

How can Health Care Exchanges help you?

Trilby de Jung is a senior staff attorney with the Public Benefits & Health Unit in Empire Justice Center's Rochester office. She earned her Bachelors of Arts from Colorado College and her law degree from Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College. Trilby began her legal career as a public defender with the Legal Aid Society in Brooklyn, New York.

Trilby engages in impact litigation, policy analysis, and legislative and administrative advocacy in order to improve access to health care for low-income New Yorkers. Trilby is a founding member and serves on the executive committee of Medicaid Matters New York, a statewide coalition of over 130 organizations advocating on behalf of Medicaid consumers. She also serves on the Board of the Rochester Center for Disability Rights and the Medicare Part D Coalition, and participates in the Partnership for the Uninsured, a project of the Finger Lakes Heath Systems Planning Agency. Trilby regularly authors articles on Medicaid and other public health programs for the statewide Legal Services Journal, and serves as the gubernatorial appointee on two statewide commissions: The Health Care Quality and Cost Containment Commission and the Medicaid Managed Care Advisory Review Panel.



From the President

Our usual busy fall schedule has included LWV/RMA sponsoring a monthly forum, conducting weekly registration drives and hosting our annual **Making Democracy Work** luncheon. It has been great to see members, long-time and new, at these events. We are also busy with Fair Election Practices issues which the local media has covered extensively.

I was interviewed by Bob Smith on WXXI radio for an hour, Messenger Post newspapers wrote an editorial praising the work of the League and the **Democrat and Chronicle** had a lengthy article.

Additionally, concerns about Local Development Corporations in Monroe County continue to demand our attention as does redistricting for the NY Assembly, Senate and Congress. LWVNY is requesting the Assembly and Senate convene this fall to form an independent commission since the governor will veto any plan from the Legislative Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment (LATFOR).

LWV/RMA Board regrets to announce that Judy Dresnack has resigned as secretary due to pressing time commitments professionally and personally. The Nominating Committee under the chair of Sally Brown will be meeting in January. Please call her at 671-6335 or email her at tighy@msn.com if you could serve on this very important committee. Two members and two Directors serve with the chair. The report is due to the Board in March. The By Laws Committee and the Budget Committee also need members. Call Ernest Dubois at 288-8303 for By Laws and email Gaynelle Wethers at gwether9@naz.edu for Budget if you are interested in serving on either of these committees.

This Voter is LWV/RMA's first issue to be sent to our members electronically. There have been no requests for us to mail any member an issue. A reminder: if you want the Voter mailed, leave a message at 262-3730. Best wishes for a happy holiday season.

Katherine Smith, President LWV/RMA

LWV Publishes On-Line Voter Guide

Voters in the November elections can go to www.vote 411.org and look up who will be on their ballots. In Monroe County there are 216 candidates running in 118 races. Each candidate was invited to go online and fill out a form with information about themselves and their campaign. Candidates can give answers in Spanish as well as English. Voters type in their addresses and the system determines in which races they will be voting for county, city or town, village, judicial and county legislature jurisdictions. The Voter Guide shows each race with side-by-side comparisons of the candidates. Voters can make choices and print out a ballot to take with them to the polls, showing choices they made in the comfort of their home while they're able to study the candidates.

Barbara Grosh, Director, Action

Sunshine Corner

Rochester City Council 9/1/11

Members of the public voiced concern again this month about a lack of response and support from the Rochester Police Dept. The observer sensed a "power trip" taking place with some officers and a lack of communication with victims. The observer suggests monitoring this issue as it seems serious.

Henrietta Town Board 9/7/11

Larger than normal public attendance due to public hearing on a resolution to restrict parking in residential areas. Area close to RIT has many houses with several cars due to multiple student occupancy. Cars are being parked on lawns and illegal spaces. Another public hearing was scheduled for 9/21/11.

County Legislature 9/13/11

A moment of silence was held in memory of 9/11 and men and women serving in our US military.

Public input portion of the meeting: dissatisfaction was expressed with the County funded burial procedures. Speakers stated that some people had been cremated against the families' wishes. Also mentioned was the cost of storing remains waiting for burial. No perceived action was taken by any of the legislators.

All items on the agenda were passed unanimously without discussion.

Irondequoit Town Council Workshop 9/14/11

Two major items were discussed:

There is a perceived lack of time to adequately research items presented for action due to items being added very close to the date of the workshop meeting. Possible deadlines for agenda items discussed.

The other item was meetings, seminars, etc. with open bar arrangements. There was a concern for the safety of attendees and a desire of the Board to not support open bar arrangements.

Irondequoit Town Board 9/14/11

The two items raised at the workshop were brought up at the Town Board regular meeting for discussion along with:

- The cell tower issue.
- Changing R1 code to R7 code issue to allow a Legacy Senior Living Community continued to be tabled.

Submitted by Elaine Schmidt, Observer Corps Chair



League Happenings NATURALIZATIONS:

Sept 8 - Marcia Eisenberg welcomed new citizens at the Monroe County Office Building.

Sept. 16 - Barb Hendry and Phyllis Masters helped at the Brockport State College oath ceremony.

Future Naturalization Ceremonies:

October 13	10:00 am - Marcia Eisenberg, Joan Rosenthal		
	1:00 pm - Marcia Eisenberg, Beth Feldman		
November 10	1:00 pm - Barb Hendry		
November 17	10:00 am - Mimi Wilson		
December 8	10:00 am - Mimi Wilson		
	1:00 pm - Sheila Abeling		

The League assisted the Monroe County Board of Elections with opening absentee ballots on Sept. 13 for the Primary Election.

On Sept. 22, the League helped the Fellows Program at Nazareth College with an informational meeting. Students who were interested in becoming election inspectors attended. Sheila Abeling shared voter/ election inspector information with the students. The meeting was very well attended. It's impressive to listen to these college students and their interest in our democracy.

Late summer and fall have brought many voter registrations. Among the events and League volunteers were:

- August 27th, St. John Missionary Baptist Church/Block Fair Chris Burleigh and Sheila Abeling
- Highlands at Brighton Sheila Abeling
- Clothesline Art Show Joan Rosenthal and Chris Burleigh
- Constitution Day at Nazareth College Sept. 15th Mary Hussong-Kallen and Jane Schmitt
- Sept. 22, Sept. 27th Rundel Library/Books Sandwiched In Beth Feldman
- October 4th Nazareth College Kay Saunders

Many thanks to all those who have volunteered and participated in the above activities. You are what makes LWV/RMA a vital and important part of the Rochester community.

The Fair Election Practices Campaign (FEPC) will be over on November 7th. The League and The Interfaith Alliance of Rochester (TIAR) believe in positive, issue-oriented campaigns. We feel that the effort of the FEPC has been successful in this 2011 campaign.

As of this writing, the FEPC Committee has had two complaints filed. We appreciate all of the hard work and volunteer time that the Committee has given throughout the campaign. Special thanks go to Jim Morris (Chairperson), Ralph Esposito, Lois Giess, Channing Philbrick, Kay Wallace, and Alternates John Curran, Tom Frey, Tracy Logel, Jim Peters, Sue Roberts and Jim Turner for all of their efforts.

Sheila Abeling, Voter Services

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Joan Rosenthal and Chris Burleigh at the Clothesline Festival.

Students at Nazareth College registering voters

Why the League is Needed

"Why the League needs to draw on the courage of its convictions now more than ever"

1. The current political climate creates challenges for democracy because of extreme partisanship, populism in which leaders are pandering to their constituents, and economic stagnation.

2. The League's reputation for being a public watchdog and educator is invaluable in these times.

3. The major good that the League can do is to let elected officials know that they are being watched.

4. The voters need to know when elected officials are doing something amiss (e.g. Campaign Fair Practices Committee).

5. The public needs to be made aware of positive examples of bipartisanship when they occur.

6. Citizens need both reminders and opportunities to become aware of the roles that they can play in shaping the future of our civic and political lives(e.g. attending League-sponsored debates).

Above are the major themes of a presentation, "Why the League is Needed" delivered to the League of Women Voters of Albany County. Presenter was Stephen Schechter, PhD, Professor of Political Science in the Department of History, Law and Government at Russell Sage College in Troy and Director of the Council for Citizenship Education.

By permission from LWV of Albany County Bulletin for October.

My American Birthday

On May 19, 2011 when the League sponsored the tour of RIT's new LEED building, I was standing on an elevated place next to the parking lot waving a sign that said "LWV" to alert members where to find the building after parking their cars.

A young man came up to me and asked what LWV stood for. I answered, "League of Women Voters" and he said, "I thought so – you ladies were so nice and helpful to me and it was a pleasure to have you at the ceremony last month when I became a citizen. That was my birthday – my American birthday".

I congratulated him, shook his hand and asked whether he was on the faculty or a student at RIT. He answered, "Both". He'll be a good citizen!

Submitted by Chris Fredette, League member



A New York State Redistricting Update

You may recall that prior to the elections for the New York State Assembly and Senate in 2010, almost everybody in the legislature -- 60 out of 62 senators, and 121 out of 150 Assembly members -- promised to support independent redistricting of the two houses of the legislature and the state delegation to the U.S. House of Representatives, rather than leaving it to the two-party legislative commission that had done the job before. Well, the New York State Legislative Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment (LATFOR), composed of six members appointed by the party leaders in each legislative chamber, is still in business. Governor Cuomo had repeatedly said that he would veto new redistricting lines that are not drawn in an independent, nonpartisan manner. However, at the end of September the governor said there may be room for a "compromise" in the congressional and legislative lines being drawn. Cuomo said that while the legislature's process to redraw the lines is "flawed by design," he is open to nonpartisan redistricting approved by the legislature under some conditions -- for example, if it recognizes communities of interest, such as ethnic and cultural similarities, and if it is based on demographics, rather than incumbent legislators' political needs.

How much time does New York State have to adopt new district lines? A 2009 federal law requires that absentee ballots be sent out to military personnel 45 days before an election. That means the usual September primary will have to be moved up to August or earlier, to have enough time to certify results and mail out the military ballots. An earlier primary means new district maps for legislators and members of Congress must be ready sooner. However, New York has asked for a waiver from the law and a hearing has been scheduled for October 20.

According to the New York Times, there have been reports that the legislative leaders may stall the release of the new maps for the 2012 election (and the decade to follow) until early next year. Then lawmakers can say it's too late to use anything else. The Times editorialized that Cuomo should press the legislature to create the real independent commission that was promised to the voters and if that fails he should name his own commission to draw alternative maps which could provide guidance for the legislature's task force. Or, if Mr. Cuomo vetoes the legislature's package, and it goes to the courts, the courts could use them to draw up final maps.

In addition to the usual issues involved in redistricting, whether prisoners in New York should be counted at their previous residence or the prison location, is now in the courts.

So, will LATFOR develop new districts in a non partisan manner? Will the Governor veto the legislature's plan? Will there be a compromise? Will redistricting go to the courts? Stay tuned!

Judy Weinstein, Member of Local Government Committee



Clean Air Act Letter

September 20, 2011

President Barack Obama The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of our millions of members, our organizations are deeply concerned to learn that your Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will not meet its commitment to propose long overdue Clean Air Act standards limiting dangerous carbon pollution from new and existing power plants by September 30th. This marks the second delay in fulfilling your administration's promise, made in settlement of litigation and in representations to the Supreme Court, to address power plants' enormous contribution to the air pollution that drives climate change.

Power plants are the nation's largest source of dangerous carbon pollution. Today, 40 years after passage of the Clean Air Act, they are still free to dump unlimited amounts of that pollution into the air. Americans are already suffering from the impacts of climate change. More extreme weather — like the recent floods and storms in the Northeast and extreme drought and wildfires in Texas — is expected from a continually warming world. Many lives have been lost, dozens of communities flooded or burned, thousands of people have lost homes or other property, and damages have totaled in the tens of billions of dollars.

Limiting the carbon pollution from power plants will protect our children's health, our coastlines, rivers, forests, wildlife, and our economy. Moving forward to modernize our aging energy infrastructure will protect our health and well-being, save families and small businesses money through more efficient generation and use of electricity, and contribute to our economic recovery and create thousands of new jobs.

Clean Air Act standards for power plant carbon pollution are years overdue. Earlier this year, your administration assured the Supreme Court that EPA was committed to issue them on a specific schedule. On the strength of those assurances, in June the Court unanimously reaffirmed that it is EPA's job to protect Americans from climate-changing pollution. EPA, however, has acknowledged that the promised schedule will not be met.

Accordingly, we ask that you reaffirm the administration's commitment to issue strong standards that significantly reduce carbon emissions from both new and existing power plants as the Clean Air Act requires. We ask that the administration announce and stick to a remedial schedule requiring proposal of these standards without further delay and completion of them as soon as possible in 2012.

Your administration's leadership in carrying out the law, without delay, is essential to securing a stronger, safer and more prosperous America.

Sincerely,

18 signatures including:

Elisabeth MacNamara President, US League of Women Voters

Federal Court Upholds Constitutionality of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act

In a 151-page opinion released September 21, 2011, a federal judge upheld the constitutionality of Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, which requires states with a history of voter suppression to seek approval before implementing changes to their voting laws.

Shelby County, Alabama, argued that the law exceeded Congress's authority to enforce the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) intervened in the case on behalf of individuals who wanted to defend the constitutionality of the Voting Rights Act. U.S. District Judge John Bates held that Congress's 2006 reauthorization of the Act's Section 5 was rife with evidence of discriminatory voting laws.

The court rightfully noted that the past 25 years have provided ample evidence of discrimination against minority voters. The judge cited a 1991 incident in which Mississippi state legislators opposed a plan that would strengthen minority voting rights, referring to the plan as the "black plan" and privately as "the n-plan." The court also cited an incident where the chairman of the Georgia House Reapportionment Committee told his colleagues, "The Justice Department is trying to make us draw nigger districts and I don't want to draw nigger districts." The court ultimately concluded that the reauthorization of Section 5 was a "congruent and proportional remedy" to the discriminatory behavior that filled the more than 15,000 pages of legislative history.

And so, Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act lives to see another day!

In fact, the need for Section 5 is perhaps greater now than it has been in decades. This year, we saw a flood of discriminatory voter suppression efforts across the country. Over 30 states considered stricter voter ID laws. Five states passed laws requiring photo identification of every voter for every election, without exception, joining Georgia and Indiana. But it didn't stop at voter ID. Seven states shortened early voting periods. Two state legislatures voted to repeal Election Day registration laws (fortunately, one of those states' governors, Brian Schweitzer of Montana, vetoed the legislation). Florida passed legislation making it much more difficult for third-party organizations to register voters. Three additional states will now require proof of citizenship in order to register to vote. All of these measures have been shown to disproportionately affect minorities, students, the elderly and the disabled.

Because of today's decision, Florida will have to prove that its third-party registration law is not discriminatory. Texas and South Carolina will have to show that their voter ID laws are not discriminatory. Alabama will have to confirm that its proof-of-citizenship requirement for voter registration does not negatively affect minorities. And many states will have to demonstrate that their redistricting plans do not abridge the right of racial or language minorities to vote. Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act rightfully made it the state's burden to prove that a law does not suppress minority votes. The necessity of Section 5 is reaffirmed by the surge of voter suppression laws we are now seeing nationwide. Hopefully, we will soon be reminded of the effectiveness of the law.

From: the LeaguE-Voice (National League electronic newsletter)

VoteRochester Reaching Out

Volunteers from the League visited 10 different classes in Rochester high schools this summer trying out the Vote 18 curriculum, which is designed to get high school seniors excited about the importance of voting. This fall, we will be going into Participation in Government (PIG) classes. Soon, we will have a meeting of those who participated in the summer to assess what worked and what we want to change. More volunteers are welcome. We'd like to be able to visit every PIG class in the city.

Students at the U of R who are working on voter registration there are talking about encouraging contests to see who can register the most voters, tracking it using the website, www.voterochester.org. The website makes it possible to look up your friends and family to see who's registered and who's not.

Our volunteers registered voters at Project Homeless Connect Rochester. The homeless shelters agreed to let their addresses be used for that purpose and encouraged us to do voter registrations.

We are reaching out to community groups to become VoteRochester partners. They can use our website to see who among their membership is not yet registered and have one member approach another to register. Word is starting to get out. We've had inquiries from a library branch, from the National Organization of Women and from a perinatal network about partnering with them. Also, the Empire Justice Center is interested in working with us.

We will soon start having regular, probably twice monthly, meetings of those interested in working on partnerships.

Barbara Grosh, Director, Action







November

- **3** Health Care Forum, 7:00 pm
- 3 Local Government Committee, 2:45 pm
- 4 Membership Committee, 1:00 pm
- 8 Election Day
- **10** Naturalization Ceremony, 1:00 pm
- 17 LWV Board Meeting, 2:00 pm
- **17** Naturalization Ceremony, 10:00 am



Fair Election Practices Campaign signing



Daan Braverman, Constitution Day Forum at Nazareth College





December

- 1 Local Government Committee
- 2 Membership Committee, 1:00 pm
- 5 January/February VOTER deadline
- **10** Naturalization Ceremonies, 10:00 am & 1:00 pm
- 15 LWV Board meeting, 2:00 pm



Paul Finkelman at MCC for the Forum on Immigration



Voter Registration at Nazareth College

Board meets at 2:00 pm on the third Thursday of each month. Local Government meets at the Brighton Town Hall, Stage Conference Room. For details, call Beth Keigher 271-6694. Membership Committee meets at Brighton Town Hall - Stage Room at 1:00 pm, first Friday of each month. For details, call Gin Busack 467-6131 10:00 am Naturalization Ceremonies are held at Monroe County Office Building, 39 W. Main St. 1:00 pm Naturalization Ceremonies are held at Federal Court House at 100 State Street Forums are open to the public. Calendar information subject to change. Board meetings of the LWV/RMA are open to membership. For more complete information, consult our website at <u>www.LWV-RMA.org</u>, call 262-3730 or e-mail us at <u>LWV/RMA@frontiernet.net</u>



Tobacco Funds Up in Smoke

LWVNY joined the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, American Lung Association, New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG), and Campaign for Tobacco-free Kids in issuing this press release.

September 19, 2011

New Report Finds Only Four Cents of Every Dollar New York Raises from Tobacco Helps Smokers Quit or Keeps Kids from Smoking

Promises from state leaders that monies from New York's lawsuit against tobacco companies and from cigarette taxes would go to help the state's smokers quit and to keep kids from smoking have gone Up in Smoke.

It's a key finding of a new report released today by the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, American Lung Association in NY, Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, League of Women Voters/NYS, and NYPIRG. The report documents that the state spends less than four cents of every dollar it raises from tobacco on anti-smoking programs. In addition to hundreds of millions of dollars that it receives each year from the Master Settlement Agreement, New York reaps nearly \$1.5 billion a year through the highest cigarette tax in the nation (\$4.35 per pack).

Up in Smoke calls on New York to spend one dime of every dollar of revenue from tobacco on tobacco control. The organizations urge increasing funding for the state's Tobacco Control Program (TCP) from \$41.4 million to the \$254 million recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) over the next few years. The report analyzes the adequacy of New York's anti-smoking efforts, given the minimal funding for tobacco control programs in light of the significant resources available. It finds that although New York has raised \$10.5 billion from tobacco sales over the past six years, less than four percent of that amount, \$406.4 million, has been spent to fund the state's anti-smoking efforts via the TCP. In fact, funding for this program has been cut in half over the past three years. During the current fiscal year, New York will spend only 16 percent of the amount recommended by the CDC. When more adequately funded, the TCP achieved successes in the effort to curb tobacco use, especially in preventing young people from becoming smokers. Teenage and adult tobacco use rates have fallen faster in New York than in the U.S. as a whole.

The TCP operates in every corner of the state. The program works in local communities to give smokers the one-on-one assistance they need to quit. It funds youth smoking prevention groups, the Smokers Quitline, including free nicotine patches for those who want to quit, as well as hard-hitting effective media campaigns. The toll tobacco takes on New York is devastating. More than 25,000 New Yorkers will die this year of smoking-related diseases and more than \$8.1 billion is spent on health care costs each year to treat smoking caused illnesses. Lost wages and productivity due to tobacco use total \$6.05 billion a year. The current adult smoking rate is 15.5 percent and the teen smoking rate is 14.8 percent.

To get a copy of the report, visit www.cancer.org/nynj.

The Latest on Fracking

The revised Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS) is available for comment until December 12, 2011; it is over 1,000 pages or 46Mb long. Over 13,000 comments were received since it was released in September 2009. The website for the Department of Environmental Conservation contains not only information about the revised SGEIS and the Regulations but also sections on Land Oil and Gas Well Spacing, Landowners Guide to Oil & Gas Leasing, Maps of Primary Aquifers & Marcellus Shale Extend, and much more. Also fact sheets are available (to download) at www.dec.ny.gov/energy/76878.html Socio-economic Impacts and www.dec.ny.gov/energy/76873.html Traffic, Cumulative, Visual & Noise.

Additional proposed mitigation measures include:

Traffic: Require drillers to produce detailed transportation plans outlining the proposed number of trucks, truck routes and times of day of truck operations, and assessing the conditions of those roads.

Noise: Site-specific measures could include setbacks, site layout design that takes advantage of topography, noise barriers and special permit conditions.

Visual: Site-specific measures could include screening, relocation, camouflage or disguise, using non-reflective materials and controlling off-site migration of lighting.

Public Hearing are scheduled as follows:

- 1:00 pm 11/16/2011- Dansville Middle School Auditorium, 31 Clara Barton Street
- 6:00 pm 11/16/2011 Dansville Middle School Auditorium, 31 Clara Barton Street
- 1:00 pm 11/17/2011 The Forum Theatre, 236 Washington Street, Binghamton
- 6:00 pm 11/17/2011 The Forum Theatre, 236 Washington Street, Binghamton

Public Comment Period

Written comments will be accepted through the close of business December 12, 2011 by two methods only:

Electronic submission using a www.dec.ny.gov/energy/76838.html web-based comment form available on DEC's website (preferred method); or

Paper submission mailed or delivered to: Attn: dSGEIS Comments, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 625 Broadway,Albany, NY 12233-6510. Please include the name, address, and affiliation (if any) of the commenter. Paper submissions also will be accepted at the public hearings listed above.

Due to the expected volume, comments that are faxed, telephoned, or emailed to the DEC will not be accepted for the official record.

The comments should focus on the changes in the 2011 revised draft SGEIS released this September. It is not necessary to repeat comments submitted previously. Those comments will still be considered in the final SGEIS. Also, it is not necessary to mail hard copies of comments or attachments submitted on-line.

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Jan.-Feb. VOTER Deadline is December 5!

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