



# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TOMPKINS COUNTY

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## ANNUAL DINNER AND BUSINESS MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 4 AT 6:00 PM

SALVATION ARMY CENTER  
150 NORTH ALBANY STREET

Chicken Margarita or  
Cheese Ravioli with Pesto &  
Sun Dried Tomatoes

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## ANNUAL DINNER AND BUSINESS MEETING

Please join us to celebrate our accomplishments and learn about our planning for next year's activities. The Annual Dinner and Business Meeting will be held on Monday, May 4 at the Salvation Army Worship and Service Center at 150 North Albany St. The buffet dinner will begin at 6:00 PM, followed by the business meeting. We welcome your ideas and your vote on important matters:

1. The nominating Committee's slate of officers and directors for the Board and members of next year's Nominating Committee;
2. The 2015-16 fiscal year budget;
3. Proposed changes to the bylaws; and
4. Program plans for next year.

The buffet dinner will include a chicken dish and a vegetarian dish, salad, bread and butter, beverages and homemade carrot and raisin cupcakes. The cost is \$15.00, pay at the door. For information contact; Lucia Sciore [luciasciore@gmail.com](mailto:luciasciore@gmail.com), phone 351-0221 or Florence Smith [fbarrthims@gmail.com](mailto:fbarrthims@gmail.com), phone 273-6147.

Florence Smith

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The 2014-2015 Nominating Committee consisting of Sally Grubb, Lory Saltzman, Debbie Levin, Kathleen Yen, and Linda Duttweiler (Chair), proposes the following candidates for election to be held at the Annual Meeting on Monday May 4:

Two-year terms:

President: Kay Sharp

Secretary: Willa Hahn

Director: Kay Wagner (Natural Resources)

Director: Sorel Gottfried

One-year term:

Treasurer: Diane Kelleher

2015-2016 Nominating Committee:

Delores Saltzman

Peg Unsworth

The portfolios of Membership, Program, and Communication remain unfilled and the Nominating Committee needs one additional nominee.

Linda Duttweiler, Chair

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### IN SYMPATHY

Martha Hamblin, a member and former Board member of our League, passed away on March 15, 2015. She is remembered for her enthusiasm and passion in all her undertakings, through her work as a scientist and in her community involvement. She was a thoughtful, warm “mensch” and a cheerful friend to many. A memorial service will be held for Martha on Saturday, May 2, at 2:00 p.m., at the Community School of Music and Arts, third floor.

### PROGRAM REPORT

It was a pleasure to be a part of the informative and high quality public information programs the League has presented since September 2014. The League is making an impact on the community through the combined efforts of many people. A huge thank you goes out to the committees and members of the Board, the co-sponsors, the knowledgeable speakers, Tompkins County Public Library, and everyone who attended and participated.

Here’s a brief recap:

September: A series of four presentations, *Challenges to Women’s Health and Well Being*, sponsored by the Health Care Committee:  
 (Sept. 8) *Reproductive Rights*,  
 ( Sept. 15) *Domestic Violence Against Women*,  
 (Sept.22) *Sexual Harassment In The Workplace*,  
 and  
 (Sept.29) *Pay Equity*.

October 22: Voter Services: Candidates’ Forum

November 17: Natural Resources Committee:  
*Responding to Climate Change Can’T Wait:  
 Two Examples*

February 28, 2015: Soup And Bread Luncheon

March 23: Natural Resources and Health Care Committees; *Healthy Water--Healthy People*

Florence Smith

### NATURAL RESOURCES

Our March program “*Healthy Water – Healthy People: What’s in Our Water?*” was a tremendous success. It was the first time our committee and the Health Care Committee did a joint program and we are looking forward to doing another one next year. Our speakers were wonderful and very informative. We had an audience of about 60 people and even ran out of chairs. The co-sponsors did a great job of helping to get the word out and we enjoyed hearing them let people know what they are doing and what events they have coming up.

The committee will be meeting soon to begin our plans for next year and to discuss the upcoming N.Y.S. convention. Kay Wagner will be going to the convention and helping the LWVNY committee on Energy, Agriculture, and the Environment run an information session and a caucus. We hope to use the information session to let other Leagues know about the New York State Reforming Our Energy Vision proposal and to share some of the exciting efforts going on in our own community to move away from fossil fuels and onto renewable energy resources.

Kay Wagner

### OUR HISTORIAN

Our League has a lengthy history which needs to be told. A committee will be formed of members who will together reconstruct that story from beginning to end. Heading the committee will be Florence Smith, appointed by the Board as Historian for the League. She and the committee will work with the History Museum archivist, Donna Eschenbrenner, to organize all the materials that our League has accumulated over the years into a coherent timeline full of tales of the Tompkins County League. It will highlight all the work that League members together have accomplished over the years. Thank you Flo for taking on this important role.

Kay Sharp

## SINGLE PAYER LOBBY DAY

The New York Health Act (A5062/ (Gottfried)/S3525 (Perkins), a single-payer bill, has passed the Health Committee in the Assembly. It will likely be brought up in Codes in April/early May. Then it needs to go through Ways and Means before getting to the floor. We think if we are successful the vote would be sometime in mid to late May. A statewide Single Payer Lobby Day will be held on **Tues. May 5<sup>th</sup>** in Albany in support of the New York Health Act A5062/S3525. We need YOU to help pass the bill in the State

You may R.S.V.P. to attend the May 5<sup>th</sup> Lobby Day and sign up for transportation, which will be available from Ithaca, by going to the website, [www.nyhcampaign.org](http://www.nyhcampaign.org) and clicking on “**Upcoming Events**,” then “**R.S.V.P.**”

## HEALTH ACT OVERVIEW

April 19th: An overview of the New York Health Act and how it will be financed is the topic of a presentation by Rebecca Elgie and Barbara Harrison. The presentation and discussion will be held at the Unitarian Church (305 North Aurora Street; Arch Room – upstairs), on Sunday, April 19th, at 9 a.m.

## ECONOMIC ANALYSIS

The *Economic Analysis of the New York Health Act* report, by Professor Gerald Friedman, Chair of the Economics Department at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, was recently released. To view Professor Friedman’s presentation and access the full text of the report, go to the website [www.nyhcampaign.org](http://www.nyhcampaign.org) and click on “**savings.**”

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