



Moments In The Sun

from LWWNY Convention May 2009

Albany – Adopt a Library program - League presence in library. Members keep table stocked with League materials. League banner displayed

Bedford, Lewisboro, Salem – Registration drives, Candidate Nights, School Board Nights, mailed voters guides, held programs on affordable housing and water supply issues. Next year doing a study on Healthcare.

Bronxville – Monthly informational coffees, candidate meetings, voter registration drives at local colleges, went to assisted living residences to help residents with voter registration and voting.

Broome Tioga – Candidates forums, held debate between Broome County Executive and challenger, held forum on gas drilling, was invited to a dedication ceremony of bench in memory of deceased League member.

Buffalo Niagra – Re-formed and reorganized board, updated handbooks , held board training session, calendar meeting, chairs assigned a month in which they organized a program about their area. Held in day and at night to attract more people.

Cazenovia - Send a student to Albany, held debates , demo of new voting machines , voter registration drives, three Board members serving on newly formed Shared Services committee, awarded scholarship to HS seniors

Chataugua – Expanded Take Me to Vote (up to 9000 kids with parents), outreach to community whose first language is not English, candidate nights, have covered healthcare , openness in government, immigrants in NY, bio-fuels, NPV on *You Tube*.

East Nassau – Daytime and nighttime meetings, asked by local teacher's union to monitor their election, library display(right before election time).

East Putnam County - Focusing on membership, registration drives, meet the candidates forum, NYS DESMS4 – watershed issues, discussion about consolidation/shared services, voter's guide, newsletter.

Cortland – working with a women's coalition to produce a candidates forum, local newspaper published League article on ten issues relevant to the community

Geneva – Have a court watching group (20 volunteers) and published a newsletter about it, participated in Leader Spark.

Greater Oneida Area– Attracted new members .

Great Neck – successful fundraiser at local architect’s home, hosted information meeting on consolidation issues, participated in Students Inside Albany, awarded two scholarships to HS seniors for good citizenship, helped to monitor the North Hempstead Housing authority election, participated in NPVStudy, had membership meetings on legislative and voting reform, speaker from Attorney General’s office for Sunshine week, distributed voter’s guide, registration, *They Represent You*.

Huntington – Voter service and newly formed legislative committee (study legislators and visited them), co-sponsored cinema *America’s Victoria* during women’s history month.

Hamptons – Encouraged women to get engaged in electoral process, fundraiser luncheon honoring elected women town officials “*Running and Winning*” program- full day program HS girls will interview women elected officials and run a mini campaign, forum on greening of the South Fork, Riverhead project (indoor ski slope) voter service, membership work.

Larchmont/Mamaroneck – programs on local access TV, electronic newsletter , annual fundraiser luncheon (Tom Suozzi (2007)and Michelle Paterson(2008)), participated in NPV and Immigration study, held two environmental forums, issues breakfast(monthly)open to members and public), Voter registrations, candidates forums.

New York City – Three committees (city affairs , legislative action and education), telephone information service (10am-4pm) answered over 4000 calls before and during primary and federal elections, email blasts calls to action, seminar series (How to Run for Public Office – won award in Portland last year) , testimony at City Council on term limits, election day lines and examining solutions ,one testimony before NYC Board of Elections, NYS Senate Election Committee problems.

Oneonta - Table at local farmer’s market - new membership, visibility, sponsored forums, redesigning homepage, conducting city charter study.

Port Washington – Held Energy Options meeting, check out www.betterplace.com

Renessler – Co hosted Vote Smart Bus , NPV meeting , three health care forums- videos on NYS website, two successful board reorganizational meetings, League displays at libraries, candidates forums, made scrapbook.

Rochester – Celebrated Constitution Day(funded by grant) – panel of legislators discussed 1st amendment rights vs. campaign finance reform, annual get out the Vote luncheon fundraiser, in March - panel of women who served or are serving in office and discussed the barriers women face when running for office.

New Castle - Dinner and art auction fundraiser, voters guides sent out, candidates night (school and library boards) televised on local cable.

Rockland – Screening and monitoring school board candidate debates (more civilized), established successful coalitions with Rockland County Water quality and AAEW, well attended meetings on popular topics, successful theater fundraiser.

Saratoga – Present every other Saturday at local farmers market ,registration drives, historical person brunch fundraiser (Susan B. Anthony).

Scarsdale – Played “Presidential Pursuit” with 6th grade social studies classes , studied local tree ordinance law and online voting, plan to study village comprehensive plan and education foundation, in March honored former League president (103 yrs old) and will be dedicating a tree in her honor.

Schenectady –Run monthly evening and noontime mtgs, working to have more interaction with the county Board, letter to editor asking County Board to abide by previous decisions (i.e. LEED standards in buildings), recommending a feasibility of consolidation of police services, active Judicial, Healthcare committees.

Schuyler County – Voter registration at Wal Mart and Head Start. Put together a Domestic Violence project, placed flyers in rest rooms in public places, started a student project with teachers attending our events.

Shelter Island - Put Voter Registration in post office (made national newspapers), moderated school board debate, Southold Town Board debate, poll watcher Mattituck Parks special district, various town government forums on the environment and on assessors. Hosting State of the Island report.

Smithtown – Successful youth program last two years (Leader Spark in conjunction with Bayshore YMCA) and in Spring with Smithtown Youth Bureau and Smithtown Special Library District. Extensive study of local river watershed. Sent two students to Albany (SIA).

Steuben County- 2/3 successful bringing BOCES and School Board together for BOCES students to build a free standing portable privacy voting booths instead of County paying \$200 a piece for commercial booth. April - BOE decided to have the booths ordered and delivered by Sep.

Syracuse – Wanted to reach new people, decided to have a professional PSA made to remind people to vote and increase League visibility (with focus on youth)

Tompkins County – Offer smaller towns moderators for local meetings, tables at farmers markets, attended naturalization ceremonies, successful morning long healthcare forum, follow-up possible to reform, pamphlet on the crisis in healthcare.

Utica/Rome – Website up and running, received two pass through grants (Safer More Compassionate World – promoting Diversity) and now have one Citizen Transparency and Auditing Public documents. Conducting local study on urban sprawl and sewage.

Nassau ILO – Coordinate speakers and moderators across county, provide moderator training , affordable housing committee has made statements at public hearings, gave at PowerPoint presentation at a annual convention of retired Teachers, invited by local college radio station to talk about League, invited by BOE commissioners to give presentations on HAVA to local community groups,

work in coalition with New Yorkers for Verified Voters on HAVA issues, and with Women on the Job for Pay Equity issues, doing study of Special districts in the County and plan to publish an informational booklet for the community, voters guides included in two local newspaper chains.

Suffolk County ILO –Voter Services – palm card, post election brunch – 28 page directory of public officials, received a \$5K grant for a Restorative Practices for Schools project .

Westchester County ILO – Watchdogs for County government, monitor goings on of Board of Legislators, study ,prepare, and deliver statements on the County Budget, organized meetings that included breakfast with the County Executive meeting with state legislator and BOL.