



BULLETIN

APRIL/MAY, 2015

OUR MISSION

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.

Diversity Policy

The League of Women Voters of Saratoga County, in both its values and practices, is committed to inclusion and diversity.

This means:

There shall be no barriers to participation in any activity of the League on the basis of economic position, gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, political affiliation, national origin or disability.

We recognize that diverse perspectives are important and necessary for responsible and representative decision-making.

We believe inclusiveness enhances the organization's ability to respond more effectively to changing conditions and needs.

We affirm our commitment to reflecting the diversity of Saratoga County.

EARTH DAY, April 22, 2015

Empire State College 2 Union Ave.

Wednesday, at 7pm.

OCEANS & CLIMATE DISRUPTION

The Speakers

Margie Shepard, an experienced educator, a LWV member and head of the Saratoga Springs Plastic Bag Project for Sustainable Saratoga.

Stephen (Steve) Danna, Ed.D. a Climate Reality leader and academic at SUNY Plattsburgh – Queensbury branch. Note that Steve was one of the speakers for Adirondack Climate Reality 2015 on March 21.

Andrew (AJ) Schneller, Ph.D. on the Environmental Studies faculty of Skidmore College with research experience in the areas of fisheries, coral reefs and sea turtles.

THE TOWN CENTER CONCEPT *See page 4*
Tuesday, May 12th, 7 pm at the Clifton Park Halfmoon Library

Saturday, May 30, 2015—11:30am to 2:30pm

LWVSC 49TH ANNUAL MEETING

Pete Bardunias, President/CEO,
The Chamber of Southern Saratoga County
“Leadership: In our Communities, In Our Organizations”

Includes Deli Lunch at The Edison Club
891 Riverview Rd, Rexford, NY 12148

RSVP (\$23) by May 20 [Coupon on page 11](#)



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Schedule of LWVSC Board Meetings

United Methodist Church, Henning Road, SS
7—9pm 1st Wednesday of each month

Jan.7, Feb. 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3.

All members are welcome to attend board meetings.

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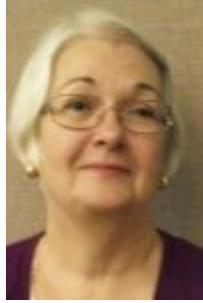
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From the President

On March 23rd, I joined other members of the Saratoga, Rensselaer and Albany Leagues of Women Voters at Lobby Day at the Legislative Office Building in Albany. We spent a busy day meeting with our elected representatives to lobby for three specific issues related to the 2015-2016 Budget Bills before the legislature.

The three issues were ethics, campaign finance reform and the education investment tax credit. Governor Cuomo had connected all three issues to the passage of the budget bill. Here's what we lobbied for on each of these issues:

The League **supported** these Ethics Reform points:

- More complete disclosure of the outside earned income.
- Banning income received for services or referrals for legislative matters
- Per Diem reforms requiring receipts.
- Pension forfeiture for elected officials convicted of public corruption, subject to judicial review

The League **supported** these campaign finance reforms

- Reduction of contribution limits, restriction of contributions to housekeeping accounts, restriction on transfers from party committees to candidates, closure of the LLC loophole and clarification of the ban on personal use of campaign funds
- Public financing in New York state elections, reduction of campaign contribution limits to levels more consistent with federal limits and limits imposed by other states, limits on those doing business with the state, full closure of the LLC loophole, limiting candidates to one campaign committee
- Strong enforcement of these reforms by the State Board of Elections with the Attorney General having concurrent jurisdiction to prosecute criminal violations

The League **opposed** the Education Investment Incentives Act proposed in the Governor's budget which would provide tax credits to individuals and corporations for donations to private and public schools of their choice because

- it thwarts the allocation of education aid through a democratic and transparent process
- it is a regressive tax measure
- it would siphon off millions of dollars from the general fund, leaving less money for education and with no guarantee of increased funding for high-needs public schools.

The State budget passed on time but decisions on many of these issues have been deferred. We will be back in Albany in April or May, lobbying for issues of importance to the League. Why not join us next time, or if you cannot travel to Albany for the day, write or call your representatives to let them know that what matters to the League, **matters to you!**

Donna

49TH ANNUAL MEETING OF LWV OF SARATOGA COUNTY

49th Annual Meeting
The Edison Club
891 Riverview Rd, Rexford, NY 12148
Saturday, May 30, 2015

League of Women Voters of Saratoga County

Annual Meeting Agenda

- 11:30:** Welcome
 Introduction of SIA Students
 President's Report
 Treasurer's Report
 Adoption of Budget
- Noon: Deli Lunch**
- 12:45: Speaker: Pete Bardunias**, President/CEO,
 The Chamber of Southern Saratoga County
*Leadership: In our Communities,
 In Our Organizations*
- 1:15: Annual Meeting continues**
 Nominating Committee Report
 Elections
 Adoption of Bylaw Changes
 Adoption of Local Program
 Direction to the board
- 2:15: Presentation of the Carrie Chapman Catt Award**
- 2:30: Adjourn**



Proposed Local Program for 2015-16:

- A Proposed 2 year local study:
 Study of whether local governments in Saratoga County (villages, towns, cities and county government) should separate executive or administrative functions from legislative (policy making) functions.
 Year one of the study will look at current structures, practices and definitions.
 Year two of the study will reach a consensus position.
- Continuation of Support for Four-League Solid Waste Position
- Continuation of Support for Position on Emergency Services in Saratoga County
- Concurrence on Update of Position on IDA and SEDC

Note: The positions on Solid Waste and Emergency Services and the present position on the IDA/SEDC are all posted on our website on the Issues and Advocacy page. The proposed update of the IDA/SEDC position will be posted there by April 30.

Nominating Committee Report NEW LEADERSHIP METHOD ANNOUNCED

In an effort to share leadership more broadly, the board approved implementing a Steering Committee leadership method. We are permitted to try new leadership methods for a while before changing the bylaws. The slate contains four steering committee people who will perform the duties of the president on a three-month rotating basis and/or as they deem appropriate. We will no longer have the President, 1st VP, and 2nd VP. The net result is one additional person elected to the board by the membership at the annual meeting. We retain the 6 Directors and Secretary and Treasurer. Questions may be directed to Lori Dawson, Nominating Committee chair. Contact information in LWV member directory.

The Nominating Committee (Cherie Grey, Holly Schwarz-Lawton, Nancy Martinez, Linda Walczak, and Lori Dawson, Chair) present the following report for adoption at the May 30 Annual Meeting.

Nominees to be elected for two-year term

June 2015-June 2017:

- Steering Committee**..... Mary Lou Classen
Steering Committee..... Nancy Martinez
Secretary..... Kathleen Koebrich
Director..... Ann Kril
Director..... Kathleen Donahue
DirectorCharlotte Druschel

Nominees to be elected for one-year terms ending

June 2016:

- Steering Committee**.....Donna Dardaris
Steering Committee..... Darnell Rohrbaugh
Treasurer Steve Koebrich

Nominating Committee to be elected with one-year terms ending June 2016:

Cherie Grey, Patricia Nugent & Lori Dawson, Chair

Board continuing their service with terms ending

June 2016

- Director**..... Louise Golub
Director..... Tim Holmes
Director Linda Walczak

CLIFTON PARK TOWN CENTER

Special League Meeting

Planning Decisions/ Town Concept Concept

There is a new concept in town. Planning, the Town Center, which has generated a great deal of interest in suburban towns lately. Towns, like Clifton Park and Halfmoon, among several others in Saratoga County, grew in large measure along one model following the advent of the Northway fifty five years ago. Many of the malls and buildings built then are now looking at remodeling and reimagining and these towns are examining another model, that of the Town Center Concept, as they make plans for future development.

Clifton Park Town Supervisor Phil Barrett will join us on Tuesday, May 12th, at 7 pm at the Clifton Park Halfmoon Library to share what this concept looks like and how it will change growth and development in his town, especially around the Exit 9 interchange of the Northway. Also with us will be John Scavo, Director of Planning. Along with the Town Center Concept, they will share other projects which Clifton Park will be exploring in the coming years.

The meeting is open to all league members, and to members of the public, who are interested in learning more about this concept. Please join us for a lively conversation about these new planning ideas.

By Francine Rodger

WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS



CONCURRENCE MEETING

On **Tuesday, April 28, at 7:00 PM** in the Susman Room of the SSPL, we will hold a general membership meeting to determine if the League of Women Voters of NYS should update the Delegate Selection portion of the LWVNY 1993 Constitutional Convention position to make it more flexible and to clarify how the board should consider any reforms to the delegate selection process when they decide whether or not to support the proposal for a constitutional convention. It comes up again for a vote in 2017. This is a limited update and Leagues are only being asked to vote to either approve the updated statement or retain the existing statement. Background information and a discussion of the reasons for this requested update can be found on the LWVNY website (www.lwvny.org) homepage under "News and Upcoming Events".

FIRST VOTE 2015 REPORT

We offered 13 schools new voter registration materials for high school seniors. All schools responded this year. Materials were delivered to:

- Mechanicville110
- Saratoga Springs.....525
- Schuylerville100
- Galway75
- Shenendehowa.....670
- So Glens Falls.....250
- Hadley/Luzerne.....70
- Saratoga Catholic.....50
- Waldorf School.....14
- Corinth50
- Burnt Hills.....100

The following schools replied that they had what they needed this year: Ballston Spa and Stillwater.

1764 materials packets distributed.

Many thanks to Helen Crawshaw for advice, pick up and delivery, Barb Thomas for pick up, Donna Dardaris and Darnell Rohrbaugh for planning and offers for delivery. *by Marian Bigelow*

Thanks to our Contributors
In Memory of Anne Palamontain:
Barbara Stamas
to LWVNYSEF:
Lawrence Thomas & Denise Radtke

600+ Students Welcome Suffragists Back from the Grave



Thanks to a grant LWV Saratoga received from Soroptomists International of Saratoga County, Sojourner Truth, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony have been paying visits to classrooms across Saratoga County.

Three local women each developed 30 minute one-woman shows (in collaboration with Patricia Nugent and Lezlie Dana, drama coach) to play the parts of SBA, ECS and Sojourner Truth. Each actress is performing 10 times. These first-hand accounts of the battle for women's suffrage also build interest and enthusiasm for voting. The 4th through 8th grade students really connect with the actresses and ask very thoughtful questions.



THE STONE THAT STARTED THE RIPPLE

Patricia Nugent's play, *The Stone That Started the Ripple*, will be performed on Women's Equality Day, Wednesday, August 26 at Skidmore's Filene Hall. This depiction of a modern day conversation between early suffragists has them commenting on current issues from their perspective, mainly in their own words, and with humor. This play was just performed for a large and enthusiastic audience at the Schacht Fine Arts Center at Russell Sage College as a fundraiser for LWV Rensselaer. Plan now whom to invite to this fundraiser for our League in celebration of the 95th anniversary of the 19th Amendment.

VOLUNTEER FOR PARKING CARS AT THE SARATOGIAN

Well, not really. What we really do is collect money from people who want to park their car in *The Saratogian* parking lot and then direct them to an empty parking space. Our night to do this is Friday, May 29. We need volunteers from 4:30 till midnight. If you can help for 2 or three hours please contact Barb Thomas barb.lwv@nycap.rr.com or 518-681-7530 to volunteer. Last year we made about \$600 for the League.

SINGLE PAYER HEALTHCARE

On Tuesday, May 5, 2015 advocates from across New York State will gather in Albany at noon to rally outside the Capitol in support of the *Gottfried/Perkins New York Health Act (A5062/S3525)*. (That's NY's single payer health bill.).



Sponsors Bill Perkins and Dick Gottfried holding sign.

A link to Testimony from Madeline Zevon, chair of LWVNY Healthcare committee, in support of the newest version of the Single Payer Healthcare Bill (A. 5062, S. 3525) is posted on our website.

Members of the LWVNY Healthcare committee are: Anne Burton, Carol Torok-Huxtable and Donna Packard-Mahoney (Rensselaer), Gin Busack, Sarah Liebschutz, Georgia DeGregorio, Katherine Smith and Mary Hussong-Kallen (Rochester), Carol Furman (Schenectady), Patricia Reed, Helen Crawshaw and Donna Dardaris, (Saratoga), Joan Johnson and Rhonda Hungerford (Syracuse), Kathleen Yen, and Rebecca Elgie (Tompkins), Valerie King (Hamptons), Naomi Epstein (Suffolk), Terri Parks (Buffalo).

Why are we concerned with oceans?

- Water plays a major role in the Earth's surface and its climate.
- Water drives storms, transports heat in the oceans and hosts life.
- Oceans contain 95% of the Earth's free water and cover 70% of Earth's surface.
- Oceans provide half of the planet's oxygen.
- More than 40% of global population lives within 62 miles of the coast.



LWVSC BUDGET REPORT 2015-16

LWV-SC Budget Report 2015-16

FISCAL YEAR 7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015

FISCAL YEAR 7/1/2015 - 6/30/2016

	2014-15	2014-15	2014-15	2014-15	2014-15	2014-15	2015-16	2015-16	2015-16	
	GenFund	EdFund	Budget Total	GF Actual	EF Actual	EdFund	GenFund	EdFund	Budget Total	
<u>INCOME:</u>										
1	\$7,000.00		\$7,000.00	\$5,855.00			\$6,000.00		\$6,000.00	
2	\$1,750.00	\$500.00	\$2,250.00	\$1,775.00	\$1,115.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,100.00	\$2,900.00	
3	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
4	\$65.00	\$0.00	\$65.00	\$195.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$195.00	\$0.00	\$195.00	
5	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$310.00	\$335.00	\$0.00	\$335.00	\$335.00	
6	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00	
7	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00	
8	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,864.50	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	
9	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	
10	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	
11	\$1,400.00		\$1,400.00	\$1,008.71			\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00	
12	\$13,915.00	\$3,750.00	\$17,665.00	\$8,893.71	\$3,289.50		\$14,695.00	\$4,435.00	\$19,130.00	
13	\$1,799.00	\$1,900.00	\$3,699.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$410.00	\$2,205.00	\$2,615.00	
14	\$15,714.00	\$5,650.00	\$21,364.00	\$8,893.71	\$3,289.50		\$15,105.00	\$6,640.00	\$21,745.00	
15	Balance on 7/1/14									
16	\$13,084.00	GenFund (Checking Account)								
17	\$3,902.96	EdFund								
18	Balance on 4/01/15									
19	\$11,945.28	GenFund (Checking Account)								
20	\$4,956.71	EdFund								
21	\$3,113.35	CD1								
22	\$559.27	CD2								
23	\$3,672.62	Total								

BUDGET MESSAGE

The budget committee met in early March. The committee consists of Bellamy, Steve Koebrich, the treasurer, and myself. We looked over the expenses up to that time. We have crafted a budget that is similar to last year's. Dues income and expenses are down in the new budget as we have lost several members. The rest of the budget is close to last year's. Hopefully we will not have to go in to our reserves. There may be an increase in the State per member payment but we will not know that until June. Donations have been strong this year, so we have increased our budget in that area. Also, we have increased the TBA project to \$2000 as we are going to put on Pat Nugent's play again in August.

By Mary Lou Classen, Budget Chair

LWV-SC Budget Report 2015-16

	2014-15		2014-15		2014-15		2014-2015		2015-16		2015-16	
	GenFund	EdFund	EdFund	Budget Total	GF YTD	EF YTD	GenFund	EdFund	GenFund	EdFund	GenFund	Budget Total
<u>EXPENSES:</u>												
24 OPERATING COSTS:												
25 SUPPLIES	\$100.00			\$100.00	\$100.00		\$100.00		\$100.00			100.00
26 POSTAGE	\$400.00			\$400.00	\$320.00		\$400.00		\$400.00			\$400.00
27 PO BOX	\$74.00			\$74.00	\$80.00		\$80.00		\$80.00			\$80.00
28 PHONE	\$100.00			\$100.00	\$100.00		\$100.00		\$100.00			\$100.00
29 MISC. OPERATING EXPENSES	\$150.00			\$150.00	\$58.00		\$150.00		\$150.00			\$150.00
30 TOTAL OPERATING COSTS	\$824.00			\$824.00	\$658.00		\$830.00		\$830.00			\$830.00
31 LWV SUPPORT	\$4,500.00	\$2,000.00		\$6,500.00	\$2,727.75	\$3,339.75	\$3,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$2,000.00		\$5,500.00
32 CONFERENCES	\$2,500.00			\$2,500.00	\$893.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00			\$2,500.00
33 BULLETIN & BULK MAIL	\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00	\$2,195.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00		\$2,500.00			\$2,500.00
34 MEMBERSHIP	\$350.00			\$350.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00		\$350.00			\$350.00
35 VOTERS SERVICES:												
36 GET OUT THE VOTE, ETC.	\$0.00	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$630.00	\$0.00	\$630.00	\$0.00	\$630.00		\$630.00
37 CANDIDATES/ELECTION NIGHT	\$0.00	\$300.00		\$300.00	\$0.00	\$118.75	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00		\$100.00
38 VOTERS' GUIDES	\$0.00	\$310.00		\$310.00	\$0.00	\$310.00	\$0.00	\$310.00	\$0.00	\$310.00		\$310.00
39 MEETING EXPENSES/RENTALS	\$200.00			\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00		\$200.00			\$200.00
40 FAIR CAMPAIGN PRACTICES	\$125.00			\$125.00	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00		\$125.00			\$125.00
41 PUBLICATIONS	\$100.00			\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00		\$100.00			\$100.00
42 LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST	\$1,200.00			\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00			\$1,200.00
43 ANNUAL MEETING	\$1,500.00			\$1,500.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00			\$1,500.00
44 FUND RAISING PROJECT	\$0.00	\$2,261.50		\$2,261.50	\$0.00	\$2,261.50	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00

PROPOSED NEW BYLAWS OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SARATOGA COUNTY - 2015

These are the proposed changes in the bylaws that you will be voting on at the Annual Meeting. *[Deleted Material Is In Brackets and Italicized]* and New/Added Material Is Underlined. The complete current bylaws are posted on our website.

Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of Saratoga County

ARTICLE I Name

Section 1. Name. □ The name of this organization shall be The League of Women Voters of Saratoga County. This local league is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States and of the League of Women Voters of New York State. *[The Leagues of Women Voters of Southern Saratoga County, (formerly, the Shenendehowa LWV) and of the Saratoga Springs Area merged in 1999]*

ARTICLE II Purpose and Policy

Section 2. Political Policy. □ *[The League of Women Voters of Saratoga County may take action on local government measures and policies in the public interest in conformity with the principles of the League of Women Voters of the United States. The League shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.]*

The League of Women Voters of Saratoga County shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate. The League may take action on local government measures and policies in the public interest in conformity with the principles of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

ARTICLE III Membership

b. *[Associate members: All others who join the League shall be associate members. Associate members are non-voting members.]*

b. Non-Voting Members: All others who join the League shall be associate members.

ARTICLE IV Board of Directors

Section 1. Number. Manner of Selection and Terms of Office. □ The Board of Directors shall consist of the Officers of the League, six elected directors and not more than six appointed directors. Three

directors shall be elected by the general membership at each annual meeting and shall serve a term of two years, or until their successors have been elected *[and qualified]*. The elected members shall appoint such additional directors, *[not exceeding six]*, as they deem necessary to carry on the work of the League. The terms of office of the appointed directors shall be one year and shall expire at the conclusion of the next annual meeting.

Section 3. Vacancies. □ Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Directors by reason of resignation, death or disqualification of an officer or elected member may be filled, until the next annual meeting, by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors in consultation with the nominating committee. □

[In the event that a board member is absent from three consecutive meetings or a total of four meetings within a fiscal year and not excused by the board of directors, that position may be declared vacant by a majority vote of the remaining board members.]

Any board member incurring 3 consecutive unexcused absences or a total of four meetings within a fiscal year shall be considered to have resigned from the board and that position may be declared vacant by a majority vote of the remaining board members.

Section 6. Quorum. □ A majority of the members of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum and shall decide its actions. *[a majority of the members in attendance at any board meeting shall, in the presence of a quorum, decide its action.]*

Section 7. Conflict of Interest Policy. Immediately following the annual meeting, all officers and board members [both on and off board] shall sign the conflict of interest form provided by the secretary.

ARTICLE V Officers

Section 4. The Secretary. □ The secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the League and of all the meetings of the board of directors. The secretary shall notify all officers and directors of their election. *[The secretary shall sign, with the president, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the board and shall perform such other functions as may be incident to the office.]* S/He shall maintain

the conflict of interest policy and forms. The secretary shall ensure that each officer and board member sign the conflict of interest forms and shall retain them until the next following annual meeting when they may be destroyed.

Section 5. Treasurer. □ The treasurer shall collect and receive all monies due. The treasurer shall be the custodian of these monies, shall deposit them in a bank designated by the board of directors, and shall disburse the same only upon order of the board. The treasurer shall present statements to the board at their regular meetings and an annual report to the annual meeting. The treasurer shall sign, with the president, all contracts and other instruments when so authorized by the board.

ARTICLE VI Financial Administration

Section 3: Budget Committee. □ A budget committee shall be appointed by the board of directors at least two months prior to the annual meeting to prepare a budget for the ensuing year. The proposed budget shall be sent to all members one month before the annual meeting. The treasurer shall not [be eligible to] serve as the chair of the budget committee.

Section 4. Budget. * [sections 3 and 4 have been reversed but the wording and intent are the same.]

Section 5. Auditor. An auditor to examine the books of the previous year shall be appointed each year by the annual meeting upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors. This person shall not be a member of the Board of Directors and may not serve more than two years in succession. The finding of the auditor shall be reported to the Board of Directors no later than the October Board Meeting of the same year .

ARTICLE VII Meetings

a. The annual meeting shall: □ (1) adopt a local program for the ensuing year; □ (2) elect officers and directors, plus three [3] members of the nominating committee; (3) adopt an adequate budget; □ (4) transact such other business as may properly come before it. □

a. ARTICLE IX Program

Section 3. Action by the Annual Meeting □

d. The program shall be adopted by an affirmative vote of the majority of members present at the annual meeting. □

ARTICLE X □ National Convention, State Convention and Council Section

Section 1. National Convention □ The board at a meeting shall select delegates to that convention in the number allotted to the League of Women Voters of Saratoga County.

Section 2. State Convention. □ The board at a meeting shall select delegates to that convention in the number allotted to the League of Women Voters of Saratoga County.

Section 3. State Council. □ The board at a meeting shall select delegates to that council in the number allotted to the League of Women Voters of Saratoga County.

ARTICLE XII Amendments

Section 1. Amendments. □ These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the voting members present and voting at the annual meeting or other special meeting, provided that amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least one month in advance of the meeting. The bylaws shall be reviewed at least every two years by a committee appointed by the Board of Directors.

WOMEN'S ISSUES ARE MOVING!

A.506, the Trafficking Victims Protection and Justice Act, one of the points of the Women's Equality Agenda (WEA), passed the Assembly on March 16 and is awaiting Gov. Cuomo's signature. The next day a Paid Family Leave Insurance (PFLI) bill providing for 12 weeks of leave passed the Assembly, and a Senate proposal for 6 weeks is reportedly in their budget. Negotiation and lobbying will be needed to make Paid Family Leave law. The Assembly passed **A.6221**, the reproductive rights bill on March 25, but this is the point that the Senate has so far refused to take up. Equal Pay Day is April 14, so the Assembly is poised to pass **A.6075**, the NY Equal Pay Bill, that makes it possible for employees to find out if they are receiving equal pay, when they return from recess the following week. The schedule for the remaining parts of the WEA, and for other bills important to women, is still fluid. Watch on the state League website for Memos in Support and action on these important women's issues.

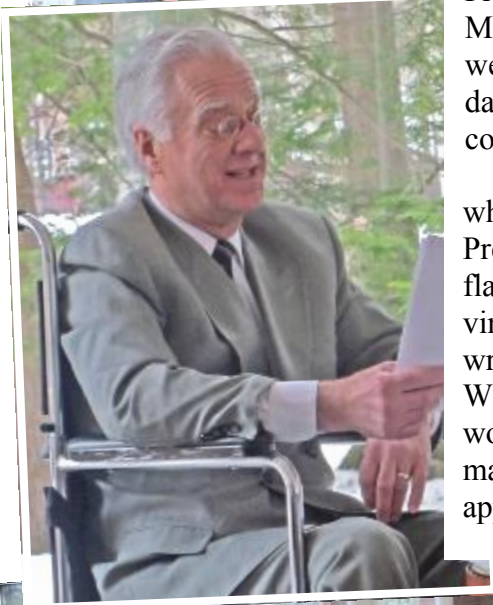
By Barb Thomas

FUNDRAISER RECALLS FDR AND FRIENDS



Our annual LWVNYSEF FAMOUS PERSON FUNDRAISER, featuring President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, took place on March 14. Sixty eight members and friends were greeted by League President, Donna Dardaris, and enjoyed a tasty breakfast with warm conversation, at the Gideon Putnam.

Then, to much applause, F. D. R. was, wheeled in by member Tim Holmes. The President, festooned in his usual chapeau, and flaunting his long cigarette holder, was convincingly portrayed by actor Gary Stamm. He wrote and presented a program entitled “Five Women—Five Influences”, about the five women closest to, and most influential on the man. The audience was captivated and greatly appreciative of Mr. Stamm’s performance.



THANKS TO OUR CONTRIBUTORS

These are the folks who wrote the checks for the Famous Person Fundraiser:

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THANK YOU ALL.



LWVSC BOOK CLUB

Book Club will meet at 1:30 pm on Wednesday April 8th the GALWAY Library. (5264 Sacandaga Road, Galway NY). This will give us a chance to see another of our county's libraries, and learn about their plans for a new building. We will be discussing a selection from Super Freakonomics which may challenge your views of Climate Change.

In May we will be examining 10 concepts from The Crash of 2016. We will meet for a pot luck lunch at Francine's house, 34 Hemlock Drive Clifton Park, beginning at 1:00 pm. We will also try to make some decisions concerning next year's book club.

Francine Rodger

Question: What's a Deli Lunch?

Answer: An Assortment of Tossed, Marinated and Seasonal Salads, Fruit Salad, Soup Du Jour, Assorted Deli Meats, Cheeses & Breads, Lettuce, Tomato and Onion Platter, Chips, Pickles and Condiments, Cookies and Brownies, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee & Tea

Dine for LWV

Uno Pizzeria & Grill in Saratoga Springs is teaming up with the League of Women Voters of Saratoga County to support the League's Youth Programs. The restaurant will donate 15% of all checks from a diner who goes to Uno Pizzeria & Grill in Saratoga Springs on Tuesday April 21st, and turns in the voucher "dough ticket" (which can be found on the league website, www.lwvsaratoga.org) one "dough ticket" per bill tab. Ticket is valid for dine in or take out. Monies donated from the restaurant Dough RaiSer program will go to the LWV Education Fund to support our three youth programs: Take Me To Vote, First Vote, and Students Inside Albany.

Uno Pizzeria & Grill is located at 3008 Route 50, north of Saratoga Springs. Call 518-587-4270 if you want to order take-out. Don't forget your "dough ticket."

Figuring out the Dine for the LWV schedule: In odd numbered months we dine out on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. In even numbered months we dine out on the 3rd Tuesday. Plan that lunch or dinner with friends when you can also support the LWV. No Dine for the LWV in July or August.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 8, Wednesday, **Book Club**, Galway Public Library, Rte. 147, 1:30pm
- April 13, Monday, **Public Hearing on Proposed Saratoga Springs Public Library Budget**,
Community Room, 7pm.
- April 16, Thursday, **Vote on Proposed Saratoga Springs Public Library Budget and Trustee**, Community
Room, 9am-9pm.
- April 21, Tuesday, **Dine for the LWV at Uno Pizzeria & Grill** in Saratoga
- April 22, Earth Day, **Oceans and Climate Disruption, Empire State College**, 2 Union Ave, SS, 7pm.
- April 28, Tuesday, **Concurrence on Constitutional Convention**, Sussman Room, SSPL, 7pm.
- May 5, **Single Payer Lobby Day**, Albany
- May 12, Tuesday, **The Town Center Concept**, Clifton Park/Halfmoon Library, 7pm
- May 13, Wednesday, **Pot Luck and Book Club**, Francine’s home, 34 Hemlock Drive, CP, 1pm.
- May 19, Tuesday, **School Board & Budget Elections**, hours vary by District
- May 20, Wednesday, **Dine for LWV**, probably at 99,
- May 29, **Parking Cars at the Saratogian Lot**, 4:45- midnight.
- May 30, Saturday, **Annual Meeting w/Deli Lunch & Speaker**, Edison Club, Rexford, 11:30 2:30, \$23.
- June 5 & 6, Saturday & Sunday, **LWVNY Convention**, Desmond Hotel, Albany
- June 16, Tuesday, **Dine for LWV**, TBA
- August 26, Wednesday, **The Stone that Started the Ripple**, Filene Hall, Skidmore, \$, 7pm